

# Horse Project Skillathon Study Guide

Members are required to bring a completed record book **and** project book for each project animal. **For the Beginning Horse Management project only, the record book is located at the back of your project book;** members with this project do not need a separate equine record book. **All other members must bring both their project book and equine record book to project evaluation.** *If you have registered a back up animal, you must include records for that animal as well to maintain that animal's backup eligibility. There is space for 2 animals to be included in the equine record book.*

## Record book, appearance & attitude: 26 points

See Holmes County 4-H livestock book evaluation rubric. Please note: your project book may include an intro, questions, and/or a records section located in the rear of book; all of these must be completed in accordance with the project page decisions below. Beginning Horse Management project members should use the records section in the pack of their project book instead of a separate equine record book. Other books have questions for the entire book in the back of the book; please check to make sure you have completed the appropriate questions! *If you have registered a back up animal, you must include records for that animal as well to maintain that animal's backup eligibility. There is space for 2 animals to be included in the equine record book.*

## Interview Questions: 44 points

Members will be asked questions directly from the project book material; please be sure to review the learning objective outlined in the beginning of several of the horse project books as well as the questions in the project book itself. Several project books are intended to be taken over multiple years:

- **Beginning Horse Management:**
  - Year 1: Through page 56
  - Year 2: Through page 94
  - Year 3: Entire book
- **Light Horse Selection:**
  - Year 1: Through page 37
  - Year 2: Entire book
- **Horse Training:**
  - Year 1: Through page 38
  - Year 2: Entire book
- **Learning to Jump: 1 year project**
- **Draft Horse: 1 year project**
- **Standardbred Horse: 1 year project**
- **Equine Reproduction:**
  - Year 1: Through page 32
  - Year 2: Entire book
- **Trail Riding:**
  - Year 1: Through page 39
  - Year 2: Entire book
- **Dressage: 1 year project**
- **Horse Nutrition: 1 year project**
- **Small Equine: 1 year project**

## **Skillathon: 30 points**

### **Beginning Horse Management Year 1:**

- Tie quick release or bowline knot (5 points)
- ID grooming tools & use (10 points)
- Saddle & bridle parts (10 points)
- Showmanship quadrants (5 points)

### **Beginning Horse Management Year 2:**

- Horse Parts (15 points)
- Horse Breeds (5 points)
- Face/leg markings (5 points)
- Basic coat colors (5 points)

### **Beginning Horse Management Year 3:**

- Medication label (10 points)
- Hoof parts (10 points)
- Parts of Saddle/Bridle (10 points)

### **Standardbred Horse:**

- Tack & equipment ID (20 points)
- Parts of hoof (10 points)

### **Equine Reproduction Year 1:**

- Medication label (10 points)
- Reproductive organs (20 points)

### **Equine Reproduction Year 2:**

- ID 10 breeds & traits (20 points)
- Medication label (10 points)

### **Trail Riding Year 1:**

- Quick release knot (5 points)
- Bowling knot (5 points)
- Breeds of horses (10 points)
- Parts of horse (10 points)

### **Trail Riding Year 2:**

- Parts of horse (20 points)
- Parts of saddle/bridle (10 points)

### **Dressage:**

- Dressage bit/tack/equipment ID (10 points)
- Dressage letters (10 points)
- Schooling figures (10 points)

### **Horse Nutrition:**

- Digestive system parts (10 points)
- Poisonous plants (10 points)
- Feed tag (10 points)

### **Learning to Jump:**

- Jumping tack & equipment (10 points)
- Parts of the horse (20 points)

### **Light Horse Selection Year 1:**

- Hoof parts (10 points)
- Breeds (10 points)
- Structural defects of legs (10 points)

### **Light Horse Selection Year 2:**

- Judge & place class of halter horses
- Give oral reasons for class

### **Basic Horse Training Year 1 & 2:**

- Parts of the horse (10 points)
- Parts of the hoof (10 points)
- Snaffle vs curb bit IDs (10 points)

### **Small Equine:**

- Breed types; match to show halter types (14 points)
- Mouth deformities (4 points)
- Parts of the horse (12 points)

### **Draft Horse:**

- Draft breeds & traits (10 points)
- Structural defects of legs (10 points)
- Parts of hoof (10 points)