

HOW TO HOST YOUR OWN TRIVIA NIGHT

ANYWHERE, EVEN IN THE BARN

Trivia can be just the thing for an afternoon or evening of fun with other like-minded horse lovers. We did all the hard work for you, we wrote the questions, but more specifically we are giving you the answers! You can be the genius of your own event. And here is all you need to do:

- **Location** - Decide if you are doing it in the barn, at someone's house, at school or a club meeting, then you know how many people you can invite
- **Guests** - It works best in groups of five or less on a team. That way everyone gets to play and contribute their answers.
- **Fun or Fundraiser** - If you are doing it for fun so that everyone becomes more brilliant regarding horses, you are all set. If you are conducting a fundraiser, you will need to consider entry fees (per person or per team) and you will want to have prizes. If not prizes, at least food. Actually, whether you are doing it for fun or as a fundraiser, everyone likes food so think of having something to serve or asking folks to bring dishes to share and you can opt to supply the beverages.
- **Guidelines - the fairness factor:**
 1. These questions have been researched and proofed. We are going to agree that these answers are correct.
 2. No cell phones or outside sources. Use only the gray matter at your table or in your group (aka - your brains).
- **The Trivia Kit**
 - Mix the questions from all the EQUESTrian Cards decks. This way if you have horse lovers, equine science students, instructors, life-long equestrians, veterinarians, 4-H or Pony Club members, you will have questions for everyone. Incorporating Deck 7 (the Game deck) can be a leveling factor for all contenders. The sports are challenging and unless you are an active participant (and even then), the questions are challenging.
 - Paper for everyone to write on or at least for each team
 - Something to write with - pen or pencil
 - A timer if you want to be specific or if you are working with a smaller group, you can ask when everyone is basically done with a question, allowing a little more or a little less time here and there.
 - A scoreboard. Have every team pick a name. The more creative the better. Nothing like hearing how the Haughty Haflingers are doing compared to the Gallant Groomers.
 - Do several rounds of questions, your time limit will designate how many. Within a round do 5-10 questions, again, depending on time. And you can do the Honor System scoring, go over the answers after each round and let the teams self correct. Or you can have teams swap score sheets with each other and then hand them back after scoring. If it is a large group, do a show of hands for the answer and then you can ask for any more creative answers just to add some humor.

Note the scores on the board. Correct answers = 2 pts. The MC is allowed to give partial credit, particularly when asking for a multi-answer question.

- It is okay to repeat questions.
- It will be important to keep the questions moving, but allow breaks so participants can get food drinks or may just need a break.

Above all else, have fun. There will be a lot of "I knew that" and "huh, really?" and that is great. The whole purpose of EQUESTrian Cards is to increase, maintain and verify your equine knowledge. No guarantee that you will be smarter, but we are leaning that way.

Have a great Trivia Night!