

October 2, 2024

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: District 12 County Extension Agents**

**SUBJECT: 2025 District 12 4-H Horse Judging Contest**

The 2025 District 12 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held concurrently with the San Antonio Livestock Exposition’s (SALE) Horse Judging Contest. The event will be held on **Monday, February 10, 2025** in San Antonio on the show grounds. Registration will be held in Freeman Coliseum. The contest will be open to all three age divisions and follow the same guidelines outlined in the Texas 4-H Roundup Rules and Guidelines as they relate to this contest. It is important to remember that the SALE Horse Judging Contest Rules will also apply. In addition to the recognition provided directly to contestants as part of the SALE event, those registered through the District 12 4-H Horse Judging Contest on 4-H Online will also be recognized separately.

**Registration:**

There will be a dual registration for participants in this contest to be included as part of the District competition. Contestants will have to pay two separate fees. **Entry requires completion of both listed below.**

- 1) District 12 Entry via 4-H Online – Each participant must be registered on 4-H Online. The registration period will be open from November 1, 2024 through December 1, 2024. Registration fees are to cover the cost of awards and recognition for District 12 contestants only. There will be a \$12 registration fee, per person, to cover District awards.
  
- 2) SALE Entry – Counties must complete entries required by San Antonio Livestock Exposition and submit along with other livestock show entries by the standard December 1<sup>st</sup> deadlines. Participants should consult with local county offices for local entry deadlines. Counties must follow SALE entry requirements to be considered “entered” in the contest. The standard SALE registration fee will also apply (\$40/team). **SALE requires a social security number at sign-in.** Keep in mind that SALE registration does not require names, only the number of teams entered. However, names must be reflected in 4-H Online registration.

**Contest Details:**

It is important that the SALE Premium List regarding the Horse Judging contest be reviewed thoroughly for a full list of classes and details (*Attachment A*). There will not be any reasons classes for any age division.

SALE offers only Senior and Junior divisions. As a result, Intermediates must register as a Junior for the purposes of their contest. However, team designation forms will allow us to determine which “Junior” teams are Intermediates and which are Juniors for the District 12 Contest.

**REMINDER!** For the District team designation only: Senior teams can only include Senior 4-H members. We cannot allow Juniors or Intermediates to be included on Senior Team Designation Forms due to State and National team rules.

The contest will be held in the Freeman Coliseum on the SALE show grounds. Sign-in will take place between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., with the contest beginning promptly at 8:30 a.m., so be prompt. Participants must check-in with San Antonio **and** the District 12 Superintendent prior to the contest starting.

**Team Designation:**

Teams will be designated for the SALE contest at sign-in. At that time, all District 12 teams must be recorded via D12 Team Designation Form **before** the contest begins and turned into the District 12 contest superintendent on-site. A form will be provided by the District superintendent.

**What to Bring:**

All contestants should bring the following to the contest:

- Clipboard
- Several sharpened #2 pencils with good erasers
- Blank paper for notetaking
- Social Security Number to put on SALE registration form (SALE requires this)

Reminder: **There will not be a late registration period or on-site registration. NO REFUNDS** will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event. **If you have a balance with Texas 4-H or District 12 4-H on 4-H Online, you will not be allowed to participate until the balance is paid IN FULL.**

**Included in this document are the following attachments:**

- 2025 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Livestock Premium List – Horse Judging Contest (*Attachment A*)
- Team Designation Form (*Attachment B*)
- Event Map (*Attachment C*)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office.

Sincerely,



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District 12

## Attachment A

**2025 COMPETITIVE EVENTS PREMIUM LIST****San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo**[www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com)**HORSE JUDGING CONTEST**

Superintendents: Dr. Jennifer Zoller, Dr. Stanley F. Kelley

Assistant Superintendent: Sarah Schobert

**CONTEST SCHEDULE**

Registration:	Monday	February 10	7:30am	Freeman Coliseum
Contest:	Monday	February 10	8:30am	Freeman Coliseum

1. **Divisions:** The contest will be divided into the following divisions: Junior FFA, Senior FFA, Junior 4-H and Senior 4-H (Age as of August 31, 2024).

a. Junior Ages 8-13

b. Senior Ages 14-18

Team will compete based on the age of the oldest member. Any junior may register and compete on a senior team for a higher possible point total.

2. **Coaches/Parents/Alternates/Spectators:** No one will be allowed in the Freeman Coliseum stands/bleachers while the Judging Contest is in progress.

3. **Classes:** Contestants will judge six classes of four horses each. Two halter classes and four performance classes. Performance classes to be selected from Showmanship, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Western Riding, Reining, Trail, Hunter Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation, Ranch Riding, and Stock Horse Pleasure. Contestants are allowed 15 minutes to place each class.

**NEW!** For halter classes, horses are to be judged as sound of mouth and sound of travel. Horses will not be tracked during the contest.

There will be three questions classes for Seniors, one halter and two performance, each worth 25 points.

There will be two questions classes for Juniors, one halter and one performance, each worth 25 points.

Questions classes will consist of five questions each. The contestants will be notified of the reasons/questions class before placing that class. Contestants will be allowed to utilize their notes when answering questions in questions classes.

4. **Materials:** Scantrons will be provided by the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. The official scantron will be Universal A #705A-12. Students should know how to use scantrons and forms properly before coming to the contest. Each contestant is required to bring two #2 pencils and one clipboard.

5. **Scores:** Scores are based on placing of the six classes plus three questions classes for Senior and two questions classes for Juniors. All ties among any placing team or individual will be broken via designated tie-breakers.

6. **Social Security Number Requirement:** Exhibitors/Contestants offered a scholarship must provide their Social Security Number to show management upon request in order to fully qualify for funding.

7. **Registration Forms:** Team registration forms are available [here](#). Coaches are encouraged to bring completed forms to the registration table the day of the respective contest in order to expedite registration.

8. **Scholarships:** Refer to the Junior Livestock Show Scholarship section of the 2025 Competitive Events Premium List.

Attachment B

2025 District 12 4-H Horse Judging Contest

**Team Designation Form**

This form must be completed, signed, and turned into the county Extension agent prior to the contest.

County \_\_\_\_\_ Coach's Name \_\_\_\_\_

This team will compete as a:  **Junior**     **Intermediate**     **Senior**

**Team Member Information**

Use ID# provided in the registration packet for the respective 4-H member.

	<b><u>ID#</u></b>	<b><u>Full Name</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____	_____

I certify that the team listed above was determined and recorded on this form prior to the 4-H member competing in this event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Coach/County Extension Agent)

Attachment C

# 2025 DISTRICT 12 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST EVENT MAP Freeman Coliseum



Check-in  will be at the Main Entrance to Freeman Coliseum on the South side of the building.

