

MEMORANDUM

To: 4-H Agents with Horse Program Responsibilities
From: Lori Stroud, Extension Assistant
Cc: NC 4-H Horse Advisory Council
Date: November 25, 2024
Re: 2025 NC 4-H Horse Bowl Contest Questions- **OPTIONAL**

Hello everyone! We are looking forward to our 2025 NC State 4-H Horse Bowl and Hippology contests! Please forward the following NC State 4-H Horse Program information to your 4-H Volunteer Leaders, 4-H'ers and parents.

2025 NC State 4-H Horse Bowl Contest: Submission of horsebowl questions by counties is OPTIONAL for 2025. Any county or team may register for their district horsebowl contest without submitting questions. Links to the entry forms for district and their deadline dates will be posted on the [Horsebowl Contest](#) page on the EEH website.

If a county or team would like to submit questions to be considered for use for district and state contests, they are still welcome to do so. Please use the linked [Excel template](#) or linked [Google Sheet](#) if submitting questions. If questions are submitted, please make sure they are from the current reference list. Please email them to Lori Stroud no later than Friday, January 3, 2025 in order to be considered for use in the 2025 contests. The current references are listed on the [EEH webpage](#). Please note: *AYHC Horse Smarts* and *Horse Industry Handbook* both had significant revisions published in 2021. Please make sure your book(s) are up to date before writing questions from those two sources. Each district has a completed set of all the reference books.

Please try to make submitted questions innovative, interesting and your answers accurate and complete. Please don't merely repeat questions word for word directly from the references! Try to put the "keyword or phrase" of the question towards the end, and do not make questions true/false or multiple choice. Please take a few minutes to read through the information found on this page: [Preparing Teams for Horse Bowl Competitions](#). This page also contains hyperlinks to this memo, the source list and the Excel spreadsheet file. Extremely wordy and overly difficult questions are rarely used. **Please focus your attention on questions that would be suitable for rounds one through three.**

Categories from which questions should be written and submitted:

1. Anatomy
2. Physiology and reproduction
3. Breeds and breed organizations
4. Behavior, psychology, training, and vices
5. Diseases and unsoundness
6. Parasites
7. Genetics
8. Tack and equipment
9. History and evolution

10. Breeds
11. Nutrition, feeds
12. Judging, conformation, unsoundness, blemishes
13. Showing, show procedures, equitation, and other mounted activities
14. Colors and markings
15. Stable and pasture management

Required reference books for questions:

Use the abbreviation for the reference given to identify each question's source (these are embedded in a drop down menu on the questions spreadsheet). Please use the list below for official reference abbreviations. These abbreviations are also found on our Educational Materials webpage.

Abbreviations to use in the Source Column

SENIOR & MIXED DIVISION SOURCES:

NEWHOR - *Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms*

KAINER - *The Coloring Atlas of Horse Anatomy*

AYHC HIH - *Horse Industry Handbook* – by the American Youth Horse Council ***UPDATED in 2021

AYHC HS- *Horse Smarts* – by the American Youth Horse Council ***UPDATED in 2021

LEWIS 2nd - *Feeding and Care of the Horse (2nd Edition)*

Evans 3rd - *The Horse* (3rd edition), J. Warren Evans, Rhonda M. Hoffman, Jessica L. Petersen, and L. Dale Van Vleck

JUNIOR DIVISION SOURCES:

4-HR&R- *North Carolina 4-H Horse Program Rules & Regulations Manual*

4-HJM- *North Carolina 4-H Horse Program Introductory Horse Judging Manual*

4-HHM- *North Carolina 4-H Horse Program Horse Manual*

H&H2001- *Horses and Horsemanship, 2001 Edition*

HS2001- *Horse Science, 2001 Edition*

GRIFFITHS- *Equine Science: Basic Knowledge for Horse People of All Ages*

BH- *Beginning Horsemanship*

AYHC HS- *Horse Smarts*– by the American Youth Horse Council

NEWHOR - *Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms*