

Qualifying for Spring Horse Classic (SHC)

Horse Bowl

The member must enter their age division of the county Horse Bowl contest and complete the entire contest (until their team is eliminated). All team members, including alternates, are eligible as long as they have played part of at least two games. The Spring Horse Classic teams will be chosen from the highest placed individuals with scores above zero (or similar determination of at least a "blue ribbon" level of proficiency). Members will be offered a place on the SHC team starting with the highest place and moving down the list until the team is filled (4 members plus an alternate) or there are no more qualified entries.

If there are not enough qualified entries for the Senior team, the highest ranked Intermediates, who will be age 14 by next November 1, may be invited to join the team. The older Intermediates will be asked, starting with the highest ranked, whether they would like to fill a Senior spot. They will not be required to fill the Senior spot if they prefer to compete as an Intermediate.

If teams still have vacancies, a team may combine with another county to form a 4-5 person team.

Horse Judging

The member must enter their age division of the county Horse Judging contest and complete the entire contest. The Spring Horse Classic teams will be chosen from the top 10 placed individuals. Members will be offered a place on the SHC team starting with the highest place and moving down the list until the team is filled (maximum of 4 members) or there are no more qualified entries.

If there are not enough qualified entries to fill the Senior team, the highest ranked Intermediates, who will be age 14 by next November 1, may be invited to join the team. The older Intermediates will be asked, starting with the highest ranked, whether they would like to fill a Senior spot. They will not be required to fill the Senior spot if they prefer to compete as an Intermediate.

If teams still have vacancies, a team may combine with another county to form a 3 or 4 person team. Alternately, the qualified members may compete as individuals instead of a team at SHC.

Hippology

The member must enter their age division of the county Hippology contest and complete the entire contest. The Spring Horse Classic teams will be chosen from the top 10 placed individuals. Members will be offered a place on the SHC team starting with the highest place and moving down the list until the team is filled (maximum of 4 members) or there are no more qualified entries.

If there are not enough qualified entries to fill the Senior team, the highest ranked Intermediates, who will be age 14 by next November 1, may be invited to join the team. The older Intermediates will be asked, starting with the highest ranked, whether they would like to fill a Senior spot. They will not be required to fill the Senior spot if they prefer to compete as an Intermediate.

If teams still have vacancies, a team may combine with another county to form a 3 or 4 person team.

Communications contests –

To qualify for Spring Horse Classic, the member(s) must have competed in the county competition in their appropriate age division and received a score of at least 85. The first place qualifier in each category will be invited to compete at SHC. If the first place qualifier decides not to compete at SHC, the opportunity will pass to the next highest qualifying entry. The opportunity can pass down the rankings until a member accepts the opportunity or until there are no more qualifying entries (members who had a blue-ribbon score) in that division.

If there is not a qualified or interested Senior entry in any division, a qualified, older Intermediate entry can compete at SHC as a Senior. The Intermediate(s) must be old enough to qualify for the National Competition (age 14 before next November 1). To fill vacancies, the older Intermediates will be asked, starting with the highest ranked, whether they would like to fill the Senior spot. They will not be required to fill the Senior spot if they prefer to compete as an Intermediate.