SC 4-H HORSE PROGRAM’S TOP CLUB AWARD

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Purpose:
• To promote all aspects of 4-H
• To relate various aspects of general 4-H to the 4-H Horse Program in SC
• To reward those clubs whose members participate in different events throughout the year
• To reward clubs for outstanding performance and participation in community service and leadership on a local and state level

How it works:
Throughout the year, points will be awarded for participation and success in the various South Carolina 4-H Horse Program events. Each event will earn points for participation and individual and team awards. At the end of the 4-H year, a traveling trophy will be awarded to the Top Club who has earned the greatest number of points throughout the 4-H year. Plaques will be awarded to the top three teams. Points accumulate from September 1 of the 4-H year through August 31.

Inclusive Events:
• South Carolina 4-H Horse Program State-level Events
  o Hippology
  o Horse Bowl
  o Horse Judging
  o State 4-H Horse Show
  o Record Book Contest (must compete in all three phases)
  o Horse Creative Contest
  o Communications Contests (Horse – Public Speaking, Individual Presentation, Team Presentation)
• Junior Teen Weekend
• Senior Teen Weekend
• SC 4-H State Congress
• Required Events:
  o 4-H Promotional Activities
  o Community Service Activities

The winning team will be presented with a Perpetual Trophy that will travel from club to club each year. Winners will place an engraved placard to commemorate their team name and the winning year on the trophy base. In addition, the top three winning clubs will be presented with a plaque to keep and display in the club’s meeting place or their local extension office.

General Rules:
1. Clubs must submit their membership list to the 4-H Horse Program Coordinator by January 1st of the project year using the online form (link below). If new members join throughout the year and will contribute to the points for this award, the membership list MUST be updated by the volunteer leader for these new members to be included in the cumulative points. Clubs that do not submit their membership roster are INELIGIBLE for points accumulation in the Outstanding Club Award. All members participating in the 4-H event MUST be current members in good standing. Cloverbud participation will not count towards the total points awarded for each club.

   Online Membership Roster Submission Form https://www.formpl.us/form/5558872019304448

2. Each participating club must compete in a minimum of three of the above listed inclusive events. Clubs who do not participate in at least three events are not eligible for points accumulation in the Outstanding Club Award.
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3. Each participating club MUST remit their 4-H promotion and community service log by August 1st of the project year using the online forms (links below). Clubs who do not remit these items by the deadline are not eligible for points accumulation in the Outstanding Club Award.

Online Promotion Activity Log  https://www.formpl.us/form/6177637217075200
Online Community Service Log  https://www.formpl.us/form/4678909992894464

Points awarded for each event:

Hippoology

1. Three of the four members of the team must belong to the same club. Individuals may compete.
2. Individual members cannot contribute to team and individual participation points.
3. If the club has multiple teams participating, points will be awarded for all participating teams/individuals.
   a. Example: if there are two teams from one club participating, then 2 points will be awarded for each team for participation.
4. Points will be awarded for participation, team placing and individual placing.
5. Individual participation points will only be awarded if that member does not belong to a team from their club.
   a. A team is defined as 3 or more members from the same club of the same age participating as a group.
   b. A club can only receive individual and team participation points if there is an extra member from the club that is not placed on the Club Team and has to be placed on another club team or a combination of individuals.
6. Points will be awarded for Overall Team Placing
   a. If the club has multiple teams that place in the Top 5, points will only be awarded to the highest placing team from the club.
      i. Example: If “Lucky Stars 4-H Club” places first and third Hippology Team overall, they will only receive points for placing first.
7. Points will be awarded through 10th place in the Overall Standings category for Individuals.
8. Points will be awarded as follows:
   a. 2 points for individual participation (if not on club team) – maximum 2 individuals
   b. 5 points for team participation (must have 3 club members)
   c. Overall Team Placing
      i. 10 for 1st
      ii. 7 for 2nd
      iii. 5 for 3rd
      iv. 3 for 4th
      v. 1 for 5th
   d. Individual Overall Placing
      i. 10 for 1st
      ii. 9 for 2nd
      iii. 8 for 3rd
      iv. 7 for 4th
      v. 6 for 5th
      vi. 5 for 6th
      vii. 4 for 7th
      viii. 3 for 8th
      ix. 2 for 9th
      x. 1 for 10th
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HORSE BOWL

1. Four of the five members of the team must belong to the same club. Individuals may compete.
2. Points will be awarded for participation, team placing and individual placing.
3. Individual members cannot contribute to Team and Individual participation points.
4. If the club has multiple teams participating, points will be awarded for all participating teams/individuals.
   a. Example: if there are two teams from one participating club, then 2 points will be awarded to each team for participation.
5. Individual participation points will only be awarded if that member does not belong to a team from their club.
   a. A team is defined as 3 or more members from the same club of the same age participating from their club.
   b. A club can only receive individual and team participation points if there is an extra member from the club that is not placed on the Club Team and has to be placed on another club team or a group of individuals as a team.
6. Points will be awarded for Overall Team placing.
   a. If the club has multiple teams that place in the Top 5, points will only be awarded to the highest placing team from the club.
      i. Example: If “Lucky Stars 4-H Horse Club” places first and third Horse Bowl Team overall, they will only receive points for first place.
7. Points will be awarded through 10th place in the Overall Standings for Individuals.
8. Points will be awarded as follows:
   a. 2 points for individual participation (up to 2 individuals) if not on club team
   b. 5 points for team participation
   c. Overall team placing
      i. 10 for 1st place
      ii. 7 for 2nd place
      iii. 5 for 3rd place
      iv. 3 for 4th place
      v. 1 for 5th place
   d. Individual overall placing
      i. 10 for 1st
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      iv. 7 for 4th
      v. 6 for 5th
      vi. 5 for 6th
      vii. 4 for 7th
      viii. 3 for 8th
      ix. 2 for 9th
      x. 1 for 10th

HORSE JUDGING

1. Three of the four members of the team must belong to the same club. Individuals may compete.
2. Points will be awarded for participation, team placing and individual placing.
3. Individual members cannot contribute to Team and Individual participation points.
4. If the club has multiple teams participating, points will be awarded for all teams/individuals participating.
   a. Example: if there are two teams from one club participating, then 2 points will be awarded to each team for participation.
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5. A club can only receive individual and team participation points if there is an extra member from the club that is not placed on the Club team and has to be placed on another club or individual team.

6. Points will be awarded for Overall Team Placing
   a. If the club has multiple teams that place in the Top 5, points will only be awarded to the highest placing team from the club.
      i. Example – If “Lucky Stars 4-H Club” places first and third Judging Team overall, they will only receive points for placing first.

7. Points will be awarded through 10th place in the Overall Standings for Individuals.

8. Points will be awarded as follows:
   a. 2 points for Individual Participation (max 2 individuals) if not on club team
   b. 5 points for Team Participation
   c. Points will be awarded as follows: Overall Team Placing
      i. 10 for 1st
      ii. 7 for 2nd
      iii. 5 for 3rd
      iv. 3 for 4th
      v. 1 for 5th
   d. Individual Overall Placing
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STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

1. Five points will be awarded to each club for having at least 1 individual from that club that shows a horse in a class at the SC State 4-H Horse Show.
   a. To receive participation points, individuals from the club must enter the arena and show their horse in at least one class during the show.
   b. A club can only receive points for one individual (example – if there are 3 participants, the club still only receives 5 points for participation).

2. Five points will be awarded to each club that participates in the Annual SC 4-H Horse Program Awards Luncheon held during the State 4-H Horse Show.
   a. To receive participation points, at least 1 individual from the club must pay and attend for the duration of the awards luncheon.

3. One point will be awarded to the club for having a member place in a Southern Regional Qualifying Class (maximum of 10 points total).
   a. Example – one member of a club places in 3 SR qualifying classes; another places in 2 SR qualifying classes. The team would earn 5 points total.
   b. No points are awarded for non-point/non-qualifying classes.

4. Two points will be awarded to a club for having a division champion or reserve champion individual (maximum of 10 points total).
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RECORD BOOK CONTEST

1. Five points will be awarded to each club that has a minimum of one participant in a record book Level 1 or Level 2 contest. To receive the points, the participant must compete in all three phases of the competition, including the record book (to be turned in by May 1st of the project year), the showmanship phase (at the SC 4-H Horse Show) and the Horsemen’s Test (at the SC 4-H Horse Show).

2. Points are awarded for the High Overall Placings as follows. Points will be awarded for both Level 1 and Level 2 contests.
   a. Individual Overall Placings
      i. 10 for 1st
      ii. 7 for 2nd
      iii. 5 for 3rd
      iv. 3 for 4th
      v. 1 for 5th

HORSE CREATIVE CONTEST

1. Two points will be awarded to the club for each individual that participates in the Creative Contest (up to 3 individuals)
   a. Individuals must have their entry present for judging for the points to be awarded.

2. Points for Placing in an individual phase are as follows.
   a. 5 for 1st
   b. 3 for 2nd
   c. 1 for 3rd

3. Each member may only earn points for their team in one medium.
   a. Example: Sally has three projects at the Creative Contest: woodworking, recycling and a photograph. Her woodworking project wins, and her photograph is second place in her junior division. She would earn her team 5 points for the woodworking project 1st place.

HORSE COMMUNICATION CONTESTS

1. 5 points will be awarded to the club for participating in the horse communication contests (junior or senior; public speaking, individual presentation, team presentation).
   a. Teams may receive participation points for only one of the divisions (junior or senior, any of the three contest areas).
      i. Example – Lucky Stars 4-H Horse Club has a junior competing in the public speaking and a senior team presentation group. Lucky Stars would receive 5 participation points. However, each individual or team that places in the top 3 of their division will receive the below points for placing.

2. Points for placing are as follows:
   a. 5 for 1st
   b. 3 for 2nd
   c. 1 for 3rd

JUNIOR TEEN WEEKEND

1. Junior Teen weekend is a leadership weekend that Junior 4-Hers can attend to learn more about 4-H and meet other members from across the state.

2. Clubs will receive 5 points for each member that attends Junior Teen Weekend.
   a. To receive the points, members must sign up, pay for the weekend and physical attend the entire weekend event.

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Senior Teen Weekend
1. Senior Teen Weekend is a leadership weekend that senior-aged 4-H members can attend. This weekend allows youth to explore 4-H and all that it offers youth participants, and encourages 4-H members to grow and succeed through 4-H.
2. Clubs will receive 5 points for each member that attends Senior Teen Weekend.
   a. To receive the points, members must sign up, pay for the weekend and physically attend the weekend event.

SC 4-H State Congress
1. SC 4-H State Congress is a week-long leadership conference at Clemson University. It is for Senior 4-H members that have competed or participate in any State event. This is an event that allows members to explore what 4-H can offer its members and rewards them for their hard work throughout the project year(s).
2. Clubs will receive 10 points for each member that attends SC 4-H State Congress.
   a. To receive the points, members must sign up, pay for the weekend and physically attend the weekend event.

4-H Community Service Activities
1. Each club must participate in community service activities. The community service log must be remitted to the State 4-H Horse Program Office by August 1st of each project year.
2. Community Service activities must benefit the community they participate in and may not be completed at a farm or stable that they are affiliated with.
   a. Acceptable community service: picking up trash, feeding the homeless, volunteering at an animal shelter, volunteering with a non-profit, assisting the elderly in your community, etc.
   b. Not acceptable activities: volunteering at a horse show that monetarily benefits the club, volunteering at a stable that a leader or volunteer is affiliated with.
3. Clubs must fill out the online form for each community service activity that is completed (link available on page 2).

4-H Promotional Activities
1. Each club must participate in 4-H promotional activities. The promotional activities log must be remitted to the State 4-H Horse Program Office by August 1st of each project year.
2. 4-H promotional activities are defined as any event that helps support and promote 4-H in South Carolina.
   a. These can include but are not limited to:
      i. 4-H spring and fall clover campaign participation
      ii. 4-H shooting sports fundraiser
      iii. attending festivals, events, business functions, fundraisers, etc. where the club will promote SC 4-H.
   b. Community service activities cannot be used as promotional activities.
3. Clubs must fill out the online form for each 4-H Promotional Activity that is completed (link available on page 2).
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## Quick Look at SC Outstanding 4-H Horse Club Award

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**Eligibility Requirements:**

1 – Turn in membership roster by January 1st.
2 – Participate in a minimum of three above events
3 – Must participate in community service and promotional activities and turn in activity logs by August 1st of project year.