

## KITTITAS COUNTY 4-H HORSE JUDGING GUIDELINES

1. Three judgings organized by the judging committee will be held in the spring.
2. Each 4-H member must attend at least two county horse judgings to be eligible to compete at the Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair and complete the 4-H year. If necessary, a member may attend the judging at the Eastern Washington State Horse Show held in Yakima to complete this requirement. Participants from our county shall conduct themselves in a manner which reflects positively on our county and themselves. Failure to do so may result in the Yakima judging being disallowed. Eastern Washington State Horse Show's judging may not be used to qualify for the state judging team or county honors.
3. Premium ribbons, based on the Danish system, for county judging will be awarded on the individuals combined scores of their highest two judgings.
4. All three judgings will have the same number of possible points.
5. To determine final placing in the intermediate and senior divisions, the highest scores of two of the judgings will be added. Individuals that are able to attend only two judgings will have those two judgings totaled. Therefore, it is an advantage to attend all three judgings.
6. The county may send up to 8 members per team to compete at the Washington State 4-H Fair. Only intermediate and senior teams are allowed to compete at the state judging competition.
7. Members of the intermediate and senior teams eligible to judge at state will be selected as follows:  
Blue ribbon placing in at least one county judging  
Final placing within top blue in age division, alternates will be contacted as space is available.  
Must have done one oral reason and one written reason  
Must commit to participate at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup  
Must complete two of the three county judgings
8. State judging team members will be asked to sign a letter of intent to compete at state. The letter will give the date of the state judging in September in Puyallup and will outline activities that will be held over the summer to train participants. Participants will be asked for tentative summer schedules so that the judging committee may schedule training sessions that will be well attended. It will be expected that team participants attend all or most of the additional training sessions.
9. To determine the high point judging trophy given at fair, all three scores from the county judgings will be added together.
10. Banners for each age division (novice, junior, intermediate and senior) will be awarded to the individuals who have the highest combined scores of their highest two judgings.
11. Participants are to remember that any talking at the judgings will disqualify them.
12. Oral reasons will be offered at two judgings.
13. It is required that judging participants wear closed toes shoes to enter arena for judging, therefore participants without this type of footwear will only be allowed to judge from the bleachers.