OBJECTIVES
1. To provide, in friendly but competitive setting, an opportunity for all youth to demonstrate the depth of their knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry.
2. To encourage youth to continue expanding their horse knowledge and participation.
3. To recognize youth for their comprehension of knowledge of the horse industry.
4. To teach good sportsmanship through a friendly and competitive environment.

IOWA CONTEST RULES
1. All Equine Extravaganza entries are to be made online by March 1, 11:59 PM.
2. Check in: Seniors: 8:00 am; Juniors: 12:45 pm at the Equestrian Center, Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls on Saturday.
3. The contest will be divided into junior and senior divisions. Junior members may not have reached their 14th birthday as of January 1 of the current year. All senior members must have reached their 14th birthday as of January 1 of the current year. Age divisions for this contest are based on national rules.
4. This is an event for individuals and teams. A team consists of three or four members. On teams in which there are four members, all will compete, but the member receiving the lowest overall score will be automatically declared the alternate. The scores of the alternate will not be included in any of the team totals but will be considered in making all individual awards. Teams consisting of three members will have no alternate and all members’ scores will count in determining individual and team awards.
5. In hardship cases, juniors may be part of the senior team, but seniors may not participate on junior teams. Juniors can serve only as a team member, not as an alternate, and only one junior allowed on a senior team. Junior members cannot participate on both the junior and senior teams in the same event in the same year. Teams utilizing juniors cannot advance to the national events.
6. For 4-H teams only: Each county is eligible to enter any number of junior individuals, junior teams, senior individuals, and senior teams. All participants in the contest will be eligible for individual awards or recognition. Counties may, with prior approval, (by March 15) combine 4-H members to form teams. This option is designed to allow additional 4-H members to participate, not to form and “all-star” team. This would be used in case a county may have two 4-H'ers who are interested, and have recruited two other interested 4-H'ers from an adjoining county. Team members may be combined from non- adjoining counties on a case by case basis with prior approval (before Feb 1) of State 4-H Staff and Equine Specialist.
7. If a team in hippology participates in the Western National (Denver) that same team will not be eligible to participate at the state level the following year. However, the team members can participate as an individual in the hippology contest.
8. Each contestant must bring their own writing utensil – pens, pencils. Event staff will not provide these items.
9. The highest scoring senior team will participate in the national event in Denver, Colorado in January. The second and third highest scoring teams may participate in the Invitational Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio in October.

NATIONAL 4-H DIVISION RULES – WESTERN DIVISION
1. These apply to horse judging, hippology, quiz bowl, public speaking, individual and team demonstration.
2. All contestants must be members of 4-H in the state they are representing during the year in which the National competitive event is held.
3. Contestants must be at least 14 years of age but not yet reached their 19th birthday on January 1st of the year in which they qualified to compete in the National 4-H Horse Classic-western Division.

4. Contestants (including team alternatives) may participate in only one contest per year at the Classic. After competing in this contest, they are ineligible to compete in the same contest again. Previous representatives may not compete in the same contest are, but may compete in another contest area.

REFERENCE MATERIAL
All the information covered in this contest may be found in one or more of the following publications:

1. Rules & Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa - 4-H 511C
2. Horse Industry Handbook – May be available to check out at county office (make sure you have the 2003, 2004, 2007, 2011 & 2014 updates). Handbook can be ordered from American Youth Horse Council ($89.00) 817.320.2005, Email: info@ayhc.com

3. Horse Smarts - American Youth Horse Council; 1 Gainer Rd, McDonald, NM 88262 Email: info@ayhc.com Phone: 817.320.2005 Web: http://www.ayhc.com/shop

5. AQHA Rulebook (AQHA) - 2017 65th edition http://aqha.com/handbook Only show rules will be used (SHW300-SHW712)

THE CONTEST PROCEDURES
1. Examination Phase -- this phase of the contest will include:
   a. Juniors – Approximately 50 points.
      i. Projected slides to be identified as to breed, color, color pattern, activity, proper appointments, Etc.
   b. Seniors – Approximately 150 points.
      i. Written Exam
      ii. Projected slides to be identified as to breed, color, color pattern, activity, proper appointments, Etc.
      iii. Anatomy which may include external, skeleton, internal organs, parts of gastrointestinal tract, male and female reproductive organs, detailed anatomy of the foot and detailed lower limbs.

2. Station Phase (Jr: 150 points; Sr: 200 points). This phase will consist of a series of stations or tables where at each, all contestants will respond to the requirements of the station. Members will be allowed 2 minutes at each station. Examples of stations which may be used. Identification of:
   - Various types of saddles (actual or pictured) and parts of saddle.
   - Tack, bits, bridle, horse shoes and parts of shoes.
   - Tools and equipment, assembly of specific parts of various pieces of equipment.
   - Grains and forages used in equine rations including various forms of methods of preparation.
   - Internal and external parasites based on actual samples, pictures, live cycles and/or damage caused.
   - Blemishes and unsoundness
   - Ages of equine based on teeth.
   - Parts of the horse, colors, markings
   - Use of pulse rate, respiration rate, temperature, dehydration, anemia, etc. to assess horse health.
   - Measurements such as, but not limited to, wither height, shoe size, girth, collar size,
3. **Team Problem** (50 points). Not included in the scores of individuals for determining individual rank, **All senior teams** will be presented with one or more problems, to be addressed by the entire team. Problems may include impromptu answers or after time to prepare answers. Each team will have equal time to discuss the problem, and present an oral solution or series of suggested procedures relative. Each member of the team is encouraged to contribute to the oral presentation. Evaluation will be based on the understanding of the problem, completeness of the response, the probability of success of the solution of procedures and the logic used in making the oral response. The official may ask questions of any or all of the team members to clarify the presentation. Team problems are judged on quality and accuracy of answer, organization and delivery of the presentation. Team problem scores will not be included in determining the rank of individuals in the contest, but will be added to the team scores of the other three phases to determine overall team standings.

**AWARDS**
1. Awards will be presented to the top ten (10) individuals overall in both the junior and senior divisions.
2. Each member of the top five (5) junior and senior teams will receive awards.

**TIE-BREAKING**
All ties individual and team, will be broken using the following sequence:

**Juniors**
1. Exam score
2. Station scores

**Seniors**
1. Exam score
2. Station scores

If further tie breaking is needed, the scores at each station, in order may be used.

**ENTRY INFORMATION**
1. **Online entry DEADLINE** is March 1, 11:59 PM.
2. **Entries must be made online.** Access the online registration at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza)
3. **An entry fee of $8 per entry is required.** See the online entry process for payment options.
4. **All payments MUST be received by March 15.**

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