

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONTEST

HORSE BOWL

The main objective of the Horse Bowl contest provides an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H horse projects to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. These contests will provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

I. Eligibility

- a. Any 4-H member who has an interest in learning more about horses. Each county can send up to eight individuals.

II. Equipment

- a. A team responder available from the State 4-H Office will be used to determine the first person to respond to each question and to measure the allotted time for answering.
- b. Questions used in the contest will be taken from:
 - NM 4-H Horse Project book 100.B-6 (N-12)
 - The Southeast District NM 4-H Horse Bowl Test Bank available from your county agent.
 - Texas 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Supplement available at: <https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2018/10/Texas-4-H-Horse-Quiz-BowlSupplement.pdf>
 - The sample horse bowl questions from the North Carolina State University Extension Equine Husbandry website: <https://equinehusbandry.ces.ncsu.edu/equinehusbandryeducationalmaterials/sample-horsebowl-questions/>

Answers to questions may vary depending on contestants' home county.

III. Officials

- a. Superintendent
 - The Superintendent will direct the contest, ask all questions, designate contestant to answer question, and accept or reject all answers.
- b. Timekeeper
 - The timekeeper shall monitor total elapsed time of each round and inform superintendent of total elapsed time.
- c. Scorekeeper
 - The scorekeeper shall record the scores for each round in a manner that may be checked, and the scores are to be clearly visible to the moderator and contestants.

V. Contest

- a. This will be an individual only contest.
- b. Each round will consist of eight youth. Contestants will draw for the round they will be on.
- c. The superintendent opens the question packet at the signal from the timekeeper and begins to read the first question.
- d. If a buzzer is activated before the question is finished, the superintendent stops reading and the contestant shall have five (5) seconds to answer the portion of the question read.

- e. If the answer to any question, whether read to completion or not, is incorrect that same question will be turned over to the other contestants. If the question was read to completion, it will not be read again. If not read to completion the moderator will reread the question. If answered correctly the appropriate points will be awarded. If answered incorrectly no penalty points will be imposed and the moderator will move to the next question.
- f. If the time to begin to answer a question (5 seconds) elapses without a contestant pushing the buzzer, the question is discarded with no points being deducted.
- g. The timekeeper shall determine if a contestant has begun an answer within the allotted time and shall determine when that round of the contest is over.
- h. The scorekeeper shall add two (2) points for each correctly answered question and subtract one (1) points for each incorrectly answered question.
- i. Fail to signal or contestant not acknowledged by moderator subtract one (1) point.. Fail to answer after signaling intent to answer will be considered an incorrect answer.
- j. Each round shall be 20 questions.
- k. The individual with the most points at the end of the round will advance to the final round.
- l. Ties for individual awards will be broken on the basis of: a) Scores from highest round. b) Scores on first round. c) Scores on second round.