

ALL YOUTH DAY TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE JUDGING CONTEST ENTRY FORM
CONTEST DATE: AUGUST 27, 2011

Advance Registration Required

All Entries Close August 12, 2011

Junior Team

A group of 3 or 4 (14th birthday after January 1, 2011) who enter as a team sponsored by an organization. No oral reasons required.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Junior Individual

For any junior (14th birthday after January 1, 2011) not belonging to a team.

1. _____
2. _____

Senior Team

A group of 3 or 4 (14th birthday prior to January 1, 2011) who enter as a team sponsored by an organization. **Seniors may enter 1 of 2 categories. Category 1 will give 2 sets of oral reasons.** All scholarship awards will be in this category. **Category 2 will be for judging only - NO REASONS REQUIRED.**

Trophy plaques and ribbons will be awarded but no scholarships given in Category 2.

Please designate which category team will enter:
Category 1 - Reasons OR Category 2 - NO REASONS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Senior Individual

Same age requirements and Category Requirements as those entering a Senior Team.

Category 1 - Reasons OR Category 2 - NO REASONS

1. _____
2. _____

Direct entries and inquiries to:

*MTSU Horse Science Center
Dr. Dave Whitaker
314 W. Thompson Lane
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
(615) 898-2832*

County: _____

Name of Sponsor: _____

Team Coach: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

CELEBRATION YOUTH HORSE JUDGING CONTEST 2011 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Eligibility – There will be two sections of the contest – team competition and individual competition. Within the two sections, there will be a Junior Division (10-14 must have had their 14th birthday after January 1) and Senior Division (14-19 must have had their 14th birthday prior to January 1 or their 19th birthday after January 1). Seniors who have completed one year of college are not eligible regardless of age.

- A. Team Competition – A team will be made up of three or four members. If four members are designated, the three high scores shall constitute the team score. All members of the team must be Senior or Junior members. (Example: A team would be ineligible if two 15-year olds and one 12-year old were entered as a team).

Additionally, all teams must be 4-H or FFA or Association sponsored and all team members must be from the same state or regional Walking Horse Association or enrolled as current 4-H or FFA members to be eligible. Teams with individuals not all from the same state can enter each team member as an individual but will not be eligible for a team award.

Junior team members who have won the team competition can no longer compete as a junior team, but each can compete as an individual. Junior individuals who have been high individuals overall in the Junior Division are not eligible to compete as individuals but can compete on a team.

Once a senior competitor has won \$750 in scholarship awards in Youth Day Competitions that individual is no longer eligible to compete regardless of age in team or individual competition. Senior teams that won first place are not eligible to compete as a team nor may individuals from that team compete again.

2. While the contest is in progress, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else, except as directed by officials. Failure to abide by this regulation may result in disqualification of the contestant.
3. Classes – Five to eight classes will be judged. Each class will have four horses. The showmen in each class will wear an appropriate number for identification purposes. Halter or conformation classes may be taken from yearling fillies or stallions, model mares, model geldings, or model stallions. Performance classes will be taken from the following under-saddle classes: two or three-year olds, aged mares, aged studs and geldings, plantation pleasure or western pleasure.
4. Oral Reasons – Contestants in the Senior Division shall be required to give oral reasons on one in-hand class and one performance class. The contestants shall be notified at the time of placing whether or not reasons will be required on the class then being judged. Reasons shall be given orally before the judge(s) and for this purpose a private area will be provided. Two minutes will be permitted for oral reasons on each class. Contestants will not be permitted the use of notes while giving oral reasons.

5. Time – Contestants will be allowed 15 minutes to place all non-reasons classes. Those classes in which oral reasons are to be given will be judged in a period of 17 minutes.
6. Card Placing – Each contestant will be given a packet of cards before the contest begins. The contestant will hand to his/her group leader one of the cards bearing his/her placing or tie as soon as time is up for each class.
7. Officials – Each class will be placed or tied by a panel of three official judges. This panel will be made up of breeders, trainers, and others who have knowledge and experience in evaluation and selection of Walking Horses.
8. Group Leaders – A person shall be placed in charge of a group of contestants and will act as supervisor of the classes to observe the contestants to see that the horses are properly shown and moved and to answer any questions which do not pertain to the actual placing or instruction regarding the animal under consideration. Placing cards will be turned into the group leader at the end of each class.
9. Official Reasons – After all contestants have turned in a card to their group leader, an official panel will discuss and answer questions on their placing of the class. (Exception: On classes designated as reasons classes, officials will not discuss during the contest).
10. Scores – Points will be based on the contestant's degree of agreement with the placing given by official judges (Hormel computing system will be used). A perfect placing score on a class receives 50 points. Oral reasons (for Seniors) are scored on a 50 point basis also.
11. The contest committee will attempt to select only horses that are serviceably sound. At the beginning of each class, if the official judges determine that a horse is not sound, that horse will be identified to the contestants and should be placed at the bottom of the class.
12. Two or three-year old performance classes will be judged at the flat walk and running walk. All classes made up of horses over three-years old will flat walk, running walk, and canter. Pleasure classes will flat walk, running walk, canter and back.
13. Participants must be present at the Awards Ceremony, August 27, 2011, to be eligible to receive awards. Those not present will forfeit awards.
14. All scholarships not claimed by winners within five years will automatically return to the Celebration scholarship fund.