

## 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

# NEPA HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

- ❖ May 3, 2008; registration begins at 8:30 AM and the contest will start at 9:00 AM.
- ❖ This contest will be held **RAIN or SHINE** as a covered facility is available.
- ❖ Entry fees are \$35.00 per youth team, \$45.00 per college team or \$10.00 per individual. Late entries will be accepted at \$55.00 per youth team, \$65.00 per college team or \$15.00 per individual. Entry fees are non-refundable. Make all checks payable to ***The Wyoming County 4-H Horse Judging Team.***
- ❖ Teams and/or individuals are asked to pre-register and pay entry fees by **FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008** (POSTMARKED). Enter as many teams and/or individuals as are desired.
- ❖ Teams may be entered by completing the attached Official Entry Form and mailing it to: **The Wyoming County 4-H Horse Judging Team, c/o Stacey L. Doty, 138 Anderson Road, Tunkhannock, PA, 18657**
- ❖ **No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products permitted.**

## Horse Judging Contest Rules:

### DIVISIONS:

**Collegiate:** Collegiate Judging Contest entries are accepted for any college or university. Participants must be full time undergraduate students in good standing as determined by their school requirements. Collegiate teams must consist of four or five members with the four highest scores making the composite score for the team. Collegiate contestants will present 4 sets of oral reasons which may be halter and/or performance.

**Youth Division:** Youth teams from 4-H, FFA and/or Breed Association teams are encouraged to enter. Teams must consist of three or four members with the three highest scores making the composite score for the team.

**Sr. Youth:** Contestant must have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday and not have passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1 of the current year. Senior Youth contestants will give 3 sets of oral reasons which may be on halter and/or performance classes.

**Jr. Youth:** Contestants must have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday and not have passed their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1 of the current year. Junior Youth contestants will give 2 sets of oral reasons which may be on halter and/or performance classes.

**Sr. Beginner:** Contestant must have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday and not have passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1 of the current year. Contestants will not be required to give oral reasons; however will be required to answer 5 questions on up to 4 different classes from an official on a halter and/or performance class.

**Jr. Beginner:** Contestants must have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday and not have passed their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 1 of the current year. Contestants will not be required to give oral reasons; however will be required to answer 5 questions on up to 2 different classes from an official on a halter and/or performance class.

*\* Individuals are welcomed and encouraged to compete in any division if there are not enough contestants to make up a full team.*

## **CONTEST:**

1. Four to six halter classes will be judged. The following breeds may be represented in halter classes: Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred (Hunters), Appaloosa, Arabian, Paint and Pinto. All halter classes will be judged as sound of limb, eye, wind and mouth.
2. Four to six performance classes will be judged. The performance classes will be chosen from Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunter Hack, Western Riding, Reining, Pleasure Driving, Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation and Trail. Performance horses will be judged as seen (Unsoundness to be penalized accordingly). All tack and attire is considered legal.
3. Absolutely **NO CELL PHONES, PAGERS or any other communication devices** are allowed to be carried by a contestant during the contest, even if they are turned off. **In the event a contestant is found with any of the above mentioned they will be dismissed from the contest.**

4. While the contest is in progress, there shall be **no communication or conferring between the contestants** or anyone else except as designated by the contest coordinator or their representative. **Contestants found in neglect of this rule will be dismissed from the contest.**
5. While the contest is in progress, **no coach, participant or spectator may approach or talk with contestants, official judges or announcer**, except in the event of an emergency. Questions from coaches or spectators related to the contest operation, rules, etc. should be directed to the contest coordinator(s). Contestants should direct questions to their respective group leaders.
6. Contestants should wear appropriate attire and foot ware. Shorts, sandals, open toed shoes, etc are not appropriate attire. Contestants shall not wear any attire that will in any way reveal their identity. Hats are prohibited.
7. Contestants will be divided into four (4) groups for judging the classes, with one (1) contestant from a team per group. All contestants will remain with assigned group throughout the contest.
8. The animals will be designated 1-2-3-4 worn by the handler/rider.
9. Horses will not be handled by the contestants, but time will be provided in halter classes for close inspection and to observe the horses at a walk and trot.
10. 17 minutes will be given contestants during classes to make their observations, take notes and fill out their placing cards.
11. Two minutes will be permitted for oral reasons on each class. Contestants may use notes when judging, but are not permitted to use notes while giving oral reasons. The contestant's placing card will be made available to them upon entering the reasons room if they request it.
12. OFFICIAL placings will be given following the conclusion of oral reasons.
13. Fifty (50) points shall constitute a perfect mark on placing and fifty (50) points a perfect mark on reasons.
14. In the event of a tie the following will apply:
  - a. If tied for a division award in halter or performance, the contestant or team having the highest reasons score in that division will be listed first. If tied for a division award in reasons, the contestant or team having the highest overall placing will be listed first.

- b. If tied for individual or team overall award, the contestant or team having the highest overall reasons score shall be listed first.

## **AWARDS:**

In each division will be as follows:

### ***Individual:***

**Overall:** Top 5 scores will be awarded. Top score will be honored with trophy.

**Halter:** Top 5 scores will be awarded. Top score will be honored with trophy.

**Performance:** Top 5 scores will be awarded. Top score will be honored with trophy.

**Reasons:** Top 5 scores will be awarded. Top score will be honored with \$50 gift certificate.

**Beginner Questions:** Top 5 scores will be awarded. Top score will be honored with trophy.

### ***Team:***

**Overall:** Top 5 scores will be awarded. Top score will be honored with trophy.

**Halter:** Top 5 scores will be awarded. Top score will be honored with trophy.

**Performance:** Top 5 scores will be awarded. Top score will be honored with trophy.

**Reasons:** Top 5 scores will be awarded. Top score will be honored with trophy.

**Beginner Questions:** Top 5 scores will be awarded. Top score will be honored with trophy.