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NACTA JUDGING CONFERENCE



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NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGES
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EQUINE MANAGEMENT CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

Thursday, April 13, 2023

7:45 a.m. - Instructions

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - Contest

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2023 NACTA Equine Management Contest

Hosted by Modesto Junior College School of Agriculture

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Rules

1. Contest will consist of the following:
 - a. **Written Exam** (50 points per team member; 250 points per team)
 - i. Individual exam consisting of multiple choice and true/false questions
 - ii. Broad based questions related to the equine industry. Topics included, but not limited to:
 1. Nutrition
 2. Reproduction
 3. Healthcare (parasites, infectious and non-infectious diseases, etc)
 4. Management
 5. Genetics
 6. Breeds and disciplines
 7. Behavior
 - b. **Conformation Evaluation** (75 points per team member; 250 points per team)
 - i. Contestants will individually place two sets of 4 horses either in hand or under saddle
 - ii. One class will require a reasons set to be given
 - iii. Possible classes may include: performance halter, stock type halter, conformation hunter, horsemanship, ranch riding or western pleasure.
 - iv. Horses will be considered sound
 - c. **Lab Practical** (250 points per team)
 - i. Team based, problem solving, decision making and demonstration of proficiency in:
 1. Reproductive techniques
 2. Nutritional management
 3. Health assessment
 4. Common tools and management practices
2. Each participating school may enter one team.
 - a. A team will consist of five (5) members
 - b. Team score will be the total of all 5 members for the written, conformation evaluation and identification sections plus the team score in the lab practical
 - c. All contestants participating in the contest are eligible for individual awards
3. Teams will compete in either the junior (2 year schools) or senior (4 year schools) division

4. If an overall tie occurs, the judging reasons scores will be used to determine the winner. If the tie remains unbroken, the lab practical score will then be used to determine the winner.
5. Students will be required to have the following:
 - a. # 2 pencils
 - b. Calculator (Phones are not allowed)
 - c. Clip board
6. There shall be no communication between contestants at any point during the written exam, conformation evaluation or identification. Failure to do so will result in ejection from the contest and they will receive "0" points for all remaining scores.
7. Books, notes, paper, etc are not allowed.
8. No cellular phones. Students caught with a phone on their person will results in ejection from the contest and they will receive "0" points for all remaining scores.
9. Once the contestants have turned in their exams, placings for the conformation class, etc to their group leaders, they will be unable to retrieve them.