

## Guidelines for Entries

Entries are due December 1, 2009.

You may present your results in two formats for the 2010 USPC Research Fair:

- **'Real Time' Oral & Display Presentation** – Competitors attending the meeting will present their project in person to the judges panel, discussing the purpose of their research and what they learned using their visual display (10 minute maximum).
- **'Audio-Visual' Presentation** – *Competitors who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting may still submit an entry.* They will create a detailed visual display that can "do the talking" for them or let a detailed audio presentation "do the talking"(10 minute maximum). A/V Projects may be presented either in part or in whole using computer software and audio-visual equipment. These presentations can include text, pictures, graphics, audio and video. Presentations should be prepared for display in Microsoft PowerPoint (2007), or Quicktime Player (7.5) or Windows Media Player (11).  
***Presentations should be available on CD, DVD or a USB thumb-drive.***

***Make sure CD's and DVD's are "finalized". External, portable hard drives also are acceptable provided they need no special drivers to be installed. The single media should contain all the files necessary to deliver the presentation. Links to content on the internet should be avoided since internet access cannot be guaranteed at the time of the presentation.***

***Experimental based projects are highly encouraged. However, literature research based projects will also be accepted. IF there are more than 3 presentations in an age division of both experimental and research types, the division will be further divided in order to allow different judging for experiments vs. research/reporting projects.***

Visual displays are not to exceed 3' x 4' or the size of traditional tri-fold science fair project boards. Visual displays can be mounted on the traditional tri-fold science fair boards or printed on a single-sheet oversized poster presentation (goggle "PowerPoint poster templates" or "research poster presentations" for examples). If you are traveling to the meeting via airplane or will be shipping your poster, a single sheet poster presentation will be the most cost effective display method.

The divisions for judging will be the same as those for Quiz based on age (as of Jan. 1,2010):

- Division I: Junior D (& Unrated) – 12 years of age or less.
- Division II: Senior D (& Unrated) – 13 years of age and up.
- Division III: Junior C/B – 14 years of age or less.
- Division IV: Senior C/B – 15 years of age and up
- Division V: B/H/H-A/A

Your project will be judged by a panel of judges made up of veterinarians/veterinarian technicians, researchers, teachers and pony club graduates. Prizes will be awarded to the top placers in each division. All contest entries will be prominently displayed at the Annual Meeting for everyone's educational enjoyment.