

Block & Bridle
2017 Hippology Contest Rules & Resources
February 10, 2017

OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the Hippology contest is to provide, in a friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H or FFA to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of equine science and management, and in particular, the practical application of this knowledge and skill. It is hoped that this contest will generate new friendships and be a rewarding experience for the contestants.

GUIDELINES AND ESSENTIALS

Registration must be postmarked by January 29, 2017 and accompanied by a registration fee of \$5.00/contestant.

Entries postmarked after January 29, 2017 are considered LATE ENTRIES and should include a \$10.00 registration fee/contestant.

Any team changes must be made by February 8, 2017 to contest manager via email: Hunter Liles (huntl97@vt.edu) or Hannah McDonald (hannah8@vt.edu).

Teams consist of three or four members. In teams in which there are four members, all will compete, but the member receiving the lowest overall score will be automatically declared the alternate. The scores of the alternate will not be included in any of the team totals, but will be eligible for individual awards. Teams consisting of three members will have no alternate and all members will have no alternate and all members' scores will count in determining team awards.

Combining individuals to form a cross-club team is allowed but must be included in registration, or arranged with contest managers no later than February 8, 2017.

****Note: An individual may not be on both 4-H and FFA teams. An individual must choose a division.**

Junior Division and contestants participating as individuals only will not compete in the team problem.

Eligibility rules respective to the youth program are strictly enforced:

FFA: Eligibility of teams will be determined by rules stated in the National FFA Career Development Event Manual as well as "Official Board Policy".

Senior Teams: members must be in the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade at the time of the contest.

Junior Teams: members must be in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade at the time of the contest.

4-H: Senior Teams: members must turn 14 years of age before January 1, 2017 and not have had their 19th birthday before December 30, 2016.

Junior Teams: members will not have had their 14th birthday before January 1, 2014.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contest Registration: 4:00 pm

Contest: 5:00-7:00 pm

***Juniors will be competing at the Alphin-Stuart Arena, Blacksburg.**

***Seniors will be competing at Litton-Reaves Hall, Blacksburg.**

Contest Managers:

Hunter Liles, Block and Bridle: huntl97@vt.edu

Hannah McDonald, Block and Bridle: hannah8@vt.edu

REFERENCE MATERIAL

Reference Material: All the information covered in this contest may be found in one or more of the following publications:

Senior Reference Material: All the information covered in this contest for senior competition may be found in one or more of the following publications:

1. EQUINE SCIENCE: Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages by Jean T. Griffiths.
www.Horsebootsetc.com Phone: 800-952-5813
2. ILLUSTRATED DICTIONARY OF EQUINE TERMS, New Horizons Education Center Inc.
Alpine Publications, PO Box 7027, Loveland, CO 30537
Phone: 1-800-777-7257 Fax: 1-970-667-9157
3. THE HORSE (2nd edition), by Evans, Borton, Hintz, and Van Vleck. W. H. Freeman & Company – 660 Market St., San Francisco, California, 94104.
A special price may be available if ordered from the publisher. Phone: 415-391-5870
4. HORSE INDUSTRY HANDBOOK – By the American Youth Horse Council
The Equine Collection-Dept. AYHC, PO Box 1539, Fort Lee, NJ 07021-1539
Phone: 1-800-952-5813 Fax: 1-201-840-7242

5. FEEDING AND CARE OF THE HORSE (2nd edition), by Lon D. Lewis .
Williams and Wilkens, PO Box 1496, Baltimore, MD 21298-9724
Phone: 1-800-638-0672
6. DOVER AND SMITH BROTHERS CATALOG
7. THE COLORING ATLAS OF HORSE ANATOMY by Robert A. Kainer & Thomas O. McCracken.
Alpine Publications Inc., PO Box 7027, Loveland, CO 80537-0027
Phone: 1-970-667-2017 or 1-800-777-7257
8. AMERICAN YOUTH HORSE COUNCIL YOUTH LEADERS MANUAL by the
American Youth Horse Council
The Equine Collection- Dept. AYHC, PO Box 1539, Fort Lee, NJ 07024-1539
Phone: 1-800-952-5813 Fax: 1-201-840-7242

Junior Contest References will be limited to:

1. EQUINE SCIENCE – Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages by Jean T. Griffiths.
www.Horsebooksetc.com Phone: 800-952-5813
2. HORSE SCIENCE – by Ray Antoniewicz Price: \$4.50
<http://www.4-hmall.org/detail.aspx?ID=16681>
3. HORSES & HORSEMANSHIP – by Ray Antoniewicz Price: \$4.50
<http://www.4-hmall.org/detail.aspx?ID=16680>
4. DOVER AND SMITH BROTHERS CATALOGS

Other: Grains, forages, and feed preparations used for both divisions of this contest will be representatives of feed stuffs utilized in horse rations.

THE CONTEST

- A. Examination Phase: This phase of the contest will include a written exam.
- B. Slide Phase: This phase of the contest will include PowerPoint slides consisting of multiple choice questions identifying or using pictures.
- C. Station Phase: This phase will consist of a series of stations or tables where at each, all contestants will respond to the requirements of the station. Examples of stations which may be used include:
 1. Identification of:
 - a. Various types of saddles (actual or pictured) 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. Ages of equines base on teeth
- g. Blemishes and unsoundnesses.
- 2. Use of pulse rate, respiration rate, temperature, dehydration, anemia, etc. to assess horse health.
- 3. Measurements such as, but not limited to wither height, shoe size, girth size, gullet width, seat length of saddle, etc. may be required.
- D. Judging Contestants will be required to place one or two conformation classes.
- E. Team Problems: all teams will be presented with the same problems. Each team will have equal time to discuss among themselves the problem, immediately after which they will have to present a solution or series of suggested procedures to solve the problem. Each member of each team is encouraged to contribute to the oral presentation. Evaluation will be based on the understanding of the problem, completeness of the logic used in making the oral response. The official may ask questions of any or all of the team members to clarify the presentation. **Juniors will not participate in a team problem.**

Examples of possible team problems might include:

1. Balancing a horse's ration
2. Farm management recommendation for specific, (i.e., breeding, training, boarding, nursery, lay-up, etc.) horse operations.
3. Considerations for the establishment of a new horse facility (stable to be used for a specific purpose).
4. Recommendations for selecting, locating, and purchasing horses for specific uses.
5. Behavior problems- causes, management of, and corrections
6. Training & conditioning programs: equipment, schedules, methods, nutrition, problem avoidance.
7. Breeding and/or leasing contracts: specific clauses for insurance, liability, payments, care, termination, transport, etc.
8. Teaching lessons in horse management (specific subject to be announced) to a group of 9-11 year old beginner 4-Hers- where, how long, how much information, hands-on experiences, reinforcement, testing evaluation.
9. Explanation of use or assembly of specific equipment will be considered.
10. Demonstrate skill or ability to use specific equipment.

Team problem scores will not be included in determining the rank of individuals in the contest, but will be added to the team scores of the other three phases to determine overall Sr. 4-H/FFA team standing.

AWARDS: Junior and Senior Divisions

1. Individual awards are given with 4-H and FFA Junior and Senior divisions, respectfully. Three awards categories for the top 10 individuals will include: Examination and slide phase scores combined, stations and judging scores combined, and overall total score.

2. Team awards are given within 4-H and FFA Junior and Senior divisions, respectfully. The top five senior teams will be recognized for scores in examination and slide phase scores combined, stations and judging scores combined, team problem, and overall total scores. Junior teams will be recognized in a similar manner with the exception of no team problem category.

Tie Breaking

All ties overall, individual and team, will be broken using the following sequence,

1. Examination scores
2. Station scores
3. Judging scores

Ties within any phase are to be broken using the overall score first and then the same sequence as above. If further tie breaking is needed, the scores at each station, in order may be used.

LOCAL HOTELS

Blacksburg

Comfort Inn	540-951-1500
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	540-522-5636

Christiansburg

Quality Inn	540-382-2055
Days Inn	540-382-0261
Econo Lodge	540-382-6161
Super 8	540-382-7421
Holiday Inn	540-381-8100

Registration postmarked deadline is January 29, 2016!!

Do not combine payment for Block and Bridle Horse Judging and Hippology Contests. Must receive separate payments for accounting purposes!

Directions to Litton Reaves Hall:

From 1-81 take exit 118B (460W) towards Blacksburg/Virginia Tech. Stay on 460 west approximately 10 miles. Turn right onto Southgate Drive, which is the main Virginia Tech entrance. Take the first left onto Duckpond Road. Proceed through one stop sign, and then turn right into a parking lot area. Litton Reaves will be up the hill on the left.

SENIOR TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS

Team 1

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Team 2

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Team 3

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Team 4

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Individuals

1. _____

2. _____

Total Number of Senior Participants: _____

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Total Number of Jr. & Sr. Participants _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____
(if postmarked by January 29, 2016)

Total Number of Jr. & Sr. Participants _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____
(if postmarked after January 29, 2016)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks Payable To: **VT Block & Bridle – Hippology**

**Mail to: Hunter Liles c/o Beth Sheely
3270 Litton Reaves (0306)
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA 24060**

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