Changes in State Horse Contests in 2014

NOTE: The following entry rules pertain only to the Nebraska 4-H District and State Horse shows. County or local 4-H shows may or may not follow these class entry rules at their discretion.

- The changes in age requirements will go into effect January 1, 2014
- All District and State Horse Show participants must be 10 years of age and be under 19 years of age by January 1st of the current calendar year.
  - A junior is 10 years of age and no older than 14 years of age as of January 1 of the competition year.
  - A senior is 15 years of age by January 1 of the competition year and have not reached the age of 19 years on or before January 1 of the calendar year of competition.
- All advancement level requirements will remain the same for District and State contests.
- The age requirements for “State Horse Contests” such as Horse Bowl, Hippology, Horse Judging, Demonstrations, Public Speaking, and Art will follow the same age groups.
  - Senior team events are designed for youth 14 years and older.
  - Ten to 13-year-olds may compete at the state contest, but will be ineligible for selection as a Nebraska representative to the corresponding national event.
- The entry fees will increase from $5 to $10 per class or contest.
- Ranch Horse Pleasure will be added to the list of state classes
  - Exhibitors must have passed their Level III requirements to be eligible to enter the class.
  - An individual and/or horse may enter in only one Pleasure class such as; Ranch Horse Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Advanced Western Pleasure, or Advanced Hunter Under Saddle.
- A 14-Day Health Certificate and proof of a negative Coggins test will be required for the Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show in Grand Island, NE.

Thank you,
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