

## **DIVISION 6016 - STATE HORTICULTURE CONTEST**

**Monday, August 18, 2025**

**Check-in and Registration: 9:30 AM in Cloverville; Judging: 10:00 AM; Awards: 1:00 PM in Cloverville**

1. See General Rules applying to all 4-H exhibitors and general rules applying to 4-H demonstrations and judging events.
2. All individuals and teams must be registered electronically through the State Fair Entry Department by the deadline.
3. This event will follow the guidelines of the National Junior Horticultural Association Horticulture Contest. NJHA web site: [www.njha.org/](http://www.njha.org/).
4. There will be a Junior and Senior division in this contest at the State Fair.
5. Individuals who have previously competed in any division of this contest at the national level (NJHA) are ineligible to compete in the 4-H division.
6. Senior age level individuals may participate at the National Event (NJHA) in the Open Division at their own expense if they meet the qualifications.

### HORTICULTURE CONTEST RULES:

1. Individuals do not have to qualify for participation in the Kentucky 4-H Horticulture Contest through an area/regional event to be eligible for participation.
2. Age divisions: Junior (ages 9-13 years old); Senior team (ages 14-19 years old)
  - a. Junior Level: There can be any number of Junior youth to participate in the contest.
  - b. Senior Level: One county team is allowed or two individuals. Youth not entered as a county team member may participate but will not be considered for team advancement to the National Event.
3. A county team will consist of not less than three and not more than four members. Counties not meeting the team qualification may enter up to two individuals in Senior teams only.
4. Contest will consist of the following five parts:
  - Tree & Shrub Identification 20%
  - Fruit & Nut Identification 20%
  - Vegetable Identification 20%
  - Flower and Houseplant Identification 20%
  - Judging 20%
5. No clear clipboards are permitted.
6. There will be a 75-minute time limit.

*595 Junior Division: 9-13 years old as of January 1 of current year.*

Top Team Members - Grand Champion; 2nd Place Team Member - Reserve Grand Champion

*596 Senior Division, 14-19 yrs. old as of Jan. 1 of current year.*

Top Team Members – Grand Champion (Eligible for trip to National Contest); 2nd Place Team Members – Reserve Champion

*597 Senior Horticulture Judging Team*

Top Team Members receive \$500 payable to the Kentucky 4-H Foundation and distributed by the Foundation for expenses to National Junior Horticultural Association Contest.

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