

COLLEGIATE & YOUTH *REINING* JUDGING CONTEST Held at the **NRHA Futurity** November 30th & December 1st, 2026

This contest is open to any properly accredited College, University, or Youth. There will be two divisions: Collegiate (JR College and University) and Youth. The contest will be held at the NRHA Futurity, Oklahoma City, OK. Each College, University, or Youth organization may enter up to two teams. College teams will consist of 5 members, Youth 4 members. Five-member College and 4-member Youth teams will have the lowest overall individual score dropped. However, the dropped individual is still eligible for individual awards. Each College team having 4 or less members, and Youth having 3 or less members will not have a dropped score. There will be a \$25 entry fee per individual. All entries are due by November 9th. Late entries will be accepted through November 16th with a \$25 late fee per person. Entries should be sent to Alyssa Logan (see entries below).

Eligibility: Any college undergraduate student representing his or her institution who is currently enrolled as a full-time student in good standing, who has never acted as an official judge for a horse association and who has never served in the capacity of teacher of horse judging in a college or secondary school is eligible to compete in this contest. **There will be two collegiate divisions: 1) Junior College, open to teams from Junior colleges, 2) Senior College. A contestant may judge in any division only once and cannot judge in the Junior division after having judged in the Senior division.** For the Youth Division, all contestants must be 13 years of age, but have not passed their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current year (2026). Youth contestants may not have participated as an official in a post-secondary (college or university) Horse Judging contest, nor have been enrolled in a post-secondary (college or university) Horse Judging course/program.

Rules: While the contest is in progress, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by the contest superintendent or his/her representatives, and information exchanged during the judging and scribing process. Conferring will result in disqualification from the contest. Any contestants found with a cell phone or any other electronic device that would aid in conferring will be immediately disqualified. Any questions, which do not pertain to contest instructions, shall be directed to a contest official. **During video run judging and live run judging, each contestant will be paired up with another contestant as their scribe. Scribe pairings will be made by the contest management, and two individuals on the same team or previous school, college, or university will not be permitted to scribe for each other.**

Classes: One or two classes consisting of 10 horses, if available, will be judged. Every horse will be scored, and the contestant will select and rank each set/class of horses. Scoring will be done using scribes on Judge's scoresheets. Procedures on scoring will be discussed at the coaches' meeting. At least one live judging class will take place at the NRHA Futurity on November 30th or December 1st.

Card placing: Each contestant shall turn in placings on an official placing card at the conclusion of the class. Placings are 350 points per class, and score deviations are 100 points per class. Once a card has been turned into a contest official, the card will not be returned for any reason. Failure to turn in a card or scoresheet, or turning in a blank card shall result in a score of 0 for that class. Incorrectly marked cards will result in the lowest possible placing.

Written Test: Each contestant will be required to take a written test covering the current *NRHA Handbook*. The test will consist of multiple choice, fill in the blank, and/or true/false questions, for a total of 50 points. The questions will come from the Rules for Judging and Judges guidelines sections of the current *NRHA Handbook* (Pages 81 – 170). Written test will be taken at Heritage Place, on November 30th. **Students are not permitted to have a copy of the rulebook with them during the written test, or any other portion of the contest (including classes or penalty clip).**

Penalty Clip Test: Each contestant will be required to take a penalty video test, for a total of 50 points. The runs will be shown from video one time each. Each video may have a variety of maneuvers that may contain one or multiple penalties, or no penalty. Penalty video test will be taken at Heritage Place, on November 30th.

Auditor option: Coaches are welcome to enter students as an auditor to the contest to gain experience, without impacting future contest eligibility. The cost for auditors will be \$20.00 each. Auditors will get to participate in all parts of the contest and the final tabulation will include auditors scores. There will be no awards or placings for auditors.

Official Judges: Official judges of the scores and rankings are the Show officials judging the classes.
Classes will be officiated in accordance with the current rules per AQHA/NRHA, with corresponding cuts.

Point Values:

1st set of ten.....450pts
2nd set of ten450pts
Written Test..... 50pts
Penalty Clip Test..... 50pt

Questions about the contest can be directed to
Alyssa Logan alyssa.logan@mtsu.edu 248-842-3438.

REINING CONTEST



NHJTCA
National Horse Judging Team
Coaches' Association



Contest Date: November 30th & December 1st 2026

Awards: December 1st following score tabulation

Held in conjunction with the National Reining Horse Association Futurity, Oklahoma City, OK

JR College/University/Youth Team/Auditor (Circle) Name: _____

Team Member Names

College Teams (5 Person) Youth Teams (4 Person)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Individuals Names

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Coach _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Signature _____

Method of Payment (please circle)

Check # _____ Payable to NHJTCA _____ Money Order _____

Credit card: Visa _____ Mastercard _____ American Express _____ Discover _____

Card# _____ Exp _____ 3-digit code _____ Zip (must match the card for processing) _____

Signature _____ Name as it appears on card _____

Team Member Names

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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Subtotal

College \$125/Team X _____ = _____

Youth \$100 / Team X _____ = _____

Individual \$25 X _____ = _____

Late fee if applicable \$25 X _____ = _____

Auditors \$20 X _____ = _____

Total =

Submit entry form electronically to Alyssa Logan

alyssa.logan@mtsu.edu

Credit card is preferred method of payment

If mailing check or money orders sent to:

Check payable to NHJTCA

ATTN Sarah Schobert Moriarty

2471 TAMU

College Station, TX 77843

Entry deadline – November 9th, 2026

Late entries accepted through November 16th, 2026 with a \$25/person late fee

