

Horsemanship Contest

Murray State University- Bill Cherry Agricultural Exposition Center

Registration MUST be completed online by the published deadline.

7:30-10:00 a.m. Horsemanship check-in continues

11:30 a.m. Coaches' meeting

Draw

Show begins

(Contact Sue Robinson for questions specific to Horsemanship: srobinson@murraystate.edu)

Each chapter is allowed a maximum of four riders total, one per division. (Due to horse use restrictions, the contest will be restricted to the first 20 teams that submit their entries)

Horsemanship rules:

- 1) NOTARIZED waivers for riders with PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN signatures must be postmarked and mailed by the published deadline, ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS. No waiver = no ride. Mail waivers directly to: Ms. Sue Robinson, 213 S. Oakley Applied Science, Murray, KY 42071 Copies of notarized waivers may precede mailed waivers and can be faxed directly to Sue Robinson at 270-809-6809.
- 2) ALL RIDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AND WEAR AN ASTM or SEI CERTIFIED HELMET!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!
- 3) No rider changes after the published deadline. There will be no changes/additions allowed at the coaches meeting.
- 4) ADVISORS must be present at the coaches' meeting to draw horses for students.
- 5) Each chapter is allowed a maximum of four riders total, one per division. (Due to horse use restrictions, the contest will be restricted to the first 20 teams that submit their entries)
- 6) Each rider must be classified according to his or her ability. The advisor is responsible to ensure a student is entered in the appropriate class. Murray State University Equine Center Management has the right to excuse any student who is deemed unsafe in a particular class.
- 7) Murray State University will provide the horses, tack, judges, and student handlers for the day of the contest.
- 8) Attire must be provided by the participants and should be appropriate western attire.
- 9) Horses will be drawn after the coaches' meeting. A horse description list will be provided.
- 10) Riders will mount their horse before their class and will have the stirrups adjusted for them by their coach or teacher. Judging will begin once all riders are mounted. THERE IS NO WARM UP TIME!!
- 11) Chapters may not have multiple riders in one class.
- 12) Six places will be awarded in each class. 1st place receives seven points, 2nd place receives five points, 3rd place through 6th place earn 4, 3, 2, 1 points accordingly.
- 13) Awards will be as follows:
 - a. Individual riders will receive rosettes for each place in each class
 - b. High point western team award

14) The following classes will be offered:

Class 1 – Beginner Western Horsemanship, Walk Trot --- Beginner riders are those who have had less than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in mounted competition which required them to lope or canter.

Class 2 – Intermediate Western Horsemanship --- Intermediate riders are those who have competed in non-recognized competitions which required them to lope or canter and/or have had more than 24 weeks of instruction.

Class 4 – Novice Western Horsemanship --- Novice riders are those who have competed in mounted classes in recognized competitions to include any western class and who have not earned more than 25 points from any breed association in western classes excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, or novice classes.

Class 5 – Advanced Western Horsemanship --- Advanced riders are those who have won more than 5 blue Western Horsemanship ribbons in recognized competitions in classes of five or more riders, or have earned 26 or more points from any breed association in western classes excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, or novice classes.