



DATE: March 11, 2024

TO: County 4-H Educators, Coordinators, Hippology Coaches, and 4-H Volunteers

FROM: Jennifer Leach – State 4-H Equine Specialist  
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SUBJECT: 2024 WA State 4-H Hippology Contest Registration and Information

### **WA STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST INFORMATION**

- The WA State 4-H Hippology Contest will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Check-in at 8 am.
- Location: Grant County Fairgrounds, 3953 Airway Dr NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837
- Contest fee is \$20/member. Registration is required and must be postmarked by April 15, 2024.
- The 2024 State Horse Bowl Contest will be held the day AFTER (May 5, 2024), at the same venue. 4-H members are encouraged to try both contests!
- Please see the [WA State 4-H Hippology Contest Rules](https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2023/11/WA-State-4-H-Hippology-Rules-and-Information-updated-for-2023-24.pdf) for details and sample contest material: <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2023/11/WA-State-4-H-Hippology-Rules-and-Information-updated-for-2023-24.pdf>
- Teams are responsible for their own refreshments and lunches. There will not be time for teams or coaches to leave the contest area. If you plan to utilize a local grocery store or fast-food restaurant, please coordinate with a parent or volunteer to bring lunch back for the team. Teams may eat throughout the day as there will not be a formal break for lunch
- Accommodation requests must go through and be approved by the respective 4-H county educator at least two weeks prior to the contest. The county educator will notify the contest coordinator.

### **CONTESTANT INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

- The state contest is open to all enrolled Intermediate and Senior 4-H members in WA State 4-H.
- Each county may register up to four seniors and four intermediates.
- Counties are encouraged to form teams of four whenever possible. Teams of three are acceptable. Please note: Eastern National 4-H Round Up Rules state that all four contestant scores will be tabulated in the Eastern National 4-H Hippology Contest. Teams of three that advance to nationals may compete but will have an overall team score disadvantage.
- Having a county hippology program is not a requirement for participation. Recognizing a county may have only one or two interested, eligible members, the following provision is provided:
  - A county may combine with another county (or multiple counties) to form a team. If unable to coordinate with another county, you may register your county's interested members as individuals. The contest coordinator will form catch teams, if possible, and notify you. If impossible to form a catch team, individuals may compete independently in all phases except team problem solving. All contestants are eligible for overall individual awards.
- Teams/participants may be selected by any procedure a county deems appropriate.
- The first-place senior team earns the opportunity to represent Washington State at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Round Up (ENRU) in Kentucky. The ENRU will be held November 8-10, 2024.
- Please be advised of the ENRU age eligibility rules, which are different from those of WA State 4-H. We include this information here to inform expectation for seniors who may have a goal to compete in the ENRU. To clarify, a senior who is 18 on Oct 1 may enroll in WA State 4-H and may

compete in our state contest. However, if the senior then reaches their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on/before Jan 1, they become ineligible to compete in the ENRU. This may also affect their team's eligibility.

- Please be advised, only the registration fee for the ENRU is paid by the WSU 4-H program. All travel expenses are the responsibility of the member and/or county. Please plan accordingly.
- In the event that any team or team member becomes ineligible or declines to compete at the ENRU, the next highest-ranking team or individual will be offered the opportunity.
- Seniors who qualify for and compete at the ENRU in Hippology cannot participate again in the WA State 4-H Hippology contest. All intermediates, and seniors who have not competed in Hippology at the ENRU, may return.
- Full rules for the ENRU can be found here: <https://www.4hroundup.com/rules>
- Any other eligibility requirements for the WA State 4-H Hippology Contest, such as fees or registration deadlines, will be detailed on the entry form.
- Information about other national contest opportunities (e.g.: AQHA, AHA) is available by request.

## **2024 APPROVED SOURCES | STUDY MATERIAL**

- Please see the **last page** of this registration packet for a complete list of sources that will be used to create contest content. The list is also available on the [WA State 4-H Equine page](#) and here: <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2050/2024/03/Edited-WA-State-4-H-Equine-Contests-Approved-Source-List.pdf>).
- 4-H members who wish to expand their knowledge beyond the above offerings and/or who have set a goal to compete at ENRU may use this link to view the list of sources the Eastern National 4-H Hippology Contest will be using in November 2024: <https://www.4hroundup.com/rules>

## **HIPPOLOGY SUPPORT**

- Details about the contest phases and sample contest material can be found in the [WA State 4-H Hippology Contest Rules and Information](#) document.
- You may contact Kim Baker at [kim.baker@wsu.edu](mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu) | 425-520-3908 for more information and support.



## 2024 WASHINGTON STATE 4-H HIPPOLOGY CONTEST REGISTRATION

Must be postmarked by April 15, 2024

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach/Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Extension Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*County staff signature is required as verification of enrollment in 4-H Online and age eligibility.*

*Staff may email [kim.baker@wsu.edu](mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu) in lieu of signature if more logistically practical.*

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- One registration form per county. Coordinate through your horse program or county 4-H office.
- **Each county may send up to 4 Senior members and 4 Intermediate members.**
- Teams/participants may be selected by any procedure a county deems appropriate.
- Having a county hippology coach or program is not a requirement of registration.
- Recognizing a county may have only one or two interested, eligible members, the following provision is provided: a county may combine with another county (or multiple counties) to form a team. If unable to coordinate with another county, you may register your members as individuals. The contest coordinator will form catch teams, if possible, and notify the above-named contact. If impossible to form a catch team, individuals may compete independently in all phases except team problem solving. All contestants are eligible for individual awards.

				Fee (\$20 each)
Seniors (First and Last Name)		Birthdate	County	
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
Intermediates (First and Last Name)		Birthdate	County	
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
Total Fee Enclosed				

***Make checks payable to WA State Fair Board***

**Mail this form and registration fee to:**

WSU Extension | 4-H, 6705 Puget Park Dr, Snohomish, WA 98296

Attn: Kim Baker

**Questions: Please contact Kim Baker | 425-520-3908 | [kim.baker@wsu.edu](mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu)**



## Approved Sources and Study Materials

for all WA State 4-H Equine Knowledge Contests  
Horse Bowl, Hippology, Groom Squad  
Updated **March 2024**

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**The following materials are used to create questions in our WA State 4-H Contests: Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Groom Squad\*. This is the complete list for the 2023-24 State Contests.**

It has been edited for accessibility and manageable study expectations.

All questions within WA State 4-H Knowledge Contests can be sourced back to these materials.

We encourage use of these materials when developing county and club activities.

Sources, contest information, and rules can be found on the [WA State 4-H Horses](https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/) webpage:

<https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/projects/animal-science/companion-performance/horse/>

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### [The 4-H Horse Project Guide](#) – PNW 587

- Free: <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/the-4h-horse-project>
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### [4-H Horse Judging Manual](#) – PNW 575

- Free: <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/search?q=pnw575>
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### [Beginning Horsemanship](#) – EM 4843

- Free: <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/beginning-horsemanship-mm>
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### [The PNW 4-H Contest Guide](#) – PNW 574 ~~plus [Addendum 1](#) and [Addendum 2](#)~~

- *This source has been replaced with the new WA 4-H Equine Program Rule Book. As this change was very recent, we will NOT use the PNW 4-H Contest Guide, it's Addendums, nor the WA 4-H Equine Program Rule Book as sources for the 2024 contest season.*
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### [4-H Driving Manual](#) – PNW 229

- Free: <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/4h-driving-manual>
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### [4-H Dressage Manual](#) – PNW 608

- Free: <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/search?q=dressage>
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### [Hunt Seat & Jumper Manual](#) – PNW 488

- Free: <https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/hunt-seat-and-jumper-manual>
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### [Horse Science](#) – CO201

- Available for purchase from [shop4-H.org](https://shop4-h.org) for \$6.50
  - <https://shop4-h.org/products/horse-program-curriculum-horse-science?variant=32863271118>
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### [Horses and Horsemanship](#) – CO200

- Available for purchase from [shop4-H.org](https://shop4-H.org) for \$6.50
  - [https://shop4-h.org/products/horse-program-curriculum-horses-horsemanship?\\_pos=1&\\_psq=horses-and-horsemanship&\\_ss=e&\\_v=1.0](https://shop4-h.org/products/horse-program-curriculum-horses-horsemanship?_pos=1&_psq=horses-and-horsemanship&_ss=e&_v=1.0)
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If you need assistance in locating and/or downloading the Washington 4-H horse publications, please contact Kim Baker [kim.baker@wsu.edu](mailto:kim.baker@wsu.edu) or your 4-H Extension office for assistance.

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