

Horse Evaluation CDE

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Team participating in the Horse Evaluation CDE should register their teams on their FFA State Fair registration form which is sent out via email usually around June.
- Along with the registration forms, teams should have completed Certification forms and Waiver forms filled out for National FFA as well as Big E. Big E forms are found at www.thebige.com

RULES & REGULATIONS:

- Students should not have use of cell phones or other electronic devices during the event.
- Students should not converse with other participants during contest with the exception of their own team members ONLY during the team activity.
- Students may observe animals as instructed by the MC during the event. They may NOT touch or handle the animals at any time.

EVENT FORMAT:

- The Horse Evaluation CDE is held in Quillen Arena on the Delaware State Fairgrounds during the Delaware State Fair. Each team may have 4 team members. During sign in, members will be assigned a team letter and individual number. They will receive a packet of judging score sheets. On ALL of these sheets they will put their team letter and individual number (ex. A-1) as well as their name.
- The judging portion of the contest will consist of 5 classes. Four of these classes will be halter classes. One class will be a performance class (either Western Pleasure or Hunter Under Saddle). Teams will not know what type of halter classes until the morning of the event. Halter classes may vary each year depending on the stock available at the Delaware State Fair. The performance class will be announced in early June before the contest as it rotates each year. Performance classes will be judged as sound.
 - **2009 Fair Performance Class: Hunter Under Saddle**
- Two sets of oral reasons will be performed by individuals during the CDE. One set will be done on the performance class. The other set will be done on the halter class that will be announced at the beginning of the contest. It is recommended that members not use notes during oral reason presentations.
- ALL JUDGING AND ORAL REASONS SHOULD BE DONE INDIVIDUALLY. ANY DISCUSSION BETWEEN PARTICIPANTS DURING THE JUDGING OR DURING ORAL REASON PREPARATION WILL BE CONSIDERED CHEATING.

- Halter classes will be judged first and then the performance class will be judged. Oral reasons will begin directly after the judging. While teams wait to give oral reasons they will also be completing the team activity. The team activity will be team problem or series of questions given on one of the following subjects.
 - **2009 Activity: Live Tack/Equipment ID**
- Scoring will be as follows

	Possible Points	
Selection Classes	Individual	Team
Halter Classes		
<i>Placings (4)</i>	200	600
<i>Oral Reasons (1)</i>	50	150
Performance Class		
<i>Placings (1)</i>	50	150
<i>Oral Reasons (1)</i>	50	150
Total Individual	350	
Team Activity		50
Total Team Score*		1100

*Team score includes top 3 individual scores

** Ties will be broken by the total score on classes in the following order: Oral Reasons; Halter Classes One, Two, Three and Four; Performance Classes One, Two, Three and Four.

EQUIPMENT:

- **Materials student needs to provide-** Each participant must have a clean, free of notes clipboard, two sharpened No. 2 pencils, and a battery operated electronic calculator.
- **Provided by Chair:** 7 Judging Cards (5 to hand in and 2 extra for oral reasons)

OFFICIAL DRESS:

- Students should be in close-toed shoes preferably boots, an FFA shirt, and pants.

AWARDS:

- The results of the Horse Evaluation CDE are posted in the Delaware Ice Skate Rink in the FFA Department following the event. The results are officially announced at the FFA Awards Breakfast on the second Friday of the fair. The top 10 individual placings are recognized with the top 3 receiving a bronze, silver, or gold CDE pin. Team placings are also announced with the first place team receiving a plaque. The first place team goes to the National FFA Convention and the second place team goes on to compete at the Big E in Springfield, Massachusetts.

OFFICIAL RESOURCE MATERIALS:

- Current Official AQHA Handbook
- American Quarter Horse Association, Amarillo Texas – Video References
<http://www.quarterhorseoutfitters.com/>
- 2001 edition of the AQHA Championship Judging Series <http://www.aqha.com/youth/>
- Heird, James C. and The American Quarter Horse Association, Competitive Horse Judging. First Edition. The American Quarter Horse Association, 1990.
- Official Judging Guide from each of the various breed associations and audiovisuals.
- Evans, J. Warren, Borton, Anthony, Hintz, Harold F., and Van Vleck, L. Dale, The HORSE, second edition. W. H. Freeman and Company, 41 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010 ISBN 0-7167-1811-1
- Horse Industry Handbook, published by the American Youth Horse Council. Order by calling 1-800-Try-AYHC
- Equine Science Curriculum – a special project from the National Council for Agricultural Education.
- Interactive Horse Judging [CD-ROM], available from Kansas State University, Extension Service.
- Oklahoma State University website/breeds
- University of Kentucky website/agripedia
- *<http://www.saddleshop.com> – Official reference for terminology for tack/equipment portion of team activity.