

**TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

January 13, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District 8 County Extension Agents

**FROM:** Donald W. Kelm  
 District Extension Administrator



Megan R. Shaffer  
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 4-H Youth Development

*Megan R. Shaffer*

**SUBJECT:** 2023 DISTRICT 8 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

<b>Event:</b>	Horse Judging Contest		
<b>Event Date:</b>	Saturday, April 1, 2023		
<b>Schedule:</b>	7:30 am	Registration	
	8:15 am	Orientation	
	8:30 am	Contest Begins	
	3:00 pm	Awards Presentation	(subject to change)
<b>Location:</b>	Brazos County Expo Complex 5827 Leonard Rd Bryan, TX 77807		
<b>Entry Deadline:</b>	All entries will be completed on 4-H Online. <a href="https://4honline.com">https://4honline.com</a> Opens: Monday, March 6, 2023 Closes: Friday, March 24, 2023		
<b>County Approvals:</b>	County offices need to approve registrations on 4-H Connect by Monday, March 27, 2023		
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$10 per member per event		

<b>Late Entries:</b>	Late entries will be permitted with an additional: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● \$20 late fee per 4-H member up to 60 hours after the regular contest deadline.</li><li>● \$50 late fee per 4-H member after 60 hours and up to the time of check-in on-site at an event</li></ul>
<b>Patterns:</b>	Patterns will be provided the morning of the contest.
<b>Auxiliary Aids or Special Accommodations:</b>	If you have any participants requiring auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please let us know at the time entry materials are due.

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### *Agent Assignments*

<b>Committee:</b>	Amber Moore* Shelley Franklin** Becky Coward  All committee members and agents in attendance will need to be available to help with reasons and any other duties need that day.	Whitney Ingram Warner Seidel
<b>Registration/Tabulation Review:</b>	Amber Moore Shelley Franklin Warner Seidel	
<b>Group Leaders/Reasons Scribes/Reasons Order:</b>	Becky Coward Whitney Ingram	
<b>Awards:</b>	This contest has chosen to get its own awards. All awards will be provided by this committee.	

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## General Rules

**1. Rules and Guidelines**

All District contests will be conducted by the rules printed in the District 8 General Rules and Guidelines and in the 2022 Texas 4-H Roundup Guide. If an inconsistency exists, the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide rules will always supersede District policies, rules, and guidelines. All contests listed in the Texas 4-H Roundup Guide will be included in District Contest provided there are sufficient entries.

**2. Membership**

Participants must be a bona fide 4-H member, currently enrolled in their respective county program.

**3. Age Divisions**

There will be three (3) age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) in all contests.

Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of <u>August 31, 2022</u> as follows:		
Age Division	Grades	
Junior	3*, 4, or 5	<i>*Must be at least 8 years old</i>
Intermediate	6, 7, or 8	
Senior	9, 10, 11, or 12*	<i>*Must not be older than 18 years old</i>

Only Senior aged members may advance to the state qualifying competition at Texas 4-H Roundup.

**4. Participation/Entries**

4-H members must be certified by the County Extension Agent to participate at any District 4-H event.

**5. Team per county**

There is no limit to the number of teams a county may enter in the district contest.

**6. Members per team**

These are team events; therefore, entrants are encouraged to be part of a team. Each team will have at least three (3) and no more than four (4) members. Individual entries will be allowed, only if there are not enough individuals in the county to make up a team.

*Note:* A County can only have a maximum of 2 individual entries per age division. If there are 3 individuals wanting to judge in the same age division, they must be considered a team entry.

All team members must be from the same county and within the same age division. Exception: Juniors may be moved up to an Intermediate team, if necessary. However, Intermediates may NOT move up to a Senior team. NO individual may move down to a younger age division.

**7. Academic Eligibility of Participants**

According to the Texas Education Code, a 4-H member must be deemed "eligible" to compete in an event that takes place on a weekday or weekend. All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or home school must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

- Complete a "Declaration of Eligibility Form"
- OR
- Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee.

If a 4-H member is ineligible for a 4-H competitive event, the agent must notify the 4-H member, his/her parents, and the district office, by letter, of this situation. If the parent has any questions, he/she should be referred to the school administrator.

**8. Entry Fee**

There is a \$10 entry fee per member per contest. All entries must be submitted through 4-H Connect by the entry due date.

**9. Late Fees**

Late entries will be permitted with an additional \$20 late fee per 4-H member 60 hours after the regular contest deadline. \$50 late fee per member after 60 hours and up to the time of the check-in on-site at the event.

**10. Auxiliary Aids/Special Accommodations**

If 4-H members that are participating in District 4-H events require auxiliary aids or special accommodations, please notify the District Office at the same time that entry materials are due.

**11. Qualifying for State**

Only Senior 4-H members are eligible to advance to state. The top three teams and the top three individuals (if not part of one of the top three teams) will advance to state.

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## *Horse Judging Contest Information*

**1. Objectives of the contest**

- To increase knowledge of Equine evaluation and selection techniques
- To employ decision making skills
- To create a sense of team work
- To learn to make individual decisions and support them with oral statements

**2. Classes**

- 2 to 4 Halter Classes
- 4 to 6 Performance Classes

**3. Reasons**

Juniors	No reasons
Intermediates	1 halter class
Seniors	1 halter class 1 performance class

**4. Patterns**

- Will be provided the morning of the contest

**5. Awards**

- The top three (3) teams, the top ten (10) individuals overall in each age division, and the top five (5) in halter, performance, and reasons in each age division will receive awards. Additional awards may be presented depending upon donor support.