

Missouri 4-H Horse Bowl Scoring Clarifications

Several questions have arisen following the first set of Regional Contests. The following was written to help clarify the scoring guidelines. To assure that all Missouri 4-H Horse Bowl Contests are scored in the same way, the following clarification of scoring for each type of question is offered.

Questions: There are four types of questions in a horse bowl contest:

1. Match Play Questions: Questions that are directed to a particular chair. Only the member on either team in that chair can respond. Questions are each worth 2 points. Match play questions are only used in the JR & SR divisions.
2. Regular Questions: Questions that any member of either team may answer. Regular questions will be worth 1 point.
3. Toss-up Questions: Questions that any member of either team may answer. If a member of one team answers correctly, that team can receive a bonus question that only that team can attempt to answer. Toss-up questions are worth 1 point.
4. Bonus questions: Questions earned only by answering a toss-up question correctly. Team members can consult with each other for 10 seconds to come up with the correct answer. Correct answer must be started within 5 seconds after the 10 second discussion period. Bonus questions will be worth 1, 2, or 3 points.

Team Bonus Points: Teams can also earn 2 Team Bonus Points each time all four seated members of the team answer a question correctly. Team Bonus Points can be earned during any part of the contest. A team can receive Team Bonus Points repeatedly in a game. If a team has an alternate that plays and the alternate replaces a team member who has answered a question correctly, that chair must set their card up to signify that the new seated member has not answered a question correctly. The alternate (new seated member) must answer a question correctly in order to receive Team Bonus Points from the point of substitution. A member answering a Bonus Question does not count toward earning Team Bonus Points. Three-person teams cannot receive Team Bonus Points.

If a member who has answered a question correctly forgets to lay their card down, they should be reminded to do so by the scorekeeper, moderator, judge, coach, other team member, or anyone else who notices their failure to put the card down. The card can be laid down any time after the question is answered correctly. When Team Bonus Points are earned (all four members have answered a question correctly) the scorekeeper should automatically reward the team with 2 Team Bonus Points, and then instruct the team members to set their cards back up.

Process for Each Type of Question

General Information

After the question is read, members will have five seconds to hit their buzzer for a chance to answer the question. After a member "buzzes in" the member must wait for the moderator to recognize them before answering the question. After the member is recognized, the member has five seconds to begin answering the question. Note that the member repeating the question is not considered beginning an answer. If the member fails to begin the answer in the five seconds, it is considered the same as giving an incorrect answer.

If the member begins an answer before being recognized, it is considered the same as giving an incorrect answer, even if the response is correct.

In all cases except for Bonus Questions, if no member from either team "buzzes in" within five seconds after the question has been read, the game moves on to the next question. Any time a question is not answered correctly by either team, the moderator will read the correct answer.

In all cases except for answering a Bonus Question the member who answers correctly should lay their number down on the table so the team will know when they qualify for Team Bonus Points.

In all cases except for a Bonus Question, if a member “buzzes in” before the question has been completely read, the moderator will stop reading the question and the member must attempt an answer within 5 seconds after being recognized. This question will be re-read to the opposing team if answered incorrectly (except in SR division).

A. Match Play Questions

Match Play is used for Junior and Senior divisions only. During match play each question will be directed to a particular chair (1, 2, 3, or 4). A question directed to Chair 1 can only be answered by the member on each team in that chair. The member in the appropriate chair must buzz in to answer. The member must be recognized before responding.

Junior Division

If a team member other than the appropriate chair buzzes in when it was not their question, that team loses the opportunity to answer the question and the question is redirected to only the appropriate chair on the opposing team. Only in Senior Division, a loss of 1 point for the team whose chair incorrectly buzzed in & the question is dead & not asked to the opposing team.

Senior Division

If a team member other than the appropriate chair buzzes in when it was not their question, that team loses 1 point. The question is dead and is not asked to the appropriate chair on the opposing team.

If proper procedure was followed (buzz in, wait for recognition) and the correct answer is given, the team is awarded two points.

If answered incorrectly the procedure differs by age division as follows:

Junior Division

The team is not penalized for an incorrect answer. The question is re-read to the opposing team and is open for the appropriate chair on the other team to “buzz in” in an attempt to answer within 5 seconds after being recognized. If the appropriate chair on the other team follows proper procedure (buzzes in, is recognized) and gives the correct answer, the team is awarded 2 points. The member lays their number down to indicate they have answered a question correctly. If the question is answered incorrectly, the game moves on to the next question for the next chair with no loss of points to either team.

Senior Division

The team will lose 1 point. The question is **not** open for the appropriate chair on the other team.

B. Regular Questions

During regular question each question can be answered by any team member from either team currently in the game. A member must be the first to “buzz in” to get a chance to answer the question. The member must be recognized before responding.

If proper procedure was followed (buzz in, wait for recognition) and the correct answer is given, the team is awarded one point.

If answered incorrectly the procedure differs by age division as follows:

Jr. Jr. and Junior Division

The team is not penalized for an incorrect answer. The question is open for the any member on the other team to attempt to answer within 5 seconds. The moderator should re-read the complete question for the opposing team, unless a member on that team “buzzes in” early. If a member of the opposing team follows proper procedure (buzzes in, is recognized) and gives the correct answer, the team is awarded 1 point. If the question is answered incorrectly, the game moves on to the next question after the moderator reads the correct answer for the contestants.

Senior Division

The team loses 1 point. The question is **not** open for the other team to answer.

C. Toss-Up Questions

The same rules apply as for the Regular Question. However, if a team member answers the question correctly, only that team has a chance to answer a Bonus Question following the correct procedure.

D. Bonus Questions

If a member of a team answers a Toss-Up Question correctly, only that team has a chance to answer a Bonus Question. The moderator reads the bonus question. When the question has been completely read, the team has 10 seconds to consult with each other to come up with an answer. When the 10 seconds is over the team cannot consult verbally, but written notes can be passed. When the 10 seconds is over, the team captain, or another member designated, has 5 seconds to begin the answer. If the answer is correct the team is awarded 1, 2, or 3 points based on the value assigned to the question.

In all divisions, failure to attempt an answer to a bonus question or an incorrect response to a bonus question will not result in a loss of points. No partial points are awarded for answers that are not complete.