Objectives:
The primary objective of the Maryland 4-H Horse Presentations Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. This contest should provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

General
1) Contest date and time: **Saturday, July 13, 2013, 1:00 p.m.** Contest location: Hashawha Environmental Center, Westminster, Maryland (Carroll County). Directions to the contest location are available from the Contact Person listed on the last page of these Procedures & Regulations or from the State 4-H Office.
2) This is a contest in which **teams or individuals** compete. A Team is composed of two (2) members.
3) Pre-entry on the Horse Jamboree "Registration and Contest Entry Form" is required. **Entry Deadline: June 14, 2013.** There is no limit to the number of entries from a local 4-H unit.
4) Statewide competition will be governed by the prescribed procedures and regulations. Additional rules may be promulgated for specific purposes. Contestants not complying with the rules will be disqualified. Coaches and/or spectators not complying with the applicable Procedures and Regulations will be dismissed from the contest area.

Contestants and Eligibility
1) Contestants must be bonafide 4-H club members carrying a 4-H Project and approved by the 4-H Extension Educator of their respective UME unit.
2) Maryland 4-H members must be between the ages of 8 - 18 as of January 1 of the current year. Juniors are ages 8 - 10; Intermediates are ages 11 - 13; and Seniors are ages 14 - 18.
3) Contestants must not have previously competed in the respective (Team or Individual) Horse Communications Demonstration Contest at Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup (Louisville, Kentucky) or Western National 4-H Horse Roundup.
4) Senior contestants receiving college or vocational training beyond high school in areas relative to horses are restricted from competing in the Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest.
5) Attire: Contestants are strongly encouraged to wear appropriate attire.

The Contest
1) The **Topic** of the presentation may relate to any aspect of the horse project or the horse industry.
2) Demonstrations or illustrated presentations are equally acceptable. Both should utilize **visual aids** to help convey the major points of the presentation and more than one type of visual aid is preferable. Visual aids may include but are not limited to: handouts, posters, props, videos, slides, and computer generated media (PowerPoint, websites, etc.). No live animals may be used.
3) The contestant(s) must supply their own props. Two tables and chairs will be provided for the presenter’s use. The contestant(s) must provide all of their own equipment, including easels, except
for a laptop and LCD projector. Contestants must make arrangements for special equipment such as
power point equipment at least one week before the contest if it is to be used.

4) The contestants may use **notes**. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against them.
   This will be at the discretion of the judge(s).

5) The **Time** for each presentation should be as follows:
   a. Junior Teams and Individuals (5-7 minutes)
   b. Intermediate Teams and Individuals (7-10 minutes)
   c. Senior Individuals (9-12 minutes)
   d. Senior Teams (10-15 minutes)

6) **Time Penalties** are as follows:
   a. Juniors and Intermediates: One (1) point will be subtracted for each minute over or under the
      allotted range.
   b. Seniors: Three (3) points will be deducted for every minute under or over the allotted time.

7) **References** should be cited at the conclusion of the presentation. This will not be counted in the
   allotted time.

8) **Questions** may be asked by the judges only and will not be counted in the allotted time.

9) **Ties** will be broken by the scores in the following order: delivery, organization, content and accuracy.

**Scoring**
Scoring of individual and team presentations will be as follows:
   a) Introduction .................................................. 10 points
   b) Organization.................................................. 25 points
   c) Content and Accuracy...................................... 25 points
   d) Stage presence .............................................. 10 points
   e) Delivery ........................................................ 15 points
   f) Effect on Audience ......................................... 5 points
   g) Summary ........................................................ 10 points
   100 points maximum

**Awards**
1) Team and Individual awards will be presented in all age divisions.
2) The top Senior Team and the top Senior Individual will be eligible to compete in the respective National
   4-H Horse Demonstration Contest at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky
   as a part of the Maryland 4-H State Horse Communications Team.

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Objectives
The primary objective of the Maryland 4-H Horse Public Speaking Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. This contest should provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

General
1) Contest date and time: Saturday, July 13, 2013, 1:00 p.m. Contest location: Hashawha Environmental Center, Westminster, Maryland (Carroll County). Directions to the contest location are available from the Contact Person listed on the last page of these Procedures & Regulations or from the State 4-H Office.
2) This is a contest in which individuals compete.
3) Pre-entry on the Horse Jamboree “Registration and Contest Entry Form” is required. **Entry Deadline: June 14, 2013.** There is not a limit to the number of entries from a local 4-H unit.
4) Statewide competition will be governed by the prescribed procedures and regulations. Additional rules may be promulgated for specific purposes. Contestants not complying with the rules will be disqualified. Coaches and/or spectators not complying with the applicable Procedures and Regulations will be dismissed from the contest area.

Contestants and Eligibility
1) Contestants must be bonafide 4-H club members carrying a 4-H Project and approved by the 4-H Extension Educator of their respective UME unit.
2) Maryland 4-H members must be between the ages of 8 - 18 as of January 1 of the current year. Juniors are ages 8 - 10; Intermediates are ages 11 - 13; and Seniors are ages 14 - 18.
3) Contestants must not have previously competed in Horse Communications Public Speaking Contest at Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup (Louisville, Kentucky) or Western National 4-H Horse Roundup.
4) Senior contestants receiving college or vocational training beyond high school in areas relative to horses are restricted from competing in the Maryland 4-H Horse Communications Contest.
5) Attire: Contestants are strongly encouraged to wear appropriate attire.

The Contest
1) The **Topic** of the speech may relate to any aspect of the horse project or the horse industry.
2) The contestant(s) may use **notes**. However, excessive use of notes may be counted against them. This will be at the discretion of the judge(s).
3) **No visual aids** may be used.
4) The **Time** for each speech should be as follows:
   a. Juniors and Intermediates (4-6 minutes)
   b. Seniors (7-10 minutes)
5) **Time Penalties** are as follows:
   a. Juniors and Intermediates: One (1) point will be subtracted for each minute over or under the allotted range.
   b. Seniors: Three (3) points will be deducted for every minute under or over the allotted time.

6) **References** should be cited at the conclusion of the presentation. This will not be counted in the allotted time.

7) **Questions** may be asked by the judges only and will not be counted in the allotted time.

8) **Ties** will be broken by the scores in the following order: delivery, organization, content and accuracy.

**Scoring**
Scoring of individual and team demonstrations will be as follows:
   a) Introduction .................................................. 10 points
   b) Organization.................................................. 25 points
   c) Content and Accuracy ..................................... 25 points
   d) Stage presence............................................... 10 points
   e) Delivery ........................................................ 15 points
   f) Effect on Audience ........................................... 5 points
   g) Summary........................................................ 10 points

100 points maximum

**Awards**
1) Individual awards will be presented in all age divisions.
2) The top Senior Individual will be eligible to compete in the National 4-H Horse Public Speaking Contest at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Kentucky as a part of the Maryland 4-H State Horse Communications Team.

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