

Judging

Conference 2020

 **NACTA**

**Equine Judging Contest Official Rules**

Saturday, April 4th

9:00 a.m. - FHSU Farm

**Contest Director:**

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**Contest Rules**

1. This contest will consist of placing classes with some classes requiring presentation of

 oral reasons.

2. Each school may enter multiple team consisting of four (4) members, with the top three (3)

 scores counting towards team score. However, only one team will be designated as the team

 competing for team awards. A competing individual may compete in this contest up to

 two (2) times as an official contestant in a national NACTA Horse Judging contest. A

 contestant that placed in the top three (3) in the contest in the previous year is still eligible

 to compete in the same contest for another year of competition.

3. Individuals, in addition to being on a team, may also participate for individual awards.

4. Neatness of dress is greatly encouraged. Contestants may not wear any pins, badges, or

 article of clothing that identifies them personally or their school/team. Contestants may not

 wear hats while judging classes, but they may be worn while giving oral reasons.

5. Possible classes to be judged may include but are not limited to:

 Halter Classes

 -Stock type: Quarter Horse, Paint, Appaloosa; Yearlings, 2 Yr Olds, 3Yr Olds, Aged

 -Draft

 Performance Classes

 -Western Pleasure

 -Western Horsemanship

 -Reining

 -Trail

 -Western Riding

 -Ranch Riding

6. This contest will consist of 2-4 halter classes and 4-6 performance classes, depending on the

 availability of horses. Reasons will be given on 3-5 classes. Contestants are encouraged to

 take notes on all classes. Reasons classes will be announced at the end of judging. However,

 notes are encouraged to not be used while presenting oral reasons to the reasons taker.

7. All halter and performance classes will consist of four horses. Back numbers corresponding

 to the horse numbers will be worn by all handlers and riders.

8. All riders/handlers tack and attire is to be considered legal.

9. Only contestants and those individuals assigned to assist with the contest are permitted in the

 arena during judging. Judging is done on an individual basis. Any conferring between

 contestants or between anyone other than the group leader is grounds for dismissal from the

 contest. This policy stands in effect from the time the contest officially starts until the final

 contestant has given his/her oral reasons to the official reasons taker.

10. Contestants are responsible for the proper marking of all class placing cards. Cards handed

 in without a class placing will receive a zero score on that card. Cards marked with multiple

 results or cards not clearly marked will be given the lower score.

11. Contestants and official judges will not be allowed to handle the horses.

12. Official placings and cuts will be presented after the completion of oral reasons.

13. The decision of the judges will be final.