

Senior Horse Judging Activity

Class 1 – Aged Mares

Please go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gxk7q9d05Eo&feature=youtu.be>

1st. _____ **1** 2nd. _____ **2** 3rd. _____ **4** 4th. _____ **3**

Cuts 5-1-1

Class Score

To get the class score please go to <https://www.judgingcard.com/Resources/Hormel.aspx> and type in the official placing above using drop down menu (1243) and then type in 5-1-1 for the cuts. Then record the score in the box labeled class score on participant’s answer sheet.

Class 2 – Geldings – Reasons Class

Please go to <https://www.livestockjudging.com/practice/?id=574>

Watch the video. At the end of the class, mark your placings below. Write your reasons on the sheet provided. Then to the right of the video click what you chose below under “My Placing.” Submit. And write the highlighted score in the box below.

1st. _____ 2nd. _____ 3rd. _____ 4th. _____

Class Score

The official reasons are given after the class. Here is a guide for you to use, compare your reasons to that of the official and use the guide below to give yourself the score you think that best reflects your effort.

GRADING AND SCORING REASONS

Reasons scores are to be reflective of organization, relevancy, accuracy, terminology and presentation of reasons, regardless of the student’s placing of the class. A bad placing must not automatically result in a low reasons score. If students see the differences in the horses and reflect those differences accurately in their reasons, they must not be penalized on the reason’s score because their emphasis for placing the horses was different than that of the official judges. Reading reasons from notes should be strongly discouraged at judging contests. It is recommended to inform students that they will receive a zero score if they read their reasons verbatim. This is designed to encourage students to practice and give reasons without notes, as it will make the process of learning to give reasons more expedient.

Reasons should be graded then scored as per the following outline:

REASONS PERFORMANCE	GRADE	SCORE RANGE
Good to Excellent	A	46-50
Above Average to Good	B	41-45
Average	C	36-40
Below Average	D	31-35
Poor	E	30 and below

A contestant who is reasonably well prepared and gets through a complete set of reasons should never receive a score less than 25.

Reasons judges should mark the contestant's reasons score on the individual cards provided for each participant. The cards will have only the contestant's number for identification, and care must be taken to ensure contestants and cards are in the proper order and agree when the score is recorded. It is also advised to keep a master sheet of scores for contestants in case a card is lost or score questioned.

Class 3 – Hunter Under Saddle – Reasons Class

Self-scoring, follow directions on junior judging activity sheet. See directions on scoring reasons in class 2.

Class 4 – Western Horsemanship – Reasons Class

Self-scoring, follow directions on junior judging activity sheet. See directions on scoring reasons in class 2.

Class 5 – Trail

Self-scoring, follow directions on junior judging activity sheet.