

## Equine Skillathon 2022 Study Guide

*Exhibitors will participate in a livestock skillathon for the species they plan to exhibit at the fair. This study guide includes all topics an exhibitor **might** be tested on. Youth will only be tested on a portion of these items. Example questions are given to help study but may not be the same questions asked.*

*Be sure to bring your completed project book and show up in proper show dress code as stated in the Jr. Fair rule book for your species.*

### **STATION 1 – Project Book & Interview and Dress Code**

Present your completed project book to the judge. The judge will review your record and award points for completion. You will also be asked a series of questions based on the project you are taking. Questions may include general information about your project goals as well as content-based questions. All questions are based on the Beginning Horse Management Book AND your current project book. *Examples of the types of questions you may be asked are listed at the end of this guide.* Individuals must dress in the appropriate dress code as listed in the Jr. Fair Rule Book for your species market or showmanship exhibition.

### **STATION 2 – Skills Knowledge – Feed and Nutrition**

You will be responsible for identifying feed samples common for horses and knowing the nutritional information associated with those samples. A practice quiz for feeds is available at [go.osu.edu/madcskillathon](http://go.osu.edu/madcskillathon). You can also reference pages 57-61 of the Beginning Horse Management book.

### **STATION 3 – Horse Safety**

You will be asked questions about Horse Safety. You may be asked various types of questions, be asked to identify mistakes in horse safety based on photos and/or identify other horse safety problems. Information for this station can be found in Horses, Safety & You, and pages 19-21 of the Beginning Horse Management resource book.

### **STATION 4 – Skillathon Kit Knowledge – Parts of a Horse**

You will be asked to identify parts of a horse. A horse parts diagram can be found on page 81 in the Beginning Horse Management resource book.

### **STATION 5 – Health Conditions**

In this station, you will be asked questions about common health conditions in horses and basic health parameters. See pages 95-101 of the Beginning Horse Management resource to study this topic.

### **TIE BREAKER: Dental Health**

At the tie breaker station, you will be asked to answer questions about proper horse dental health. Information for this station can be found on pages 113-119 of your Beginning Horse Management resource book.

## **Sample Interview Questions**

*All answers can be found in your project book. These are only examples of questions you may be asked.*

1. What did you learn this year in your project?
2. What goals did you set this year with your project?
3. How much water do horses drink each day?
4. Describe the proper position when leading your horse.
5. What is the proper tack for "hunter" style showmanship?
6. What gait is an easy, rhythmical, three beat gait?
7. What is the normal temperature of a horse?
8. Name four of the five basic coat colors.
9. Name 2 draft horse breeds.
10. Lameness is best observed at what gait?