

WISCONSIN STATE 4-H HORSE ASSOCIATION REGIONAL & NATIONAL SELECTION PROCESS

In order for a youth to be eligible for regional or national competitions (Horse Bowl, Hippology, Judging, & Speaking contests), they must have competed at that specific contest in the current year.

Once a youth has competed in a SPECIFIC CONTEST at the Regional or National competition, that youth is no longer eligible to compete in the SAME EVENT at the respective contest.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL GENERAL CONTEST RULES (See specific contests rules on line as these may change from year to year)

1. Contestants must be at least 14 years of age, but not have reached his or her 19th birthday as of January 1 of the year in which this event is held.
2. All contestants must have competed in their state during the year in which this event is held and participation eligibility must be certified by the authorizing state representative/specialist. Each Regional and National 4-H contest or event has the authority to identify participation criteria. When youth participants have to be enrolled during the “year” of the event, the “year” is defined as the October 1-September 30 federal 4-H enrollment year. For example: A contest held in October or November may require youth to be 14-18 and enrolled in 4-H the year in which they will compete. So if they don’t enroll for the upcoming year beginning October 1st, they would be ineligible to participate in that contest (ie: Regionals or Nationals).
3. Certification of participation eligibility should consider the following: The contestant has not participated in post-secondary course work in the subject area of the National/Regional competition, nor has he or she participated in training for post-secondary competition in the subject area of the National/Regional competition. (see details at National/Regional sites)
4. Nationals only: If a state decides to change whether it will attend the Eastern or Western National Contest from its participation the previous year, the Contest Management Committee Chair of both events are to be notified of the decision by April 1 of the current year. All representative teams of that state must attend that same event.
5. Nationals only: Contestants (including alternates) may participate in only one contest per year at the National 4-H Roundup.
6. Further details for each individual competition (Judging, Hippology, Horse Bowl) are located at the respective National or Regional contest websites.

HORSE BOWL:

Horse Bowl teams will be registered and compete as a team for the State competition, designating youth team members and a team ‘coach’ on the entry form.

The Grand Champion team from WI State competition will have the opportunity to choose to attend either the National or Regional Contest. The choice will be between the 4-H National Contest at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky or the Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio. The Reserve Champion team will be offered the opportunity to attend the remaining contest. An additional Horse Bowl team may be offered the opportunity to attend QH Congress.

If a State qualifying team member cannot participate, the designated coach will be allowed one (1) substitution of a youth from the same county who participated in all phases of the qualifying contest. If more than one (1) substitution is necessary to retain “team” numbers (including an alternate), the team will not be eligible to advance to a Regional or National contest.

HIPPOLOGY CONTEST:

To qualify in the Hippology contest, youth must have competed in all 3 phases of the Hippology contest. Stations & Written exam (held during Education Days at UW Marathon/Wausau) AND Judging held at Expo.

Counties that are interested in competing in Hippology beyond the State level should specify a 'coach' on their county entry form. The top three (3) combined senior Hippology scores (stations, written and judging) from one county make up a team score. The fourth highest senior individual from that county would be the alternate and becomes the fourth member of the team.

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If a State qualifying team member cannot participate, the designated coach will be allowed one (1) substitution of a youth from the same county who participated in all phases of the qualifying contest. If more than one (1) substitution is necessary, team scores will need to be recalculated to determine team eligibility for representing Wisconsin at the Regional and National contests.

JUDGING CONTEST:

Counties that are interested in competing in Judging beyond the State level should specify a 'coach' on their county when entering the contest. The top three (3) senior scores from one county make up a team score. The fourth highest senior individual from that county would be the alternate and becomes the fourth member of the team.

The Grand Champion team from WI State competition will have the opportunity to choose to attend either the National or Regional Contest. The choice will be between the 4-H National Contest at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky or the Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio. The Reserve Champion team will be offered the opportunity to attend the remaining contest. If the Grand or Reserve team cannot attend, the third place team may be given the opportunity to advance.

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COMMUNICATIONS CONTESTS: Public Speaking; Individual & Team Demonstration/Presentation

To qualify, individuals on teams must have earned a score of 75% or better at State. The Grand Champion from Wisconsin State competition will get their choice of either Nationals or Regionals. Reserve Champion and third place will be offered the opportunity to attend the remaining contest openings. Individuals/Teams advancing must present the speech that earned them the trip (modification for improvement allowed).