



## Horse Evaluation Junior and Middle School CDE

### Purpose

The purpose of the Horse Evaluation Career Development Event is to stimulate students' interest in equine selection, management and production. This career development event also provides recognition for those students in grades 6 through 10 who have demonstrated outstanding achievement as a result of instruction in equine science.

### Sponsor

This event is currently sponsored by the North Carolina Horse Council.

### State Event Superintendent

The superintendent for this event is Dr. Jason Davis, State FFA Coordinator, NCSU Campus Box 7654, Raleigh, NC 27695 Phone: 919.513.0216 Fax: 919.513.3201. Email: jason\_davis@ncsu.edu

### Eligibility and General Guidelines

This event is open to all FFA chapters and FFA members in grades 6-10. Chapters may have one team designated to participate in the junior division. All FFA members in grades 6-10 are eligible to participate in any junior career development event regardless of past participation.

FFA members in good standing may also participate as individuals in this event. **Teams shall consist of three or four members. The fourth lowest team member score is not considered except in the case of a tie.** No alternates are allowed in state events. Any alternate found participating in a state event will result in team disqualification.

In order for this event to be recognized as a Middle School FFA Event there must be at least 3 teams participating.

The use or possession of cellular phones or any other mobile electronic communication device is prohibited during any state-level career

development event. Any violation of this rule by any team member will result in total team disqualification. FFA members and advisors may not visit the site of the state career development event within seven days of the start of the event. Teams that violate this rule will be disqualified.

Any member found cheating in any state-level career development event will result in total team disqualification for that event.

- *All individuals or team members are eligible for individual awards.*
- *Contestants are not to confer during the contest, including during the oral reason preparation.*
- *All tack and attire is legal in the placing of classes.*

**The North Carolina FFA Association, in keeping with the FFA mission and purposes, does not permit the use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, vapes, or Juuls at any FFA facility or at any FFA activity.**

### Dress Code

Participants are required to follow the North Carolina FFA Career Development Event Dress Code. A ten percent reduction in the total team score will be taken if a participant violates the dress code. Participants are allowed to wear long pants, an appropriate shirt with a collar or an appropriate high school or FFA t-shirt.

***The North Carolina FFA Association strives to promote a positive image at all Official FFA Events. The dress code policy was established to address the issue of appropriate attire at all Official FFA Events. Members should adhere to this policy for all events. A ten percent reduction will be applied to all individual scores from a chapter if a participant from that chapter violates the dress code during that career event.***



## Procedures for Administering the Event

### Placing Classes – 50 Points per class

- Using Universal Form A, 6 to 11 classes of four horses will be placed on type (When possible, there will be a minimum of three halter classes and three performance classes.).
- A maximum of 15 minutes will be allowed to place each class
- **The event committee will attempt to select only horses that are serviceably sound. All halter classes will be judged as sound. Soundness will be judged as seen in all performance classes; lame horses should be placed accordingly.**
- Two halter classes will be judged at one time. In large contest, contestants will be on both sides of the horse.
- Classes will be selected from any of the light horse and heavy horse breeds
- Halter classes may be represented by the following breeds and types: Stock-type, Hunter-type, American Saddlebred, Quarter Horse, Paint Horse, Arabian, Half Arabian, Appaloosa, Tennessee Walking Horse, Morgan Horse, Paso Fino, Draft Horse Breeds, Thoroughbred, and National Show Horse.
- Performance classes may be represented by the following breeds and types: Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, English Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Reining, Working Hunter Over Fences, Three or Five Gaited Saddle Horse, Racking Horse, Showmanship and Halter, Western Riding, Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure, Hunter Hack, Western Horsemanship, Saddleseat Equitation, Huntseat Equitation.
- Video classes may be required in the unlikely event that the availability of live horses becomes an issue. The following breeds will not be utilized: Half Arabians, National Show Horses, Three or Five Gaited Saddle Horses or Walking Horses.

### Oral Reasons – 50 Points per class

- Oral reasons will be required for two classes of horses to be designated by the contest official(s).

- Contestants will have 15 minutes to place this class.
- A maximum of 12 minutes to prepare reasons
- Two minutes to deliver the oral reasons
- Contestants must supply their own note pads and pencils. Notes, rulebook, and judging materials may be taken into the event **but may not be used when presenting oral reasons.**
- A perfect score for reasons is 50 points.

## Scoring

Placing Classes	50 points/class
2 Oral Reasons	50 points/set

## Procedure for Determining the State Event Winner When Scores are Tied

1. Compare the scores of the fourth member of the team. Teams with only three members do not have an alternate to compare and lose by virtue of the fact that they have no fourth score. Teams with only three members lose by default.
2. If a tie still remains, they will be broken by the total team score (alternate excluded) on classes in the following order: Oral Reasons; Halter Classes One, Two, Three; Performance Classes One, Two, and Three.

## Procedure for Determining the State Event Winner When Scores are Tied for individual participants

If there is a tie for high individual it will be broken by the individual score on classes in the following order: Oral Reasons; Halter Classes One, Two, Three; Performance Classes One, Two, and Three.

## State Awards

The awards for the state event will be presented annually at the state FFA convention to include a team 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place plaque. The high scoring individual will receive a plaque.



## Bibliography

See the National FFA Career Development Events Handbook for more information.

## *Supplemental Information*

A non-refundable event registration fee that includes the meal will be required of all pre-registered teams.

## ORAL REASONS SCORECARD

Participant No. \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class No. \_\_\_\_\_

Class Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Placing \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

- I. (Posture, clarity in speaking, confidence, convincing)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Max 12)

- II. Proper use of Terms

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Max 10)

- III. Accuracy of Statements (based on what the participant saw)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Max 10)

- IV. Importance of points covered (reasons for placings, crucial points covered, complete explanation or reasons)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Max 18)

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Max 50)

