

2018 Arabian Nationals Hippology – Prepared Team Problem
“It’s All About Choices” (Finding the Right Match)

You are an Arabian horse lesson instructor and trainer. Several of your new clients need your guidance in selecting a horse that meets their needs. Use your expertise, knowledge and experience to complete this team problem.

Tasks to be completed:

1. Identify your top 3 priorities (in general) when considering horse selection for clients. Present these in order of importance beginning with the most important.
2. Choose the best horse for each client (see below) **and** give your primary reason for your final decision.
3. Identify at least one reason why you did not select each of the remaining horses.

You have 5 minutes to prepare and 3 minutes to present your presentation to the judge. Good luck!

Clients:

Client #1 - Heather is a 10-year old girl who has been part of your lesson program since she was 6. She is looking for her first horse and getting ready to move up into Walk, Trot, Canter classes. She would like to pursue showing at a national level in the Saddle Seat division.

Client #2 - Jenny is a 45-year old married woman and is interested in a pleasure horse that she can enjoy at home, for trail riding and for fun beginner level clinics in Western events. Although her own children are getting older she will have limited time to ride.

Client #3 - Kathy is a 55-year advanced rider who wants to show at the national level in Western Pleasure.

Horses:

COPPER - is a 15-year old chestnut Arabian gelding with a wide blaze and 4 white socks. Copper is very broke, calm, and nothing phases him. Been there done that kind of horse. He has most recently been used as a youth playday horse, but originally was used as a ranch horse.

RIBBONS IN THE WIND - is an 8-year old bay Arabian gelding. This horse is a joy to be around, but can be pushy in the show pen. Very high quality mover with a slow legged jog and lope. Currently being shown at the Open level in Western Pleasure.

SHOW STOPPER - is a 4-year old bay Arabian gelding with a star and right hind white ankle. Good, gentle, super broke gelding. Has been shown in Country and Costume classes. Starting to ride very nice in the double bridle.

MISSY - is a 20-year old gray mare. Great even tempered mare, easy to be around. Has been ridden and shown in hunt seat classes, but not ridden in the past 5 years as she has mainly been used as a brood mare.

BE SPECIAL - is a 10-year old chestnut gelding with a small blaze and 2 white hind socks. Big flashy gelding that has been successfully shown in Country English and Show Hack at the Nationals level. Very level headed gelding suitable for both junior and amateur exhibitors. Only selling as his youth rider will be heading off to college.