

***HORSE EVALUATION  
CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT***

*RULES AND REGULATIONS*

*TEAM COMPETITION*



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**Horse Evaluation CDE**

# HORSE EVALUATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the FFA Horse Evaluation Career Development Event is to stimulate the study of and interest in equine science selection, management, and production through the Agriscience Education curriculum.

## ELIGIBILITY AND REGULATIONS

- For specific eligibility of participants, refer to the Contests and Awards Booklet.
- Teams will report directly to the district event. The top four winning teams in the North, Central and South districts will compete in the state finals.
- If a cell phone or smart watch is seen or heard in the possession of a competitor, that individual student will be disqualified from competition and receive a score of zero.
- Competitors must enter their **first and last name** as well as their **chapter number and name** on the scorecard or they will receive a score of zero. Judges will not attempt to figure out who the card belongs to.
- Scantrons cards that are incorrectly completed (i.e. chapter numbers are not correctly shaded in, stray marks, etc.) will not be scored thus receiving a score of zero.
- The team will consist of a maximum of four members. The team's total score will be based on the sum of the points earned by the three highest scoring participants on the team.
- All materials needed for this event will be furnished. Bringing a clipboard is encouraged.
- All tack and attire are legal in the selection of classes.

## DISCLAIMER

If contests (CDE, LDE, TDEs) cannot be held in person, a virtual option may be conducted. Contest rules and guidelines are subject to change to meet the needs of a virtual experience.

## DRESS CODE

Participants must wear closed toed shoes/boots (no sandals, crocs or slides) and long pants (jeans with no holes/ khakis/dress pants) or skirts (for religious reasons) that cover the knees if not in official dress. Leggings, jogging pants, yoga, lycra, are not permitted. Shirts should be long enough to be tucked in (no crop tops or midriff showing) and not contain vulgar or suggestive material or language. Contest where oral reasons are given should respect the professionalism of the event, and dress aligning with the profession is preferred. Official FFA Dress is an allowable form of

dress for all events. **Consequences for not being in dress code will result in disqualification, and the participant will not be allowed to compete.**

## **ALTERNATE POLICY**

For district level events, if a chapter brings alternates there will be no more than two alternates allowed per team. Alternates will use a copy of the scan form (not an original) for those events scored via judgingcard.com. If more than four official scan forms are turned in for a chapter in one event, the highest score(s) for that team will be disqualified and deleted until the chapter only has four team members in the scoring system. Alternates must not be in groups with official team members.

For state level events, alternates are not allowed.

## **DISTRICT EVENT**

The district event will consist of:

**Written Exam** 50 questions (2 points each) for a total of 100 points.

**Identification class** with 25 items (participants will identify breeds and/or colors and markings of horses, tack and equipment as well as leg deviations (i.e. toed out, toed in, sickle hocked, etc., items.) Each problem will be worth 3 points each for a total of 75 points. Identification list may be found on page 7.

**Placing Classes** There will be 2 halter classes (selected by Auburn Staff and can be any breed, example: 4 quarter type mares, 4 hunter type geldings,) They will be presented by colored pictures printed. 50 pts each for a total of 100 pts.

**Time** 70 minutes will be given to complete the Written Exam, the Identification Class, and the two placing classes.

## **STATE EVENT**

The state event will consist of the following classes/activities. However, the number and type of classes/activities included in the state event is subject to change dependent upon the availability of animals.

Four classes will be judged consisting of two halter classes and two performance classes.

### **HALTER CLASSES**

Halter classes may be represented by the following breeds: Quarter Horse, Conformation Hunter, Appaloosa, Paint, American Saddle Bred, and Morgan. All halter classes will be judged as sound.

### **PERFORMANCE CLASSES**

Performance classes may include Western Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, Ranch Pleasure, Western Riding, Reining, English Pleasure (Saddle Seat), Hunter Under Saddle (Hunt Seat), Trail and Hunter Hack. Performance classes will be judged as they go in regard to soundness. AQHA rules will be used in regard to head set and head carriage.

**ORAL REASONS**

There will be two sets of oral reasons. One set on a halter class and one set on performance class. Notes are not to be used on oral reasons.

**IDENTIFICATION CLASS**

Participants will identify breeds and/or colors, markings of horses, tack and equipment as well as leg deviations (i.e. toed out, toed in, sickle hocked, etc.) and items related to the horse anatomy. Each problem will be worth two points each, 25 items total. Identification list may be found on page 7.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

A multiple-choice exam will be given. The objective exam is designed to determine team members understanding of the equine industry. The exam will consist of 50 multiple choice questions.

**Time** 1 hour will be given to complete the Written Exam and the Identification Class.

**SCORING**

The possible points for each class/activity in the state event are listed below.

	<b><u>Possible Points</u></b>
<b>HALTER CLASS</b>	
Placing .....	50 per class/100 points
Oral Reasons.....	50 per class
<b>PERFORMANCE CLASS</b>	
Placing.....	50 per class/100 points
Oral Reasons.....	50 per class
WRITTEN EXAMINATION (50 Questions.....	50 (1 point ea.)
IDENTIFICATION CLASS (25 Questions).....	50 (2 points ea.)

The classes and activities in the state event listed above are subject to change.

**INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM TIEBREAKERS DISTRICT**

1. Highest score on identification class.
2. Highest score on written exam.
3. The number of perfect scores (50s) on a team

**INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM TIEBREAKERS STATE**

1. Total of oral reasons
2. Total of placing classes
3. Total score on the written exam
4. The number of perfect scores (50s) on a team

## REFERENCES

This list of references is not intended to be inclusive. Other sources may be utilized, and teachers are encouraged to make use of the very best instructional materials available. The following list contains references that may prove helpful during the event preparation.

- Current Official AQHA Handbook
- American Quarter Horse Association, Amarillo, Texas – Video References  
<http://www.quarterhorseoutfitters.com/>
- 2001 edition of the AQHA Championship Judging Series <http://www.aqha.com/youth/>
- Heird, James C. and The American Quarter Horse Association, *Competitive Horse Judging*. First Edition. The American Quarter Horse Association, 1990.
- Official Judging Guide from each of the various breed associations and audiovisuals.
- Evans, J. Warren, Borton, Anthony, Hintz, Harold F., and Van Vleck, L. Dale, *The HORSE*, second edition. W. H. Freeman and Company, 41 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010 ISBN 0-7167-1811-1
- *Horse Industry Handbook*, published by the American Youth Horse Council. Order by calling
- 1-800-Try-AYHC
- Equine Science Curriculum – a special project from the National Council for Agricultural Education.
- *Interactive Horse Judging [CD-ROM]*, available from Kansas State University, Extension Service.
- Oklahoma State University website/breeds
- University of Kentucky website/agripedia
- \*<http://www.saddleshop.com> – Official reference for terminology for tack/equipment portion of team activity.

## Horse Evaluation Identification List

No.	Item/Color or Marking/Breed Name	No.	Item/Color or Marking/Breed Name	No.	Item/Color or Marking/Breed Name
<b>Color and Markings</b>		<b>Tack and Equipment</b>		<b>Tack and Equipment</b>	
101	Bald Face	131	Australian Stock Saddle	169	Knee Roll
102	Bay	132	Barrel Saddle	170	Lead Ropes
103	Bay Roan	133	Bell Boots	171	Lunge Line
104	Black	134	Bit Guard	172	Lunge Whip
105	Blanket	135	Blevins	173	Martingale
106	Blaze	136	Bosal	174	Mecate
107	Blue Roan	137	Breast Collar	175	Neck Sweat
108	Buckskin	138	Browband	176	Nippers
109	Coronet	139	Bumper Spur	177	Off Billet
110	Cremello	140	Cantle	178	Over Reach Boot
111	Dun	141	Caveson	179	Over Under Whip
112	Few Spot	142	Clinch Cutter	180	Polo Wrap
113	Gray	143	Clincher	181	Pommel
114	Grullo	144	Clover Leaf Spur	182	Rasp
115	Leopard	145	Conway Buckle	183	Reins
116	Overo	146	Cribbing Collar	184	Rope Halter
117	Palomino	147	Curb Bit	185	Roping Saddle
118	Red Dun	148	Curb Chain	186	Saddle Skirt
119	Red Roan	149	Cutting Saddle	187	Seat
120	Sabino	150	Dressage Saddle	188	Short Shank Snaffle
121	Snip	151	Dring Snaffle	189	Side Pull
122	Snowcap	152	Driving Whip	190	Sport Boots
123	Sock	153	Eggbutt Snaffle	191	Stirrup
124	Sorrel	154	Eventing Saddle	192	Stirrup Leather
125	Star	155	Fender	193	Stud Chain
126	Star & Strip	156	Fender Hobble	194	Surcingle
127	Stocking	157	Fly Mask	195	Throat Latch
128	Strip	158	Fly Sheet	196	Tie Down
129	Tobiano	159	Full Cheek Snaffle	197	Tie Strap
130	Tovero	160	Girth	198	Tom Thumb
		161	Grazing Muzzle	199	Twitch
		162	Hackamore	200	Wonder Bit
		163	Halter		
		164	Headstall		
		165	Hoof Knife		
		166	Hoof Pick		
		167	Hoof Tester		
		168	Horn		

<b>No.</b>	<b>Item/Color or Marking/Breed Name</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Item/Color or Marking/Breed Name</b>
<b>Anatomy</b>		<b>Breeds</b>	
201	Barrel	230	American Crème
202	Buck kneed	231	American Paint Horse
203	Bulbs	232	Andalusian
204	Calf kneed	233	Appaloosa
205	Canon Bone	234	Arabian
206	Coffin Bone	235	Bashkir Curly
207	Coronary Band	236	Belgium
208	Cow Hocked	237	Cleveland Bay
209	Crest	238	Clydesdale
210	Croup	239	Fjord
211	Fetlock	240	Friesian
212	Flank	241	Gypsy Vanner
213	Forearm	242	Hafflinger
214	Forelock	243	Miniature Horse
215	Gaskin	244	Morgan Horse
216	Hock	245	Pony of the Americas (P.O.A.)
217	Hoof Bars	246	Paso Fino
218	Hoof Frog	247	Percheron
219	Hoof Sole	248	Quarter Horse
220	Hoof Wall	249	Tennessee Walking Horse
221	Hoof White Line	250	Thoroughbred
222	Navicular Bone		
223	Pigeon toed		
224	Poll		
225	Sesamoid Bone		
226	Sickle Hocked		
227	Splay Footed		
228	Stifle		
229	Withers		