



Objectives: The primary objective of the Hippology Contest is to provide in a friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H horse project to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of equine science, and in particular the practical application of this knowledge and skill.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. Contestants must be at least 8 years of age (or have begun the 3rd grade by September 1 of the previous year), but not yet have achieved their 19th birthday on **January 1 of the current year** and must be enrolled in the correct age division: Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-14), or Senior (15-18).
- B. Contestants must be certified as eligible by their Extension office or 4-H Horse Project Leader.
- C. 4-H Horse Bowl and Horse Speaking team members are also eligible to compete at the State 4-H Hippology Contest.
- D. All contestants must be enrolled in 4-H during the current year.
- E. Contestants must compete for the county in which they are enrolled in 4-H unless that county does not participate in hippology. Only then can a contestant represent a county other than the one in which they are enrolled.
- F. Contestants may not have participated in an official, post-secondary Hippology Contest.
- G. Contestants may not have previously participated in the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round-up Hippology contest. Additionally, contestants may not have been a high individual or on the high team at a previous Quarter Horse Congress Hippology contest.
- H. Entries: **All Hippology contestants must pre-register using the entry form provided and also through 4HOnline. Walk-in participation is not allowed on contest day.** A fee of \$5.00 per entrant must accompany the registration form. Checks are payable to the University of Illinois. Submission of the multiple choice test questions from official references is a required part of the entry process. Failure to be properly entered in the hippology contest makes a youth ineligible for the state Hippology contest regardless of their participation or performance in a regional contest in said year
- I. All ties, individual and team, will be broken using the following sequence: 1) written examination scores, 2) scores at stations, 3) judging placing scores and 4) judging class with the largest total cuts
- J. Tape recorders, video cameras, camera phones, video phones, cell phones or any other voice or image recording devices may not be used at any time during the contest. Any use of such devices may lead to disqualification from the contestant.

THE CONTEST

- A. **Examination - 100 points.**
This phase may include a written exam and slides exam. (example topics for slide exams include: breed, color, activity, appointments, internal and external anatomy including reproductive anatomy, etc.) **The written exam is mandatory at all regional contests. Slide exam at regionals is option. State contest will include both written & slide exams.**
- B. **Stations - 100 points.**
Contestants may be asked to identify tack and equipment, feed samples and other horse-related items. Contestants may be requested to demonstrate knowledge of the external anatomy of equine, skeletal anatomy, internal anatomy, disease, and the life cycles of internal parasites. Knowledge of breeds, breed history, color, color patterns and equine activities may be tested. Contestants will have two minutes to complete each station. **(mandatory phase at both regionals & state)**. Regional stations may be shown as powerpoint or in traditional hard copy format.
- C. **Judging - 100 points.**
Four classes will be placed. Classes may be comprised of pictures, video recordings, models or live classes. **(optional phase at regionals, mandatory phase at the state contest)**.
- D. **Problem Solving – 25 points**
Intermediate and Senior divisions presented to each contestant at the end of the stations phase. A situational question will be posed to each contestant on a one-on-one basis. The contestant will have 3 -5 minutes total (depending on the problem) to think about and verbally respond to the question. Evaluation will be based on the understanding of the problem, completeness of the logic used in making the oral response and general speaking skills. The official may ask questions to clarify the response. The score for intermediates are not included in placing tabulation, however if they fail to do the oral problem phase 25 points will be subtracted from their total score during tabulation resulting in a significant negative effect on their placing. **(optional phase at regionals, mandatory phase at the state contest)**.

STATE QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

- Top eight in each division per region will advance to state regardless of their total scores.
- In addition to the top eight, anyone that earns a combine score (stations + test) of 120 (60%) or higher will advance to state.
- At regional contests that offer optional phases (oral problem or judging), those score are NOT included in the tabulation for advancing to state, but can, at the regional contest host's discretion, be included in the tabulation for ribbons.

Examples of TEAM problems from Eastern Nat'l are provided below. Keep in mind that these examples are for a team to present at the national level in a longer time period. The question asked at the state contest will not be as in depth, but will be in the same vein as these examples.

1. Balance a horse ration
2. Give farm management recommendation for specific (i.e. breeding, training, boarding, nursery, lay-up, etc.) horse operation.
3. Identify considerations for the establishment of a new horse facility (stable to be used for a specific purpose)
4. Give recommendations for selecting locating and purchasing horses for specific uses.
5. Explanation of use or assembly of specific equipment.
6. Teaching lessons in horse management (specific subject to be announced) to a group of 9-11 year old beginner 4-H'ers including where, how long, how much information, hands-on experience, reinforcement, testing, evaluation.
7. Breeding and/or leasing contracts (specific clauses for insurance, liability, payments, car, termination, transport, etc.)
8. Develop a training and conditioning program: equipment, schedules, methods, nutrition, problem avoidance, etc.

SOURCES OF REFERENCE FOR HIPPOLOGY:

1. **Horses and Horsemanship, and Horse Science** - 4H Manuals (revised in 2001) <http://www.4-hmall.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=6396&type=educationalresources> *****Jr & Inter Divisions only*****
2. **CHA Composite Manual** by The Association for Horsemanship Safety and Education
5318 Old Bullard Road, Tyler, TX 75703 ph: (800) 399-0138 *****Jr & Inter Divisions only*****
<http://www.4-hmall.org/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=6396&type=educationalresources>
3. **The Horse Industry Handbook**, by the American Youth Horse Council, 817.320.2005
<http://www.ayhc.com/product-page/horse-industry-handbook-1> ******All Age Divisions ******
4. **Horse Smarts** by the American Youth Horse Council, 817.320.2005 <http://www.ayhc.com/product-page/horse-smarts> ******All Age Divisions ****** *****NEW REFERENCE IN 2018*****
5. **Equine Science: Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages** by Jean T. Griffiths
ISBN # 978-1-929164-42-4, www.HorseBooksEtc.com or 1-800-952-5813 ******All Age Divisions ******
6. **Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms,** New Horizons Education Center, Inc. Alpine Publications. PO Box 7027, Loveland CO 80537 1-800-777-7257 ******Senior Division Only******
7. **Coloring Atlas of Horse Anatomy** by Robert A. Kainer & Thomas O. McCracken. 2nd Edition.
Alpine Publications, ISBN 1-57779-017-0 or ISBN 1-57779-021-9 ******Senior Division Only******
8. **Feeding and Care of the Horse** (2nd edition), by Lon D. Lewis (Williams and Wilkins). ISBN 0-683-04967-4
Blackwell Publishing Ltd www.blackwellprofession.com ******Senior Division Only******

ILLINOIS 4-H HIPPOLOGY REGIONAL CONTEST REGISTRATION

Registration due by March 2, 2020

REMIT FORM ONLY TO: County Extension Office
At least 2 business days prior to the entry deadline

THE ENTRY FEE IS \$5.00 PER CONTESTANT

CHECK PAYABLE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

To pay fees with a TOF please email Debra at hagstrom@illinois.edu for the C-FOAPAL

REMIT FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

**Debra Hagstrom
1207 W. Gregory Drive
Urbana, IL 61801**

JUNIOR (members must have passed their 8th but not their 12th birthday as of January 1, 2020):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age as of 1/1/2020</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Coach's Name

Coach's email address

INTERMEDIATE (members must have passed their 12th but not their 15th birthday as of January 1, 2020)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age as of 1/1/2020</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Coach's Name

Coach's email address

SENIOR (members must have passed their 15th but not their 19th birthday as of January 1, 2020)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age as of 1/1/2020</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Coach's Name

Coach's email address

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County

Date

Illinois 4-H Horse Contests Reasonable Accommodation Request Form

Privacy Statement: The Illinois 4-H Horse Contests is requesting information to consider providing and/or implementing accommodations and/or adjustments to programs and activities for participating individuals with disabilities. The information you provide may be shared with Illinois 4-H Horse Contest organizers, volunteers, officials, and others as appropriate when considering a reasonable accommodation, and planning and implementing Illinois 4-H Horse Contests.

NOTE: This form should be completed when a reasonable accommodation is requested based on physical, mental or learning disabilities and/or other impairments. It is the responsibility of the individual (or parent/guardian, if under 18) to submit this form to the Illinois 4-H Horse Contest Superintendent (Debra Hagstrom at hagstrom@illinois.edu) at least 30 days before the contest date. It is the responsibility of the individual or parent/guardian to update the Reasonable Accommodation Request Form as abilities and needs change.

4-H Member's Name: _____ **Birth Date:** _____

Address: _____

Parent's Telephone: _____ **Parent's email address:** _____

County: _____ **Coach's Name** _____

Horse Contest, Date & Location: _____

1. Describe the nature of the individual's reasonable accommodation request.

2, Does the 4-H member have an IEP or 504 in this regard. Yes No

I understand that the information on this form may be shared with others in connection with the evaluation and implementation of the reasonable accommodation requests and in accordance with the foregoing Privacy Statement.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian or Individual (if over 18 yr old) _____
Date



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If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend, call the registration office.