

2026 ASHEVILLE SPRING WARM-UP HORSE SHOW

Friday-Saturday, May 1st & 2nd

WNC Agricultural Center

1301 Fanning Bridge Rd., Fletcher, NC 28732

Judge.....Laney Gawarecki
Ringmasters.....Rusty Spencer & Connor Roesink
Announcer.....Wyatt Lilly
Music.....Dewayne Cartee
Paddock.....Travis Olinger
Farrier.....Gordon Ingram & AJ Strickland
Barn Manager.....Garrett Spencer
Veterinarian.....Reagan Mobile Equine
Videographer.....502-664-0870.....Richfield Video
Photographer.....Stevie Bagdasarian
Awards.....Casey Armstrong
Show Secretary.....Jessica Holmes
Show Manager.....919-672-3741.....Liz Holmes
lizholmes1957@gmail.com

ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: HOLMES HORSE SHOW MANAGEMENT

ENTRY FEES:	\$35.00	All classes	6 Ribbons
	\$45.00	Stake Classes (no qualification necessary)	6 Ribbons

OFFICE FEE: \$25.00/Horse (Non-refundable)

ACADEMY OFFICE FEE: \$15.00/Rider (Non-refundable)

STALLS: \$95.00

(Stalls available Tuesday at 12:00 noon on April 29th)

SHAVINGS: \$9.00/Bag

PRE-BEDDING: \$18.00/Stall

GROUND FEE FOR NON-STABLED HORSES: \$35/horse

CAMPER: \$50/Day – must obtain camper permit from Show Office

We will try to assign exhibitors staying over for the Asheville Saddlebred Classic Horse Show the following week their regular stalls for both shows. Exhibitors not staying over must vacate their stalls no later than 7:00 am on Sunday, May 3rd.

Liz Holmes, Show Manager
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919-672-3741

Email: LIZHOLMES1957@GMAIL.COM
Show Office as of Tuesday, May 2nd
828-687-1414 Ext 203

ENTRIES DUE APRIL 21, 2026

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO QUALIFY FOR STAKE CLASSES

READ THE PRIZE LIST CAREFULLY!
TRAINERS & EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
KNOWING THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION!

***Make checks payable to: "Holmes Horse Show Management."
No classes will be moved in the schedule. Please plan accordingly.***

The Asheville Spring Warm-Up Horse Show (the "Competition") will be operated in accordance with traditional Saddlebred, Morgan, Hackney and Roadster horse show rules. Should any question or dispute arise, which is not provided for in the following rules, the same shall be referred to Show Management, whose decision will be final.

The Show Manager will have the authority, at its discretion and without liability or recourse to the Competition, its management or officials, or the WNC Agricultural Center, to refuse, accept conditionally or cancel any entries of any exhibitor.

The Show Manager will have the authority, at its discretion and without liability or recourse to the Competition, its management or officials, or the WNC Agricultural Center, to bar any exhibitor, or his/her representatives, in the event of discourteous acts to a judge or any official of the Competition and he/she will have the authority to disqualify the entry of that exhibitor. In the event of such qualification, the exhibitor forfeits all fees paid as well as any prize money won.

IMPORTANT!

Horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus & Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management.

Copies of documentation must be submitted with entries.

Coggins Papers: In accordance with NC State Law, **ALL** horses and ponies on the grounds **MUST** have a current negative Coggins Certificate (within 12 months). ***A copy of the certificate MUST be on file in the Show Office.*** In addition, a copy **MUST** be posted on stall door for inspection by the State Veterinarian. All non-showing horses on the grounds must be listed on an entry blank and present a Coggins as listed above. **ANY HORSE OR PONY NOT IN COMPLIANCE MUST VACATE PREMISES – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

ENTRIES: Entries must be postmarked by April 21, 2026, to avoid a late penalty. All entries must be made on the entry blank provided. One horse per entry blank. If extra entry blanks are needed, photocopies are allowed. Entries will not be accepted over the phone. Failure to scratch from a class, a "no show," may subject exhibitor to a penalty of \$50. Entry blanks must be completed in full (the word "entry" will not be accepted) and signed by an adult. All horses will be charged a non-refundable office fee of \$25.

Show Management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or cancel any entries of any exhibitor at its discretion without recourse and require horses and entrants to vacate the premises at its discretion.

An unsigned check mailed with entries will be considered a post entry. Entries without payment will also be considered post entries and fees will apply. NO STALLS will be reserved until payment for them is received. Post-dated checks will NOT be accepted as payment for stalls and entries. Stalls are NOT reserved without negotiable funds and must be paid for by a separate check. An open check is NOT ACCEPTABLE for stall reservations. An open check for entries is acceptable. Exhibitors who have outstanding fees (including, but not limited to, outstanding fees, NSF checks, stop-payment checks, disputed credit card fees, etc.) will not be permitted to show and/or exhibit until fees have been reimbursed and Show Management has granted permission.

POST ENTRIES: WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SPACE AVAILABILITY and will be charged a non-refundable post entry fee of \$30 per horse. The penalty will be in addition to all other normal fees charged. Entries will be accepted up to one (1) hour before the scheduled start of each session.

EMERGENCY ENTRIES: In cases where entries cannot be made at least one (1) hour before the scheduled start of each session, an emergency penalty of \$30 will be charged for each class in addition to all other fees.

REFUNDS: Refunds requested prior to the entry closing date will be made in full, less a \$20 scratch fee, the non-refundable office fee and late penalty. Refunds requested before the start of the show, but after entry closing date, must be accompanied by a veterinarian's certificate giving a comprehensive diagnosis and received in the show office by the end of the show. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE ON STALL FEES AFTER CLOSING DATE. All adds or scratches must be made one (1) hour prior to the scheduled start of each session to avoid late fees and/or receive credit for scratches.

EMERGENCY REFUND POLICY (In the event all or part of the competition is cancelled due to a storm, accident or other emergency): If the competition is cancelled prior to the scheduled first day of the show, all fees will be refunded in full minus the non-refundable office fee. If classes are cancelled once the competition 's has begun, entry fees for remaining classes will be refunded.

REGISTRATION PAPERS: A photocopy of registration papers MUST accompany each horse entered in the American Saddlebred, Road Horse and Hackney Pony divisions. A COPY MUST BE KEPT ON FILE IN THE SHOW OFFICE SO THESE COPIES WILL NOT BE RETURNED. Numbers will not be released for an entry in these divisions without proper proof of registration. Names of horses/ponies must be on the entry form. The word "entry" may not be used. All horses/ponies must be entered in their full registered name and number and in the current owner of record.

OFFICE HOURS: Show office hours will be posted. The office will NOT be open on the Sunday following the show so exhibitors must settle accounts before the last class on Saturday evening. If exhibitors fail to do so, the Horse Show Secretary will fill in the correct amount on the open checks and the exhibitors or agents relinquish the right for adjustment after leaving the show.

OPEN CHECKS: All accounts must leave an open check on file when picking up exhibitor packets - no exceptions. Agent may fill in check when showing is complete. If an exhibitor and/or agent fails to settle his/her account(s), the Show Secretary will fill in the correct amount on the open check and the exhibitor/agent relinquishes the right for adjustment after leaving the show.

Credit cards may be used for payment of all fees; a 4% convenience fee will be charged.

RETURNED CHECKS/DECLINED CREDIT CARDS: All checks returned for non-payment will be charged a \$75 handling fee and must be replaced by cash, certified check or cashier's check; the same is true for declined credit cards. If a returned check is not made good within 2 weeks after notification, sanctioning organizations will be immediately notified of the non-compliance. All future fees at competitions will then be required to be paid with cash, money order or certified check.

STABLING: Entries for those exhibitors wishing to be stabled together must be mailed in the same envelope. Stalls are in permanent barns, with full doors. Stall fee is \$95. Stalls must be left in their original condition.

IMPORTANT: INDICATE DATE/TIME OF ARRIVAL ON ENTRY BLANK.

STALL INSPECTIONS: Before admission of horses, the Barn Manager will inspect all stalls, both permanent and temporary. Stalls will again be inspected once occupied and then after they are vacated. Should any damage be found, replacement parts, shipping, handling and labor fees will be assessed.

ADMISSION OF HORSES: Stalls will be available on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 12:00 NOON and must be vacated on Sunday, May 3, 2026, by 7:00 AM. No early arrivals will be accepted without the prior approval of the Show Manager. Early arrivals will be charged a \$30 per day, per stall fee, including tack stalls.

DISPERSAL OFF MEDICAL WASTE: Sharp containers are provided in convenient locations throughout the barns for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments. Show Management may fine any individuals, including trainers, owners, exhibitors or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

PARKING: Parking will NOT be permitted in the barn area. ***NO PARKING AROUND MANURE PITS OR TRASH RECEPTACLES – TOWING WILL BE ENFORCED.***

CAMPERS: Camper spaces are available on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. Camper sites have full hook-ups. Find your site, make note of the number and call/text Liz Holmes @ 919-672-3741 with site number.

TRAINING AIDS: Attention getting devices and/or other noisemakers (including, but not limited to, tape measure, blow horns, bamboo poles, explosives, fire extinguishers, baby powder, whips longer than 6', etc.) are not allowed in and around the make-up and competition rings during scheduled sessions. All such items will be confiscated and offenders may be asked to vacate the premises.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES: See Show Safety/Security Rules at end of Prize List.

DOGS ON COMPETITION GROUNDS: See Show Safety/Security Rules at end of Prize List.

DAMAGE: The WNC Agricultural Center holds individual owners and exhibitors responsible for damages incurred by them, or their agents, to barns or other properties on the show grounds and will invoice them accordingly. The Asheville Spring Warm-Up Horse Show and/or Show Management will in no way be responsible for any loss/damage that may occur. It will be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the competition, its management and the WNC Agricultural Center blameless for any loss or accident to his/her horse(s) or equipment that may occur from sickness, fire or otherwise. The Asheville Spring Warm-Up Horse Show, show management or the WNC Agricultural Center will not be responsible or liable for injuries sustained in any way to exhibitors, spectators, employees or other interested parties.

MISCELLANEOUS

Every animal entered for competition shall be under the control of Show Management. The show shall be under absolute control of Show Management. Only authorized persons shall be allowed in the ring during judging. ***See prior statements at beginning of prize list.*** The Asheville Spring Warm-Up Horse Show is a qualifying competition for the Kentucky State Fair's World Championship Horse Show.

SHAVINGS: Contact LIZ HOLMES @ 919-672-3741 or lizholmes1957@gmail.com, to order shavings. They may also be ordered on entry blanks. If an outside vendor hauls in bedding for a client, the vendor or client will be charged a show vendor fee of \$300. Exhibitors wishing to bring their own bedding may do so but must haul it in on their own vehicles.

PRE-BEDDING OF STALLS: Pre-bedding is available at \$18/stall. Contact LIZ HOLMES @ 919-672-3741 or lizholmes1957@gmail.com to order. May also be ordered on entry blanks.

HAY: Contact LIZ HOLMES @ 919-672-3741 or lizholmes1957@gmail.com to order hay. If an outside vendor hauls in hay for a client, the vendor or client will be charged a show vendor fee of \$300. Exhibitors wishing to bring their own hay may do so but must haul it in on their own vehicles.

CHANGES/CANCELLATIONS: Management reserves the right to combine or cancel any class having less than four (4) entries. Management also reserves the right to change or alter the officials listed without notice prior to or during the show.

FOOTING: Footing in the arena (which has dimensions of approximately 240'x120') will be a dirt base with a top layer of sawdust/shavings added.

STAKE CLASSES: No qualification is necessary to show in STAKE classes.

STRIPPING: No classes will be stripped.

WARM-UP ARENA: During show sessions, the covered warm-up ring will be available only for the next class to show in the indoor Show Arena. Only authorized personnel (trainers, grooms, rider/drivers) are to be in the warm-up ring. ***All others involved with a horse must stay outside the warm-up ring.***

CLASS CALLS/GATE HOLDS: Every effort will be made to maintain a working PA system. HOWEVER, due to unforeseen problems with any mechanical device, the PA system and paddock calls must be considered a courtesy. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXHIBITOR to be sure that his/her horse is at the gate at the designated time. A two (2) minute gate rule will be strictly enforced. The in gate will be closed two (2) minutes after the first horse enters the ring.

VERANDA TABLES: A limited number of tables (which seat 8) are available for the duration of the show for \$300 per table. Previous table holders receive first choice, after which it is a "first come, first served" basis. Contact Liz Holmes @ 919-672-3741 or lizholmes1957@gmail.com for more information.

HOTELS

Fairfield Inn & Suites - (828) 684-1144 (Host)

Mountain Inn & Suites - (828) 684-0040

Holiday Inn - (828) 684-6000

Home2 Suites - (828) 676-3740

Clarion Inn - (828) 684-1213



GOLF CARTS

Golf car rentals will be handled through ***Brad's Golf Cars @ 336-595- 2006***. Arrangements for golf car reservations are 100% between Brad's Golf Cars and the Exhibitor. If golf cars are not pre-ordered, Show Management cannot guarantee that one will be available at the show.

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ON A GOLF CART SHOULD NOT EXCEED THE NUMBER OF SEATS.

2026 ASHEVILLE SPRING WARM-UP HORSE SHOW TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE

(as of 01/10/26)

FRIDAY MORNING 9:30 AM - May 1st

1. ASB 3-Gaited Park - Amateur
2. Saddle Seat Equitation - Adult
3. ASB Show Pleasure Driving
4. Road Horse Under Saddle
5. Saddle Seat Pleasure WTC - Any Breed, Any Rider
6. Hackney Pleasure Driving Pony
7. ASB Hunter Country Pleasure
8. ASB 3-Gaited - Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor
9. ASB Park Pleasure Driving
10. Hackney Road Pony Under Saddle
11. Road Horse to Bike - Green Driver
12. ASB 5-Gaited Show Pleasure
13. ASB Country Pleasure Driving
14. Single Bit WT - Open
15. ASB Show Pleasure - Adult
16. Hackney Pleasure Pony Under Saddle
17. ASB Country Pleasure - Adult
18. Road Horse to Bike - Amateur
19. ASB 3-Gaited Park - Jr. Exhibitor
20. Roadster Pony - Amateur
21. Roadster Pony - Jr. Exhibitor
22. Hunt Seat Pleasure WTC - Any Breed, Any Rider
23. Single Bit WTC - Open
24. Walk/Trot Pleasure - Any Breed, Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor
25. Road Horse To Bike - Limit Horse
26. ASB Western Country Pleasure

FRIDAY EVENING 6:00 PM - May 1st

27. TBA
28. ASB 5-Gaited - Junior/Limit Horse
29. Fine Harness - Open
30. Saddle Seat Equitation - Walk/Trot, 12 & Under
31. Saddle Seat Equitation - 17 & Under
32. Roadster Pony - Open
33. ASB 3-Gaited - Open
34. ASB Show Pleasure - Jr. Exhibitor
35. Single Bit WT **STAKE** - Open
36. Harness Pony - Open
37. ASB Country Pleasure - Jr. Exhibitor
38. Walk/Trot Pleasure - 12 & Under
39. ASB 3-Gaited Park Pleasure - Open
40. ASB 5-Gaited - Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor
41. ASB 3-Gaited Park - Open
42. Single Bit WTC **STAKE** - Open
43. ASB Pleasure Prospect - Horses 4 & Under
44. Hackney Pony - Open
45. Road Horse To Bike - Open
46. ASB 5-Gaited - Open

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 AM - May 2nd

* SEE ACADEMY SCHEDULE BELOW

SATURDAY EVENING 6:00 PM - May 2nd

47. Fine Harness **STAKE** - Open
48. Saddle Seat Equitation **STAKE** - Walk/Trot, 12 & Under
49. Saddle Seat Equitation **STAKE** - Adult
50. Saddle Seat Equitation **STAKE** - 17 & Under
51. Road Horse To Bike **STAKE** - Limit Horse
52. ASB Show Pleasure Driving **STAKE**
53. Saddle Seat Pleasure WTC **STAKE** - Any Breed, Any Rider
54. Walk/Trot Pleasure **STAKE** - Any Breed, Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor
55. Hackney Pony **STAKE** - Open
56. Road Horse Under Saddle **STAKE**
57. ASB Western Country Pleasure **STAKE**

58. ASB Country Pleasure Driving STAKE
59. Hackney Pleasure Pony Under Saddle STAKE
60. ASB 3-Gaited Park STAKE - Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor
61. Harness Pony STAKE
62. ASB Show Pleasure STAKE - Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor
63. ASB 3-Gaited - Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor STAKE
64. Hackney Pleasure Driving Pony STAKE
65. ASB Hunter Country Pleasure STAKE
66. Road Pony Under Saddle STAKE
67. Walk/Trot Pleasure STAKE - 12 & Under
68. Road Horse To Bike STAKE - Amateur
69. ASB 3-Gaited Park Pleasure STAKE - Open
70. Roadster Pony To Bike STAKE - Amateur
71. Roadster Pony To Bike STAKE - Jr. Exhibitor
72. ASB 5-Gaited STAKE - Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor
73. Hunt Seat Pleasure WTC STAKE - Any Breed, Any Rider
74. Road Horse To Bike STAKE - Open
75. ASB Country Pleasure STAKE - Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor
76. ASB 3-Gaited Park STAKE - Open
77. ASB 5-Gaited Show Pleasure STAKE
78. ASB 3-Gaited STAKE - Open
79. Roadster Pony STAKE - Open
80. ASB Park Pleasure Driving STAKE
81. ASB 5-Gaited STAKE - Open

*** ACADEMY**

- 200 Academy Showmanship Driving
- 201 Academy Reinsmanship Driving (Figure work to be performed after rail work)
- 202 Show Rider Equitation WTC
- 203 Show Rider Showmanship WTC
- 204 Academy Equitation WTC, 18 & Over
- 205 Academy Showmanship WTC, 18 & Over
- 206 Academy Equitation WTC, 14-17
- 207 Academy Showmanship WTC, 14-17
- 208 Academy Equitation WTC, 13 & Under
- 209 Academy Showmanship WTC, 13 & Under
- 210 Green Rider Academy Equitation WTC, All Ages
- 211 Green Rider Academy Showmanship WTC, All Ages
- 212 Lead Line - 8 & Under WT Equitation
- 213 Lead Line - 8 & Under WT Showmanship
- 214 Show Rider Showmanship WT
- 215 Show Rider Equitation WT
- 216 Academy Equitation WT, 30 & Over
- 217 Academy Showmanship WT, 30 & Over
- 218 Academy Equitation WT, 14 & Over
- 219 Academy Showmanship WT, 14 & Over
- 220 Academy Equitation WT, 11-13
- 221 Academy Showmanship WT, 11-13
- 222 Academy Equitation WT, 9 & 10
- 223 Academy Showmanship WT, 9 & 10
- 224 Academy Equitation WT, 7 & 8
- 225 Academy Showmanship WT, 7 & 8
- 226 Academy Equitation WT, 6 & Under
- 227 Academy Showmanship WT, 6 & Under
- 228 Green Rider Academy Equitation WT, All Ages
- 229 Green Rider Academy Showmanship WT, All Ages
- 230 Pattern Class WTC, All Ages (*no rail work*) - *Pattern #1*
- 231 Pattern Class, WT, All Ages (*no rail work*) - *Pattern #1*

SADDLEBRED DIVISION

ASB FINE HARNESS

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| 29. Open | Friday Evening |
| 47. Open STAKE | Saturday Evening |

ASB FIVE GAITED

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| 28. Junior/Limit Horse | Friday Evening |
| 40. Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor | Friday Evening |
| 46. Open | Friday Evening |
| 72. Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor STAKE | Saturday Evening |
| 81. Open STAKE | Saturday Evening |

ASB THREE GAITED

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| 8. Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor | Friday Morning |
| 33. Open | Friday Evening |
| 63. Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor STAKE | Saturday Evening |
| 78. Open STAKE | Saturday Evening |

ASB SHOW PLEASURE

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| 12. 5-Gaited - Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor | Friday Morning |
| 77. 5-Gaited - Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor STAKE | Saturday Evening |

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| 3. Show Pleasure Driving | Friday Morning |
| 52. Show Pleasure Driving STAKE | Saturday Evening |

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| 15. Adult | Friday Morning |
| 34. Jr. Exhibitor | Friday Evening |
| 62. STAKE - Amateur/Jr. Exh. | Saturday Evening |

ASB COUNTRY PLEASURE

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| 7. Hunter Country Pleasure | Friday Morning |
| 65. Hunter Country Pleasure STAKE | Saturday Evening |

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| 13. Country Pleasure Driving | Friday Morning |
| 58. Country Pleasure Driving STAKE | Saturday Evening |

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| 17. Adult | Friday Morning |
| 37. Jr. Exhibitor | Friday Evening |
| 75. STAKE - Amateur/Jr. Exh. | Saturday Evening |

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| 26. Western Country Pleasure | Friday Morning |
| 57. Western Country Pleasure STAKE | Saturday Evening |

ASB THREE GAITED PARK

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| 1. Amateur | Friday Morning |
| 19. Jr. Exhibitor | Friday Morning |
| 41. Open | Friday Night |
| 60. Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor STAKE | Saturday Evening |
| 76. Open STAKE | Saturday Evening |

ASB PARK PLEASURE

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| 9. Park Pleasure Driving | Friday Morning |
| 80. Park Pleasure Driving STAKE | Saturday Evening |

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| 39. Open | Friday Evening |
| 69. Open STAKE | Saturday Evening |

ROADSTER HORSE

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| 4. Under Saddle | Friday Morning |
| 56. Under Saddle STAKE | Saturday Evening |

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| 11. To Bike - Green Driver | Friday Morning |
| 18. To Bike - Amateur | Friday Morning |
| 25. To Bike - Limit Horse | Friday Morning |
| 45. To Bike - Open | Friday Night |
| 51. To Bike STAKE - Limit Horse | Saturday Evening |
| 68. To Bike STAKE - Amateur | Saturday Evening |
| 74. To Bike STAKE - Open | Saturday Evening |

HACKNEY PONY

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| 6. | Pleasure Driving Pony | Friday Morning |
| 64. | Pleasure Driving Pony STAKE | Saturday Evening |
| 16. | Pleasure Pony Under Saddle | Friday Morning |
| 59. | Pleasure Pony Under Saddle STAKE | Saturday Evening |
| 44. | Hackney Pony - Open | Friday Evening |
| 55. | Hackney Pony STAKE - Open | Saturday Evening |
| 36. | Harness Pony - Open | Friday Evening |
| 61. | Harness Pony STAKE - Open | Saturday Evening |

HACKNEY ROAD PONY

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| 10. | Under Saddle | Friday Morning |
| 66. | Under Saddle STAKE | Saturday Evening |
| 20. | To Bike - Amateur | Friday Morning |
| 21. | To Bike - Jr. Exhibitor | Friday Morning |
| 32. | To Bike - Open | Friday Evening |
| 70. | To Bike STAKE - Amateur | Saturday Evening |
| 71. | To Bike STAKE - Jr. Exhibitor | Saturday Evening |
| 79. | To Bike STAKE - Open | Saturday Evening |

SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION

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| 2. | Adult | Friday Morning |
| 49. | Adult STAKE | Saturday Evening |
| 31. | 17 & Under | Friday Evening |
| 50. | 17 & Under STAKE | Saturday Evening |
| 30. | Walk/Trot, 12 & Under | Friday Evening |
| 48. | Walk/Trot, 12 & Under STAKE | Saturday Evening |

OPEN DIVISION - ANY BREED, ANY RIDER

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| 5. | Saddle Seat Pleasure WTC | Friday Morning |
| 53. | Saddle Seat Pleasure WTC STAKE | Saturday Evening |

MISCELLANEOUS - ANY BREED

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| 22. | Hunt Seat Pleasure WTC
Any Breed/Rider | Friday Morning |
| 73. | Hunt Seat Pleasure WTC
Any Breed/Rider STAKE | Saturday Evening |
| 24. | Walk/Trot Pleasure - Any Breed,
Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor | Friday Evening |
| 54. | Walk/Trot Pleasure STAKE - Any Breed,
Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor | Saturday Evening |
| 38. | Walk/Trot Pleasure - 12 & Under | Friday Evening |
| 67. | Walk/Trot Pleasure STAKE - 12 & Under | Saturday Evening |
| 43. | ASB Pleasure Prospect - Horses 4 & Under | Friday Evening |

SINGLE BIT

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| 14. | WT Open | Friday Morning |
| 35. | WT Open STAKE | Friday Evening |
| 23. | WTC Open | Friday Morning |
| 42. | WTC STAKE | Friday Evening |

Holmes Horse Show Management

2026 ACADEMY SCHEDULE & RULES

(as of 01/01/26)

SATURDAY MORNING @ 9:30 AM
1st – 6th Places

\$30 Entry Fee/Class
Office Fee \$15/Rider

Show Management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or cancel any entries of any exhibitor at its discretion and require horses and entrants to vacate the premises at its discretion and without liability.

Academy entries are to follow all horse show entry rules; i.e., they are due at the same time as performance entries.

NEW FOR 2026:

- Show Management reserves the right to refuse entries submitted after the closing date. ***IF*** they are accepted, a late penalty (tbd) per class will be imposed.
- “Calendar year” refers to the period of January through December.
- If necessary, a protest may be submitted in writing, signed and accompanied by a deposit of \$100 (payable to the Horse Show). It must be received by the Show Steward or Show Manager within 24 hours of the alleged violation. If the protest is upheld, the deposit shall be returned; if not upheld, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Horse Show. In case the protest is upheld, entries standing next in awards will move up accordingly.

The following rules MUST be followed. If violations are determined by Show Management, ALL ENTRIES from the offending barn will be disqualified and required to vacate the showgrounds.

Safety is of the utmost importance! Unruly, out of control or disruptive horses will be excused.

Handlers/headers are to be sixteen (16) years of age or older.

Trainers, with multiple riders in a class that competes collectively who require/need a header, must provide multiple leaders/headers.

Horses are NOT to be led into the show ring with a lead shank attached to the bit.

Riders

- Riders are to be enrolled in a professionally run lesson program.
- Once riders show in regular performance classes, they are no longer eligible to show in Academy classes. However, returning riders are eligible for WTC Academy classes after a 10-year absence from the show ring.
- Riders who have shown in a regular division, or in a suit/coat, are no longer eligible to show in Academy classes, with the exception of Show Rider classes.
- Riders who have shown/been judged in WTC classes are no longer eligible to return to WT classes.
- Riders who have shown/been judged in WT classes are no longer eligible to show in Lead Line.
- Riders may not show in any performance division at the same show (except driving or in hand classes), with the exception of Show Riders.
- Age of the rider is determined by their age as of December 1 of the previous year.
- NO earpieces allowed on riders in the show ring. If rider is hearing impaired, medical documentation must be produced for Show Management.
- Riders who show in “elite” classes at other shows must enter Show Rider classes as they are considered advanced riders.

Horses

- Horses must be regularly used as lesson horses.
- While it is preferred that horses are owned by instructors, horses may be owned or leased by riders **IF** they are used and shown regularly by others as a lesson/school horse.
- Horses shown in Academy classes cannot be in show training with a professional. This includes horses on consignment. Horses should not have been professionally trained within 60 days of show.

- Horses should be plain shod. (Exception may be made if corrective shoeing is needed, one pad and/or wedge is allowed for the comfort of the horse.) The definition of “show package” will be determined by Show Management, with help from Show Farrier if needed.
- Hoof blacking is optional; no ribbon braiding allowed.
- School horses may cross enter regular show classes at the same show.
- Academy classes are open to mares and geldings of any breed.

Tack

- Horses are to be tacked with saddle consistent with saddle seat style of riding.
- Full or Pelham bridles or snaffle bridle with martingale. A martingale on a leverage bit is prohibited.
- Wraps, splint boots, bell boots are permitted if needed for the safety of the horse and in driving classes. No blinkers allowed in under saddle classes.

Attire

- To be appropriate for the style of riding/driving.
- Jodhpurs, breeches, dark pants, long sleeve shirt, with collar, tie, gloves, vest (sweater permissible in very cold weather) Riding suits and jackets are prohibited.
- Roweled spurs are not permitted.
- All riders 17 years of age & under MUST wear protective headgear that meets or exceeds ASTM/SEI standards. However, all riders are encouraged to wear protective headgear.

Judging

- Exhibitors are to be judged on their skill to effectively control the horse and to show the horse to its best advantage.
- Horsemanship/Showmanship classes are judged on the rider’s performance ability; i.e., how well they show the horse and utilize the ring, including correct diagonals and leads. Diagonals will count, no backing. Rider’s ability to show is paramount.
- Equitation classes are to be judged on a rider’s basic equitation skills; i.e., riding on correct leads and diagonals, conveying the impression of effective and easy control.
- Horses are not to back, perform an extended trot or a hand gallop.
- Headers are permitted in the line-up for the 10 & under riders; no towels or whips allowed.
- The horse IS NOT to be judged.

Descriptions

- Pattern Classes – No rail work, entries to work the pattern individually.
- Green Rider WTC Classes – open to Academy riders in their 1st calendar year of *cantering*. Riders who have competed at the national level competitions are ineligible. Green Rider WT Classes – open to Academy riders in their 1st calendar year of showing. Riders who have competed at the national level competitions are ineligible.
- Show Rider Classes – for advanced Academy riders or amateur/junior exhibitor riders with prior show ring experience. A Show Rider may not return to regular Academy classes.
- Academy Driving Showmanship/Reinsmanship Classes – Open to any amateur or junior exhibitor. Drivers may not cross enter into other driving classes at the same show but may cross enter into under saddle performance classes or other Academy classes. Academy driver may be accompanied in the cart by an experienced adult who is not allowed to coach. Only a 2-wheel cart/buggy is permitted in driving classes.
- WT Lead Line (8 & Under) – Riders will be led in at the walk and worked each way of the ring. They will trot individually past the judge. Riders are expected to post but correct diagonals are not required. Class will be judged.

Class Splits

Should class splits be necessary, the rider’s age and classification (A-Advanced, B-Beginner, C-Intermediate) **must** be listed on the entry form. Entries made without split information will automatically be entered into the Advanced sections.

- Classes should have no more than 15 entries.
- 10 & Under WT/8 & Under WT will split at 10 entries.
- 6 & Under WT will split at 6 entries.

**HOLMES HORSE SHOW MANAGEMENT
2026 SHOW SAFETY AND SECURITY RULES**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY !!

All individuals on competition grounds must comply with all safety rules and procedures. Failure to comply with the safety rules and procedures may result in suspension/halting of overall competition, fines, issuance of warning cards, forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, and/or removal from the competition grounds.

Show Management policy is that no one listed on the SafeSport "Banned, Interim, Suspension or Restriction" lists will be allowed on the showgrounds at any time or for any purpose.

Show Management reserves the right to remove anyone from the competition grounds and not grant re-entry for any unsafe actions, illegal behavior, disruption of the competition, or failure to comply with any safety rules/procedures at the Show Manager's, Steward's, or Safety Coordinator's discretion. Additionally, if violations are determined by Show Management, ALL ENTRIES from the offending barn can be disqualified and removed from the showgrounds.

Handlers/headers are to be sixteen (16) years of age or older.

Horses are NOT to be led into the show ring with a lead shank attached to the bit.

- Anyone participating in the competition (rider, trainer, owner, volunteers, and officials) are required to complete a show specific general liability waiver form prior to participation.
- All dogs/pets must always remain on a leash anywhere on the competition grounds. Dogs/pets are not allowed in any food service or serving area. Failure to comply will result in a \$100 fine, forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, possible issuance of warning cards, and potential removal from the competition grounds. All dogs/pets must have current inoculations for rabies as prescribed by the state of residency. Show management reserves the right to remove any dog/pet from the competition grounds at any time.
- Dogs/pets must not be left unattended in vehicles and/or trailers. Failure to comply will result in an issuance of warning cards, potential forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, fines, potential removal from the competition grounds, and reporting to local animal control/law enforcement.
- All local and state adopted fire safety codes and regulations must be followed. This includes ensuring adequate ingress/egress ability (minimum 5' path), exits are not blocked, use of flame-resistant draping, approved electrical cords and appliances are utilized appropriately, electrical circuits are not overloaded, utilization of fire watch, etc.
- Tents, canopies, or temporary roof structures over 4 square feet are not allowed inside any structure.
- The use of extension cords will be at a minimum and only one cord per appliance. The chaining of extension cords together is not allowed. All extension cords shall be properly corded to prevent falls and other hazards (NC Fire Code 604). All extension cords shall be inspected by the Tenant to ensure the cords are properly grounded, and not frayed, loosely connected, cut, etc.
- No outdoor burning, fire pits, or campfires will be allowed on competition grounds.
- Smoking and vaping are prohibited in the show arena, warm up arena, and inside the barns.
- Fireworks and/or explosives are not allowed on the competition grounds.
- Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the

competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above-described motorized vehicles if they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Failure to comply will result in possible fines, forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, possible issuance of warning cards, and potential removal from the competition grounds.

- The maximum number of passengers on a golf cart should not exceed the number of seats.
- Non powered/powered scooters, bicycles, skateboards, in line skates, and heelers (skates in shoes) are not permitted in the show arena, warmup arena, or the interior of any barns.
- Anyone involved in damaging/destroying property, stealing property, communicating threats, conducting acts of violence, assault/abuse (physical, emotional, verbal, sexual), stalking, harassment, disorderly conduct, animal cruelty, or any other illegal activities will be removed from the competition grounds and fully prosecuted of the law.
- Show management reserves the right to remove and ban any public spectators from the competition grounds for acts of disobedience, discourtesy, or causing a disruption to the competition/competitors.
- Any act of discourtesy, disobedience, bullying, harassment, retaliation, slander, or unsportsmanlike conduct to the judges, officials, show management, show staff, or other participants, on the part of an owner, rider/driver, trainer/agent, attendee, or groom will disqualify horse or rider/driver. Failure to comply will result in possible fines, forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, possible issuance of warning cards, and potential removal from the competition grounds.
- According to the Horse Protection Act ("HPA"), the US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS") can inspect any horse show to ensure it is compliant with the soring rule. Anyone encountering such personnel must treat them with the utmost cooperation and respect. Failure to do so will result in possible fines, forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, possible issuance of warning cards, and potential removal from the competition grounds.
- Competition Management will ensure the competition is conducted in accordance with all local, state and federal animal health requirements. Trainer/owner/rider is to notify the show veterinarian and show management as soon as possible after detection of a feverish animal. It will be decided by the show veterinarian and show management if isolation and/or further treatment or testing of the feverish animal is appropriate.
- Unattended children, excessive noise, running, or other actions that may disrupt competitors are not allowed in the competition arena. Parents/guardians must always maintain supervision of their children while inside the arena and ensure they remain seated and are not disrupting the competition or competitors. Children under the age of 12 are not allowed along the rail, in the war-up ring or on victory passes. Minors along with their guardians causing disruptions in the competition or warm up arena will be immediately removed and not allowed to return.
- Individuals under the age of 21 are not allowed to possess and/or consume alcohol. Anyone under the age of 21 caught in possession will be immediately reported to law enforcement and removed permanently from the competition grounds. Any adult 21 or older caught providing alcohol to an individual under the age of 21 and/or knowingly allowing them to consume alcohol will result in forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, possible issuance of warning cards, reporting to law enforcement, and removal from the competition grounds. Show management reserves the right to verify age by checking the identification of any individual in possession or believed to be in possession of alcohol on the competition grounds.
- Anyone who is under the influence of alcohol, or a controlled substance are prohibited from operating a motorized vehicle, riding/driving a horse, or participating in the competition while they are in an impaired state that may endanger themselves or others.

- Show management reserves the right to remove any individual from the competition grounds and involve law enforcement (as needed) who appear or are found to be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance at any time.
- Anyone currently experiencing symptoms (fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, shortness of breath, etc.) of a communicable illness or has recently had close contact (more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period) with anyone symptomatic with a communicable illness are not permitted on the competition grounds. These illnesses include, but are not limited to Influenza, RSV, COVID-19, Norovirus, Strep, and other transmissible illnesses. Show management reserves the right to remove anyone from the competition grounds who is symptomatic or has been exposed to anyone with a communicable illness.
- No parking will be allowed in the barn area, in an area that impedes the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, in any area designated as a fire lane/no parking zone, and/or blocking a manure pit or trash receptacle. Motor vehicles must park in appropriate designated areas and follow all traffic safety laws on the competition grounds. Show management and the facility reserves the right to tow any vehicle improperly parked at the vehicle owner's expense.
- Sharp containers are provided in convenient locations throughout the barns for the disposal of needles, medical waste, and other disposable sharp instruments. Failure to comply will result in a \$100 fine, forfeiture of the ability to participate in the competition, forfeiture of entry and other fees, possible issuance of warning cards, and potential removal from the competition grounds.
- No one should purposely or intentionally damage or remove any signage, decorations, arena wrap/bunting, plants, hospitality items, safety items, or other show provided items.
- Any loss, theft, accident, injury, damage to personal property, or illegal activity should be reported to the show office/management immediately.
- Show management and officials reserves the right to suspend competition temporarily or permanently during any event that may impact the safety, security, health, and the general wellbeing of participants on the competition grounds.
- Lost and found will be in the show office.

EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS, RIDE/PARTICIPATE/ATTEND AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes