

## **STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST**

### **GENERAL CONTEST INFORMATION:**

- Missouri 4-H State Hippology Contest is open to all individually enrolled Missouri 4-H members 8-18 years old. There is no limit on the number of individuals/teams a county may enter in the contest. Youth and coaches must register using 4-H Online.
- Individual entries are welcome and will be eligible to compete for the top individual award. These individual entries will be grouped into a team in order to do the team problem. This is for experience purposes only and they will not be eligible for the team award. Hippology is a "team event" and a team is defined as not more than 4, but not less than 3 members.
- Participants and coaches must register through 4-H Online by the set deadline. No late registrations are accepted.
- After registration closes, youth and coaches will receive an informational email with all the details of the contest.
- Missouri 4-H receives registration payments by credit/debit card or check. 4-H Online will receive your payment using credit/debit card. If paying by check, send your payment to your County Extension Office. Check with your county 4-H staff for whom you should make the check payable to.
- No refund will be granted.
- Lunch will be provided for all contestants, coaches, and workers that register.
- While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring between the contestants, or between contestants and anyone else except as authorized by the contest superintendent or their representatives.
- **AGE BREAKS:** Junior Division 8–13; Senior Division 14–18 as of Dec. 31 of the current 4-H program year.
- **COMPONENTS:** There are four phases to the Hippology contest. Each phase is worth 100 points. The first three phases are completed individually with each individual's points added for the team points.
  - Test phase: Questions may be multiple-choice or true false. Study the same resources as the horse bowl contest. Contestants may be required to look at slides and/or objects and identify certain facts (for example: color of the horse, blemishes, markings). 40 minutes allowed for test phase. Up to 50 questions for juniors and 100 questions for seniors.
  - Judging Phase: Usually judge two halter and two performance class. Depending upon resources available, only one halter and one performance class may be judged. No oral reasons. 10 minutes will be given for each class.
  - Stations: There may be 5-10 stations for a total of 100 points. Each station requires the contestant to look at a group of objects and be able

to identify what it is and may be required to tell its purpose. There are hundreds of different subjects for stations. Some examples might be: identify the parts of the hoof, identify different feeds, identify the parts of the male or female reproductive tract, identify grooming tools etc. Two minutes will be given per station.

- Problem Solving: The team works on this together. Each team will be given a problem to solve. They present their solution to a judge. The judge evaluates the knowledge they have used to solve the problem, their work as a team (each person should present part of the solution), and their poise and speaking skills. The judge may ask questions to clarify or test the knowledge of the team. Teams will have 10 minutes to review the problem and 5 minutes to present to the judge.

## **SCORING**

- Overall individual scores are composed of points from the test phase, judging phase, stations, and problem solving.
- Team scores are determined by the top three (3) individual scores of a designated county team as defined above.

## **STATE PRIZES AND AWARD CEREMONY**

- Top 3 teams and top 5 individuals will be recognized in each of the Junior and Senior divisions.
- The top 10 of the 8–10-year-old participants will also be recognized. Those individuals are still eligible for awards in the Junior (8-13) division.
- The top senior team will have the opportunity to represent Missouri nationally at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup.