

Part 1: One-on-One Interview

In this section the youth will be given a grooming tote and a number of items on a table. The youth will be asked to pack a tote to take to a show. The youth will be required to explain the items they choose, and may be questioned as to why they are choosing a specific item by the judge. The youth will be judged on attire, knowledge, poise, eye contact, projection, and overall conduct.

Example questions for the interview:

- You will be asked basic information: Name, discipline you ride, how long you have been riding, etc...
- Can be asked about specific items on the table
- Can ask you to elaborate as to why you chose or did not choose a specific tool or product
- Can be asked how a specific tool or product is used even if you didn't choose this item
- If you had to choose just ONE product that you simply could not do without what would it be and why?
- You may be asked about the proper care and storage for items
- If you were riding a different discipline would your choices change? How? Why?
- May ask are there any items missing from the selection that you would have included? Why? How?
- You may be asked where he or she might find the items (I.e. tack store, grocery store, home, etc.)
- Can be asked what attracted you to a certain (specific) product, and why?
- What is something in your grooming tote that others may not have
- Describe what you might use if your favorite product ran out at a horse show? Why?
- What techniques and tools do you use to keep yourself organized

Part 2: Volunteering for a job at a NYSSHA show

This section will require the youth to volunteer at a NYSSHA sponsored horse show that is NOT their home club's show. The youth will be required to call a member of the show committee for the show and volunteer for a job. This does NOT mean you cannot show as the job does not have to be all day or for any exact amount of time. Once the volunteer work is done simply have a Youth of the Year committee member sign your filled out sheet, and return with your collage.

Some examples:

Youth calls a show committee member and volunteers to hand out ribbons from classes 1 to 10.

Youth contacts the treasurer of a club to help with a show raffle. The youth at the show will sell raffle tickets for a little while.

Youth contacts the show secretary and volunteers to run the gate for a few hours.

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NAME: _____

Age Group: _____

Show Volunteered at: _____

Job you did and for how long: _____

Signature of YOY committee member: (BJ Lazarou, Betty Lazarou, CJ Mathewson, Adam Meloche, Sara Mowery, Jennifer Peek)

X _____

*** If you have volunteered at a show prior to receiving this form the Youth of the Year Committee will sign this form with verification from a show committee member!**

Part 3: Symptoms & Diagnosis

11 and under complete questions 1-3, 12 and up please complete all questions

1.) You are doing night chores. It's a mild winter though you still have your horse blanketed for extra warmth. You remove his blanket and notice he is looking thin. He has not had any changes to his work routine or diet. Puzzled, you watch him for a while and notice he is drooling and dropping a lot more grain than normal. You also noticed the other day that he was tilting his head to the side and gnawing on his bit while you were riding.

Was this just a sign of a typical frisky winter ride? What else could be bothering your horse?

2.) Stacey goes out to the barn to feed and notices her friend's horse Panther is not acting just right. Stacey brings Panther his grain. Usually Panther is pushing Stacey out of the way to eat but today he is standing in the corner of the stall not interested in his grain. Stacey continues to watch Panther to see if he is okay. As she is watching him she see's Panther pacing back and forth and pawing. He seems kind of anxious and is still not eating. Stacey decides to leave him for a little while to do stalls. When she gets back to check on him again Panther is standing up and lying down over and over. Stacey then realizes there is no new manure from his stall cleaning last night.

What do you think is wrong with Panther? Please explain your answer.

3.) Erin is grooming her gelding Presto this afternoon. As part of her grooming routine Erin starts to pick out Presto's front right hoof. Erin notices that the hoof smells bad as she cleans it out. After getting all the debris from Presto's foot, Erin sees some black discharge around the frog and cleft of the right foot.

What do you think may be wrong with Presto? Please explain.

4.) You are at a new lesson barn for your first huntseat lesson. They assign you to a lovely 16.2h bay Hanoverian named "Woody". You put the well-mannered horse on the crossties and proceed to pick out his feet, brush his mane and tail and feed him treats. He is a very loveable horse. You grab a soft body brush and begin brushing. When you get just past his withers the previously well-mannered "Woody" is now swishing his tail, stomping his hind feet and attempting to bite your arm. You finish as best you can quickly and proceed with the girth area, "Woody" has relaxed. The trainer comes over and places the pad and the saddle on his back. While wiggling it to adjust it into place "Woody" seems very temperamental once again. When she goes to tighten the girth he swings over to the side and comes at her teeth barred with tail swishing and hind feet stomping all over again.

Is this a case of multiple personalities? Is "Woody" an ill-mannered horse? What could be bothering "Woody"?

5.) You went to the barn and you notice that the gelding you are leasing is losing weight rapidly, and has a poor appetite. While cleaning his stall you realize that it's very wet, and that he has severe diarrhea. While grooming you notice swelling of the stomach, and the legs, however no heat is present. Also his sheath is swollen, and he has been rubbing his tail severely. Once riding your gelding you feel his lack of energy, and notice his loss of condition. The horse that could canter around the arena 4 times fine is very out of breath going around once. He has also been colicky a lot lately.

You tell the owner his symptoms and together using your knowledge of horses diagnose this beloved gelding.

6.) Jackie's older mare Christina was just brought in from the broodmare barn. This mare was going to be put back to work as a lesson horse. Christina was readjusting nicely until Thursday afternoon. At feeding time, Jackie noticed Christina was only putting weight on 3 legs. She was holding her left front leg up and avoiding putting any weight on it. Christina had been perfectly fine a few hours earlier. Jackie being very concerned checked the mare a little further. Jackie touched the mare's left front foot and found it to be very warm. Jackie then compared the mare's 2 front legs and discovered her left leg had mild swelling. Jackie then took Christina's temperature and found she had a low grade fever.

What do you think may be wrong with Christina? Please explain.

7.) You notice that your horse's performance has been poor lately, and his attitude has changed. He no longer nickers at you when you come to his stall, instead pins his ears and looks away, or is laying down with no ambition to get up. You are also noticing that he has a poor appetite, and that he is losing weight. Along with losing body condition. That beautiful glossy coat is gone, and seems to have left behind a dull "lifeless" one. Once in a while you are noticing signs of mild colic.

You have now noticed these ongoing symptoms, what can you conclude about your horse?

8.) Over the past few months you've noticed that your horse is losing weight, despite her increased appetite, and increased food consumption. Your horse seems to be losing muscle tone, while her abdomen becomes pendulous. You're noticing that your horse looks depressed, and her coat is losing its shine. As the weather gets warmer, she is not shedding her winter coat. In fact her coat is becoming longer and thicker than normal.

Using these symptoms and your knowledge of horses, diagnose your horse.

9.) Jane's horse George is 9 years old. He has been a western reining horse for most of his life. He in the last few months has been experiencing lameness in his front 2 legs. The lameness seems to switch between the legs. During this time period George is giving Jane more and more trouble turning. His stride is also becoming increasingly shortened.

What do you think may be wrong with George? Please explain.

10.) You are throwing afternoon hay out in the paddocks when you realize your friends' horse is acting strangely. His muscles seem to be trembling terribly. When he sees you he lets out a very abnormal whinny which sounds nothing like it usually does. Concerned, you open the gate and walk toward him. As you approach, his back end gives out and he now looks to be "dog sitting". As you near his shoulder you notice that his third eyelid is flickering and covering far more of his eye than normal. You get your cell phone out to call your friend. Just then, the horse immediately stands up unphased and proceeds to eat his hay as usual with no odd behaviors present at all.

What do you think may be happening to your friends' horse?

Part 4: NYSSHA Rulebook

1.) Susan is entered in Beginner Equitation and Pleasure walk-trot-jog-canter-lope on her new horse Mickey. Susan is 13. She has shown for the last 2 years in Hunt Seat walk-trot equitation, pleasure, and in walk-trot-jog command. Susan's mom thought it would be good for Susan to start her walk-trot-canter year in the beginner division since she has just started to ride 3 speeds and she has her new horse.

Is Susan able to ride in the Beginner Division Equitation and Pleasure as laid out in the NYSSHA rule book? Please explain your answer.

2.) Your friend Katie just bought a new horse from an auction. The horse is a well-mannered, "bomb-proof", 13 year old gelding named "Bud". He is doing very well at home at walk-trot but is just a little fast at the canter. Katie was told at the auction barn that "Bud" was formerly a lead trail horse at a ranch in Missouri. Katie would like to try to show him next weekend at the NYSSHA show. She would like to enter both 2 and 3 gaited classes to get his confidence up and work on his canter in the ring.

What division would you suggest for Katie having a horse who has never shown before? Please explain your answers.

3.) You are watching an academy class. There are three horses of all different seats (saddleseat, huntseat, and western). You notice that the huntseat and saddleseat horses both have martingales on, and their riders are not wearing their jackets. The western rider is fully dressed except for his chaps. Also the judge did NOT excuse jackets for the day.

According to the NYSSHA rule book are the saddleseat, and huntseat horses disqualified for wearing martingales? Yes or NO. Please explain. Is the western rider disqualified for not wearing his chaps? Yes or No. Please explain.

4.) You are in a hunter under saddle class at a horse show, and are standing in lineup. You notice that the rider to your left has on rowelled spurs. As the class is being pinned, that same rider just received the blue.

Does this pinning coincide with the latest NYSSHA rules? Yes or No. Please explain.

5.) Grandma Betty has just given you the most beautiful button down western shirt for your birthday. She knows how hard you have worked with your western pleasure horse "Tilly" this season. It is dripping in Swarovski crystals and will really look great in the ring! She points out how hot it is at your horse shows, so she made sure that it was short-sleeved to keep you cool this season.

Will you be wearing your new shirt at the next NYSSHA show? Please Explain your answers.

6.) Mary is showing in her 14-17 Saddleseat Equitation class at the Rugmaker's show. Mary is thinking about wearing her formal black tuxedo and top hat in this class. It is her favorite suit. She loves to wear it. The class is being held after the dinner break and will probably run at 7:00pm.

Is it within NYSSHA rules for Mary to wear her formal attire? Can she wear her top hat? Please explain your answer.

7.) You have entered the arena at a country pleasure trot. In your class there is a paint pony, a fjord, a quarter pony, and a hackney pony. You notice that the fjord, paint, and quarter pony are all very balanced and moving with an even determined gait. You also notice that the hackney pony is lapping everyone, and has very calculated movement. The hackney pony pinned 4th.

As per the NYSSHA rulebook did the judge pin correctly? Yes or No. Please explain.

Part 5: Collage

Make a collage that depicts what horses mean to you. This is an opportunity for the youth to use their artistic ability, creativity, and ingenuity to express their love of horses! The collages will be displayed for everyone to see at the NYSSHA banquet. Everyone will be able to donate money to the collage that they like the most. We will be using the collages as a way to raise money for the youth's favorite charity. So start thinking where you would like to send your donation. The Youth of the Year Committee must have all collages by **NOVEMBER 28TH**. No exceptions. Names must go on the back. Be creative, think hard, and have FUN!

Youth of the Year Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Age as of January 1st of 2011 _____

Name of Club you belong to: _____

Name and Address of Charity of Choice: _____

Congratulations on your first step to becoming a NYSSHHA Youth of the Year! Please return this form to the address below as soon as possible. The written portions 2,3,4,and collage part 5 must be returned to a member of the NYSSHA Youth of the Year Committee by NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 28th, 2011. Part 1 of the contest will be judged during the Sacandaga Show (9/18/2011) and Fall Round Up (9/24-9/25). All portions of the contest must be completed in order to qualify for the award. The Winners of the Youth of the Year winners will be announced at the NYSSHA Banquet.

Anticipated Awards are as follows:

AGE:	Amount:
11 & Under	\$100
12-14	\$ 200
15-18	\$250

- NYSSHA reserves the right to award up to three (3) awards per age group in any one year, should there be sufficient funds in this program and that there are qualified candidates.
- NYSSHA reserves the rights to award only to applicants that are deemed worth per the guidelines and criteria used by Youth of the Year Committee. For example, if there is only one applicant in the 15-18 age group and the candidate does not meet the standards of the committee, then no award will be granted.

Please submit completed package and collage to a Youth of the Year Committee member by November 28th, 2011. The best way to get it to the committee would to have it delivered by a member of your club to a committee member attending a NYSSHA meeting. These items may be mailed to: Jennifer Peek, 10 Lakeview Dr., Gansevoort, NY 12831. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee if you need help getting your package submitted.

The Youth of the Year Committee wishes you the best of luck in your attempt to become the NYSSHA Youth of the Year. Please feel free to contact any member of this committee. Our contact information is:

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