

NHJTCA
National Horse Judging Team
Coaches' Association

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Equine Management & Evaluation

CERTIFICATION



CERTIFICATION BLUEPRINT

CERTIFICATION EXAM OVERVIEW

The NHJTCA Equine Management & Evaluation Certification confirms that individuals possess the essential knowledge and skills for pursuing a career in the equine industry. The certification exam, hosted on the iCEV Testing Platform, consists of 100 questions. It evaluates proficiency in equine diseases, anatomy, physiology, breed identification and horse evaluation. The exam must be proctored in a controlled environment. Proctoring guidelines can be found at www.icevonline.com/proctoring-guidelines.

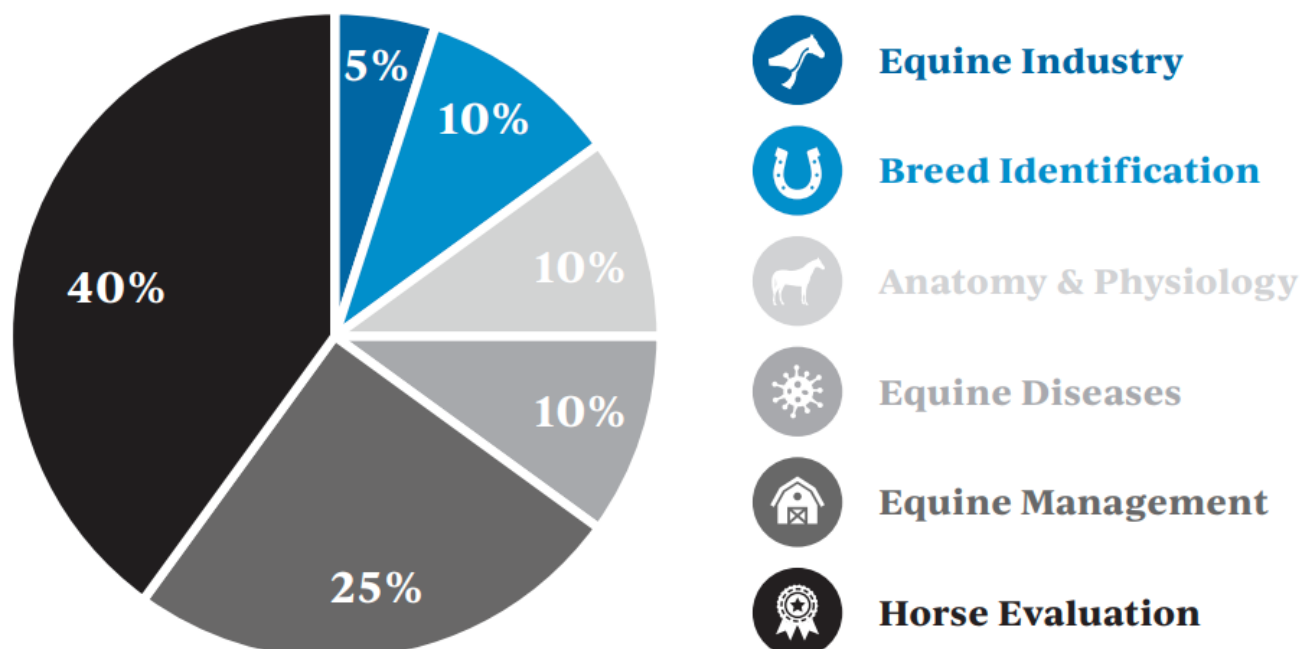
More information about the certification and testing platform can be found at: <https://www.icevonline.com/equine-management>.

ABOUT NHJTCA

The National Horse Judging Team Coaches' Association is dedicated to promoting, encouraging and aiding the training of coaches and evaluation teams to strengthen employment skills of the students participating in horse judging contests nationally. By providing and enhancing communication and networking among coaches, NHJTCA encourages consistency among the equine evaluation industry.

Learn more at: www.nhjtca.org/industry-certification.

INDUSTRY STANDARDS OVERVIEW



LEARNING OBJECTIVES & INDUSTRY STANDARDS

1. Equine Industry

1.1 The Equine Industry

- 1.1.1 To demonstrate competencies related to resources, information, interpersonal skills, and systems of operation in equine science
- 1.1.2 To demonstrate knowledge of personal and occupational health and safety practices in the workplace
- 1.1.3 To recognize the importance of the equine industry such as rodeo, racing, equestrian, therapy and the global food market
- 1.1.4 To evaluate and select horses based on purpose
- 1.1.5 To identify procedures for breeding horses per industry standards
- 1.1.6 To describe issues concerning biotechnology related to the equine industry
- 1.1.7 To identify welfare policy pertaining to the equine industry such as rodeo, racing, equestrian, therapy, global food market and pharmaceutical research

2. Breed Identification

2.1 Horse Breeds I

- 2.1.1 To learn the origins of different breeds
- 2.1.2 To describe physical characteristics and temperament
- 2.1.3 To identify different horse breed associations

2.2 Horse Breeds II

- 2.2.1 To learn the origins of different breeds
- 2.2.2 To describe physical characteristics and temperament
- 2.2.3 To identify different horse breed associations

3. Anatomy & Physiology

3.1 Equine Anatomy & Physiology

- 3.1.1 To describe the anatomy and physiology of horses including the anatomical parts of the horse, hooves and mouth
- 3.1.2 To describe the circulatory, respiratory, digestive, endocrine, immune, integumentary, nervous, skeletal, muscular and reproductive systems of horses

4. Equine Diseases

4.1 Common Equine Diseases

- 4.1.1 To identify equine diseases and their symptoms
- 4.1.2 To understand the causes, preventions and treatments regarding equine diseases
- 4.1.3 To analyze proper ways of keeping horses safe and disease free

5. Equine Management

5.1 Equine Equipment & Facilities

- 5.1.1 To learn fundamentals in selecting a site for housing horses
- 5.1.2 To learn different types of housing for horses and housing requirements
- 5.1.3 To learn safety procedures for housing horses
- 5.1.4 To identify equine facility equipment

5.2 Equine Management: Nutrition, Health & Exercise

- 5.2.1 To understand principal horse care and management practices
- 5.2.2 To learn basic nutritional requirements for horses
- 5.2.3 To identify equine health issues
- 5.2.4 To recognize exercise practices used for horses

5.3 Equine Management: Grooming & Saddling

- 5.3.1 To understand principal horse care and management practices
- 5.3.2 To demonstrate basic horse grooming practices
- 5.3.3 To identify equine tack and equipment
- 5.3.4 To demonstrate how to saddle and bridle horses

6. Horse Evaluation

6.1 Horse Evaluation: Halter

- 6.1.1 To examine the major factors for evaluating a horse's conformation
- 6.1.2 To determine minor, major and/or severe faults which affect a horse's placing within the Halter class

6.2 Horse Evaluation: Western Pleasure

- 6.2.1 To understand the rules and standards which are important for judging the western pleasure class
- 6.2.2 To recognize the faults and disqualifications which affect the placing of the western pleasure class

6.3 Horse Evaluation: Western Horsemanship

- 6.3.1 To understand the rules and standards which are considered important criteria for judging the Western Horsemanship class
- 6.3.2 To recognize the three (3) point, five (5) point and ten (10) point penalties and disqualifications which affect the placing of the Western Horsemanship class

6.4 Horse Evaluation: Hunter Under Saddle

- 6.4.1 To understand the rules and standards which are important for judging the hunter under saddle class
- 6.4.2 To recognize the faults and disqualifications which affect the placing of the hunter under saddle class

6.5 Horse Evaluation: Hunter Hack

6.5.1 To identify and examine the major factors for judging the hunter hack class

6.5.2 To identify and understand the rules, standards and faults which affect a horse's placing within the hunter hack class

6.6 Horse Evaluation: Hunt Seat Equitation

6.6.1 To understand the rules and standards which are the important criteria for judging the Hunt Seat Equitation class

6.6.2 To recognize the three (3) point, five (5) point and ten (10) point penalties and disqualifications which affect the placing of the Hunt Seat Equitation class

6.7 Horse Evaluation: Reining

6.7.1 To understand the rules and standards which are important for judging the reining class

6.7.2 To recognize the penalties and disqualifications which affect the placing of the reining class