

2017 NACTA EQUINE MANAGEMENT CONTEST

Hosted by Kansas State University

Thursday, April 6, 2017, 1:00 pm

Location: Stanley Stout Center

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CONTEST RULES

1. The contest will consist of the following:
 - a. **Written Exam** (50 points per team member; 250 points per team)
 - i. Individual exam consisting of multiple choice and true/false questions
 - ii. Broad based questions related to the equine industry. Topics included, but not limited to:
 1. Nutrition
 2. Reproduction
 3. Healthcare (parasites, infectious and non-infectious diseases, etc.)
 4. Management
 5. Genetics
 6. Breeds and disciplines
 7. Behavior
 - b. **Conformation Evaluation** (50 points per team member; 250 points per team)
 - i. Contestants will individually place a set of 4 horses
 - ii. Possible class includes: performance halter, stock type halter, or conformation hunter
 - iii. Horses will be considered sound
 - c. **Identification** (50 points per team member; 250 points per team)
 - i. Contestants will individually identify tools and items commonly used in the equine industry
 - ii. Areas of focus will be:
 1. Feedstuffs
 2. Tack
 3. Breeding shed/lab equipment
 4. Equine Anatomy
 - d. **Lab Practical** (250 points per team)
 - i. Team based, problem solving, decision making and demonstration of proficiency in:
 1. Reproductive techniques
 2. Nutritional management
 3. Health assessment
 4. Common tools and management practices

TEAMS AND ELIGIBILITY

2. Each participating school may enter one team.
 - a. A team will consist of five (5) members
 - b. Team score will be the total of all 5 members for the written, conformation evaluation and identification sections plus the team score in the lab practical
 - c. All contestants participating in the contest are eligible for individual awards
3. Teams will compete in either the junior (2 year schools) or senior (4 year schools) division. Two-year and four-year teams will evaluate the same contest components. Separate awards will be made for both team and overall individuals in each division.
4. A competing individual may not compete in this contest if he/she has participated as a scored, official contestant in a national NACTA Equine Management Contest in any previous year in the same division. If he/she previously competed in the two-year college division, he/she may compete once more in the four-year college division.
5. If an overall tie occurs, the lab practical scores will be used to determine the winner. If the tie remains unbroken, the written exam score will then be used to determine the winner.
6. Students will be required to have the following:
 - a. # 2 pencils
 - b. Calculator (Phones are not allowed)
 - c. Clip board
7. There shall be no communication between contestants at any point during the written exam, conformation evaluation or identification. Failure to do so will result in ejection from the contest and they will receive "0" points for all remaining scores.
8. Books, notes, paper, etc. are not allowed.
9. No cellular phones. Students caught with a phone on their person will results in ejection from the contest and they will receive "0" points for all remaining scores.
10. Once the contestants have turned in their exams, placings for the conformation class, etc. to their group leaders, they will not be able to retrieve them.