



National Arabian Horse Judging Contest

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When is the contest in 2018?

A: The contest will be held Friday, October 26th promptly at 8:00 am. However, a mandatory Coaches' meeting will be held in the early evening on Thursday, October 25. The Awards Breakfast will be at 8:00 am on Saturday, October 27th, with an awards presentation in Center Ring in the afternoon. 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 rules, please contact AHA at 303-696-4505 or youth@arabianhorses.org.

Q: Can I enter an individual?

A: Individuals are welcome to compete at our contest. They will be charged the individual entry fee and will be provided with two breakfast tickets. One for the individual and one for the coach.

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 from the USEF Arabian, Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Division may be considered for this contest. 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 through 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.



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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 2018, reasons will be held at the Hyatt Regency Tulsa. 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.

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 pm and 5:00 pm 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 afternoon?

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. If you are interested in volunteering 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.

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



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