



National Arabian Horse Judging Contest Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When is the contest in 2014?

A: The contest will be held Friday, Oct. 24 promptly at 8:00 a.m. However, a mandatory Coaches' meeting will be held in the early evening on Thursday, Oct. 23, with a mandatory Volunteers' meeting prior to it. The Awards Breakfast will be at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, with an awards presentation in Center Ring at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon later that day. All activities are mandatory, unless special arrangements are made with AHA.

Q: Do teams have to qualify to enter?

A: While we do not require qualification to compete, our contest rules stipulate one to two teams per state/club per division (i.e. 1-2 4-H teams from Colorado, or 1-2 Jr. AHA teams from AHA of Southern California). We encourage 4-H and FFA organizations in each state to determine the teams who will represent them by merit, perhaps at a state-level contest. For clarification for this or any other rule, please contact AHA at (303) 696-4505 or youth@arabianhorses.org.

Q: Can I enter an individual?

A: Individuals are welcome to compete, though we do not have an individual entry rate. Please enter your individual(s) as an additional team; when calculating the costs of the breakfast tickets, parking passes, etc., this is less expensive than paying per additional item individual (particularly if you have more than one individual competing). If all of the coaches are amenable to it, we may offer the opportunity to combine individuals from multiple teams in a single division into a combined team to be eligible for team awards. This offer will be extended at the Coaches' meeting on Thursday before the contest.

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Q: One of my team members was High Individual in his/her division last year. Can he/she compete this year?

A: If an individual was High Individual in either the 4-H/FFA or Jr. AHA divisions, he/she is welcome to compete again in the other division; he/she will not be eligible in the same division he/she competed in for the winning year. If an individual was High Individual in the Collegiate/Sr. AHA division, he/she is not eligible for competition in that division again, regardless of school or club affiliation; further, all members of past High Overall teams in the Collegiate/Sr. AHA division are ineligible to compete, regardless of individual placing in the winning year.

Q: What is the list of possible classes?

A: Any class being held at the U.S. National Championship Horse Show is a possible class for the contest. For a current class list, please visit arabianhorses.org/USN. That being said, typical performance classes include Hunter Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Country English Pleasure, Show Hack, etc. Halter classes vary based on availability at the show, though we make every effort to provide purebred and half-Arabian mare and gelding classes.

Q: How many classes will the contestants judge?

A: Our typical contest includes 10 classes, usually broken down into 4 halter and 6 performance classes. However, this is subject to change based on the availability of horses on the day.

Q: How many sets of reasons will be given in each division?

A: As a National contest, all divisions will give 4 sets of reasons with a minimum of 20 minutes to prepare each set. Based on the size of the contest, the 20 minutes of preparation time may be exceeded.

Q: Where will reasons be held?

A: In 2014, reasons will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Warren Place. AHA will provide transportation for contestants and specific volunteers to the reasons location; coaches will need to provide their own transportation, and will be responsible for ensuring the transportation of their team members after reasons are complete.

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Q: Will there be a critique of official placings and reasons?

A: Yes, we will host an official critique following the completion of all reasons at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Warren Place. An exact time and room location will be announced at the Coaches' meeting Thursday evening before the contest.

Q: When will reasons be over?

A: It is impossible for us to give an exact time for reasons to be complete. Based on past years, we can estimate that reasons will be over between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. local time. A more exact estimate, based on actual team registration in each division, will be given at the Coaches' meeting Thursday evening.

Q: Does my team have to attend the awards breakfast and awards presentation on Saturday morning and evening?

A: Yes, each team must attend the breakfast and awards presentation on Saturday. However, if a single member has an extenuating circumstance and must leave early (while the rest of the team is still represented at these events), this can be discussed. Please contact AHA at (303) 696-4505 to make arrangements.

Q: Are spectators allowed to view the contest?

A: Yes, we invite and encourage spectators. However, all spectators will be asked to sit on the opposite side of the arena from the contestants for performance classes, and no spectators will be allowed to walk the floor of the arena during halter. We request that any additional attendees/spectators affiliated with a team purchase and wear an Exhibitor pin. Extra pins may be purchased on the entry form or at the Coaches' meeting. Those guests/spectators who intend to volunteer for the contest will receive an exhibitor pin free of charge. To volunteer, please contact AHA at (303) 696-4505 or youth@arabianhorses.org.

Q: Are guests allowed to attend the awards breakfast?

A: Yes, additional breakfast tickets may be purchased on your entry form or at the Coaches meeting held on October 23rd. A limited number of breakfasts may be available for purchase at the door.

Still have questions? The Youth & Family Programs Coordinator would be happy to answer them. Please call (303) 696-4505 or email youth@arabianhorses.org. Thank you!

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