

CATA Curricular Code Change Proposal

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Contest:	Light Horse Judging
Proposed by: (Name, School, Email)	Amber Carter, Highland High School, amber_carter@kernhigh.org

Issue: (Describe the reason/rationale for the proposed change.)
National FFA allows the use of the AQHA score sheets for Ranch Riding and Reining in their horse judging contest. Based on feedback from officials at our contests and in an effort to be more aligned with Nationals, I propose we add the use of the AQHA scoresheets for Ranch Riding and Reining.

Please answer yes or no to ALL the questions below.

This proposal will require a contest to open out of rotation	No
The change will affect General Rules	No
The change will affect the awards needed.	No
Which JudgingCard scorecard will be used for tabulations.	705A-12
The proposed change will affect contest forms.	yes
The proposed change will affect contest hosting site. (e.g. additional facilities, new sections, additional scoring, etc.)	yes

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, you need to include the following signatures: [Click here](#) for link to CDE Contest Advisor and Coordinator list.

CATA Approved Contest Advisor's Signature	
CDE Host Site Contest Coordinator's Signature agreeing that changes are able to be accommodated by the host site.	<i>Sarah Stewart</i>

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain.

*It is highly recommended that you, or a representative, attend the pre-conference governing board meeting to answer any questions regarding proposed curricular code changes to contests that are requested to be opened out of rotation.

The change would ask the hosting site to potentially print and provide the proposed score sheet for each contestant, if they will be judging ranch riding or reining at State Finals.

Description: (Describe what is changing.)

Adding the use of the AQHA score sheets for ranch riding and reining when judging those two performance classes. Contest hosts would be responsible for providing students with those score sheets, if those classes will be judged at their contest.

Proposed CATA Code Change: (Only include the section that the proposed change pertains to – do not include the entire contest. Reference numbered section. If editing text, show new text with old text in parenthesis. For large changes, set track changes in the Word document and attach the file, with edits, to this document when submitting.)

Event Rules

- I. No pre-printed materials will be allowed during the event unless supplied by the host school.
- II. Blank AQHA-approved score sheet for use during the performance classes will be supplied by the host school. See attached score sheets.
- III. Any participant in possession of an electronic device in the event area is subject to disqualification.
- IV. Inappropriate behavior by contestants or coaches will result in the immediate disqualification of the team for that contest.
- V. Coaches will be permitted to watch the contest in a designated area.
- VI. Release the name of the classes being judged by 6:00 p.m. the night prior to all coaches/teams registered.

RANCH RIDING SCORE SHEET

AMERICAN
QUARTER
HORSE
ASSOCIATION

JUDGE _____
CLASS _____
DATE _____

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Instructions for Submitting Curricular Code Change

- Make sure the form is complete.
- Download and Submit this document as a PDF
 - Click File → Download → Download as a PDF
- If your proposal requires signatures make sure to contact the contest advisor and contest host. Tip: Docusign, Doc Hub are great sources for digital signature requests. ○ [Click Here](#) for contest Host and Advisor List
- Email completed Curricular Change Proposal **PDF** to cata@calagteachers.org by June 1st.

Warning: Make sure you add all the topics or concerns you would like to discuss at the Curricular Code CDE meeting. If it's not posted on the CATA Curricular Code Changes website by June 1st, it **cannot** be discussed.

LIGHT HORSE JUDGING

Revised 6/2023

Purpose and Standards

The purpose of the Light Horse Judging Career Development Event (CDE) is to provide students with new insights into equine science by evaluating and ranking horses based on breed characteristics, confirmation and performance.

Participants will make accurate observations of equine, assess desirable traits of horses, make logical placing decisions based on these observations, and defend their decision making process. Participants defend their decisions via oral reasons in front of industry experts.

Participant of the Light Horse Judging CDE strengthen their leadership, observation, analysis, critical thinking and communication skills while also developing and exercising a competitive team spirit and building an awareness of career opportunities within the equine industry.

Foundation Standards: 2.0, 2.4, 5.0, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 9.0, 9.1, 9.2, 9.5, and 11.1

Agricultural Pathway Standards: D 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, and D10

Contestants

Teams consist of four members, with all four individual scores counting as the team score. All team members are eligible for individual awards.

Classes

Class	Individual Points	Team Points
Class 1	50	200
Class 2	50	200
Class 3	50	200
Class 4	50	200
Class 5	50	200
Class 6	50	200
Class 7	50	200
Class 8	50	200
Halter Reasons Class 1	50	200
Halter Reasons Class 2	50	200
Performance Reasons Class 1	50	200
Performance Reasons Class 2	50	200
TOTAL	600	2400

Tiebreaker

In the event of a tie, the team or individual scoring the highest total score on four sets of reasons will be the winner.

Sub-contest Awards

Sub-contest awards will be given for high teams and individuals in the following areas: Halter, Performance, and Reasons. (Halter and Performance include reasons for respective classes. Reasons sub-contest includes all reason scores.)

Event Rules

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- II. Blank AQHA-approved score sheet for use during the performance classes will be supplied by the host school. See attached score sheets.
- III. Any participant in possession of an electronic device in the event area is subject to disqualification.
- IV. Inappropriate behavior by contestants or coaches will result in the immediate disqualification of the team for that contest.
- V. Coaches will be permitted to watch the contest in a designated area.
- VI. Release the name of the classes being judged by 6:00 p.m. the night prior to all coaches/teams registered.

Judging Rules

- I. Judging
 - A. There will be eight classes judged with a minimum of two classes in halter and two in performance not to exceed six in each area.
 1. Halter Classes (200-400 points)
 - a) All contestants will be allowed 12 minutes for the placing of each halter class. Two minutes will be allowed for each set of reasons.
 - b) These two to six classes of horses will be judged on conformation. The classes shall consist of:
 - (1) Four individuals of any of the following breeds: American Paint Horse, American Quarter Horse, American Saddlebred, Appaloosa, Arabian, Morgan, or Conformation Hunter.
 - (2) Four individuals of any one sex; Stallions, Colts, Mares, Fillies or Geldings:
 - (3) Each class will be scored 0-50 points.
 - c) Two sets of reasons will be given on halter classes. These sets will be scored 0-50 points. Contest advisors should be advised of Curricular Code Introduction section on oral reasons, which reads; students giving oral reasons may take notes while judging the classes. (See attached reason's score sheet.) A contestant has the option not to give reasons to alumni from their school. A contest official will reassign the contestant to another group for that set of reasons.
 - d) Horses will be judged standing.
 - e) All halter horses to be judged as sound.
 - f) No close inspection
 2. Performance Horses (200 - 400 points)
 - a) All performance classes will be judged according to AQHA rules.

- b) Patterns will only be established by the Official Handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association.
- c) Two to six classes of horses will be judged as performance horses. The time allowed for judging these classes will be set by the contest management. Each class will be scored 0-50 points.
- d) Each class shall consist of four individual horses.
- e) Performance classes shall consist of any two of the following:
 - (1) Western Pleasure
 - (2) Western Riding
 - (3) Trail
 - (4) Reining
 - (5) Hunter Under Saddle
 - (6) Hunter Hack
 - (7) Western Horsemanship
 - (8) Ranch Riding
- f) Two set of reasons will be given on performance classes. Reasons will be scored 0-50 points. (See attached score sheet.) A contestant has the option not to give reasons to alumni from their school. A contest official will reassign the contestant to another group for that set of reasons.
- g) Official placing and contest judging will be done simultaneously for all performance classes.
- h) Performance classes will be evaluated as presented (unsoundness to be penalized accordingly). Patterns will be provided to team prior to the start of the event for all classes requiring patterns.
- i) All attire of riders and handlers and all tack is to be considered legal in performance classes.

REASON'S SCORE SHEET

	Score
What to do when a contestant.....does not show. Write DOES NOT SHOW on Card	0
Says "I don't have anything to say."	0
Reads notes with poor organization and terms	5-9
Reads notes, fairly complete set	10-14
Reads notes, excellent set	15-20
Glances at notes one or more times	20-24
No notes, poor terminology and organization	25-34
No notes, proper terms, but brief or not accurate	35-39
No notes, good terms, fair organization and accurate presentation	40-44
No notes, excellent terms, organized, accurate and well presented	45-50

Time Penalties: (two minutes allowed)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
2:01-2:10	- 1
2:11-2:20	- 3
2:21-2:30	- 6
2:30 or more	-10

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REINING SCORE SHEET

JUDGE
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