



VIRGINIA
FFA ASSOCIATION



4-H and FFA Hippology Contest State Fair of Virginia

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., 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 an 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.

2023 Date: 9/29

State Fair Address:

Meadow Event Park
13111 Dawn Blvd
Doswell, Virginia 23047
Caroline County

Contest Registration and Tickets for the Fair:

Participants must have a \$6 Student Competition Ticket to enter the Fairgrounds unless they are already at the Fair for another competition. Agricultural Education instructors are responsible for ordering tickets:

<https://www.vaffa.org/state-fair-of-virginia>

Event Location:

Blue Ribbon Tent

Times:

Contestant Meeting: 10:00 AM

Contest Begins: 10:30 AM

Awards: Following the event

Entry Deadline:

September 15

Contest Superintendents:

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Questions? Contact Us!

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Scoring:

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

1. Horse Judging (200 Point Total)

Two Halter Classes (50 Points Each)

Two Performance Classes (50 Points Each)

2. Examination (100 Points Total)

Written Exam (50 Questions)

Slides (25 Questions, 2 points Each)

3. Station Phase (100 Points)

Notes:

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 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 Place 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, , for more information regarding the State www.statefairva.org 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:

Junior: 1st: \$300.00 2nd: \$200.00 3rd \$100.00

Senior: 1st: \$400.00 2nd \$300.00 3rd \$200.00

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