

# HORSE JUDGING

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## **CONTEST CLASSES & JUDGING**

Classes for this contest will be composed of two to four halter classes (2 minuets per view allowed per halter class) and two to five performance classes.

The following breeds or types of horses may be used in the halter classes: Appaloosa, Arabian, Morgan, Paint, Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred, Miniatures, or Draft Horses. All halter horses are to be judged as sound of wind, limb, eyes, and breeding. Each halter class is worth 50 points.

The following categories or events may be used in the performance classes: Trail, Hunter Hack, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Western Riding, Reining, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, or Ranch Riding. All performance horses are to be judged as they go. All tack and equipment is to be considered as legal. Each performance class is worth 50 points. The appropriate, blank AQHA judging score sheets can be used to score classes.

All classes will be judged based upon the criteria listed in the AQHA Competitive Horse Judging Manual and scored according to the AQHA Judging Book. The AQHA Competitive Horse Judging Manual can be found at the following link.

<https://ng.aqha.com/documents/82601/1589238/AQHA+Judging+Manual.pdf/6ef89bf9-a111-7d95-2448-7f7af8c3815f>

## **Questions & Reasons**

Contestants will give reasons and/or answer questions on specific classes based on their age category. The classes these will be based on will be announced upon the completion of all performance and halter classes.

- Juniors: 4 questions classes with use of notes or 3 question classes and 1 oral reasons class
- Intermediates: 2 questions class with use of notes and 2 set of oral reasons
- Seniors: 4 sets of oral reasons (at least 1 halter and 1 performance class)

## **AWARDS**

Various banners, plaques, trophies, and pen sets will be awarded for Junior and Senior teams and individuals.

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