

**Missouri
Regional
Hippology
Contest
Guidebook**

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HIPPOLOGY CONTEST RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding a central location with many rooms available is best for hippology (example schools, churches or community centers). More room availability usually reduces contest time. Ideally each age division will have a separate room for stations. If rooms are not an issue, then testing & team problems may be in additional separate rooms. Judging is usually done in same room for all age divisions. A separate grading area is needed where all of the scoring will take place. Holding area is needed for parents & spectators. Every effort should be made to ensure that contestants are doing their own work & audience, parents or leaders are not in a position to accidentally assist.

If possible run the hippology contest separately (usually first due to grading time) from horse bowl. In station portion if posters are used, have contestants stand with their backs to the station until the time keeper signals to begin. They should stand up with back to poster when finished with each station. No one should be allowed to leave the station or testing phase once they begin (for example to go to horse bowl contest if running at same time. This is to eliminate possibility of checking answers or sharing poster information with others.

A separate room is needed for judging team problem & team discussion to prepare for team problem presentation. Team problem usually has 10 minutes to prepare before giving presentation. Do not allow any extra time for discussion because they will have a distinct advantage over others. It is best to have someone hand the written problem to the team & time their discussion. After 10 minute discussion time, contestants should then be seated outside of team problem judging area to wait for their turn. Time the discussion periods so there isn't a large backup waiting for the judges (usually have no more than 2 teams waiting for judges).

Personnel needed to run contest:

- Contest coordinator with no other job than solving & answering questions
 - Master score keeper to organize final scores & calculate high point awards
 - As many test, station & judging graders that you can get (more makes contest get over faster)
 - Usually 2 team problem judges (one for each age division)
 - Time keeper for team problem (one for each age division)
 - Time keeper for announcing 2 minute time limit for each station (one for each age division)
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- Possible reader for Jr tests for younger contestants – does not help with answers to test
- Test area personnel to handle any problems, hand out tests & collect tests – without helping with answers to test
- Video operator for judging portion
- Personnel to collect judging cards
- Hall monitors for keeping traffic moving between each portion of hippology & directing to rooms
- 2 registration table personnel prior to start of contest

Equipment needed to run contest:

- Judging Video
- Judging cards
- TV & video player
- Projection device if using PowerPoint
- Projection screen (optional)
- Color coded station score sheets for contestants – with at least 10 answer keys

Color coded written tests for contestants – with at least 10 answer keys
Stations (Jr & Sr age divisions)
Team problem
Extra pencils for contestants in case they don't have one
Registration sheets for each county
Stop watch for time keeper (stations & team problem)
Calculators for graders
Tables for stations to sit on
Tables & chairs for testing area
Chairs for waiting to give team problem
Table & chairs for team problem discussion area
Tables & chairs for grading & scoring area
Red pencils for scoring & grading

All tests, judging & stations should be double graded (unless using scan-tron type devices or computerized grading) to ensure no mistakes are made. Verifier & original grader **should not** be from same county.

When tabulating final scores: Remember to weight each portion (test, stations, judging & team problem) equally. For example: if test is 50 questions then each question should be worth 2 points for total of 100. If 4 classes are judged then total points (4X50 pts each = 200) must be divided by 2 for total of 100. If there are 10 stations, each station is worth 10 points for total of 100. Team problem is worth 100 points.

Resources: Missouri 4-H will use the Horse Bowl CD as the resource to study for hippology. Copies of that CD may be obtained by calling the State 4-H Office at 573-882-1441, sending an email to Ben Gallup at gallupb@missouri.edu, or from the web page at www.4h.missouri.edu.

Juniors:

- Horses and Horsemanship
- Horse Science
- CHA Manual
- American Youth Horse Council Youth Leaders Manual (notebook)
- Horse Industry Handbook

Seniors:

- All of the above and:
- Horse Anatomy by Kainer and McCracken
- The Horse by Evans
- Illustrated Dictionary of Equine Terms by New Horizons Equine Education Center (New 2007)

EXAMPLE OF HOW TO MAKE A HIPPOLOGY STATION

Requirements:

Station Title that accurately represents subject matter of station

Pictures or diagram labeled with # 1-10

Answer choices labeled appropriately for age division. Jr age division should have 10 correct answers labeled with A-J. Sr age division should have 13 choices (10 correct & 3 incorrect) labeled with A-M.

Number items on picture 1-10 or have multiple pictures labeled 1-10. Label clearly, & label in some semblance of order (clockwise, left to right, top to bottom). Make sure if using arrows, they are pointing to specific area on picture that it is clearly marking just that spot.

Usually 10 stations are used in each age division that has not been previously seen by contestants. (Ideas for getting stations: have each county bring a set number of stations for each age division; regional committee can make stations, have ex-hippology or ex-4-Hers make stations or knowledgeable individual make stations. Plan on a few extras so you can choose the best ones on day of contest. Use 4-H website for station ideas if needed.)

Hippology Stations
Answer Sheet

NAME _____
COUNTY _____

Station 1
1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 _____
8 _____
9 _____
10 _____
SCORE

Station 2
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SCORE

Station 3
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SCORE

Station 4
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Station 5
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Station 6
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Station 7
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Station 8
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Station 9
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SCORE

Station 10
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SCORE