

**NORTHERN DISTRICT 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010
KELLY'S FORD EQUESTRIAN CENTER
16589 Edwards Shop Road
Remington, VA 22734**

SCHEDULE

Feb. 6, 2010

- 8:15 - 8:45 a.m. - Registration – Kelly's Ford Equestrian Center**
- 8:45 - 9:00 a.m. - Orientation to contest**
- 9:00 - 12 noon - Judging 4-5 halter classes, 4-5 performance classes**
- 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. – Lunch at reasons location for ALL contestants**
- 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Reasons - Seniors, 2 sets, Juniors, 1 set**
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. - Review of classes, Awards**

ELIGIBILITY:

This contest is open to all 4-H members. There will be two divisions: Juniors (those age 13 and under on Jan. 1, 2010, will give one set of Reasons) and Seniors, (age 14 or older on Jan. 1, 2010 but who have not achieved their 19th birthday by January 1st of current year, to give two sets of Reasons). Contestants may participate as a team (3 or 4 persons) or as individuals.

COSTS:

Cost for both Jr. and Sr. Teams is \$35 (covers cost of 4 lunches). Cost for individuals is \$10

ENTRY DEADLINE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010. No phone entries will be accepted.

RULES:

- 1. Eligibility - There will be two divisions for this contest. Junior Division (one set of Reasons), Senior Division (two sets of Reasons).**
- 2. Teams consist of 3 or 4 contestants. In computing the team score, only the three highest scores will be used. The scores of the individual with the lowest overall score on all 4 member teams will be dropped from the team score in all categories. However scores of all team members will be considered for individual awards.**
- 3. While the contest is in progress, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else, except as directed by contest officials. Failure to abide by this regulation may result in disqualification of the contestant.**
- 4. Classes - eight to ten 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 (but are not limited to) the following: *Quarter Horses, Thoroughbreds, Morgans, Arabians, Hunters, Stock horses, Sport Horses, Pony Hunters, Connemaras, Fresians, Draft Horses.* All in hand horses will be judged as sound. Performance classes may include (but are not limited to) the following: *Hunters under saddle, English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Hunter Hack, Hunter Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Pleasure Driving.* 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. All tack and attire shall be considered legal.**

5. Oral Reasons - Contestants in the Senior Division shall be required to give oral reasons on two classes. Juniors will give one set of reasons, class to be announced. 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. Contestants must provide their own pencils and note pads. Contestants will not be allowed to take any written materials, handbooks, etc. into the judging arena or use any aids other than notes they themselves took during the actual classes while preparing their oral reasons.

6. 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.

7. 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 (two for reason classes) bearing his/her placing as soon as time is called for each class.

8. Scores - Points will be based on the contestant's degree of agreement with the placing given by the official judges (Hormel computing system will be used). A perfect placing score on a class receives 50 points. Oral reasons are scored on a 50 point basis also.

8. *Individual Awards:* Top 10 ribbons will be given to the Junior and Senior individuals accumulating the highest point totals for: Halter Classes (excluding reason scores), Performance Classes (excluding reason scores), Reasons (except Juniors – see 11), and Overall.

9. *Team Awards:* The scores of the three individuals on each team with the highest overall scores will be used in determining Overall Team Award. The score of the individual with the lowest total of all 4 member teams will be dropped from each category, to determine individual and team awards for the separate categories. Each member of the top six teams, Junior and Senior, with highest Halter totals, Performance totals, Reasons totals, and Overall totals will receive ribbons.

10. Ties: Ties will be broken in Halter or Performance or Reason categories on the Overall score (both for individual and team ties). Overall individual and team score ties will be broken on Reasons total for Seniors, Halter total for Juniors.

11. *Junior Reasons:* ALL Juniors will be asked to give one set of reasons. This is designed to be an educational experience for them. The reasons taker will give them immediate feedback and all Juniors will be awarded a Danish ribbon for their efforts. Their scores will not be counted toward their individual or team overall scores.

DIRECTIONS TO KELLY'S FORD INN EQUESTRIAN CENTER:

From Charlottesville/Culpeper – Take Rt. 29 North to Route 674 (Kelly's Ford Road). Turn right and go 5 miles to Route 620 (Edwards Shop Road), then ½ mile to the Inn on the left.

From Warrenton – Route 29 South, turn left on Rt. 674 (3 exits from Warrenton) to Elkwood, VA. There is a post office and a small fruit stand on the left. Travel on Rt. 674 approximately five miles to Rt. 620 (Edwards Shop Road). Go ½ mile to the Inn on the left.

For more information, call Bertha Durbin at (434) 973-8755 or e-mail, berthadurbin@earthlink.net

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FEB. 6, 2010
ENTRY DEADLINE – FEB. 2, 2010**

Please use a separate entry form for each team.

Team type: (Circle one) **Junior:** (\$35 per team, \$10 for each individual)

Senior: (\$35 per team, \$10 for each individual)

County _____

Coach's Name _____

**Please indicate if any of
your contestants have any
special dietary needs.
Vegetarian lunches will be
provided upon request.**

Address _____

e-mail: _____

Team Members:

Make checks payable to: Northern District 4-H Horse Council

Send entries to: Bertha Durbin, 4522 Catterton Rd., Free Union, VA 22940

Entries must be submitted by Feb. 2, 2010

No entry by phone.

I hereby affirm that my team shall participate in the Northern District 4-H Horse Judging Contest at the Kelly's Ford Equestrian Center. In consideration of said participation I (we) do hereby for myself and for my team release any claims for damages I (we) may have against Kelly's Ford Equestrian Center, Virginia Tech and the Northern District Horse Council, its officers, members and employees for any claims and all injuries offered by me or my team or associates.

(Coach's Signature)

If you can help with this contest (group leaders, tabulations, reason room monitors, etc.), please sign below.