

Entries are due to Lena Cottle, University of Nebraska, C204 Animal Science Building, Lincoln, NE, 68583-0908.

Demonstration Contests:

A. Individual

B. Team Competition (2 contestants on a team)

Contestants and Eligibility:

1. See [General Contest Rules](#) to determine the number of teams that are eligible from each county and EPU. A team consists of two members.
2. Contestants must be enrolled in their county 4-H horse project.
3. Junior contestants must be 10 years of age and under 14 years of age on January 1 of the current year. Senior contestants must be 14 years of age and under 19 years of age on January 1 of the current year.
4. Contestants must not have participated in official post secondary (university, college, junior college, or technical school) competitive events of a similar nature in the same subject matter area. Neither can the contestant be a member of a post secondary team undergoing training in preparation for an event.
5. State Senior winners will be highly encouraged to represent Nebraska at the National 4-H Horse Classic Contest, January in Denver, Colorado. Other contest options may be available if participation in this contest is not possible (contact State 4-H office). Please see National Contest Eligibility and General Rules for more information.
6. Contestants will be notified of their demonstration times one to two weeks prior to the contest. Demonstrators will be contacted directly by the contest superintendent.
7. Contestants are to follow 4-H attire guidelines as outlined in the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide 4H-373, page 18-20. Exceptions: No hats or headgear permitted.
8. Many demonstrators in the Demonstration Contest have given demonstrations in other contests. This is fine; however previous demonstrations may not be used verbatim for the 4-H Horse contest. It is okay to use the same ideas from a demonstration previously delivered in competition, but it must be 4-H Horse related. Enough changes should be made to make the demonstration new to the demonstrator and the audience. 4-H demonstrators may not use an old demonstration written by a sibling, other 4-H member, or anyone else.

The Contest:

1. Contestants will conduct a demonstration or illustrated presentation on a subject pertaining to the horse industry or be horse related and be original and factual and related to 4-H Strategic Plan Outcomes - - 4-H Science, Agricultural Literacy, Career Development/College Readiness, Citizenship and Leadership, and Healthy Living. **Live animals may not be used!!!**

2. Contestants may use notes. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestants. This will be at the discretion of the judge(s).
3. A public address system will **not** be used during the contest.
4. At the event, contestants may introduce themselves with name, name of county, brief background and topic.
5. Ten to fifteen minutes will be allowed for each demonstration with points subtracted for too little or excessive time. **One** point will be deducted from each judge's score card for each minute under ten minutes or over fifteen minutes.
6. Contest will provide one easel and one table. Other equipment needs must be arranged by the contestants and all audio visual aids used in the demonstration must be done solely by the contestants.
7. Contestants should cite their major references after the conclusion of their demonstration. This will not be counted in the allotted time.
8. Two or more judges will be used. Only the judges may ask questions of the contestants in the contest. Question time will not be counted in the allotted time. Contestants should repeat questions: then answer the question.

GOOD LUCK!