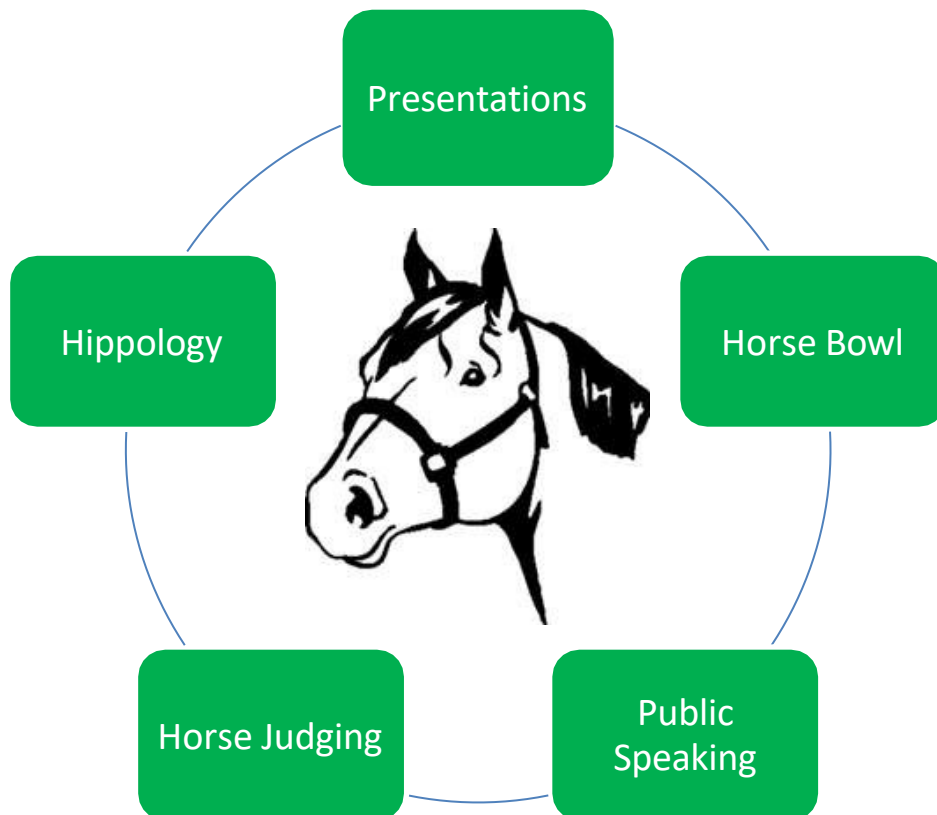




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2026

Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests



**July 6th and 7th
New Plymouth and
Fruitland, Idaho**

When I Compete

- **I have a performance goal...never a “to only beat someone else” goal.**
- **I respect and learn from other competitors who are more skilled than myself.**
- **I don’t criticize other competitors, officials, or judges.**
- **I will do my best today.**
- **I have fun.**
- **I stay home if I can’t follow the above rules.**

Adapted from a presentation by Doug Householder, PhD.
Extension Horse Specialist
Texas A&M University at the
1997 National Youth Horse Council Meeting

Found at the conclusion of the “Horses, Kids, and Ethics” video
Produced by Jeff Goodwin, Ph.D. Goodwin Educational Video
Available from Instructional Materials Service
Texas A&M University, Mail Stop 2588
College Station, Texas 77843-2588
Phone (409)845-6601 Fax (409)845-6608
Video available from all County Extension Offices in Idaho

2026 Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests Schedule of Events

Thursday June 18th

Deadline for individuals and teams to complete online registration and payment through **Z-Suite**. Each District should send in ONE signed registration form for all contests. Please email to Gail Silkwood at gsilkwood@uidaho.edu by 6/18/26 or mail to **University of Idaho Extension, Ada County, 5880 N Glenwood St, Garden City, ID 83714** postmarked by 6/18/26. *For questions call (208) 287-5900.*

Monday July 6th

Payette County Fairgrounds, 310 East Blvd, New Plymouth, ID 83655

- 7:30 am Check-in for all Horse Judging and Hippology contestants (Judging phase)
- 8:15 am MANDATORY Contestant Orientation
- 8:30 am Judging of Halter and Performance Classes
Horse Judging Oral Reasons (all age divisions)
Lunch (will be provided for contestants and officials only)
Official Placings by contest judge will be given after oral reasons are completed.
- 2:00 pm Horse Judging Awards Presentations (*Proper contest attire is required.)
- 3:30 pm Check-in for all Hippology contestants (Examination, Station, and Team Problem phases)
- 4:00 pm Hippology Examination, Stations and Team phases begin.

Tuesday July 7th

Fruitland Elementary School, 800 S Pennsylvania Ave, Fruitland, ID 83619

- 7:30 am Check-in for all Oral Presentation contestants
- 8:00 am Oral Presentation Contests begin

Fruitland Middle School, 1100 S Pennsylvania Ave, Fruitland, ID 83619

- 9:00 am Check in for all Horse Bowl contestants and coaches
- 9:30 am Horse Bowl Contest begins
- 1:00 pm Awards Presentation/Pictures for Oral Presentations, Hippology, and Horse Bowl (*Proper contest attire is required. Awards for all 3 contests will be held at Fruitland Middle School)

All times are approximate. Times will be followed as closely as possible.

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General Information

Contest Rules

Procedures and rules governing each of the Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests are on the State 4-H website at <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/horse/rules>. Contestants are responsible for reading and adhering to the rules for each contest they will be participating in.

Entries

The Extension District Director designee will authorize individuals and teams from their District, then submit one official entry form listing all qualified teams and individuals to the State Contest Committee postmarked on or before **June 18, 2026**. Late entries will not be accepted. Each district shall determine the process by which they select their contestants. The number of District entries allotted is set forth in each specific contest section. All participants must be current Idaho 4-H program members. Teams may consist of members from the same club, county, or multiple counties within that district at the discretion of their district coordinator.

Substitution of participants registered (whether competing as individuals or on teams) is not permitted after the entry deadline. District designees are responsible for verifying each contestant's age and entering them in the appropriate contest area and age division. Contestants may only compete once within each contest area (Horse Judging, Horse Bowl, Oral Presentations, and Hippology) during this year's state contests.

Entry fees

All entry fees will be paid online using **Z-Suite**.

District entry forms may be emailed to gsilkwood@uidaho.edu or mailed to *University of Idaho Extension, Ada County, 5880 N Glenwood St, Garden City, ID 83714, postmarked by 6/18/26.*

The fee for each contestant (as an individual or team member) is:

Horse Judging	\$20/contestant
Hippology	\$15/contestant
Horse Bowl	\$15/contestant
Horse Oral Presentations	\$15/contestant

Age Division Determination

The contestant's age will be determined as of **January 1st** of the current year. See individual contest rules for age divisions.

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General Information

Insurance

Counties are responsible for verifying that participants from their county have 4-H accident insurance coverage before attending these Idaho 4-H Youth Horse Contests.

Housing and Facilities

Participants are responsible for their own lodging arrangements plus transportation to and from the various contest venues.

Grievances

Any protest must be in writing and submitted (along with a \$25 fee) at least one hour prior to the scheduled awards presentation. A three-member Grievance Committee will review any protests. If the protest is not sustained, the fee shall be forfeited. Decisions of the Grievance Committee are FINAL.

Dress Code

See individual contest rules for dress codes. Appropriate attire must be worn throughout the contests and awards ceremonies. Direct any questions regarding attire to the Contest Committee, prior to contest start. Violations of attire rules will result in disqualification.

Requests for Accommodations

Any participants with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodations must complete and submit the form found at [reasonable-accommodation-for-4-H-parent-complete.pdf](#) ([uidaho.edu](#)) to assist in evaluating the reasonable accommodation request no later than June 16, 2025. Accommodation applications cannot be approved without supporting documentation. Submit the request form found in the link above along with supporting documentation to Center for **Disability Access and Resources**, 875 Perimeter Drive Moscow, ID 83844-4257, cdar@uidaho.edu, phone 208-885-6307, fax 208-885-9404.

Code of Conduct

All contestants, coaches, parents, and spectators must always conduct themselves in an appropriate manner (in accordance with the Idaho 4-H Code of Conduct). Disrespectful behavior toward contest officials, other contestants, coaches, or the public is not acceptable. Violations may result in immediate disqualification of any individuals and/or teams.

Telephones/Communication Devices

Cell phones or other technologies that would enable individuals to communicate with others during the Hippology, Horse Bowl, and/or Horse Judging contests are prohibited. Contestants found in possession of such devices may be disqualified from that specific contest.

Health/Safety for 2026

Contests will be conducted in accordance with the local Health District and University of Idaho COVID regulations and protocols related to event/group size, face coverings and physical distancing. Contest management reserves the right to make modifications as needed to facilitate conducting any of these educational events, including limiting the physical presence of individuals other than the actual contestants and contest officials from contest facilities/venues based on current circumstances on the dates of these events. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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