



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

The North Carolina Horse Council currently sponsors this event.

State Event Superintendent

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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.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, NC FFA will honor requests for reasonable accommodations made by individuals with disabilities. Please direct accommodation requests to: Carmen Bracey at carmen_bracey@ncsu.edu. Requests can be served more effectively if notice is provided at least 10 days before the event.

Middle School Participation

Middle school students and teams may participate in any Career Development Event or Leadership Development Event. The top three middle school participants will be recognized in each division of an event. Middle school participants should designate during registration.

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 performance class. A minimum of 10 minutes and a maximum of 17 minutes will be given to place each halter 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.**
- One to three halter classes will be judged at one time. In large contests, 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 at Halter, Western Riding, Hunter Hack, Western Horsemanship, Saddleseat Equitation, Huntseat Equitation, Ranch Riding.
- Video classes may be required in the unlikely event that the availability of live horses becomes an issue.

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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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 ____-____-____-____

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



