

2024 State Horse and Pony Public Speaking, Demonstration, Horse Bowl and Hippology Contest Schedule

Please note that the registration fee for Horse Bowl, Hippology is \$15 to cover the fees for contest materials etc. Participants will need to provide their own lunch!!!

Horse Communication Contest is \$15 per participant.

Checks are made payable to Purdue University. Payment is expected day of contest. A school purchase order can be presented or notification that check is coming will suffice. A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed to any school or 4-H club failing to submit full payment within 30 days following the contest. Any school or 4-H club with an outstanding balance due 60 days after the contest will not be allowed to register for any further state career development events until their outstanding balance has been paid in full.

Hippology Event

Saturday, March 23rd -Purdue University

Objective:

The objective of the Hippology activity is to provide an opportunity for youth to:

1. learn and demonstrate their breadth of knowledge and understanding of horse management; and
2. learn life-skills such as acquiring knowledge, communicating, solving problems, relating to others, and applying leadership skills.

General Rules:

Divisions: **Junior (3rd – 5th)**
Intermediate (6th- 8th grade)
Senior (9th and above)

Participant's grade is determined as of January 1, 2024.

1. This is an event for teams and for individuals. A team shall consist of not less than three, and not more than four members. Teams can be made up of individuals in different divisions, however, the entire team must compete in the division of the oldest individual. (e.g. 4th, 5th and 7th grader on one team would compete as an intermediate team). It is recommended that if there are not enough youth of an age to create a team, that the youth be entered in the appropriate division as an individual. **Coaches and teams are responsible for complying with all national policies. Team makeup can vary to allow for opportunities at the state level.**
 - a. **Each county may enter a maximum of two teams in each division. Unlimited additional members can be entered as individuals.**
2. Participants may not have participated in a post-secondary school Hippology, Horse Bowl or horse judging event nor have been in training for one of these events.
3. Awards will be presented to the top 10 junior, intermediate and senior individuals (all participants as individuals and on teams will be ranked for individual honors) and to the top 5 Junior, Intermediate and Senior teams (Separate awards will be provided for FFA **if** there are more than 3 FFA teams entered).

4. The highest scoring senior 4-H team will have the option to participate in the national 4-H event in Louisville, KY in November 2024*. The second and third highest scoring senior 4-H teams will have the Option to participate in the Invitational Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH in October 2024*. (*ALL CONTESTS AT THE DISCRETION OF THEIR HOST ORGANIZATION*)
The top 2 highest scoring senior FFA teams will have the Option to participate in the Invitational Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH in October 2024*. (*ALL CONTESTS AT THE DISCRETION OF THEIR HOST ORGANIZATION*)
5. A team may only make one-member substitution between the state and national events. Members of the highest scoring team are eligible to enter this same event in future years. Participants that compete in the national event are ineligible to enter the national Hippology event in future years. A **\$15 registration fee** is required for each participant. Make checks payable to Purdue University. **Registration deadline is 12:00 PM EST March 8, 2024. Entries should be completed via the appropriate Qualtrics Survey referenced in the initial email. Registration will not be accepted after the deadline.** Send registration payment to Courtney Stierwalt, State 4-H Office, 615 W State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907.

The Hippology Event

Written Examinations (100 points)

Multiple choice format questions based on the age-appropriate resources. Please note, for exams, stations, and slides, participants are responsible for the content areas in their age group and all younger age groups.

Stations (100 points)

Junior: Contestants will match pictures with the most correct answer.

Intermediate and Senior: Contestants will identify 10 items (2.5 pts each) from 4 of the categories listed below. The items in each category may be actual or pictured.

- a) Various types of saddles and parts of saddles
- b) Tack, bits, bridles, horse shoes and parts of shoes.
- c) Tools and Equipment, and assembly of specific parts of various pieces of equipment.
- d) Grains and forages used in equine rations including various forms and methods of preparation
- e) Internal and external parasites based on actual samples, pictures, life cycle chart and/or damage caused
- f) Blemishes and unsoundnesses
- g) Parts and terms of the horse
- h) Breeds, colors, markings

Slides (100 points)

Contestants will answer a multiple-choice question from a picture on the screen.

Judging (100 points)

Two classes will be judged on video. Classes may be halter or performance. Must correctly indicate placing on a scantron sheet.

Team Problem (Senior/Intermediate: 100 points) (Junior: No team problem)

Each team will be asked to solve a practical horse question with an answer or an explanation as a solution to a judge. Team problems may be either impromptu or prepared.

Instead of divisions being responsible for certain resources, they are now responsible for specific content areas. Those content areas are below. Questions about these content areas will be specifically drawn from the references that follow the content areas. It should be clearly understood that this listing does not constitute an official endorsement of these materials. The resource with the most recent publication date will be accepted as the most correct, in cases of conflicting information.

Junior:

- Colors and Markings
- Parts of the Horse
- Horse Breeds
- Tack and Equipment
- Gaits
- Conformation and Selection
- Horse Senses
- Horse Behavior
- Disciplines

Intermediate:

- All Junior content areas
- Anatomy: Skeleton
- Nutrition: Feedstuffs and Forages
- Health: Assessment of Horse Health
- Blemishes and Unsoundnesses
- Horse Shoes and Parts of Shoes
- Facilities and Fencing
- Horse History
- Organizations

Senior:

- All division content areas
- Anatomy: Muscles, Nerves and Organ Systems
- Nutrition: Nutrient Requirements and Toxic Plants
- Health: Parasites, Infectious and Non-infectious Diseases and Vaccinations
- Reproduction: Anatomy and Physiology of Mare/Stallion; Breeding Management and Gestation
- Exercise Physiology
- Business Management

Resources:

- Dover Saddlery - Apparel, tack and horse care items for the English rider: To request a free catalog please visit www.DoverSaddlery.com or call 1-888-234-6942
- Equine Science: Basic Horse Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages. Jean T. Griffiths.
- www.horsebooksetc.com or Purdue Media Distribution Center

- Horse Industry Handbook (includes all current updates)- www.ayhc.com
- Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms- New Horizon Equine Education Center ISBN 0-931866-88-x
- The Coloring Atlas of Horse Anatomy, Robert Kainer and Thomas McCracken, Alpine Publications, Inc., PO Box 7027, Loveland, CO 80537, 1-800-777-7257.
- HorseSmarts <http://www.ayhc.com/product-page/horse-smarts> • Schneider's Saddlery
- Nutrition and Feeding of the Horse- Lewis (toxic plant & forage identification)
- Recommended Resource: The Horse – Evans – third edition (published 2021)
- Recommended Resource: Horse Judging Manual (AEC 14)
- Others: Grains, forages, and feed preparations used in the contest will be representative of feeds utilized in horse rations.

Horse Bowl Event

Saturday, March 23rd – Purdue University

TIMES TBD (Minimum of 4 teams per division for contest to take place). Teams can opt to move up in a division if there are not enough in their division.

Each division will begin immediately following the completion of Hippology for that division.

A schedule of matches will be sent out electronically based on the number of entries.

Objective: The objective of Horse Bowl event is to provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. The event also provides an educational experience for both the participants and spectators.

Divisions (Participant's grade is determined as of January 1, 2024):

Junior (3rd - 5th grade)

Intermediate (6th - 8th grade)

Senior (9th grade and above)

1. Participants must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA in the county they represent during the calendar year and so certified on the registration blank by an Extension Educator, Leader or Advisor. (Horse/Pony membership is not necessary). FFA teams are not eligible for the national 4-H contest.
2. Any situations that are not specifically addressed in these rules will be adjudicated according to the rules of the National 4-H Horse Bowl contest, available at www.4hroundup.com
3. Participants may have participated in and/or won a previous state horse bowl event. Participants that compete in the national event are ineligible to enter the same national event in future years.
4. Participants may not have participated in any post-secondary school horse bowl event.
5. One substitution is allowed between the state and national events. (Note: team members must be 14 years old by January 1 to compete at the National Contest).
6. A **\$15 registration fee** is required for each participant. Make checks payable to Purdue University. **Registration deadline is 12:00 PM EST March 8, 2024. Entries should be completed via the appropriate Qualtrics Survey referenced in the initial email. Registration will not be accepted after the deadline.** Send registration payment to Courtney Stierwalt, State 4-H Office, 615 W State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907. (Refer to the top of the document for late fee policy)

Teams

1. Each team shall consist of **not less than four (4)** and not more than five (5) members. Only four participants shall be seated at the panel at any one time. During any match, only one (1) team member may be replaced at the panel at the request of the captain and/or coach of that team. The team member removed from a match becomes ineligible to return to that particular match. The team

member removed and the replacement member are both eligible to participate in further matches. A five-member team is strongly recommended.

2. A 4-H member may participate in only one category of Horse Bowl. Only the senior team is eligible for national competition. Teams will participate in the division of the oldest team member.
3. Team members will face the judges; the judges will face the audience.

Questions

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- <https://www.ayhc.com/shop> (10% member discount for AYHC members)
- Horse Industry Handbook (includes all current updates)
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Scoring

1. During the first half of play there are three types of questions possible:
 - a. **Regular questions**-each worth 1 point, to which any member of either team may respond;
 - b. **Toss-up Questions**-also worth 1 point each, and also open for response by any member of either team. The only difference between a regular and a toss-up question will be that the tossup questions will have a bonus question attached to each, and in general will be somewhat more difficult than the regular questions. Any toss-up question which has a bonus attached will be announced as a “toss-up” question before it is read.
 - c. **Bonus Questions**-worth 3 points. No part of the bonus question will be repeated nor will any additional information be given to the participants relative to the question. **If multiple answers are required, 3 points will be awarded only if all of the required answers are correct. No points will be awarded or taken away if there is less than the required number of answers, or if there are no correct answers.** Only the team which correctly answered the toss-up question will be given the opportunity to attempt the attached bonus question. **A bonus question attached to an unanswered or incorrectly answered tossup question will be transferred to the next regular open question, which becomes the new toss-up question, until a correct answer is given. If the half ends with an unanswered bonus question, the question dies.**
 - d. **One on one Questions:** Regular questions worth 2 points each shall be addressed only to one member of each team, beginning with the contestants in the #1 chairs (nearest the moderator) and progressing with questions going to the subsequent contestants in the #2, #3 and #4 chairs. There will be the same number of one-on-one questions per contestant, per match.
2. During the second half of play, only regular questions will be used.

Type of Questions	Who may respond?	Time to respond?	Who may answer?	Time to begin answer?	Points for correct answer	Points for incorrect answers or not in time?*
Regular Questions	Any seated participant	Before other team - 5 seconds max.	Only person who responded	5 seconds	+ 1	- 1

Toss-up Questions	Any seated participant	Before other team - 5 seconds max.	Only person who responded	5 seconds	+ 1	- 1
Bonus Questions		10 seconds discussion period	One member of team answering toss-up	5 seconds TOTAL 30 Second answer period	+3	0
One on One	Indicated Contestant	Before other – 5 seconds max.	Indicated Contestant	5 seconds	+2	-1

Notes: Two (2) premium points are awarded to the teams in which each team member seated at the time correctly answered a question (excluding bonus questions.) After earning two premium points, teams may earn additional premium points by repeating the process. Members will not be credited with correct answers toward premium points until the first premium points are awarded.

If a contestant other than the indicated contestant in one-on-one answers the team will lose 2 points.

* In the junior team competitions, there will be no deduction for incorrect answers if the question is read in its entirety. If a junior 'buzzes in' before the moderator has read the final word of the question, and gets an incorrect answer, the team will lose 1 point¹, and the other team will have the opportunity to answer the question, which will be re-read in its entirety. This does not apply to junior members on other teams.

Procedures

1. All decisions of the moderator, judges, scorekeepers, timekeepers and the event committee are final. Team members shall face the judges; the judges shall face the audience. Individual face-offs will precede team face-offs.
2. No recording of the match or questions is allowed in any manner. This includes use of electronic devices, writing down questions, or any other conceivable method of making a record of the questions asked. **The first offense will result in a 2-point deduction from the team associated by the offender, and a second offense will result in disqualification of the team.**
3. Under no circumstance will there be a replay of a match in which there was an equipment failure.
4. In the event of a match tie, it will be broken with five (5) tie breaker questions. If a tie remains the first team to earn a point (or because of loss of a point by the other team, has a (1) point advantage) will be declared a match winner based on the scores.

Awards

1. The rank of teams will be determined on the basis of their win-loss record. To place teams eliminated in the same round, the teams will be ranked by the total number of points obtained by each team in the highest round in which they competed.

- a. If there is a tie, each team will be assigned 1 point for each game won. The highest total will rank higher.
 - b. If there is still a tie, the team with the most total points in the entire event will be ranked higher.
2. Awards will be presented to the top 5 junior, intermediate, and senior teams.
The highest scoring senior 4-H team will have the option to participate in the national 4-H event in Louisville, KY in November 2024. The second and third highest scoring senior 4-H teams will have the option to participate in the Invitational Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH in October 2024. The top 2 highest scoring teams will have the Option to participate in the Invitational Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH in October 2024*. (*ALL CONTESTS AT THE DISCRETION OF THEIR HOST ORGANIZATION*)

For Individuals Only

4-H Horse & Pony Public Speaking Event

Virtual- Evening of April 11th

1. This is an event for individuals only (No teams.)
2. There will be three public speaking event categories - Junior (3rd-5th grade), Intermediate (6th-8th grade) and Senior (9th grade and above). Grade is determined as of January 1, 2024.
3. The subject must pertain directly to the horse industry. The presentation must be 4-6 minutes in length for Junior and Intermediate participants and 7-10 minutes in length for Senior.
4. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the participants, including references, immediately following the presentation. Question time will not be counted as part of the allotted time.
5. Judges will consider introduction, organization, content and accuracy, stage presence, delivery, general, conclusion and answers to questions.
6. No visual or audio aids are allowed. Use of these aids qualifies this speech as an illustrated talk and will disqualify the participant in public speaking. (Visual/audio aids include but are not limited to: posters, tape players/recorders, VCRs, etc.)
7. Awards will be presented Friday evening following the competition. The top 5 individuals in all divisions will receive awards.
8. The highest scoring senior will have the option to participate in the national event in Louisville, KY in November 2024.
9. Participants in the national public speaking contest are ineligible to enter public speaking at the national level in future years.
10. A \$15 registration fee is required for each participant Make checks payable to Purdue University. **Registration deadline is 12:00 PM March 28th. Entries should be completed via the appropriate Qualtrics Survey referenced in the initial email. *Registration will not be accepted after the deadline.*** Send registration payment to Courtney Stierwalt, State 4-H Office, 615 W State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907.

4-H Horse & Pony Demonstration Event

Virtual- Evening of April 11th

There will be four (4) separate demonstration divisions:

Junior Individuals	Intermediate Individuals	Senior Individuals
Junior Teams	Intermediate Teams	Senior Teams
(3rd-5th grade)	(6 th -8 th grade)	(9th grade and above)

Team is defined as two people, even if only one person speaks. Grade is determined as of January 1, 2024. Teams with mixed age members will compete in the division of the oldest member.

1. There will not be a limit to the number of demonstration entries per club or county.
2. The event is open to any 4-H member and is not limited to only Horse & Pony members.
3. The subject must pertain directly to the horse industry.
4. The presentation may be a demonstration or an illustrated talk. Live animals may not be used. A table will be provided. The participant must supply any other equipment.
5. The demonstration/illustrated talk must be 5-7 minutes for Junior and Intermediate participants and 9- 12 minutes in length for Senior. Team demonstrations must be 10-15 minutes in length. It is recommended that each person's speaking time be nearly equal, in the team division.
6. Only the judge(s) may ask questions of the participants, including references, immediately following the demonstration/illustrated talk. Question time will not be counted as part of the allotted time.
7. Judges will consider introduction, organization, content and accuracy, stage presence, delivery, effect on the audience, summary and answers to questions.
8. Awards will be presented will be mailed to Extension Office.
9. The highest scoring senior individual and senior team will have the option to participate in the national event in Louisville, KY in November 2024.
10. Participants in the national demonstration event are ineligible to enter a demonstration at the national level in future years.

Entries should be completed via the appropriate Qualtrics Survey referenced in the initial email. A \$15 registration fee is required for each participant. Make checks payable to Purdue University. **Registration deadline is 12:00 PM March 28th.** **Entries should be completed via the appropriate Qualtrics Survey referenced in the initial email. Registration will not be accepted after the deadline** Send registration payment to Courtney Stierwalt, State 4-H Office, 615 W State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907.