



## North Carolina FFA Association

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: FFA Advisors

FROM: Carmen Bracey, State FFA Coordinator

SUBJECT: NC FFA Horse Evaluation CDE

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The 2023 State FFA Horse Judging event will be held Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Martin Community College, in Williamston, NC in the equestrian facility-riding arena. Registration will begin at 8:00am and the contest will start at 9:00am. The contest will be held in conjunction with the State 4-H Horse Judging contest. This is your pre-registration notification; please review these materials carefully and respond appropriately to ensure your students' eligibility for this CDE.

It is critical that I receive your registration information in a timely manner. The number of participants significantly impacts planning.

**Please register by 5:00pm on Friday, April 7, 2023.** Note the following:

Registration for this year's event will be online.

1. To register, please follow these instructions:
2. Go to [www.JudgingCard.com](http://www.JudgingCard.com)
3. Click "Sign In" and enter your user name (the username is "NC" followed by your four-digit chapter number: "NC0001" for example) and password (The password has been preset to the same thing, with a capital "NC")
4. Click "Update My Info" to add teachers and email addresses to the account.
5. Click "Event Registration & Information," move the calendar to April and click on the April 15th event.
6. Register for the event. Students are selected from a dropdown list. A completed and signed waiver form must be on theaet.com for students to be eligible for registration.
7. Save your information when all the applicable fields have been entered and you have printed a copy for your records (optional).
8. **After April 7, the site will close and no more registrations will be taken.**

We will use a two-sided scan form for the event, which will be provided. Our website, [ncffa.org](http://ncffa.org), also has sample scorecards for the event so you may download these forms and train your team. It is imperative that your students pay particular attention to the event announcer so they will use the correct part of the scorecard. We will continue to use the oral reason scorecards.

- Please provide all information requested including your email address.
- Provide names of contestants on your team.
- **Alternates are not allowed for this event.**
- Please make sure teams are registered in the appropriate division. There are Junior and Senior divisions; see the chapter guide to activities for participation guidelines.
- **The registration fee is \$20.00 per contestant. Additional meal tickets (\$10) may be purchased for advisors and guests. Lunch will be provided on site and is included in the fee for students. Do not send money for the registration. Chapters will be invoiced after the event.** Advisors will be given meal tickets for all registrants at check in.

The following information will assist you in registering your students for this CDE:

1. Dual participation will be allowed in all divisions including Senior and Junior divisions. If registered as a 4-H Rookie, the student can only participate with 4-H. 4-H Rookies CAN NOT be a dual participant with FFA.
1. **You must identify your members who are participating both as FFA and 4-H by emailing Carmen Bracey at [carmen.bracey@ncsu.edu](mailto:carmen.bracey@ncsu.edu) before 5pm on April 7, 2023. Failure to do so before the registration deadline will forfeit a contestant's opportunity to participate in both categories.**
2. **Attention Advisors!** Students that plan to participate in both 4-H and FFA MUST pre-register with 4-H through their 4-H Horse Coach and Extension Horse Husbandry. In addition, students should make sure that their 4-H Coach has checked that they entered in FFA on their form in order to ensure eligibility. Registration with FFA does not constitute registration with 4-H.
3. Please make certain teams are registered in the appropriate FFA division.

**FFA Division Classifications:**

Junior Division: Students enrolled in grades **6-10**

Senior Division: Students enrolled in grades **6-12**

**Students participating in an inappropriate division will result in a total team disqualification.**

4. The Horse Judging CDE will consist of 6 to 11 classes with a minimum of 3 halter classes and 3 performance classes. The remaining classes will be determined by availability of horses. However, this may change due to the quality of the classes and the availability of the horses. Every effort will be made to secure quality horses so that there can be an equal distribution of halter and performance classes. This is a multiple breed event. Although the classes have

not been confirmed, every attempt will be made to offer as much variety as possible. Classes will be selected from any of the light horse and heavy horse breeds.

5. Video classes may be required in the unlikely event that the availability of live horses becomes an issue.
6. **There will be two sets of oral reasons required for the Senior division of this event. The Junior division will give two sets of oral reasons (one performance and one halter).** *Contestants who are competing in both 4-H and FFA will give their reasons to the 4-H judges.* **There will be no written test.**
7. FFA members with specific medical needs or dietary requirements that will affect their presentation and participation during the contest **must submit a written request prior to April 7 to [Erin Langdale](#).**
8. **Students should bring their own materials for taking notes on oral reasons.**

### **Coaches' Meeting**

A coaches' meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 pm**. This meeting will be held via Zoom and a link will be shared with registered coaches. Coaches will have time to make adjustments in pre-registrations, be given direction as to their responsibilities for the event, and receive pertinent information on the schedule and location of all phases of the event. The full complement of classes will be divulged at this time. Coaches should make every effort to attend this meeting regardless of their background and experience. **All registration material will be distributed at event check-in on April 15, 2023.**

The following website has some information you need to reference as you prepare your teams:  
<https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandry-educational-materials/horse-judging-resource-material/>

Also, please review the Horse Judging rules in the State Guide to FFA Activities as you prepare for this Career Development Event.