



## Career Program Area: Equine Specialist

### Specific Rules

1. Each team consists of three members. The participants will compete both individually and as a team.
2. In the event of a tie for individuals, three preselected questions from the written exam will be asked and continue in the same sequence until a winner emerges. For teams the first criteria will be the highest team score and if still tied, the second criteria will be the same three preselected questions used to break individual ties as above.
3. Participants need to provide their own calculator and 2 No. 2 pencils and erasers. Participants are encouraged to bring their own Internet devices (phone, tablet, laptop). While every attempt will be made to have Wi-Fi available, it cannot be guaranteed

### Procedures

1. Each team member will work individually to answer test questions on equine behavior, anatomy, reproduction, nutrition, health and handling safely.
2. Each team member will work individually to properly identify the parts of bits, tack and the anatomy of the horse.
3. All members of the team will prepare a response to a case study in relating to health, nutrition, reproduction or barn management. Students will take their response and engage in an 8-10 minute discussion with industry representatives. The use of computers and internet will be allowed, however all sources must be properly referenced

Proficiency level is evaluated in the following subject matter areas

- Behavior and Nature
- Anatomy – Action
- Unsoundness, Blemishes and Age
- Reproduction
- Inheritance
- Digestive System
- Nutrition
- Health, Disease and Parasites
- Truck Trailering

## Program Evaluation

Individuals will be evaluated on performance in each of the three activity areas

- Written examination = 100 points (individual)
- Team Case Study Score = 100 points (team)
- Identification = 50 points (individual)
- **Total Points Possible = 250 points**

Team scoring will be based on

- Average of three individual written exams = 100 points
- Average of three individual ID Scores = 50 points
- Team Case Study Score = 100 points
- **Total Points Possible = 250 points**