

2007 RULEBOOK RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Animal Sciences Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Barnhart Building, Lexington, KY

According to the 2007 State 4-H Horse Program Leaders Guide, all recommendations considered will be voted on at the November meeting of the State 4-H Horse Council. Thereafter, they will be considered by the Animal Sciences Committee, and changes will be made according to the committee's decision.

Comments from the Animal Sciences Committee meeting are posted in italics under each rule that was passed by the 4-H Horse Advisory Council Meeting in November of 2007.

The meeting of the Animal Sciences Committee was called to order at 1:30pm on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. The main item of discussion was the State 4-H Horse Show rulebook recommendations that passed through the State 4-H Horse Advisory Council.

1. Rename the State Demonstration Contest to Presentations which would allow illustrated talks. When our State winners compete at Southern Regional and National the category is Presentations. Our youth are giving Demonstrations and compete against those giving illustrated talks. **PASSED BY THE ANIMAL SCIENCES COMMITTEE**
2. Change the method for calculating individual horse bowl scores from the two highest match scores to the highest number of questions answered in two matches. Currently one point is earned on toss up questions where each individual is competing against 7 others and two points are earned in the one on one portion of the contest. A person can answer 6 toss up questions and earn 6 points and another can answer 4 one on one questions and earn 8 points. **PASSED BY THE ANIMAL SCIENCES COMMITTEE**
3. It is suggested that the same scoring be used for the Horse Bowl competition at state that is used at Quarter Horse Congress and Southern Regional. For example, there are no points deducted for a wrong answer at the State Contest vs (1) point being subtracted for a wrong answer at QH Congress and Southern Regional. **AMENDMENT-FOR SENIOR DIVISION ONLY-OVERTURNED BY THE ANIMAL SCIENCES COMMITTEE, RULE TO STAY AS IS**
4. Adopt the USEDA rules for drill team presentations, this year we used a USEDA Judge and it was confusing for both the judge and the drill team members. The judge in our audio tape talked about things that we didn't know until she mentioned them. Adopt rules so all teams are using the same guidelines. **ANIMAL SCIENCES COMMITTEE REFERS TO COMMITTEE**

5. **Contest Division: Flag Race** for all divisions currently reads “Riders that pickup the flag, but fail to permanently place the flag in the receiving bucket will receive a five (5) second penalty in addition to their final time. Riders that miss picking up the flag, drop the flag once it has been picked up, run off pattern and/or knock over any barrel or bucket will receive a “no time”. **Change to:** ““Riders that pickup the flag, but fail to permanently place the flag in the receiving bucket will receive a **five (5)** second penalty in addition to their final time. Riders that miss picking up the flag, drop the flag once it has been picked up, run off pattern and/or knock over any barrel or bucket will receive a **ten (10)** second penalty. **AMENDMENT-5 SEC PENALTY FOR NOT PICKING UP FLAG, 5 SEC PENALTY FOR NOT STICKING FLAG, AND DQ FOR OFF PATTERN, KNOCKET OVER BARREL OR BUCKET-OVERTURNED BY THE ANIMAL SCIENCES COMMITTEE, RULE TO STAY AS IS**

6. Allow 4-H’ers to have a second project horse, also designated by the **May 1 deadline.**

- A). All 4-H’ers have access to more than one project horse by the lease/loan agreement program. By allowing this program, NO 4-H’er should ever have to be excluded from competing.
- B). **In the event project horse #1, although appropriate at the time of designation, becomes lame, sick or dies AND has an accompanying veterinary certificate stating such, 4-H’er may ride project horse #2 (previously designated by the May1 deadline).***
- C). By allowing a secondary project horse, 4-H’ers would be able to compete in the events they have prepared for all year, instead of being left out (a self-esteem/pride issue).
- D). The project horse that is shown at the District 4-H Horse Show **MUST** be the project horse shown at the State 4-H Horse Show, if they qualify at the District level for the State 4-H Horse Show.
- E). Having a secondary project horse would teach the 4-H’er to be able to adapt to unfortunate situations - just another opportunity for learning.
- F). 4-H’ers should never be excluded from participating in their respective events due to circumstances beyond their control.
- * If a designated project horse is certified unable to compete due to any of the above, and a backup project horse is prohibited, resulting in the 4-H’er’s exclusion from the event, the 4-H’er should at least have all fees refunded.

AMENDMENT-CHANGE THE ELIGIBILITY TO MARCH 1ST; THE 2 HORSES WILL NOT BE DEFINED AS #1 OR #2 AND MUST BE ABLE

**TO SHOW IN THE SAME CLASSES IN THE SAME DIVISION-
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7. The 4-H members who represent Kentucky at national contest should be eligible to compete at the State and National 4-H Horse Contest and Judging events in following years. A 4-H member and/or horse that receives first place in a class or division at the State 4-H Horse Show are eligible to compete again in the same class in following years. We should encourage and reward our youth for their academic endeavors. **OVERTURNED BY THE ANIMAL SCIENCES COMMITTEE, RULE TO STAY AS IS**

8. Green Horse 2 foot should be under the hunter on the flat division. For example green rider 2 or green horse 2. Also request rule be enforced. **PASSED BY THE ANIMAL SCIENCES COMMITTEE**