

## **S.C. State Fair 2009 4-H Team Tournament**

### Purpose

To provide a team competition for the state 4-H Horse Clubs. This competition will encourage teamwork, camaraderie, strategic planning, and sportsmanship.

### General Rules

- Team entries must be received by Sept 11, 2009. A club may enter only one team.
- All class entries must be received by the SC State Fair by Aug. 31, 2009
- A team will consist of 4 horse/rider combinations. A team member may not ride multiple horses in the tournament event classes. The same horse must be used for all tournament classes.
- There will be 3 classes per discipline (Hunt Seat, Western, Speed Events) in which scores will be tabulated for the 4-H Team Tournament points.  
These are:
  - Hunt Seat - Equitation over Fences, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation on the Flat for any age division (Classes 2, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16,17)
  - Western - Showmanship, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure for any age division (Classes 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, 33, 36, 37)
  - Speed Events - Potato Race, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing for any age division. (Classes 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49)
- More than one team member may enter the designated classes.
- Points in the above classes will be awarded as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – 6 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 4 points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 3 points
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place – 2 points
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place – 1 point
- The stall decorating contest score will be added to the final tabulation to determine the winners. One point will be given for each percentile: i.e. 90 – 99<sup>th</sup> percentile = 9 points; 80 – 89<sup>th</sup> percentile = 8 points; 70-79<sup>th</sup> percentile = 7 points, etc.
- Ties will be broken as follows:
  - Team with the greater number of point-earning members, i.e. not one member carrying the team score.
  - Team with the highest combined score in HS Equitation on the Flat and Horsemanship.
  - Team with the highest placing in Pole Bending.
- Clubs are encouraged to develop a cheering section to support their teams.