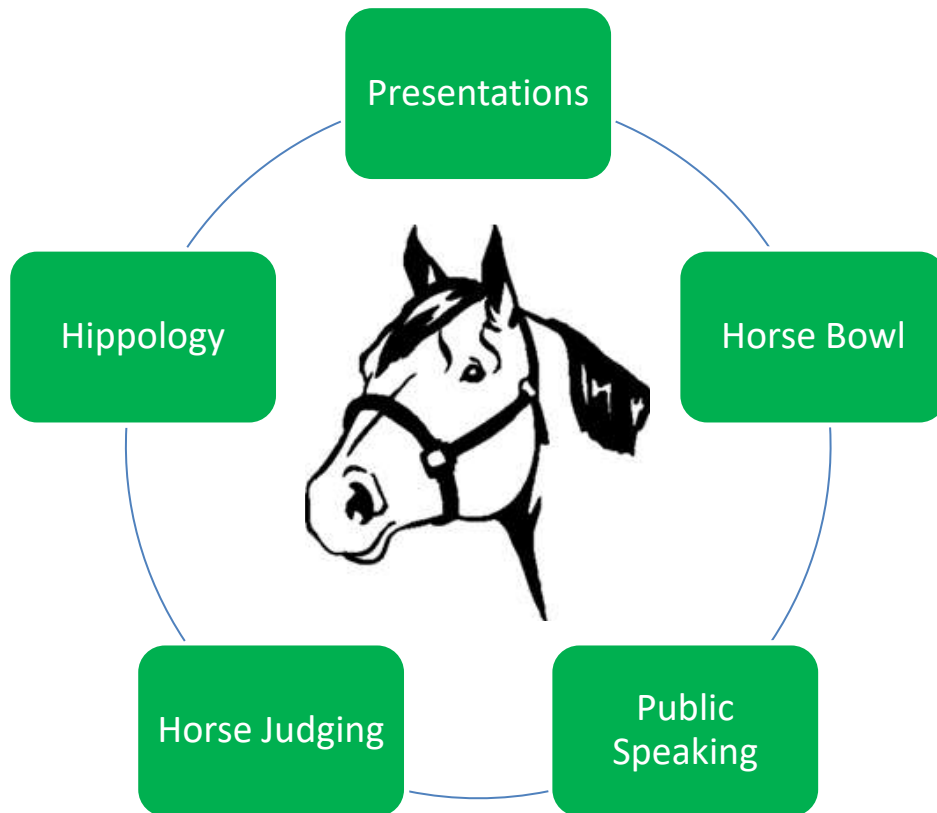




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**2024**

# Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests



**July 8 & 9, 2024**  
**Rigby Idaho**

# When I Compete

- **I have a performance goal...never a “to only beat someone else” goal.**
- **I respect and learn from other competitors who are more skilled than myself.**
- **I don’t criticize other competitors, officials, or judges.**
- **I will do my best today.**
- **I have fun.**
- **I stay home if I can’t follow the above rules.**

Adapted from a presentation by Doug Householder, PhD.  
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## Schedule of Events

### **Friday, June 21**

**Deadline to complete online registration through Marketplace and for contest registrations to be submitted to the Jefferson County Extension Office.**

(Judging, Hippology, Horse Bowl, and Oral Presentations)

### **Monday, July 8**

***Rigby Rodeo Grounds- Veteran Memorial Dr. Rigby Idaho.***

- 7:30 a.m. Check-in for all Horse Judging and Hippology contestants (Judging phase)
- 8:15 a.m. Contestant Orientation (mandatory)
- 8:30 a.m. Judging of Halter and Performance Classes  
Horse Judging Oral Reasons (all age divisions)  
Lunch (will be provided for contestants and officials only)  
Official Placings by contest judge– given after oral reasons are completed.
- 2:00 p.m. Awards Presentation/Pictures for Horse Judging  
(est. time, **proper attire required** – see Dress Code on page 5)

***Jefferson County Fair Grounds- 305 Veteran Memorial Dr. Rigby Idaho.***

- 3:30 p.m. Check-in for all Hippology contestants (Examination, Station, and Team Problem phases)
- 4:00 p.m. Hippology Examination, Stations and Team phases begins.

### **Tuesday, July 9**

***Rigby High School Ag Building- 3833 E Rigby High Lane, Rigby Idaho.***

- 7:30 a.m. Check-in for all Oral Presentation contestants
- 8:00 a.m. Oral Presentation Contests begin.
- 9:00 a.m. Check in for all Horse Bowl contestants and coaches.
- 9:30 a.m. Horse Bowl Contest begins.

***Jefferson County Fair Grounds- 305 Veteran Memorial Dr. Rigby Idaho.***

- 1:00 p.m. Awards Presentation/ Pictures for Oral Presentations, Hippology and Horse Bowl will be held at **Jefferson County Fair Grounds.**  
(est. time, **proper attire required** – see Dress Code on page 5)

***All times are approximate. Times will be followed as closely as possible.***

# Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests

## General Information

The Idaho Youth Horse Contests are state level events held annually for eligible 4-H members. Contests will be held July 8 and 9 in Rigby Idaho. This is the 53<sup>rd</sup> State Horse Judging Contest, 41<sup>st</sup> State Horse Bowl Contest, 38<sup>th</sup> State Horse Demonstration and Public Speaking Contest and 16<sup>th</sup> State Hippology Contest.

### Contest Rules

Procedures and rules governing each of the Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests are on the State 4-H website at <http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/contests> . Contestants are responsible for reading and adhering to the rules for each contest they will be participating in.

### Entries

The Extension District Director designee will authorize individuals and teams from their District, then submit one official entry form listing all qualified teams and individuals to the State Contest Committee **postmarked on or before June 21, 2024 – late entries will not be accepted.**—Each district shall determine the process by which they select their contestants. The number of District entries allotted is set forth in each specific contest section.

All participants must be current Idaho 4-H program members. Teams may consist of members from the same club, county, or multiple counties within that district at the discretion of their district coordinator.

Substitution of participants registered (whether competing as individuals or on teams) is not permitted after the entry deadline. District designees are responsible for verifying each contestant’s age and entering them in the appropriate contest area and age division. Contestants may only compete once within each contest area (Horse Judging, Horse Bowl, Oral Presentations & Hippology.) during this year’s state contests.

### Entry fees

All entry fees will be paid online using 4-H Marketplace at this link:

District entry forms need to be mailed to: **Jefferson County Extension- 210 Courthouse way Suite 180 Rigby Idaho 83442.** The fee for each contestant (as an individual or team member) is:

Horse Judging	\$20/contestant <i>(lunch will be provided for contestants)</i>
Horse Bowl	\$15/contestant
Oral Presentations	\$15/contestant
Hippology	\$15/contestant

### Age Division Determination

The contestant’s age as of January 1, 2023, shall determine which division they participate in (see below). Team members may be of mixed ages; however, they will compete in the division that corresponds to the age of their oldest contestant.

#### Individual Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks

Junior Division	8 – 10 years old
Intermediate Division	11 – 13 years old
Senior Division	14 – 18 years old

#### All Other Contests

*(including: Hippology, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Public Speaking and Team Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks)*

Junior Division	8 – 13 years old
Senior Division	14 – 18 years old

## **Insurance**

Counties are responsible for verifying that participants from their county have 4-H accident insurance coverage before attending these Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests.

## **Housing and Facilities**

Participants are responsible for their own lodging arrangements plus transportation to and from the various contest venues.

## **Grievances**

Any protest must be in writing and submitted (along with a \$25 fee) at least one hour prior to the scheduled awards presentation. A three-member Grievance Committee will review any protests. If the protest is not sustained, the fee shall be forfeited. **Decisions of the Grievance Committee are FINAL.**

## **Dress Code**

Participants are to wear appropriate English or Western attire throughout all contests and at awards presentations. Accepted English attire includes breeches/jodhpurs, tall or short hard-soled boots, shirt with collar, and jacket; derby hat or helmet is optional. Accepted Western attire includes long pants and belt, Western hard-soled boots, and long-sleeved shirt with collar, which must be tucked into pants; Western hat or helmet is optional (*Note: Oral Presentation contestants may choose appropriate dress for their subject*). Direct any questions regarding attire to the Contest Committee, prior to contest start. Violations of attire rules will result in disqualification.

## **Requests for Accommodations**

Any participants with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodations **must** complete and submit the form found at [reasonable-accommodation-for-4-h-parent-complete.pdf \(uidaho.edu\)](#) to assist in evaluating the reasonable accommodation request no later than June 16, 2023. Accommodation applications cannot be approved without supporting documentation. Submit the request form found in the link above along with supporting documentation to Center for Disability Access and Resources 875 Perimeter Drive Moscow, ID 83844-4257 [cdar@uidaho.edu](mailto:cdar@uidaho.edu) Phone 208-885-6307, Fax 208-885-9404.

## **Code of Conduct**

All contestants, coaches, parents, and spectators must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times (in accordance with the *Idaho 4-H Code of Conduct*). Disrespectful behavior toward contest officials, other contestants, coaches, or the public is not acceptable. Violations may result in immediate disqualification of any individuals and/or teams.

## **Telephones / Communication Devices**

Cell phones or other technologies that would enable individuals to communicate with others during the Hippology, Horse Bowl and/or Horse Judging contests are prohibited. Contestants found in possession of such devices may be disqualified from that specific contest.

## **Health/Safety for 2024**

Contests will be conducted in accordance with the local Health District and University of Idaho COVID regulations and protocols related to event/group size, face coverings and physical distancing. Contest management reserves the right to make modifications as needed to facilitate conducting any of these educational events, including limiting the physical presence of individuals other than the actual contestants and contest officials from contest facilities/venues based on current circumstances on the dates of these events. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

# Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests

## Judging Contest

*Horse judging enables youth to enhance their knowledge of equine conformation and performance considerations by evaluating/ranking classes consisting of four horses each. Youth also build effective communication skills by sharing their observations with others through oral reasons. This contest determines eligibility for advancement to subsequent national events.*

### **Eligibility**

Each of the four 4-H Extension Districts may enter ten (10) teams *{preferably five (5) Junior teams and five (5) Senior teams}* consisting of three to four (3-4) members per team. As their three highest scores determine the team score, the use of four member teams is strongly encouraged, but not required. Each team must start with at least three contestants. If a team falls below three members at any point before their competition is completed, they shall be deemed ineligible for team placings/awards; each contestant fully completing the contest shall be eligible for individual awards.

### **Contest Overview**

The Idaho 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at Rigby Rodeo Arena in Rigby Idaho. Check-in will be from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. An orientation session for contestants and coaches will be from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m., with the judging contest starting promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Contestants will judge six to eight classes of horses (3 to 4 halter classes and 3 to 4 performance classes). After completing the judging classes, each contestant will give two sets of oral reasons. Reason classes will be announced during the orientation session.

An official will determine final placings. Halter classes evaluate conformation and action; performance classes assess horse and rider performance as they appear. After all contestants' reasons are completed, official judge class placings/reasons will be given.

### **Contest Rules**

All contestants must comply with the current Idaho 4-H Horse Judging Procedures and Rules (<http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/contests>). Furthermore, they need to be quick and courteous in responding to group leader directions, stay with their assigned group until dismissed and refrain from conduct that could distract other contestants. Violations may constitute a zero for that class, or dismissal from contest.

### **Awards and Recognition**

Awards will be presented to the

- Top five (5) high-scoring individuals within each age division (Junior, Intermediate and Senior)
- Top three (3) Junior and top three (3) Senior teams, based on overall team scores

### **Qualifying for National Competitions**

The top three (3) Senior division teams, consisting of the same youth, may qualify to represent Idaho 4-H at one national Horse Judging contest (see page 11) in accordance with the following procedures/expectations:

#### Procedures/Expectations

1. Each team must meet the specific contest eligibility regarding member age, club enrollment, etc.
2. Winning teams will select the contest they wish to attend according to their rank in the state contests (first team gets first choice; second team gets second choice, etc.).
3. Selections will be authorized, and entries verified by the State 4-H Office
4. Fundraising must be coordinated with their respective local Extension Office.
5. At least one officially certified, approved adult volunteer must accompany the team. Teams pay all expenses. *{Exception: Eastern National 4-H contest entry fees will be covered by State 4-H Office.}*
6. Transportation arrangements will be made by team members and their parents.

# Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests

## Hippology Contest

*Hippology allows youth to demonstrate their breadth of knowledge and understanding of equine science and management through a series of practical application experiences. This contest determines eligibility for advancement to subsequent national events.*

### **Eligibility**

Each of the four 4-H Extension Districts may enter ten (10) teams *{preferably five (5) Junior teams and five (5) Senior teams}* consisting of three to four (3-4) members per team. If only a three-member team, scores of zero (0) will be used for the 4<sup>th</sup> individual position; no scores will be dropped. Each team must start with at least three contestants. If a team falls below three members at any point before their competition is completed, they shall be deemed ineligible for team placings/awards; each contestant fully completing the contest shall be eligible for individual awards.

### **Contest Overview**

The Idaho 4-H Hippology Contest will be on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Check-in for the Judging phase will be from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. at the Rigby Rodeo Arena, Rigby Idaho. Hippology contestants will judge two halter and two performance classes following the Horse Judging Contest rules *(if also registered for the Horse Judging Contest – they will judge all classes and give oral reasons)*.

That afternoon at 3:30 p.m., Hippology contestants will reassemble at Jefferson County Fair Grounds for orientation in completing the Examination, Station and Team Problem phases of the contest. All remaining Hippology phases will start at 4:00 p.m. and continue until completed.

### **Contest Rules**

All contestants must comply with the current Idaho 4-H Hippology Procedures and Rules (<http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/contests>).

### **Awards and Recognition**

Awards will be presented to the

- Top Junior team member and top Senior team member in each phase: Examination, Station, and Judging
- Top five (5) Junior team members and top five (5) Senior team members, based on their total combined score for the Examination, Station and Judging phases.
- Top three (3) Junior and top three (3) Senior teams, based on final team scores.

### **Qualifying for National Competitions**

The top three (3) Senior division teams, consisting of the same youth, may qualify to represent Idaho 4-H at one national Hippology contest (see page 11) in accordance with the following procedures/expectations:

#### **Procedures/Expectations**

1. Each team must meet the specific contest eligibility regarding member age, club enrollment, etc.
2. Winning teams will select the contest they wish to attend according to their rank in the state contests (first team gets first choice; second team gets second choice, etc.).
3. Selections will be authorized, and entries verified by the State 4-H Office
4. Fundraising must be coordinated with their respective local Extension Office.
5. At least one officially certified, approved adult volunteer must accompany the team. Teams pay all expenses. *{Exception: Eastern National 4-H contest entry fees will be covered by State 4-H Office.}*
6. Transportation arrangements will be made by team members and their parents.

Team ID# \_\_\_\_\_

## State 4-H Hippology Team Problem Score Sheet

	Team Member Number*				Max Points	Score
	1	2	3	4		
<b>GENERAL APPEARANCE:</b> Appropriate dress, visible distractions					4	
<b>DELIVERY:</b> Eye contact, gestures, enthusiasm					8	
Articulation, volume, inflection pronunciation and enunciation					8	
<b>LANGUAGE EFFECTIVENESS:</b> Skill in using meaningful & appropriate words					4	
<b>ORGANIZATION OF CONTENTS:</b> 1. Introductory statement of key points					10	
2. Sequence of key points					10	
3. Body - development of key points					10	
4. Summary of key points					10	
<b>OVERALL QUALITY:</b> Appropriate topic coverage, originality					16	
<b>OVERALL TEAM PARTICIPATION</b>					20	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>					100	

Judge's comments and statements supporting score:

\*Team member numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 used for marking each individual's contribution in presentation.  
Team consists of at least 3 members.



# Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests

## Horse Bowl Contest

*Horse Bowl draws on quick memory recall of information. Quick responses, although important in the contest, may not be a true indication of a participant's knowledge of horses.*

### **Eligibility**

Each of the four 4-H Extension Districts may enter three (3) Junior and three (3) Senior teams, consisting of four to five (4-5) members per team. The use of five-member teams is strongly encouraged, but not required. Teams must begin the first and each subsequent match with at least four members participating. If a team falls below three members at any point during a match, that match will be forfeited. Individual and team placings/awards will be based on rankings/scores earned to the point where each team is eliminated from the contest.

### **Contest Procedure**

The Idaho 4-H Horse Bowl Contest will be on Tuesday, July 9 at the Rigby High School Ag Building, Rigby Idaho. Check-in for contestants and coaches will be at 8:40 a.m.; the contest will begin at 9:15 a.m.

A random drawing of registered teams will determine first round matches. Youth entered in both Horse Bowl and Oral Presentations will have their demonstrations/speeches scheduled at the start of the presentations to minimize scheduling overlaps.

The contest will be a double elimination event. When not competing, all teams and coaches will remain in the designated holding room (until eliminated).

### **Contest Rules**

All contestants must comply with the current Idaho 4-H Horse Bowl Procedures and Rules (<http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/contests>).

### **Awards and Recognition**

Awards will be presented to the

- Top five (5) individuals competing on Junior teams and top five (5) individuals competing on Senior teams, based on their three (3) high match scores (must compete in 3 or more matches).
- Top three (3) Junior teams and top three (3) Senior teams

### **Qualifying for National Competitions**

The top three (3) Senior teams, consisting of the same youth, may qualify to represent Idaho 4-H at one national Horse Bowl contest (see page 11) in accordance with the following procedures/expectations:

#### **Procedures/Expectations**

1. Each team must meet the specific contest eligibility regarding member age, club enrollment, etc.
2. Winning teams will select the contest they wish to attend according to their rank in the state contests (first team gets first choice; second team gets second choice, etc.)
3. Selections will be authorized, and entries verified by the State 4-H Office
4. Fund raising must be coordinated with their respective local Extension Office.
5. At least one officially certified, approved adult volunteer must accompany the team. Teams pay all expenses. *{Exception: Eastern National 4-H contest entry fees will be covered by State 4-H Office.}*
6. Transportation arrangements will be made by team members and their parents.

# Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests

## Oral Presentation Contests

*Oral Presentations empower youth to gain confidence in speaking via their preparation and delivery of an educational lesson or message related to some facet of the horse industry - through either an individual presentation, team presentation or speech.*

### **Eligibility**

Each of the four 4-H Extension Districts may enter fifteen (15) individuals *{preferably five (5) Junior, five (5) Intermediate and five (5) Senior}* in demonstrations/ illustrated talks and ten (10) individuals *{preferably five (5) Junior and five (5) Senior}* in public speaking. They may also enter ten (10) teams *{preferably five (5) Junior teams and five (5) Senior teams}* (two members per team) for demonstrations/illustrated talks. Each contestant's name, age, county, category and presentation title must be included on the entry.

Districts are encouraged to send near equal numbers of contestants for each of the eligible age divisions. Any given contestant may participate in only one oral presentation category per year.

### **Contest Overview**

The Idaho 4-H Horse Oral Presentation Contests will be on Tuesday, July 9 at Rigby High School Ag Building, Rigby Idaho. Check-in for contestant check-in will be at 7:30 a.m.; contests will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Youth also entered in Horse Bowl will be slated first in their respective Oral Presentation category to reduce scheduling conflicts. Then a random drawing will determine the remaining contestants' presentation order.

### **Contest Rules**

All contestants must comply with the current Idaho 4-H Horse Oral Presentation Procedures and Rules (<http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/contests>).

### **Awards and Recognition**

Awards will be presented to the

- Top five (5) individual demonstrations/illustrated talks in each age division (Junior, Intermediate and Senior)
- Top three (3) team demonstrations/illustrated talks in each age division (Junior and Senior)
- Top five (5) speeches in each age division (Junior and Senior)

### **Qualifying for National Competitions**

The top three (3) Seniors within Individual Presentations and Public Speaking, plus the top three (3) Senior Team Presentations, consisting of the same youth, may qualify to represent Idaho 4-H at one national contest (see page 11) in accordance with the following procedures/expectations:

#### **Procedures/Expectations**

1. Each participant must meet the specific contest eligibility regarding member age, club enrollment, etc.
2. Winning participants will select the contest they wish to attend according to their rank in the state contests (first gets first choice; second gets second choice, etc.).
3. Selections will be authorized, and entries verified by the State 4-H Office
4. Fund raising must be coordinated with their respective local Extension Office.
5. At least one officially certified, approved adult volunteer must accompany each individual and team entered. Contestants pay all expenses. *{Exception: Eastern National 4-H contest entry fees will be covered by State 4-H Office.}*
6. Transportation arrangements will be made by participating members and their parents.

## 2024-2025 National Contest Opportunities

*All eligible teams/contestants will receive a “National Contest Interest Form” during their awards ceremony, which must be returned to the address shown on that form no later than July 26, 2023 to retain eligibility.*

Contest	Location	Dates	Age	Horse Judging	Horse Bowl	Public Speaking	Individual Demonstration	Team Demonstration	Hippology
Eastern National 4-H Judging	Louisville, KY	November 3-5, 2023	14 to 18 years old, as of 1/1/23	1 team	1 team	1 individual	1 individual	1 team	1 team
American Quarter Horse Congress	Columbus, OH	October 10-11, 2023	14 to 18 years old, as of 1/1/23	1 team	2 teams	2 individuals	2 individuals	2 teams	2 teams
Morgan Grand National Horse Show	Oklahoma City, OK	October 7-14, 2023	8 to 18 years old, as of 1/1/23	1 team					
Arabian Horse Youth Judging Contest	Tulsa, OK	October 26-27, 2023	8 to 18 years old, as of 1/1/23	2 teams					2 teams
AYA & AJPMA Youth World Championship Horse Judging Contest	Fort Worth, TX	June 2024 Exact Dates TBD	Jr-8 to 13 years old Sr-14 to 18 years old Both-as of 1/1/24	Limited to first 100 teams (if AYA/AJPMA member)					

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