

2018 NACTA Equine Judging Contest Rules

Hosted by Northeast Community College

Date and Time: Saturday, April 21 @ 9:00 a.m.

Locations: Chuck Pohlman Ag Complex

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1. This contest will consist of a minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 placings classes. Four sets of reasons will be given. Reasons classes will be designated prior to the contest.
2. Each school may enter one teams consisting of four (4) members, with the top three scores counting towards the team score. Each school may enter up to four alternate contestants. Alternate contestants will be eligible for individual awards, and will pay the full registration fee
3. Neatness of dress is encouraged. Contestants may not wear any pins, badges or article of clothing that identifies them personally or their team. Contestants will not be allowed to wear hats while judging classes, but may be worn when given oral reasons.
4. The possible classes to be judging will be chosen from the following:

Halter classes:

Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, or Paint
Performance Halter
Morgan Halter
Stock-type Halter

Performance Classes:

Western Horsemanship
English Equitation
Showmanship
Reining
Western Pleasure
English Pleasure

5. This contest will likely consist of 3-4 halter and 3-4 performance classes. Modifications to the number of classes in each division may be made due to availability of horses and handlers/riders.
6. All halter and performance classes are composed of four horses. Back numbers corresponding to horse numbers must be worn by all handlers or riders.
7. Contestants may carry note-taking materials into the arena, notes may not be used when giving oral reasons.
8. Contestants may assume all halter class horses to be sound. Performance classes are to be judged as seen. All exhibitors' tack and attire to be considered legal.
9. Only contestants and those individuals assigned to assist with the contest are permitted in the arena during the judging. Judging is done on an individual basis. Any conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone other than the contestant's group leader is grounds for dismissal of the contestant(s) from the contest. This policy stands in effect from the time the contest is officially started until the final contestant has given his or her oral reasons to the official reason taker.
10. Contestants are responsible for the proper marking of all class placing cards. Cards handed in without a class placing and/or a reassigned number will receive a score of zero.

11. Contestants and official judges will not be allowed to handle horses.
12. Official placings and cuts will be presented after completion of oral reasons.
13. Typical judging contest tie breakers will be used if needed.
14. The decision of the judge(s) is final.