

# HORSE EVALUATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

## What is it?

In this CDE, you evaluate and rank horses on breed characteristics, conformation, and performance. Team members cooperatively complete problems related to equine selection, management, nutrition and production. They also give oral reasons explaining their placing of various classes.

## Career Opportunities

### *Career Clusters:*

- Agricultural and Forestry Production
- Management and Financial Specialties
- Marketing, Merchandising, and Sales
- Science and Engineering
- Social Services
- Education and Communication

### *Career opportunities found in the career areas:*

- **Agricultural and Forestry Production** – horse trainer, horse rancher, artificial breeding technician
- **Marketing, Merchandising, and Sales** – equine sales, horse buyer
- **Science and Engineering** – equine veterinarian, equine nutritionist, equine dentist
- **Education and Communication** – postsecondary teacher

## Educational Requirements

**High School Diploma** – horse trainer, horse rancher

**Associate Degree (2 year degree)** – artificial breeding technician

**Bachelor Degree** – equine sales, horse buyer

**Graduate Degree** – equine veterinarian, equine nutritionist, equine dentist, postsecondary teacher

## SAE Opportunities

Employment at a horse stable, teach horse lessons and therapeutic horseback riding, employment at a park riding stable, teaching community about horses, raise breeding horses, showing horses, participate in rodeos

## Proficiency Award Areas

Equine Science

## Curriculum Resources

- Equine Science Instructional Materials; National FFA.
- Current Official AQHA Handbook
- Heird, James C. and The American Quarter Horse Association, *Competitive Horse Judging*. First Edition. The American Quarter Horse Association, 1990.
- Official Judging Guide from each of the various breed associations and audiovisuals.
- Evans, J. Warren, Borton, Anthony, Hintz, Harold F., and Van Vleck, L. Dale, *The HORSE*, second edition. W.H. Freeman and Company, 41 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010 ISBN 0-7167 – 1811-1
- *Horse Industry Handbook*, published by the American Youth Horse Council. Order by calling 1-800-Try-AYHC
- Equine Science Curriculum – a special project from the National Council for Agricultural Education.
- *Interactive Horse Judging [CD-ROM]*, available from Kansas State University, Extension Service.
- Oklahoma State University website/breeds
- University of Kentucky website/agripedia
- <http://www.saddleshop.com> – Official reference for terminology for tack /equipment portion of team activity.