

2019 New England 4-H Judges' School

Presented by the New England 4-H Horse Program Committee



March 29 - 31, 2019
Mount Holyoke College
South Hadley, MA

Thank you for your interest in the New England 4-H Judges' Program!

The New England 4-H Horse Program Committee will be hosting the 2019 New England 4-H Horse Judges' School on March 29-31, 2019 located at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA. We have been hard at work to ensure this is our best event to date and we hope you will join us. Education is our focus and we believe that a consistent educational message will provide 4-H exhibitors throughout our region a professional, fair and top-quality evaluation of their equine skills. Once again, our school is approved for application for a Pony of America (POAC) national judge's card. New this year, we are pleased to introduce a Steward/Show Management track.



Things You Need to Know Before Attending Judges' School

Hotel Information

*****Reservations must be received on or before February 5th, 2019*****

Fairfield Inn and Suites – Marriott

229 Whiting Farms Road, Holyoke, MA 01040

413-533-2800

Request the group rate: **NE 4-H Judges' School** for 3/29 & 3/30

Room rate is \$119/night (before taxes)

Please check with the hotel for all other specifics, including check in and out times, room amenities etc. Directions and a map will be sent to registrants once registration for Judges' School is received.

Are you a New England 4-H Carded Judge?

Your judge's card must be renewed annually to remain a current New England 4-H Horse Show Judge. Additionally, judges must attend an accepted judges' school every **three** years, including the live judging session, and complete the rulebook test attaining a minimum score of **85%**.

Judges currently on our list may renew without attending school in 2019, providing they send proof of attendance at an accepted 4-H judges' school in 2017 or 2018. Judges who last attended an accepted school in **2016 or before, must attend in 2019** to remain eligible for the New England list. If this is the only card you hold, please note there will not be another New England School until 2021.

The New England 4-H Horse Program accepts attendance at multiple 4-H judges' schools. To find out if your attendance at another school would qualify for renewal, please contact Sherri Thornton, Committee Chair.

*****In order to remain current, you must renew your judge's card by 3/20/19*****

Looking for the current New England 4-H Judges' List?

The listing can be found on the six New England States' Cooperative Extension websites under the 4-H Horse Program. It is also publicized on the Eastern States Exposition "The Big E" website under the 4-H Horse Program.



First Time Attending New England 4-H Judges' School?

Welcome! We look forward to meeting you and we are eager to know how you first heard about New England Judges' School. A wealth of knowledge and a network of experienced judges and mentors awaits you.

For your initial application, our program developed the below prerequisites for each carded level:

Novice Judges – These are individuals just embarking on their judging career. They have a good working knowledge of horse judging and may or may not have been part of a 4-H, youth or college horse judging team. These individuals may also have or currently are judging with experienced judges. They are qualified to judge small shows without another judge.

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must attend an accepted judges' school in the year of their initial application
- Complete the live judging session of Judges' school
- Take the rulebook test attaining a minimum score of **85%**
- Complete the application

Skilled B Judges – These are experienced judges qualified and interested in judging most shows. May or may not be interested in judging extremely large shows.

- Must have current, active judging experience (4-H experience/background preferred).
- Must submit a resume clearly outlining horse show judging experience which must include the following:
 - Shows judged
 - Size of show
 - Show management reference contact information
 - Three letters of reference outlining applicant's horse judging expertise
- Complete the live judging session of Judges' school in the initial application year
- Take the rulebook test attaining a minimum score of **85%**
- Must attend an accepted judges' school including the live judging session and submit attendance verification.

Skilled A Judges – These are experienced judges who would be qualified and interested in judging large shows, including County/Regional/State Shows.

- Must complete all requirements for a Skilled B Judge's Card
- Must successfully complete an interview during attendance at New England Judges' School.
- Must be willing to assist/teach if asked at New England Judges' School.
- Level A application is only possible in the year that New England Judges' School is held

Ready to Advance to the Next Level in your Judging Career?

Complete an application for your current level plus submit the following criteria respectively:

Novice level to Skilled B level:

- A list of all shows judged with a contact person for each show
- A resume highlighting your judging experience
- Three letters of reference outlining applicant's horse judging expertise

Skilled B level to Skilled A level:

- Judged at least six (6) shows in the last 5 years (not to include novice experience)
- Interview with the New England 4-H Horse Program Selection Committee



Complete Your Registration Early!

Registration is now open until March 20, 2019. **No on site registration will be allowed!**

- *Attending the 2019 New England Judges' School for certification?*
\$75 Package
 Includes all educational sessions, annual card fee and lunch on Saturday.
- *Renewing your card but not attending this year?*
\$35
 Includes annual card fee
 Verification of attendance to an accepted alternate school **must** be provided with renewal application (between 2017 and 2018).
- *Auditing the 2019 New England Judges' School for the education?*
\$50
 Includes all educational sessions and lunch on Saturday.

Registration Refund

Refunds will be made in full for cancellations received in writing by March 1, 2019. **No refunds will be issued for cancellations after this date.**

Cancellation

The New England 4-H Horse Program Committee reserves the right to cancel or postpone any course activity due to insufficient enrollment, inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. If the school is canceled or postponed, the New England 4-H Horse Program Committee will refund registration fees but cannot be held responsible for other costs, charges or expenses, including cancellation/change charges assessed by hotels, airlines or travel agencies.

Rulebook Test

The Rulebook Test will be emailed to you for completion prior to school. The web location for viewing or downloading the 2018 New England Rulebook is <http://www.4-h.uconn.edu/>

Your completed test must be postmarked on or before **March 20, 2019** to:

New England 4-H Horse Program Committee
 C/O Carol Birdsey, Judge's Application Coordinator
 2 Randolph Road
 Middletown, CT 06457
rbirdsey01@snet.net

Awarding of Judge's Card and Verification of Attendance

Verification of attendance will be awarded on Sunday at the conclusion of the program. 4-H Judges' List members must show proof of attending sessions Saturday and Sunday by signing in both days in order to receive credit for attending. All 2019 New England Judge's Cards will be awarded to successful candidates at completion of school, and evaluations turned in. If you are renewing by mail, you should receive your card approximately three weeks after school closes. Auditors will be provided with a certificate of attendance.



FRIDAY, March 29th

5:30—10:00pm Interviews for Skilled Level A Candidates
Subject to change due to number of applicants. TBD

SATURDAY, March 30th

8:00—9:00am **REGISTRATION** - *Coffee, tea and water available*

9:00—9:15am Welcome/List Requirements/POAC information

9:15—12:00pm Breakout sessions (*Please see detailed schedule included*)

12:00—1:15pm **LUNCH – Willits-Hallowell Conference Center, Morrison Room**

1:15—5:30pm Breakout sessions (*Please see detailed schedule included*)

SUNDAY, March 31st

8:30am Live Judging: Interactive discussion

11:00am Wrap Up/Receive Certificates/Dismissal





2019 Registration for New England Judges' School

Please **LEGIBLY PRINT** all information

Name _____ Age _____
Scholarship Applicant

ESE Alumni 18-25 only

Mailing Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Contact # _____ Contact # _____

____ I will be attending the **2019 New England Judges' School**.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of **\$75** which includes educational sessions, card fee and lunch.

____ I **attended another accepted 4-H Judges' School** in 2017 or 2018 and choose **only to renew** my New England Judges' Card at this time.

Enclosed is a check for **\$35** which includes the annual card fee. I have included a **COMPLETED** renewal application and test.

____ I will attend the program as an educational auditor. I realize this does not qualify me as a carded judge.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of **\$50** which includes educational sessions and lunch.

Return this completed registration form with payment by March 20, 2019 and you will receive an email confirmation. No registrations will be accepted after March 20th.

****Make all checks payable to *New England 4-H Council - HORSE*****

Note: There will be a \$40 returned check fee for any checks with insufficient funds

Mail to:

New England 4-H Horse Program Committee
C/O Carol Birdsey / Judge's Application Coordinator
2 Randolph Road
Middletown, CT 06457
E-mail: rbirdsey01@snet.net



New Application Renewal Application

JUDGE APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact numbers: 1st _____ 2nd _____

Are you over 18 years of age? Yes _____ No _____

Email address _____

2nd Email address _____

Please indicate which level for which you wish to apply or renew. Refer above for level requirements.

___ Skilled A ___ Skilled B ___ Novice

Please rank all of the following classes based on your judging experience (using numbers 1-5—1=most confident, 5=least confident; you may use numbers more than once):

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|---|---------------------------|
| ___ Western Horsemanship/Equitation | ___ Halter |
| ___ Hunters/Jumpers over fences | ___ Lunge Line |
| ___ Saddle Seat Equitation/Pleasure | ___ Discipline Rail |
| ___ Hunt Seat Equitation/Pleasure | ___ Timed Driving Classes |
| ___ Driving Reinsmanship/Pleasure | ___ Gymkhana |
| ___ Miniature Horses (multiple types of classes) | ___ Gaited Horses |
| ___ Donkeys and Mules (multiple types of classes) | ___ Fitting & Showmanship |
| ___ Draft Breeds (Halter and driving) | ___ Trail |
| ___ Dressage ___ English ___ Western | ___ Command |
| ___ High School Equestrian Teams | ___ Reining |
| ___ Horse Judging Contests (must assign cuts and give oral reasons) | |

Check Associations that you currently hold an Approved Judges Card from:

All 4-H Cards: _____

- AQHA AMHA NSBA APHA AHSA ApHC IBHA PHBA
 PtHA Mini: ___ AMHA ___ AMHR/ASPC
 Other:

(Proof is required – please attach copies of verification)

Attendance at a New England 4-H Horse Program Committee approved judges' clinic is required before finalizing your approval as a New England 4-H Horse Program carded judge. Attach proof or email of person who can verify your attendance at clinic.

Date 4-H Judges' School was attended: _____

Name of 4-H Judges' School attended: _____

Were you ever a 4-H member? ___ leader? ___ volunteer? ___ (check all that apply)

Brief description, if any, of your 4-H experience:

How many years have you been judging? _____

Have you ever had a novice judge work under your direction? ___yes ___no

A listing of all shows judged with contact person for each show judged (a completed evaluation for each show judged will be accepted in place of a listing of shows as long as there is contact information for a show official on that evaluation)

If no shows judged please tell us why:

Not Asked

Other _____

Have you ever been suspended from an association? ___yes ___no

If yes, please explain with attached documentation.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? ___yes ___no

If yes, please explain with attached documentation.

I verify that all information on this form is complete and accurate. I also agree to abide by the Expectation of Ethics, and understand that failure to do may result in my removal from the New England 4-H Horse Judges' List.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

RETURN TO:

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Middletown, CT 06457
E-mail: rbirdsey01@snet.net



EXPECTATION OF ETHICS

It is understood that all 4-H judges will adhere to the following expectations:

1. Be worthy of trust, honor and confidence.
2. Respect all people, including myself.
3. Be responsible, accountable, and self-disciplined in the pursuit of excellence.
4. Be just, fair, and open.
5. Be caring in my relationships with others.
6. Be aware that my actions and decisions affect others and strive to be a contributing and law-abiding citizen.

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a judge in the New England 4-H Horse Program I agree to:

- ◆ Place each class in accordance with the rules and class specifications of the New England 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines.
- ◆ Be courteous and respectful, demonstrate good sportsmanship and deal with conflicts in a tactful manner.
- ◆ Under no circumstances allow the consumption of alcohol or use of illegal drugs while competitors are in the show pen or be under the influence of either while judging.
- ◆ Be a positive role model for youth.
- ◆ Professional conduct is expected at all times, including posts on social media.
- ◆ Dress conservatively in accordance with the New England Rules and Guidelines book.
- ◆ Refrain from unacceptable practices such as verbal or physical abuse, lack of compliance with anti-discrimination laws, or committing criminal acts.
- ◆ Accept direction and support from salaried Extension staff or selected management volunteers.
- ◆ Treat animals humanely and expect 4-H participants to do the same or suffer dismissal from the show grounds.

I have been provided with the opportunity to review the above code of conduct and have been given the opportunity to ask questions, and any questions have been answered satisfactorily. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to adhere to the code of conduct described in this document. I understand that failure to comply with this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action or termination as a Horse and Pony Judge for the New England 4-H Horse program.

Print Name

Signature

Date

New England Extension Representative Signature

Date

Title of Representative



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Have you included all the necessary items required?

- School Registration Form
- Completed Application
 - Judge Designation
 - Expectation of Ethics/Code of Conduct
 - Verification Documentation (if applicable)
- Payment
- Rulebook Test (*separate from this packet*)



More Questions?

Visit and like us on **Facebook/New England 4-H Judges School**

Contact Us:

Sherri Thornton, Committee Chair

207-341-7848

wifie55@roadrunner.com

Your email or call will be returned as soon as possible

Carol Birdsey, Judge's Application Coordinator

860-344-1804

rbirdsey01@snet.net

All communication will be via email unless you specifically request communication via USPS

“Make the Best Better”

