

## 2023 Horse Skillathon Study Guide

Age divisions for Skillathons are as follows: (Your age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>):

- Juniors 8-10
- Intermediates 11-13
- Seniors 14-18

The Ottawa County Fair Horse Skillathon will take place on Friday, July 15, at the Fairgrounds.

This Study Guide describes each station that will be in the Horse Skillathon.

### **Station 1: Project Book** **(20 points)**

Present your completed Project Book and/or Equine Record book to the judge. The judge will review your records and completed project book. Point values will be assigned to sections (to be determined) and the judges will award points recognizing the degree to which the book has been completed.

### **Station 2: Interview Station** **(15 points)**

You will have an interview for each horse project you are enrolled in.

### **Station 3: Skill Station 1**

***Juniors: Breed of horses*** **10 points**

You will be asked to identify breeds of horses

***Intermediates: Hoof parts*** **10 points**

This skillathon station will require knowledge of the parts of a hoof

***Seniors: Reproduction Parts of a Mare*** **16 points**

You will be asked to label parts of the reproduction system of a mare.

### **Station 4: Skill Station 2**

***Juniors: Body parts*** **30 points**

You will be asked to identify body parts of a horse

***Intermediates: Leg Structure*** **15 points**

You will be asked to identify parts of the front and back leg of a horse

***Seniors: Digestive System*** **9 points**

You will be asked to identify parts of the horse digestive system.



### **Station 5: Skill Station 3**

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***Juniors: Plant Identification***

**5 points**

You will be asked to identify 5 plants

***Intermediates: Plant Identification***

**10 points**

You will be asked to identify 10 plants

***Seniors: Plant Identification***

**20 points**

You will be asked to identify 20 plants

### **Station 6: Skill Station 4**

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***Juniors: Saddle Parts***

**10 points**

You will be asked to identify 10 parts of a saddle

***Intermediates: General Tack & Equipment***

**20 points**

You will be asked to identify 20 pictures of general tack and equipment

***Seniors: Bits***

**10 points**

You will be asked to identify 5 bits and answer 5 questions about bits

### **Station 7: Body Scoring**

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***All Levels:***

**10 points**

You will be asked to identify and label horses with body scoring