

Frequently Asked Questions about Competing in 4-H Horse Related Topics

Here are the answers to FAQ that come up regarding the selection process for the 4-H Horse Program Communications Team that represents Massachusetts 4-H at the National 4-H Horse Round-Up in Louisville, Kentucky each November. Only senior members, ages 14-18 are eligible for this national event.

What Visual Presentation and Public Speaking classes can a 4-H member enter to be considered for the Communications Team going to National Horse Round Up?

4-H members in the following classes will be considered:

- Visual Presentation; any Horse class
- Visual Presentation; Senior Horse Related Team class
- Visual Presentation; any horse topic in the Veterinary Science class
- Visual Presentation: PowerPoint: Horse
- Public Speaking; Horse Related Subject

How many 4-H members will be selected to represent the State Communications Team at the National 4-H Horse Round Up?

A total of four will be selected. Two members for the “Horse Related Team”, one for the “Horse Related Subject in Public Speaking” and one for the “Horse Related Individual Visual Presentation”.

How are the members of the State Communications Team selected?

They are selected at the State 4-H Visual Presentation Day, usually held in late March or early April. This means that members first qualify in their local (county) Visual Presentation program. At the state competition, the blue rosette winners in the Horse Related Team class and the blue rosette winner in the Horse Related Subject in Public Speaking class are selected for those team slots in those class competitions in the morning. All blue rosette winners in the individual horse classes qualify to participate in a run-off for the one remaining slot (Horse Related Individual Visual Presentation). The blue rosette winner in the PowerPoint horse class also qualifies. In addition, if the blue rosette winner in the Veterinary Science class did his/her visual on a horse related topic he/she also qualifies to compete in the run-off. This run off takes place in the afternoon with a new set of judges.

Can a member enter more than one horse related class at State Visuals?

No, they must select one.

How long can the Horse Related Team Presentation be at State Visual Presentation Day?

The time is 10 to 15 minutes, which is the time period allowed at the National Horse Round Up for teams. Individual presentations must be a maximum of 10 minutes.

How many times could a 4-H member represent Massachusetts on the Communications Team at National Round Up?

Up to three times. Once as an “Individual” presenter, once as a “Horse Public Speaking Class” delegate and once as a member of a “Horse Related Team”.

What happens if a 4-H member is selected to represent the State Communications Team but was also selected to represent Massachusetts in another National Horse Round Up category (Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology or Judging)?

The member must decide which team he/she would like to participate on. Once that decision is made, the runner up or alternate (if one exists) will be selected to fill the open slot.