

Horsemanship Quiz Challenge

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Mission

The mission of the USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Challenge (HQC) is to educate and recognize young equestrians who have exceptional horsemanship knowledge. Quiz Levels One, Two and Three (Finals) test horsemanship knowledge using a multiple choice test with a practicum component incorporated into the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Finals.



History of HQC

The Horsemanship Quiz Challenge was created through the vision of Elaine Schott, Vice Chairman of the USHJA Youth Committee. Schott says, “During the winter months, my barn has a monthly chili/spaghetti dinner where we play my made up version of equine trivia, Jeopardy style. The evening will have a planned topic such as, disease and wellness, parasites, tack and equipment, conditioning, etc. It is a wonderful barn bonding opportunity as well as very educational. All of us leave having learned a great deal and eager to participate next month. I thought of the Quiz Challenge Program virtually by taking it a step further than my winter barn clinics.”

Eligibility

All levels of youth horsemen and horsewomen are encouraged to participate in the program, regardless of their competition achievements. Participants do not go through an application process and do not need ribbons or accolades to participate. Any current USHJA junior or amateur member, 21 years of age or younger (according to USEF rules), may test their horsemanship knowledge.

USHJA Horsemanship Study Guide

The Horsemanship Study Guide is the official study guide of the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge. It covers topics including anatomy, nutrition, riding theory and horse welfare, and provides in-depth answers for every quiz question in HQC’s database of questions. It will be publically available at www.ushja.org in December 2011 for HQC participants and any other equestrian with a thirst for knowledge.

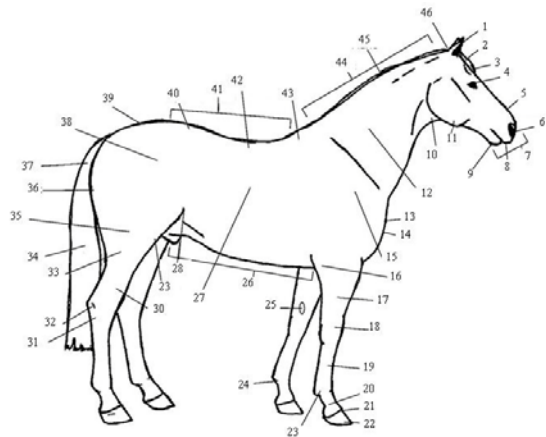


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Registration & Online Quizzes

Registration for the 2012 Challenge opens in January and the Level One and Two Quizzes are scheduled to be available in February. Participants have up to seven months to review the Horsemanship Study Guide and take the Level One Quiz online. A score of 90% or better guarantees advancement to the Level Two Quiz, also taken online. Participants who pass the Level Two Quiz with a score of 90% or better and meet one of the following requirements advance to Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Finals:

- Have one of the top three scores of his or her respective zone
- Have one of the ten highest scores nationally (top three scores in each zone excluded)



Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Finals

Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Finals are held in conjunction with Emerging Athletes Program Nationals. The top three finalists in each zone and the top ten individuals nationally (top three scores in each zone excluded), based on Level Two Quiz scores of 90% or better, are invited to compete at the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Finals. Zone teams are comprised of the top three scoring finalists in each zone. These finalists also compete as individuals.

All finalists take the written exam in a multiple choice, true/false and fill-in-the-blank format and, during the course of the Finals, may also attend educational clinics, seminars and other activities.

The four zone teams and four individuals (who are not already on one of the four zone teams) with the highest Finals written exam scores advance to the hands-on practicum which may include handling a horse and/or horse-related equipment. The highest scoring zone team and highest scoring individual finalist are chosen as the overall winners of Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Finals. Each winner receives a gold medal, a Charles Owen helmet and \$1,000 grant for training and education (i.e. lessons, clinics, camps).

Test your knowledge with the USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Challenge in 2012!



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Eligibility and Specifications

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- Participant must not have reached their 21st birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year.
- Participant must be a current member of USHJA in good standing. [Click here](#) to purchase any level of membership.
- Participant may continue to enroll in the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge each year as long as he or she meets the requirements listed above.

Program Specifications

- Participant must register for the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge and complete both Level One and Level Two Quizzes no later than **September 1**. ***Registration form available at www.ushja.org in January 2012***
- Participant is to complete the Level One and Two Quizzes online using his or her designated Horsemanship Quiz Challenge username and password, to be sent to the email provided on the completed registration form. ***Level One and Two Quizzes available in February 2012***
- Starting in 2013, the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge opens on December 1 of each competition year (i.e. 2013 registration opens December 1, 2012).
- Participants may track quiz scores and zone and national standings at www.ushja.org.

Quiz Specifications

- Level One and Two Quizzes are open book, however it is strongly encouraged that each participant study the suggested material prior to taking the Quizzes.
- Individual quizzes may vary slightly as each quiz is generated from a large pool of questions of comparable levels of difficulty.
- Participant must pass the Level One Quiz with a score of 90% or better to advance to Level Two. Participant's log-in information for Level Two is not valid unless he or she passes the Level One Quiz with a score of 90% or better. Participant is given one (1) opportunity per competition year to score 90% or better on each Quiz.
- Participant must pass the Level Two Quiz with a score of 90% or better and meet one (1) of the following requirements to advance to Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Finals:
 - Have one of the top three (3) scores of his or her respective zone
 - Have one of the ten (10) highest scores nationally (top three scores in each zone excluded)
- Tie breaking. The following procedure will be utilized to break ties for participants who are tied for a position on a Zone Team or as an Individual Finalist: A member of the USHJA Youth Committee will contact the tied participants and ask three to five designated tie

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breaking questions over the telephone. The participant who answers Question #1 correctly will advance to the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Finals. Should more than one tied participant answer Question #1 correctly, the participant who answers Question #2 correctly will advance to the Finals, and so on, until one finalist has been determined. Participants will not receive immediate feedback on their responses to the tie-break questions during the phone call.

- USHJA invites each qualified participant to the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Finals via email no later than September 15. The invitees' acceptance documentation must be received in the USHJA office or postmarked no later than October 15 to be considered for HQC. If an invitee does not return the acceptance documentation by the deadline or is unable to participate at the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Finals, his or her spot is offered to the next highest scoring individual.
 - For example, if a Zone 1 team finalist is unable to participate and one of the top ten (10) national individuals is in Zone 1, then that national individual will take the open Zone 1 team spot and his or her individual spot will go to the next highest scoring national individual.
- Participant is responsible for his or her travel and lodging expenses incurred to attend the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Finals. Breakfast and lunch is provided each day of the Finals.

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- All finalists take the written exam in a multiple choice, true/false and fill-in-the-blank format. The four (4) zone teams and four (4) individuals (who are not already on one of the four zone teams), with the highest Finals written exam scores, advance to the hands-on practicum which may include handling a horse and/or horse-related equipment.
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