



4-H and FFA Hippology Contest

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Sponsored by the State Fair of Virginia

Registration Deadline September 15, 2021

Senior Division: Click ["Here"](#)

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State Fair of Virginia 2021 Official Schedule

Contest Date: Friday, October 1, 2021

Location: Blue Ribbon Tent

Contestant Check-in: 10:00 am

Contestant Meeting: 10:20 am

Contest Begins: 10:30 am

Awards Presentation at conclusion of the event

Purpose

The purpose of the State Fair of Virginia 4-H/FFA Hippology Contest is to:

- Stimulate the study of and interest in equine science selection, management and production through the agricultural education curriculum.
- Provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skills and competencies as a result of interest and instruction in equine science.

Contest Rules

1. This contest is open to pre-entered 4-H, and FFA members in the state of Virginia.
2. No electronic devices including smart watches, may be worn, used, or carried by contestants.
3. Individuals and teams may compete. A team consists of 3 or 4 individuals.
4. 4-H or FFA members who have competed at a national hippology contest-are not eligible to compete.
5. 9th grade and under will be eligible for the junior contest.
6. If four contestants are designated, all will participate and the lowest scoring individual overall will be automatically designated as alternate. The alternate's scores will not be included in team scores, but alternates will be eligible for individual awards.
7. Contestants may not talk or discuss materials during the contest.

Event Format

The contest will consist of four phases:

A. Horse Judging: (200 Points) This phase of the contest will consist of placing classes shown on video and/or static photos. 2 halter classes and 2 performance classes will be presented.

B. Examination: (100 Points) A Written Exam (50 Points) Projected Slides (50 Points) Identify as to equine breeds, health conditions, conformation faults, color, color patterns, anatomy, disciplines and their proper appointments

C. Station Phase (100 Points) A series of stations or tables where all contestants will respond to the station's requirements. Stations may include identification of:

- Various types and parts of saddles
- Tack, bits, bridles, horse shoes, and parts of horse shoes
- Farrier tools and equipment
- Miscellaneous tools and equipment
- Grains and forages
- Internal and external parasites
- Blemishes and unsoundnesses
- Equine aging by teeth
- Breeds, colors, and markings

- Measurements such as: Wither heights, Shoe size, Girth, Collar size, Gullet width, Saddle fit
- Anatomy: external, skeletal, internal organs, digestive and reproductive organs, and detailed anatomy of the hoof and lower limbs.

Scoring

The event is organized into the following parts and point values:

Horse Judging (200 Points Total)

- Two Halter Classes (50 points each)
- Two Performance Classes (50 Points Each)

Examination (100 Points Total)

- Written Exam (50 Questions)
- Slides (25 Questions, 2 points each)

Station Phase (100 Points)

Tie Breakers

The following criteria will be used to break ties, should they occur:

Individuals:

1. Highest written phase
2. Highest station phase
3. Highest judging phase

Teams: The highest average score in the above order

Awards

The State Fair of Virginia will provide ribbons for the high scoring teams and individuals according to the following schedule:

- **1st-6th Place Junior Teams- Rosette Ribbons**
- **1st-6th Senior Teams- Rosette Ribbons**
- **Top Ten High Junior Individuals- Ribbons**
- **Top Ten High Senior Individuals- Ribbons**

State Fair Scholarship Program

Contestants will be eligible to participate in the State Fair Scholarship Program. Please see the **State Fair website, www.statefairva.org, for more information regarding the State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program and eligibility requirements for other available scholarships.** The following scholarships will be awarded to the top three individuals in each level:

Level	1st	2nd	3rd
Junior	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
Senior	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$200.00