



AMHA Team Morgan Team Challenge

We all know how fun team sports can be and by incorporating Team Morgan Team Challenge at your horse show, you can reap the benefits of engaged and involved junior exhibitors!

The purpose of Team Morgan Team Challenge is to encourage team building among youth, especially those who would not normally work together, i.e. different training barn, different parts of the country, etc. Additionally, the challenges will raise awareness of the benefits of team competition preparing young people to one day become a member of the international Morgan competition team, Team Morgan. Challenges can be held at any show including USEF recognized Morgan shows. For assistance with promoting your Challenge and recognizing your champions, be sure to let AMHA know the dates and results of your event.

The first step to organizing a Team Challenge at your show is to designate a Team Challenge Coordinator, who will be responsible for organizing, scoring, and management of the event. You also will want to prepare advertisements for your show publications, website, and prize list to educate exhibitors about the event and invite junior exhibitors to participate. It's always good to mention what types of awards and prizes your show will be offering to top scoring teams.

How to form a team:

1. Teams must consist of 4 members. All participants must be AMHA members and must be junior exhibitors.
2. Teams must designate a team manager who is 18 years or older. The team manager may be a parent, trainer, or friend.
3. Teams must have a name.

Your show may choose to require an entry fee to help defer the cost of prizes and awards. Be sure to designate the team rules and any entry fees on your show's Team Challenge application. Please see the sample application included with this package.

How to organize your Team Challenge event:

1. Team members may ride in any division. Points will be accrued in equitation, pleasure, and dressage classes as well as Youth contests.
2. It is suggested that you place a limit to the number of classes that can be used to determine the team's score. AMHA recommends a 20-class team limit, not including Youth contests.
3. After each team member completes a class eligible for Team Challenge scores, team managers are responsible for reporting all team members' placings to your show's Team Challenge Coordinator. It is suggested that you place a time limit to report placings. AMHA recommends using the close of the session that the class occurred in. It also is recommended that classes that occur in the final sessions to be reported immediately, so your Team Coordinator is not rushed while completing the scoring.
4. Teams will be placed by total points accumulated at the end of the show or the end of the Challenge as published by the Challenge Coordinator.
5. Any disputes about scoring must be handled by the team managers and the Challenge Coordinator.

Scoring:

Show/classes	Regular Classes	Championship Classes	Youth Contest Division Awards	Youth Contest Overall Awards	Dressage Classes	Overall Dressage Awards
First/Champion	6	12	6	12	6	12
Second/Reserve	5	10	5	10	5	10
Third	4	8	4	8	4	8
Fourth	3	6	3	6	3	6
Fifth	2	4	2	4	2	4
Sixth	1	2	1	2	1	2



Team Challenge Application & Report Form

Please let us help you promote your Challenge! Dates and results of your challenge will be posted on www.morganhorse.com and the AMHA Youth Newsletter, the *Morganizer*.

Before your event please submit the following:

Location and Dates of Challenge: _____

Challenge Contact Person: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Following your Challenge please submit the following:

Name of Championship Team: _____

Team Member Name: _____ Age: _____

Team Member Name: _____ Age: _____

Team Member Name: _____ Age: _____

Team Member Name: _____ Age: _____

Prizes that were awarded:

Number of teams that competed:

Please include any special information you would like posted with your Challenge results:

Return this form with photograph of winning team to:
AMHA 122 Bostwick Road; Shelburne, VT 05482
Amanda@morganhorse.com



Sample Team Challenge Application

Team Name: _____

Team Manager: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Application fee: _____ per team payable to _____

Send application to: _____ Application must be received by: _____

Team Member Information:

**Please check the box appearing after the age blank if they will be competing in the Youth of the Year contest*

1. Name: _____ Age: _____

2. Name: _____ Age: _____

3. Name: _____ Age: _____

4. Name: _____ Age: _____

List the classes that each Team Member will be competing in, including the name of class and the class number; remember there is a 20 class limit per team:

	Rider Name	Class Number	Class Name
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Sample Advertising Copy

This year's horse show is about more than winning, it's about teamwork! New this year we are inviting junior exhibitors to take part in a Team Morgan Team Challenge contest! Your team of four can compete for top team prizes by earning points for your placings in your equitation and pleasure classes and in the Youth of the Year contest. The higher you place in your classes the more points you earn for your team. All you need to do is find three other teammates, from your barn or others, designate a team manager who is 18 years or older, and submit a simple application before the event! Prizes include_____.

For more information or to obtain a team application form, please contact:_____.

Sample Winners Announcement

Ladies and Gentlemen – I would like to introduce you to the exhibitors in the 2010 [insert name of show] Team Morgan Team Challenge contest! These enormously talented young equestrians proved to us today that not only are they talented individuals, but have what it takes to make an outstanding team! Participants in this contest have put together teams consisting of 4 competitors and one team manager. Each competitor's placings in their equitation classes, pleasure classes, and the Youth of the Year contest earned them team points', the higher the placing, the more points earned for the team!

And now, ladies & gentlemen, based on their scores from this week's competition, we present to you the overall winners of the 2010 [insert name of show] Team Morgan Team Challenge contest!

In tenth place:

In ninth place:

In eighth place:

In seventh place:

In sixth place:

In fifth place:

In fourth place:

In third place:

and the Reserve Champion Team Morgan Team Challenge Team, represented by [insert names of team members and manager] is [insert team name].

The 2010 [insert name of show] Team Morgan Team Challenge Champion, representing by [insert names of team members and manager] is [insert team name]

Each of these exceptional youth did an outstanding job in this competition. Congratulations!



Team Morgan Team Challenge Score Chart

Team Name: _____

	Rider Name	Class Name	Placing	Score
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Total Score: _____

