



Big E FFA Horse Evaluation

Career Development Event



Chairperson Information

CDE Chairperson	Amanda Gagné
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Contest Date/Times	Saturday of FFA Weekend Contest starts at 8:00 AM and ends around 3-4:00 PM. I would highly suggest planning to go from the contest to the banquet if you plan to attend the banquet.
Contest Location	UCONN Horse Barn (Horsebarn Hill Rd)
CDE Review Time	15-20 minutes after the contest finishes
CDE Review Location	UCONN
Results	Top 9 teams and individuals will be awarded at the banquet at 6:00 PM at the Sheraton the same day as the contest. All other results will be emailed out by the Big E and will be ranked in Gold, Silver and Bronze categories.
Rule Book	We will be following the National FFA resources and handbook except for specific changes outlined below. We are running a modified contest to provide students the chance to practice. For specific questions please reach out to the chair.
Tie Breaker	Ties will be broken in the following order: Individual: 1. Oral reasons total 2. Performance classes total 3. Halter classes total Team: 1. Team oral reasons total 2. Team performance classes total 3. Team halter classes total

Basic CDE Guidelines

<p>Event Type: Team</p>	<p># of Team Members: 4 members max Top 3 scores from each team are counted</p>
<p><u>Individual Materials List</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - #2 pencils, • Notebook paper/portfolio for taking notes on classes • Clipboard 	<p><u>Group Materials List</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculator
<p><u>Attire</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official FFA Dress- pants and boots are required. Color of the boot does not matter. 	<p><u>CDE At-A-Glance (List of major components)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 question Written Exam – general horse knowledge (TEAM TEST) • 25 question Identification- Breeds, colors, markings, tack, tools, parts ID, etc (INDIVIDUAL TEST) • 3-4 Halter Classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12 minutes per class ○ 14 minutes for reasons classes • 2 Performance Classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12 Minutes per class ○ 14 minutes per reasons class • 2 Sets of oral reasons (1 halter, 1 performance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Given morning of and written over lunch • Team Event – Problem Solving Scenario – Example topics include: marketing/current trends, animal welfare/first aid, nutrition, anatomy, management, and reproduction
<p align="center"><u>Pre-Regional CDE Expectations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the CDE Guidelines • Make sure members are dressed properly • Make sure members are prepared for all CDE components 	

Contest Tentative Schedule

Arrival at Gate 1: 7:00 Am- Check in teams and give name tags
7:00-8:00 Am drive to UCONN
8:00-8:10 Set-up and Welcome
8:00-8:30 Team Test- 20 minutes → 25 questions multiple choice
8:30-10:00- Team Event → 10 minutes to prep a 5 minute presentation for the judge → Following National FFA Rubric for the team event
10:00-12:30 Judging: 4 Halter and 2 Performance → Students will judge individually → Reasons classes will be decided ahead of time → 12 minutes for non reasons classes (halter NO tracking) and 14 minutes for a reasons class Halter: 2 minutes for each side 2 minutes close inspection (reasons) Performance: 12 minute class 14 minutes for reason class
11:30-12:00 Working Lunch: Reasons Prep → Students will be given rotations for the afternoon → Lunch is provided (let chair know if any allergies)
Reasons and Identification Rotation schedule- Put on the whiteboards → Identification ◆ 25 items (photos) multiple choice ◆ Individual → Reasons 1 ◆ Halter → Reasons 2 ◆ Performance
Load up to go back to the fairgrounds → Banquet tickets- 1 per kid and 1 for an advisor

Scoring

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Individual Points</u>	<u>Team Points</u>
Team Test		50
Team Event		100
Judging- Six Classes	300	900 (dropping lowest teammates score)
Reasons- 2 sets	100	300 (dropping lowest teammates score)
Identification	50	150 (Dropping lowest teammates score)

Resources (Taken from National FFA Handbook)

Past CDE materials and other resources are available on FFA.org.

• Performance Classes rules — These are updated from the current

<https://www.aqha.com/aqha-rulebook>. Please reference the AQHA Rulebook directly for

the latest changes to their rules.

• AQHA Forms and Resources, <https://www.aqha.com/forms-and-resources>.

• Score sheets

o Pattern Classes (Horsemanship, Showmanship & Hunt Seat Equitation), Trail, Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Reining and Western Riding.

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• National Horse Judging Team Coaches Association (NHJTCA) Equine Management and

Evaluation Certification <https://www.icevonline.com/equine-management>, view the National Horse Judging Team Coaches Association Equine Study Guide

• CEV Videos on horse judging, <https://store.icevonline.com/>

• American Quarter Horse Association, Amarillo Texas — Video References,

<https://www.aqha.com/-/educational-judging-videos>. Additional video packages are at

<https://showing.aqhuniversity.com/pages/judge-home>

• AQHUniversity provides excellent video resources and tutorials on new classes starting in

2024. Many resources for youth are offered free once an account is set up by an adult.

• Heird, James C. and The American Quarter Horse Association, Competitive Horse Judging.

First Edition. The American Quarter Horse Association, 1990.

<https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/AQHA-Competitive->

[Horse-Judging.pdf?fwd=no](https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/AQHA-Competitive-Horse-Judging.pdf?fwd=no)

- American Paint Horse Association, Fort Worth Texas - Judging References,

<https://www.horseiq.com/> FFA Chapters are eligible for a \$150 discount for 25 student seats on horseIQ

- Evans, J. Warren, Borton, Anthony, Hintz, Harold F., and Van Vleck, L. Dale, The HORSE,

current edition. W. H. Freeman and Company, 41 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010 ISBN 0-7167-1811-1

- The American Youth Horse Council, <https://www.ayhc.com/> .

- Equine Science Curriculum – a special project from the National Council for Agricultural

Education, <https://www.ffa.org/thecouncil/resources>

- Tack Identification: Horses and Tack, Howard Ensminger, <http://teskeys.com>, select Tack

- Oklahoma State University horse breeds,

<http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/horses/>

- University of Kentucky Agripedia website, search horse judging,

<http://www2.ca.uky.edu/>

- Texas A&M AgriLife Learn Online Horse Judging Course,

<https://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/equine/online-judging/>

- Black Hawk Horse Judging Manual available for purchase, [http://bookstore-east.bhc.edu/MerchDetail?MerchID=1522504&CategoryName=horse%20judging%20man](http://bookstore-east.bhc.edu/MerchDetail?MerchID=1522504&CategoryName=horse%20judging%20manual&CatID=34342&Name=horse%20judging%20manual)

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- National Horse Judging Team Coaches' Association offers DVD's, www.nhjtca.org

- Official Judging Guide from each of the various breed associations and audiovisual