

Region 2 Horse Events Committee Bylaws

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I. Objectives

The primary objective of this committee shall be to ensure all educational events conducted at the regional level are compatible with the objectives of the 4-H Program, and are designed and conducted in a manner to be of maximum benefit to youth.

The general function of the Committee shall be to develop, organize, promote and supervise regional level events associated with the 4-H horse program

Specific responsibilities include:

- An annual review of all events including all rules and procedures governing these events.
- The establishment of procedures to be used in selecting contestants to officially represent Region 2 in recognized State 4-H Contests and events and in other interstate events as may be identified.
- To accept or reject annually the continuation of existing events and the addition of new or different events.

II. Membership

Committee membership shall consist of 1 staff, 2 adult volunteers, and 1 teen from each County assigned to Region 2 by the State HEC. Each county determines the selection process and terms of their representatives. For the purpose of conducting business, each county receives one vote.

Meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome with or without the invitation of a committee member. Visitors may participate in discussion but do not represent a county and cannot participate in voting for the purpose of conducting business.

III. Officers, State HEC Representatives, and Their Duties

Year is October 1 through September 30. Officer and State HEC positions have no term limits.

Chair- 2 year term. Preside at meetings. Set meeting schedule, prepare and distribute agenda. Represent the interests of Region 2 to the State HEC Committee as one of our 2 regional representatives. Report on State HEC to this committee. Arrange to have the Vice Chair fill in if unable to attend. Other duties as assigned by the State HEC. Elected in odd numbered years.

Vice Chair- 1 year term. Fill the duties of the chair in the chair's absence. Maintain committee membership list. Act as parliamentarian.

Secretary- 1 year term. Record minutes of all meetings including attendance. House permanent record of committee action to pass on to incoming secretary.

Treasurer- 1 year term. Must be a cooperative extension staff person with 4-H horse project responsibility. Receive and disburse all funds through a county association. File written report of transactions to this committee at least annually.

HEC Staff Rep (1) - 2 year term. Represent the interests of Region 2 to the State HEC Committee as a regional representative. Elected in alternate years.

HEC Volunteer Rep (1) - 2 year term. Represent the interests of Region 2 to the State HEC Committee as a regional representative. Elected in alternate years.

IV. Regional Events

Unless stated otherwise in the bylaws, all Region 2 Events will be conducted using the rules as defined in the current edition of NYS 4-H Horse Educational Events Rule Book or the NYS 4-H Equine Show Rule Book.

Means of qualifying for all regional educational or mounted events is to be determined by the county the 4-H member represents.

A Novice will be defined as a youth 8 or 9 years old as of January 1st of the current year, or as a 1st year junior participant in the event regardless of age. Youth may participate as a Novice for a maximum of two years.

Juniors and Seniors are as defined by the State HEC.

Horse Bowl:

- Novice, Junior, and Senior Divisions
- **NEW:** Each county may send up to two (2) full teams of four (4) members and two (2) additional members for a maximum of ten (10) members per division. Teams with less than four (4) members and any additional county members (1 or 2 per county per division) will be combined to create as many teams of four (4) as possible at the discretion of the event chair(s). **There will be no team alternates.**
- **NEW:** County staff will be notified of combined teams after entries have been received.
- **NEW:** On the event entry form, if applicable, please indicate the 1 or 2 additional contestants per division who are eligible to combine with contestants from other counties to field a full combination team of four (4) members.
- **NEW:** This will be a Double Elimination event.
- Ribbons for 1st - 20th place Individual and 1st -10th place Team will be given.

Hippology – Novice, Junior, and Senior Divisions. There are no limits on the number of participants a county can send to the regional event. Ribbons for 1st - 20th place Individual and 1st -10th place Team will be given.

Communications –	<u>Senior</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Novice</u>
Individual Presentations	4	4	4
Team Presentations	4	4	4
Public Speakers	4	4	4
Special Programs	2	2	-
Video Presentations	2	2	-
Impromptu	2	-	-

Each county may send two (2) additional presenters in each of the above categories pending unused spots by other counties. (Example: 6 Sr. and/or 6 Jr. Individual Presenters). If needed, unused spots will be pooled and filled by a random selection by the event chair(s).

Ribbons will be given for 1st - 10th place Individual Presentations and 1st -5th place in other classes.

Horse Judging –Novice, Junior, and Senior Divisions. A regional contest may be held yearly. Ribbons for 1st - 20th place Individual and 1st -10th place Team will be given.

Mounted Event – Junior and Senior Divisions. A regional horse show may be held yearly offering only, but not necessarily all classes in the NYS 4-H Equine Events Rule Book. Ribbons for 1st - 10th place Individual in each class will be given.

V. **Regional Representatives to State Educational and Mounted Events**

Educational Events: Each individual will be selected from the region as a whole. Counties will designate which division a member is in before the regional contest.

Horse Bowl – **NEW:** The top ten individuals from both the Junior and Senior Divisions of the regional contest, who accept invitation to the state contest, will represent the region at the state contest:

Team A – The 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, & 9th individuals.

Team B – The 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, & 10th individuals.

*State contest teams will consist of 4 members and 1 alternate member. The alternate member will have at least 2 opportunities to enter play at the state contest

*The coaches of the first and second place county teams in each division (Junior and Senior) will be offered first refusal to coach a regional team of their choice for the state competition.

* **NEW:** In the event that a member declines invitation to the state event, the member in the next placing (and subsequent placings) will replace that member. This will continue until both Junior and Senior state contest teams are filled.

Hippology – The top sixteen individuals from the junior and senior regional contest will represent the region at the State Contest:

Team A – The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 13th individuals with 17th as alternate.

Team B – The 4th, 5th, 6th, & 14th individuals with 18th as alternate.

Team C – The 7th, 8th, 9th, & 15th individuals with 19th as alternate.

Team D – The 10th, 11th, 12th, & 16th individuals with 20th as alternate.

Individuals placing 17th and beyond will serve as alternates on Teams A-D as needed.

Coaches from the top 4 teams in each division (junior and senior) will be offered first refusal to coach a regional team of their choice for State competition.

Communications – The top 4 Individual Presentations, 2 Team Presentations, 2 Public Speakers, 2 Special Programs, and 2 Video Presentations from the junior & senior regional contest; and the top 2 Impromptus from the senior regional contest will represent the region at the state contest.

Horse Judging - Means of qualifying for the State contest is to be determined by the county the 4-H member represents.

Mounted Events: Each county will select up to 4 delegates and an unlimited number of alternates per division by whatever means they deem adequate for choosing safe, mature, and qualified riders; to represent Region 2 at the State horse show. Unused slots will be pooled and filled individually by a random rotation through counties with alternates. All delegate and alternate entry forms must be brought to the district selection meeting.

State Event No Show Policy – Once state event entries, except horse judging, have been sent onto state from the region anyone not intending to attend or absent from the event must have a legitimate written excuse submitted to and approved by the regional HEC in order to represent the region in the respective state event the following year.