

# The Utah 4-H Triple Crown Series – rules and regulations

Have you heard of the Kentucky Derby? The King of all Thoroughbred Races? The Triple Crown is a prestigious award given to a three-year-old Thoroughbred who not only wins the Kentucky Derby, but goes on to win a triplet of prestigious races. The Kentucky Derby, The Preakness, and finally the Belmont Stakes. This is so difficult that only 13 horses have ever achieved such an honor, including the spectacular colt, Justify, in 2018!

The purpose of the Triple Crown Series is to increase opportunities for youth to participate in horseless horse events and develop a sense of belonging and mastery.

## **The Triple Crown**

**Available to all seniors (grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)**

For individuals that are able to win their contest at ALL THREE events in the current year.

Starting with the Southern Horse Classics in Millard County, if the winners are able to maintain their standing at State Contests held at Utah State University, and the State Fair Horse Classic event in Salt Lake City, they will be awarded the “Triple Crown”! This is quite the accomplishment and youth will be awarded accordingly!

**Rules:** All scores are tabulated for the individual with no regard to the team. Individuals must compete against 3 other individuals from a different county. For example, Salt Lake County cannot bring 2 teams to the Southern Horse Classics and compete for the grand champion Quiz Bowl title, unless there is at least 1 other full team from a different county also competing. Furthermore, the individual winning as a member of a team at one event, does not have to compete as a member of that same team at a different event. If an individual does not compete or the minimum requirement is not met, the Triple Crown is forfeited.

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## High Point Award

**Available to 4-H youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, of the current year.**

Seniors, Intermediates, and Junior exhibitors competing in a minimum of 2 different horse classic events can qualify (Southern Classics, State Contests, State Fair Classics). The high point award will be presented at the State Fair Horse Classic with a buckle for the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior with the most points! The break down for earning points is below.

Participation points will be awarded per event. Placing points will only be awarded if there are at least three total people competing. Participants may receive 0 points at the judge's or official's discretion for poor performance with obvious lack of preparation or poor sportsmanship.

1<sup>st</sup>: 10 points per event

2<sup>nd</sup>: 8 points per event

3<sup>rd</sup>: 6 points per event

Participant (not in top 3): 3 points per event

Individuals receive points for each event they compete in. Points will be capped at 40.

In the event of a tie score, the points awarded in the largest contest will be used with the tie going to the individual with the highest score. If a tie needs to be broken further, it goes to the next largest event.

i.e. Jane and Jill both have capped out at 40 points with Jane winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in 5 events including State Contest Horse Judging, State Contest Horse Bowl, Southern Classic Judging, Southern Classic Public Speaking, and State Fair Horse Judging. Jill placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 5 events including State Horse Public Speaking, State Horse Demonstration, Southern Classic Horse Bowl, Southern Classic Demonstration, and State Fair Public Speaking. The largest event was the State Horse Contest Judging with 56 individuals, so the tie goes to Jane. If Jane and Jill both won first

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place in events with equal number of participants, the tie would go to the individual winning the next largest event.