



# Arabian Horse Novice Hippology Contest Rules

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## General Rules:

1. Any individual is welcome to enter the Novice Hippology Contest for a \$5 entry fee, payable at the contest.
2. An individual may enter one of the following age divisions: 9 & under, 10-13, 14-18, 19 & over, Trainer Challenge
3. Awards will be given to Champion, Reserve Champion, and Top Five in each category besides the Trainer's Challenge where the top individual will be awarded a prize.
4. All ties will be broken using the following sequence: 1) written exam score, 2) station score

## The Contest:

- Examination Phase – this portion of the contest will include a 20 question written exam.
- Station Phase – This phase may consist of a series of stations or tables where at each, all contestants will respond to the requirements of the station. Examples of stations which might be used include:
  - Identification of:
    - Various types of saddles (actual or pictures) and parts of saddles
    - Tack, bits, bridles, horse shoes, and part of shoes
    - Tools and equipment, and assembly of specific parts of various pieces of equipment
    - Grains and forages used in equine rations including various forms and methods of preparation
    - Internal and external parasites based on actual samples, pictures, life cycle chart and/or damage caused
    - Blemishes and unsoundness
    - Ages of equines based on teeth
    - Breeds, colors, markings
  - Use of pulse rate, respiration rate, temperature, dehydration, anemia, etc to assess horse health
  - Measurements, such as, but not limited to, wither height, shoe size, girth, collar size, gullet width, seat length of saddle, etc. may be required.

## Reference Material:

- Horse Industry Handbook – by the American Youth Horse Council - [www.ayhc.com](http://www.ayhc.com)
- Horse Smarts: An Equine Reference & Youth Activity Guide – by the American Youth Horse Council - [www.ayhc.com](http://www.ayhc.com)
- Arabian Horse Association Handbook – [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org)
- United States Equestrian Federation Rulebook – Arabian Horse Division <https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/rulebook>
- Other: Grains, forages, and feed preparations used in this contest will be representatives of feeds utilized in horse rations.

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