

# 2025 NHJTCA Spring Sweepstakes



## HORSE JUDGING CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES




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## **Official Rules**




1. This contest will consist of placing classes with some classes requiring presentation of oral reasons.
2. Each school may enter 2 teams consisting of four (4) members, with the top three (3) scores counting towards team score. Individuals, in addition to being on a team, may also participate for individual awards. As well as complete in NACTA contest at the same time. There will be a limited division that will compete for individual awards.
3. Neatness of dress is greatly encouraged. Contestants may not wear any pins, badges, or article of clothing that identifies them personally or their school/team. Contestants may not wear hats while judging classes, but they may be worn while giving oral reasons.
4. Classes will be judged in accordance with the current year AQHA Rulebook. Five to Ten classes will be judged, including two to four halter and three to eight performance classes. Halter classes will be separated by age group. Depending on the availability of horses, similar age groups may be combined into a single class (i.e. 2 and 3 year old mares). Performance classes will be selected from the following:
  - Trail
  - Western Pleasure
  - Western Horsemanship
  - Western Riding
  - Hunter Under Saddle
  - Hunt Seat Equitation
  - Showmanship
  - Hunter Hack
  - Reining
  - Ranch Riding
  - Ranch Pleasure (SHTX 2025 Rules)
  - Ranch Rail Pleasure
  - Ranch Trail
5. Reasons will be given on 4 classes. Limited contestants will give 2 sets. Contestants are encouraged to take notes on all classes. Reasons classes will be announced at the end of judging.
6. All halter and performance classes will consist of four horses. Back number corresponding to the horse numbers will be worn by all handlers and riders.
7. Contest Procedures: Timing and conduct of classes will be conducted under the guidelines of the National Horse Judging Team Coaches Association. All horses will be considered sound of mouth, wind, and limb in halter and judged as they go in performance. All tack and attire will be considered legal. Each class will consist of four horses. Handlers/riders will be identified with numbered vests. While the contest is in progress, there will be no talking between contestants or anyone except as directed by the contest officials. No pagers, cell phones or other forms of communication will be allowed on any contestant. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

8. Coaches will not have contact with their contestants at any time during the judging and reason session. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification. Placing scantrons will be provided. Contestants must provide their own No. 2 pencil only. Contestants may use clipboards, notebooks, plain paper, official AQHA score sheets, the 2025 AQHA Rulebook as long as these items are clean and free of marks. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification. A group leader will be placed in charge of each group of contestants. Contestants are responsible for turning in their scantrons to the group leader when time is called. Late scantrons will not be accepted. Contestants are responsible for the proper marking of all class placing scantron.
9. Official placings and cuts will be presented after the completion of oral reasons.
10. Tie Breakers: To be determined by Superintendent/Tabulator.
11. The decision of the judges will be final.

### Coaches Meeting

-  **Date:** April 9th at 4:00 PM
-  **Location:** West Texas A&M University, Department of Agricultural Sciences
-  **Room:** 207 **Address:** 2513-2579 4th Ave, Canyon, TX 79016

### Contest Details



-  **Date:** April 10th
-  **Location:** Tri-State Fairgrounds, Amarillo National Center
-  **Address:** 3301 SE 10th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79104

Any changes to the roster must be made by **7:00 AM**.


Contestants will **begin seating at 7:30 AM**.

The contest will **start at 8:00 AM**.

### Awards

-  **Location:** TBD (Approximately 1 hour after the last contestant gives reasons)
-  **NACTA Awards** will be presented at the **NACTA Banquet**.

**Regular Entry Deadline:** March 28, 2025

-  **Late Entry Deadline:** April 1, 2025 (**\$25 late fee applies**)

# 2025 Spring Collegiate Sweepstakes

April 10, 2025 Tri-State Fairgrounds, 3301 SE 10th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79104

**Regular Entry Deadline:** March 28, 2025 **Late Entry Deadline:** April 1, 2025 (**\$25 late fee applies**)

**Team:**

Contestant A \_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant B \_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant C \_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant D \_\_\_\_\_

**Team:**

Contestant A \_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant B \_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant C \_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant D \_\_\_\_\_

## Circle Limited Division or Individuals

Contestant A \_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant B \_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant C \_\_\_\_\_  
Contestant D \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal: \$325/Team x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

\$65/Individual x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Total= \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Submit entry form electronically to Christy Adams

**Cadams@wtamu.edu**

**OR**

If mailing checks or money orders, send to:  
**Christy Adams, Attn: Spring Sweepstakes**  
**PO Box 60998 WTAMU, Canyon, TX 79016**

Credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

