



## All-Youth Horse Judging Trials

Saturday, March 7, 2020  
State Fairgrounds  
Springfield, Illinois



This contest is open to ANY youth.

**Senior Division** - Contestants 14-18 yrs of age on Jan. 1 of current year

**Junior Division** - Contestants 8-13 yrs of age on Jan. 1 of current year

**PeeWee Division** - Contestants 5-7 yrs of age on Jan. 1 of current year

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### Rules and Regulations

#### Contestants and Eligibility:

- Contest is open to **ALL** Youth.
- PeeWee contestants age 5 – 7 years on **January 1 of the current year. **\*\*Please note PeeWee Rules\*\*****
- Junior contestants age 8 – 13 years on **January 1 of the current year.**
- Senior contestants must be at least 14 years of age, but not yet have achieved their 19th birthday on **January 1 of the current year.** Contestants may not have participated in **ANY** post-secondary (college-level) horse judging contest.

**Entry Deadline: February 14, 2020** Entry must be made on the attached form (mail with payment and liability release forms for each contestant to address on entry form). **Additionally an IHF gate pass must be purchased for each contestant and coach at <http://www.illinoishorsefair.com/ticketing>. IHF will not allow any contestant that has not turned in a signed liability release form to compete in the All-Youth Horse Judging contest.**

**Entry Fee: \$10 per contestant for Jr & Sr  
\$5 per contestant for PeeWee**

#### Method of Conduct:

- A team may have three or four members; when four are entered, the three high scores will make up the team totals. Fewer than 3 members shall compete as individuals.
- **All contestants will report to the contest at 7:45 a.m. March 7** where they will receive full instructions regarding the contest. Each contestant will be assigned a number and group and given a scantron sheet. The contest will begin once all preregistered contestants have checked in. ALL contestants are to remain with their assigned group throughout the contest.
- While the contest is in progress, there shall be no conferring among contestants or between contestants and anyone else except as directed by the contest superintendents or group leaders (i.e. no talking during contest.) Judging Sheet will be pulled from any contestants that are observed talking during the contest.
- Approximately fifteen minutes will be allowed to evaluate halter classes. Sufficient time will be given to evaluate all required gaits in performance classes.
- **Two questions per judging class regarding the conformation or performance of horses, as appropriate, will be asked following the placing of all classes. Both Jr & Sr contestants must answer these questions.**
- Six to eight total classes shall be judged. The following breeds may be represented in the conformation classes: Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Paint, Palomino, Arabian, Morgan, Saddlebred, Tennessee Walker, Missouri Fox Trotter, Thoroughbred, Standardbred, mules, and miniatures along with any draft, warmblood or pony breeds. The performance classes may include, but are not limited to: Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Riding, Reining, Hunter Hack, English Pleasure, Saddleseat, Hunter Seat or Stock Seat Equitation, Draft rail classes and Pleasure Driving. All conformation classes will be judged as sound of limb, eye, wind and mouth. Performance horses will be judged as seen (unsoundness to be penalized accordingly). All tack and attire is considered legal.
- Within each class the horses will be designated by numbers 1-2-3-4.
- Horses will not be handled by the contestants, but time will be provided for close inspection and to observe the horse at a walk and trot by contestants in conformation classes.

**\*\*PeeWee Rules\*\*** PeeWee division will **NOT** be required to do the questions portion of the contest. There will be Top 10 individual Ribbons only for this division. Depending on number of entries PeeWee division will be kept in one group and be assisted in filling out the scantron by group leaders.

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### **Determination of Ratings:**

- 50 points shall constitute a perfect mark on placing each class.
- The questions portion will be worth a possible 25 points (number of questions will be divided accordingly)
- The top three individual scores within a team will apply toward the team's total score. If there are four team members the lowest score will be dropped. The drop score contestant on a four person team will be eligible for individual awards. Three person teams will not have a drop score. Incomplete teams (2 members) will be eligible for individual awards only
- Individuals can register and will be eligible for the top 10 individual awards.
- If contestants or teams are tied, the following rules apply:
  - 1st tie breaker – the contestant or team having the highest question score will be listed first.
  - 2nd tie breaker - the contestant or team having the highest score in placing performance classes shall be listed first.
  - If still tied, the contestants or teams with the highest scores in class #1 will be listed first.
  - **Awards:** Members of the top 5 teams and top 10 individuals from each division will be recognized. PeeWee is individual ribbons only.

Photos: Notice to all attendees and participants: There will be professional photographers taking pictures and video during the Illinois Horse Fair. With your entrance to the fairgrounds, you are giving permission for the Illinois Horse Fair and its organizers to use any photos of you which might appear in future promotional materials or advertising used in conjunction with the Illinois Horse Fair.

**WARNING:** Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities. Contestant, on his/her own behalf and, if applicable, on behalf of his/her minor Contestant, understands and agrees that the risks of engaging in equine activities include, but is in no way limited to: (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury to the participant, (ii) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or animals, and (iii) the hazards of surface or subsurface conditions. Contestant agrees to release and hold Illinois Horse Fair, the Illinois Horseman's Council, and their respective officers, directors, volunteers, employees, agents, and assigns, harmless for any injuries, damages, or other losses resulting from, arising out of, or in any way relating to Contestant's participation in or attendance of Illinois Horse Fair activities.

### **Judges:**

- Classes will be placed in accordance with rules of the respective breed associations where applicable.
- The official judges will place each class independently and then work together to arrive at a single official placing and cuts for each class judged. The judges shall place the classes while the contestants are working in the arena.

**Location:** Livestock Center Arena State Fairgrounds, Springfield, Illinois

<https://www.illinois.gov/statefair/info/Pages/Maps.aspx>

**Schedule:** Check-in and instructions - Livestock Center Arena - 7:45 a.m., Saturday, March 7, 2020

Contest begins - immediately after all pre-registered contestants check in.

Tentative Awards presentation estimated time: 4:00-6:00 p.m that day at Horse Fair.

### **Travel Information:**

- Hotels with special reduced rates for Horse Fair: <http://www.illinoishorsefair.org/>
- Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, 109 N. 7th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, Ph: 1-800-545-7300
- Physical address of the fairgrounds: 801 E. Sangamon Ave, Springfield, IL 62702.

For Questions please contact:

Illinois Horse Fair: 217-689-4224 ext 0 or [ihf@horsemencouncil.org](mailto:ihf@horsemencouncil.org)

Stephanie Speiser: 618-453-1773

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Youth Horse Judging Entry Form  
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Send Completed form to:

**Completed Entries Due By February 14, 2020**

**Send payment of \$10 per contestant Jr & Sr, \$5 contestant PeeWee (check payable to Illinois Horse Fair) along with a copy of entry forms and signed liability forms to:**

**Illinois Horse Fair, PO Box 13374, Springfield IL 62791**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Division (8 -13 years old age as of 1/1/2020) \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Division (14-18 years old as of 1/1/2020)

\_\_\_\_\_ PeeWee Division (5-7 years old age as of 1/1/2020) Individuals ONLY

**\*\*\* A team may have three or four members; when four are entered, the three high scores will make up the team totals. Fewer than three on a team will result in them being eligible for individual awards only**

| Team Members | Date of Birth | Age<br>as of 1/1/2020 |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1.           |               |                       |
| 2.           |               |                       |
| 3.           |               |                       |
| 4.           |               |                       |

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Entry confirmation & additional info will be distributed to coaches by email only)

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**Registration process:**

1. Complete this PDF form for each team you want to enter & mail to all entries with payment and signed liability forms to Illinois Horse Fair, PO Box 13374, Springfield, IL 62791.
2. Purchase gate passes (either one day or weekend) for each contestant and coach at <http://www.illinoishorsefair.com/ticketing/> NOTE: A day pass or weekend pass **MUST BE PURCHASED** to gain admission into Illinois Horse Fair and subsequent access to the All-Youth Judging contest location. All youth judging contestants 13-18 years old may purchase the Youth (7-12) ticket online & will be admitted thru the Judging check in for 2020 Illinois Horse Fair.



# 2020 ILLINOIS HORSE FAIR



## RELEASE, WAIVER, HOLD HARMLESS, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The undersigned Participant/Spectator/Visitor/Guest/Attendee (collectively "Participant"), on his/her own behalf and as the Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) of a minor Participant, for good and valuable consideration, agrees to the following terms and conditions of this Release, Waiver, Hold Harmless, and Indemnification Agreement ("Agreement"):

**1. Assumption of Risk and Waiver:** Participant understands and accepts the risks of engaging in equine activities and merely being near a horse, mule, or pony (collectively "equine"), including: (i) The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them;(for example, jump, run, kick, buck, bolt, spin, rear up, strike, or bite); (ii) The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, other animals, or other things (for example, kick, buck, bolt, spin, rear up, strike, or bite); (iii) Certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other equines or objects; (v) The potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within his or her ability. Participant understands the resulting injuries, death, and property damage that may result from the accepted risks of engaging in equine activities or just being near an equine, that equines are powerful and have the potential to be dangerous, even without warning, and that the risks listed in this Agreement are just a sampling and Participant is not relying on Released Parties (as defined below) to list all possible equine-related risks. Participant therefore agrees, on his/her own behalf and on behalf of his/her minor Participant, that he/she understands the risks and dangers inherent in equine activities and agree to assume them on his/her own behalf and on behalf of minor Participant, to at all times to be responsible for his/her personal safety, remain financially responsible for his/her medical expenses, and waives his/her right to any claims arising from his/her participation in or observation of any equine activities, being near an equine, or mere presence on the property of The Illinois Department of Agriculture, the Illinois Horse Fair, and Horsemen's Council of Illinois (collectively "Facility").

**2. Release, Hold Harmless, Indemnification:** Participant agrees to release and hold the Facility, Horsemen's Council of Illinois, Illinois Horse Fair, and their respective owners, managers, officers, directors, members, partners, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, attorneys, assistants, representatives, assigns, volunteers, employees, independent contractors, trainers, and others acting on their behalf (collectively "Released Parties"), harmless for any illness, injury, death, damage, or other loss incurred by Participant unless caused by Released Parties' gross negligence or wanton and willful misconduct. Participant agrees to indemnify Released Parties against injuries and damages sustained or suffered by any third party, whether caused by Participant directly or indirectly, and which includes reimbursement of Released Parties' attorneys' fees.

**3. Governing Law and Time Limitation:** This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois. All disputes relating to the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the federal or state court in Sangamon County, Illinois. The parties hereto hereby submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Court for such purpose. Participant agrees that any and all claims and/or causes of action, for injury, death, property damage, or other claims or losses by Participant, on his/her own behalf and/or on behalf of a minor Participant, against the Released Parties, must be brought within one (1) year of the date they accrue.

**4. Attorney's Fees:** Participant agrees to reimburse Released Parties for any and all attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Released Parties in enforcing the terms of this Agreement and/or in defending or prosecuting any claims or causes of action involving, or in any way relating to, Participant.

**5. Participant Certification:** Participant certifies that he/she has read this entire Agreement and understands, agrees, and intends on his/her own behalf, and on behalf of his/her minor Participant, spouse, heirs, agents, representatives, relatives, successors, and assigns, to be bound by all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

**WARNING: UNDER THE EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT, EACH PARTICIPANT WHO ENGAGES IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY EXPRESSLY ASSUMES THE RISKS OF ENGAGING IN AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY, LOSS, OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM THE RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES**

Horse Fair Activity: ALL YOUTH HORSE JUDGING

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant signing on own behalf and as Parent/Legal Guardian if Participant is a minor

Parent/Legal Guardian if Participant is a minor

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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