



Horse Demonstrations

- Description:** Demonstrations of skills or methods learned in the 4-H Horse Project.
- Entries:** May enter as individual or as a two member team. No contestant will be allowed to enter the same presentation in more than one contest or category.
- State Awards:** Both First Place individual and First Place team will receive State Contests jackets. Both also receive the right to represent Utah at the Western National Contest in Denver.
- National Awards:** Determined at the national level.
- Sponsor:** Utah 4-H Horse Council

Special Information:

- Demonstrations are limited to 20 minutes in length. This includes 10-15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for set up and take down. One point will be deducted from the total score for each minute or fraction of a minute under 10 minutes or over 15 minutes by each judge, for a three-point per minute total deduction maximum depending on the number of judges.
- All demonstrations must be done indoors. Outdoor demonstrations do not qualify.
- Contest official will make all reasonable efforts to schedule demonstrations around other contests. A table, chart stand, computer, projector and screen will be provided. Contestant must furnish any other needed equipment. Competitors should notify the agents in charge of the contest of their needs well in advance of the time for them to make their presentation.
- Contestants must be at least 14 years of age but not yet have achieved their 19th birthday on January 1 of the year they qualified to compete in the National 4-H Horse Classic – Western Division.

Contest Rules:

- The subject matter must pertain to the horse industry. Demonstrations or presentations not appropriately related to the horse industry can be disqualified at the discretion of the judge(s).
- Presentations may be either of demonstration or illustrated talk format. No live animals may be used.
- Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may result in a deduction of points at the discretion of the judges.
- A public address system will not be used in the contest.



- Creative audio visual aids may be used, but the contestants must be involved in making or designing them.
- During the competition, the contestants may introduce themselves by name, state and presentation topic.
- Contestants should cite their major reference materials at the end of the presentation. This time will not be counted in the allotted time.
- Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the contestant. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestant should repeat the question, then answer it.
- Contestant order will be determined by a random drawing and announced at the coaches meeting.
- For educational purposes the management may videotape all demonstrations with individual or team consent.
- Once an individual or team has started their demonstration, they may not receive assistance from any coach, parent, audience member, or other person, which includes, but is not limited to, the stroking of any key on a computer or other audio visual device. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification.
- Ties will be broken by first the judge's accumulated delivery score, second by the judges accumulated organization score and third on content and accuracy scores.
- Judges will consider the items/skills listed under each section of the score sheet and award points according to the presenter's ability. Points on the score card can be seen on the attached score sheet.



Blue Ribbon? (Circle One) Yes No
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Horse Demonstration Scorecard

Name: _____ County: _____

ITEMS TO BE SCORED	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT	POINTS EARNED	COMMENTS
Introduction: (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates interest • Short and to the point • Catchy title 					
Organization: (25 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One main idea presented • Discussion relate directly to the step as it was shown • Step shown or illustrated just as it should be done in an actual situation • Audience able to see each step • Materials and equipment carefully selected, neatly arranged and well organized • Charts and posters used if and when needed • Key points of each step stressed 					
Content and Accuracy: (25 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content appropriately related to the horse industry • Fact and information accurate • Enough information • Approved practices used • Credit given to sources of information if needed 					
Stage Presence: (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neat and appropriately dressed for subject of presentation • Presenter speaks directly to audience • Presenter looks directly at the audience • Presentation timing not too fast or too slow • Team presentation – equal participation 					
Delivery: (15 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeared to enjoy giving the presentation • Appropriate voice control • Words pronounced correctly • If notes used, didn't distract from presentation • Avoided a memorized presentation 					
Effect on Audience: (5 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audience showed interest • Audience able to use information given 					
Summary: (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short and interesting • Key points briefly reviewed • Properly wrap up the presentation • Handled questions easily 					
Total Score: (100 Points)					