

## MASS MORGAN YOUTH CONTEST SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 17th, 2017

- 10:00- Registration @ Trophy Booth
- 11:00- JR/SR --Speeches  
Walk/Trot-- Written Test
- 12:30-1:00 Lunch Break
- 1:00-2:30 JR/SR-----Written Test  
Walk/Trot---Speeches
- Patterns – should be completed and submitted via the YouTube channel by 8/7/17, see the YouTube instruction sheet for further information.

Wednesday, August 18th, 2017

- Judging - 8:30 AM
- Awards – 6:30 PM

### NOTES:

- We will meet at the ribbon booth in the coliseum at 2:30 PM on Tuesday for registration. The exam, speeches, and judging will take place in the coliseum.
- We will meet at the ribbon booth in the coliseum at 8:30 AM on Wednesday for judging. Class will be determined at the show; however every effort will be made to finish asap. The time for reasons will be scheduled TBA on Wednesday to accommodate both the contestants' showing schedules and the judge's.
- You will be provided with a contestant number which will become your "name" for the competition. Please use only your number.
- Please bring a clipboard, notepaper and a writing utensil.

### SPEECH TOPICS:

- Junior/Senior - You are setting up a therapeutic riding center, and the grant you are writing for asks what breed of horse you are using (preferably the Morgan horse) for the program and why? Some questions to address: What population people are you helping in your program; what type of disabilities do they have; what is the age group you are assisting?  
Visuals and handouts are encouraged for entries to use.
- Walk/Trot - Why is the Morgan horse suitable for the discipline in which you compete?

### CONTEST RULES:

1. Each of the phases is worth 250 points.
2. Six ribbons will be awarded for the best scores in each division. Cumulative scores for each division will result in a Walk/Trot (under 12) High Point Award, a Junior (under 14) High Point Award and a Senior (14-21) High Point Award. Overall Champions will receive a trophy and ribbons through six places.

3. The top scoring senior contestant will be qualified to go to the national competition in Oklahoma if entries warrant. If there are 10 or more seniors than we may send the top two. If less than 3 participate, than the top senior must have a cumulative score of 700 points (70% of total available) in order to be eligible for the nationals.
4. Walk/Trot contestants are those under 12 as of December 1st, 2016 who have never cantered at a recognized show, junior contestants are those below the age of 14 as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Senior contestants are between the ages of 14 and 21 as of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
5. Oral Presentations should be between 3 to 5 minutes in length. Penalty points will be subtracted from your score if you are over or under this limit.
6. Visual aids are permitted and encouraged.
7. Give only your contestant number (which you will be assigned) to the judges.
8. Please bring an extra copy of your speech on the day of the contest.
9. A short personal interview will follow the speech.
10. Show attire is not required, but riders/drivers should be neatly dressed in appropriate attire with proper footgear. The use of SAFETY helmets will not be penalized.
11. The appearance of your horse and equipment will be taken into consideration, however tournament/lesson horses and tack may be used regardless of the division the exhibitor is entered in at the 2017 Mass Morgan Horse Show.
12. The Exam will consist of 125-250 questions in the form of multiple choice, matching, and fill-ins and will test your knowledge of the following:
  - a. Equine Nutrition
  - b. Reproduction and genetics
  - c. Anatomy and Physiology
  - d. Morgan breed history, rules and regulations
  - e. Confirmation, gaits, unsoundness, and blemishes
  - f. Equine diseases and parasites and their treatment
  - g. Equine Behavior
  - h. Tack and Equipment
13. Separate tests will be issued to each division.
14. Contestants will be given 1 hour to complete the exam.
15. Test question will be taken from the following sources:
  - a. USEF rule book (formerly AHSA)
  - b. AMHA Judging Standards
  - c. The Complete Morgan Horse by Jeanne Mellin
  - d. The AMHA registration rules booklet
  - e. Horses by J.W. Evans
  - f. Horse Owners Guide to Lameness by Ted S. Stashak, DVM
  - g. AMHAY Horse mastership Program
  - h. Feeding and Care of the Horse by Lon Lewis
  - i. The Illustrated Veterinary Encyclopedia for Horseman