

## 2024 HORSEMANSHIP SHOWCASE RULES & REGULATIONS

The following health documents must be presented with the horse(s) at the gate upon arrival, and also presented to the horse show office:

- Negative Coggins test within one year
- Proof of EHV1 and EHV4 vaccinations within 6 months
- Out-of-state horses must have a 30-day interstate Health Certificate

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. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the judges or officials on the part of an owner, rider/driver, trainer/agent or groom will disqualify horse or rider/driver and the owner shall forfeit his/her entry and other fees.

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.

LODGING: Contact the Lodging Department at **828-863-1015** or **lodging@tryon.com** to inquire about available onsite/offsite lodging options, reserve a room, cabin or camper/ RV site or golf cart. All reservations and payment for all reservations must be made directly to the Lodging Department. Campers/RVs/cabins, etc. may NOT be put on show bills.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES/GOLF CARTS: Tryon's Lodging Department handles all golf cart rentals. Rentals usually run \$90/day plus tax. Exhibitors are allowed to bring their own carts at no charge. **Rent them at lodging@tryon.com or (828) 863-1015.**

Under North Carolina State Laws, unlicensed drivers are not permitted to operate any motorized vehicles - ATV's, motorcycles, golf carts, etc., on the show grounds. Failure to abide by these regulations will subject the exhibitor to suspension from the horse show.

ON-SITE RESTAURANTS: A listing of the restaurants onsite can be found here - **www.resort.tryon.com/restaurants**. Small concessions will be set up outside the indoor arena that week, too, which will be more customized to our show days.

GROOMS/CARETAKERS: Grooms/caretakers will be allowed to stay in the barn with the horses.

LIABILITY: Tryon International Equestrian Center, the Horsemanship Showcase, their officials, and employees will not be responsible for any accident or loss which may occur to any exhibitor, spectators, guest, rider, groom, attendant, other employees, animals, or equipment at the event. All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third persons caused by themselves, their employees, their agents, their horses, or their dogs.

STALLS: Permanent 10x12 stalls of wood/metal construction with doors and temporary 10x10 stall of canvas/metal construction with doors. Flooring is rubber mats over stone dust. Stalls are available for \$125. Stalls are not refundable after the closing date (September 16<sup>th</sup>). Non-stabled horses will pay a \$60 Grounds Fee.

ARRIVALS: Stalls will be available on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, with departure on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Any and all requests for early arrival/late departure must be approved by the Show Manager. Early arrivals/late departures will incur a charge of \$50 per stall per day (or any portion thereof).

DOGS: Dogs are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and must be held on a leash or otherwise contained at all times. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dog owners are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from their dogs' behaviors. Failure to maintain your dog under control will result in a \$100 fine assessed to the owner. In addition, pursuant to facility regulations, loose dogs will be removed from the show grounds by Animal Control, at the owner's expense and impounded.

**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.

It is strongly suggested that handlers/headers are 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.***

#### Academy 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/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.
- Age of the rider is determined by their age as of December 1 of the previous year.

#### Alpha Riders

- Those riders who are in their first two seasons of competing in a suit in a walk, trot, canter class.
- Prior experience in the walk and trot division does not count against eligibility.
- Riders who have competed at the Saddlebred National/World Finals level competition are ineligible.

NO earpieces allowed on riders in the show ring. If rider is hearing impaired, medical documentation must be produced for Show Management.

#### 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 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 into 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 style of riding (saddle seat, hunt seat, western).
- 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. Chaps and western hats 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 – 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 – 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.

### 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.

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**2024 SHOW SAFETY AND SECURITY RULES**

All individuals on the 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 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.

- 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 foodservice 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.
- 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. 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: CAUTION: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS RIDE/PARTICIPATE/ATTEND AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Under the laws of most States, an equine activity sponsor, show manager and staff, and equine professionals is not liable for any injury to, illness from, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

**2024 HORSEMANSHIP SHOWCASE**  
**Horsemanship Challenge**  
**Saturday Evening, September 28th, first class of the Session**

Rider will need:

- completed paperwork (September 16th deadline)
- \$125 entry fee
- saddle
- helmet, jodhpur pants, boots & gloves

Each rider/instructor must provide a suitable horse (with pad & girth) to be used in the event.  
Show or work bridles allowed.

Horsemanship Challenge Guidelines:

**PURPOSE:** The Horsemanship Challenge is designed to promote Saddle Seat riding and sportsmanship in a competition atmosphere for riders in the Southeast. The format of this event was chosen to showcase the rider's ability. This competition is open to all advanced non-professional riders, ages 13 and up.

**FORMAT:** Suitable lesson type horses will be used. For the 1st round, riders will compete on the horse they bring. For the 2nd round, all riders will draw a horse they have not previously ridden to compete. A brief, supervised 5 minute warm up is allowed. The horses may be any breed and compete in show or work bridles. Rider will wear helmet, jods, boots and Challenge shirt (provided).

This is considered a "Special Event"; therefore, academy riders are eligible if they are advanced riders capable of handling various horses.

**2024 HORSEMANSHIP SHOWCASE**  
**Horsemanship Challenge Entry Form**

WARNING: This event is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with NC General Statutes, Chapter 99E. An equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, or any other person, which shall include a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, shall not be liable for an injury to or death of a participant resulting from the intrinsic dangers of equine activities and, no participant nor any participant's parent, guardian, or representative shall have or make any claim against or recover from any equine activity sponsor, equine professional, or any other person for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting from any of the intrinsic dangers of equine activities. No participant or parent or guardian of a participant who has knowingly executed a waiver of his rights to sue or agrees to assume all risks specifically enumerated under this subsection may maintain an action against or recover from an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional for an injury to or the death of a participant engaged in an equine activity. The waiver shall give notice to the participant of the intrinsic dangers of equine activities. The waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked in writing by the participant or parent or guardian of a minor.

Rider's Name (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (if under 18) : (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I give \_\_\_\_\_ (Rider) my permission to compete in the Horsemanship Showcase 2024 Horsemanship Challenge and agree he/she is capable of handling a wide variety of lesson horses in a competition.

Instructor or Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee of \$125 payable to Holmes Horse Show Management

Mail this form to be delivered on or before September 16th to: Liz Holmes, PO Box 362, Mebane, NC 27302

**INCLUDE T-SHIRT SIZE ON ENTRY BLANK!**



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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (08/06/24)

## Friday, September 27 – 12:00 Noon

1. Academy Driving Showmanship
2. WTC Academy Showmanship - Adult 35 Years & Over
3. WTC Academy Showmanship - Adult 18-34 Years
4. WTC Academy Showmanship - 16 & 17 Years
5. WTC Academy Showmanship - 14 & 15 Years
6. WTC Academy Showmanship - 12 & 13 Years
7. WTC Academy Showmanship - 11 Years & Under
8. WTC Academy Showmanship – Hunt Seat, All Ages
9. WT Academy Showmanship – Hunt Seat, All Ages
10. WT Academy Showmanship - Adult 35 Years & Over
11. WT Academy Showmanship - Adult 18-34 Years
12. WT Academy Showmanship - 16 & 17 Years
13. WT Academy Showmanship - 14 & 15 Years
14. WT Academy Showmanship - 13 Year Old
15. WT Academy Showmanship - 12 Year Old
16. WT Academy Showmanship - 11 Year Old
17. WT Academy Showmanship - 10 Year Old
18. WT Academy Showmanship - 9 Year Old
19. WT Academy Showmanship - 8 Year Old
20. WT Academy Showmanship - 7 Year Old
21. WT Academy Showmanship - 6 & Under

## Friday, September 27

6:00pm - 7:00pm - Welcome Get Together

7:00 PM

22. Alpha WTC Pleasure
23. Alpha WTC Equitation
24. Alpha WT Pleasure 12 & Under
25. Alpha WT Equitation 12 & Under
- 25.1 Three-Gaited Pleasure Single Bit (Academy or Performance attire is acceptable)
26. Five-Gaited Single Bit (Academy or Performance attire is acceptable)

**SHOWCASE OF BREEDS: SADDLEBREDS, HACKNEYS, DUTCH, FRIESIANS, MORGANS**

## Saturday, September 28 – 10:00am

27. Academy Driving Reinsmanship
28. WTC Academy Equitation - Adult 35 Years & Over
29. WTC Academy Equitation - Adult 18-34 Years
30. WTC Academy Equitation - 16 & 17 Years
31. WTC Academy Equitation - 14 & 15 Years
32. WTC Academy Equitation - 12 & 13 Years
33. WTC Academy Equitation - 11 Years & Under
34. WTC Academy Equitation – Hunt Seat, All Ages
35. WT Academy Equitation – Hunt Seat, All Ages
36. WT Academy Equitation - Adult 35 Years & Over
37. WT Academy Equitation - Adult 18-34 Years
38. WT Academy Equitation - 16 & 17 Years
39. WT Academy Equitation - 14 & 15 Years
40. WT Academy Equitation - 13 Year Old
41. WT Academy Equitation - 12 Year Old
42. WT Academy Equitation - 11 Year Old
43. WT Academy Equitation - 10 Year Old
44. WT Academy Equitation - 9 Year Old
45. WT Academy Equitation - 8 Year Old
46. WT Academy Equitation - 7 Year Old
47. WT Academy Equitation - 6 Years & Under
48. WT Academy Equitation On Lead - 7 & 8 Years

49. WT Academy Equitation On Lead - 6 Years & Under

**Saturday – 6:00 pm**

49A Special Event – Horsemanship Challenge

50. Alpha WTC Pleasure CHAMPIONSHIP

51. Alpha WTC Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP

52. Alpha WT Pleasure 12 & Under CHAMPIONSHIP

53. Alpha WT Equitation 12 & Under CHAMPIONSHIP

53.1 Three-Gaited Single Bit CHAMPIONSHIP (Academy or Performance attire is acceptable)

54. Five-Gaited Single Bit CHAMPIONSHIP (Academy or Performance attire is acceptable)

**Progressive Barn Party After Evening Session!!**

**Sunday, September 29 – 9:00am**

55. Academy Driving CHAMPIONSHIP

56. WTC Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - Adult

57. WTC Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 14-17 Years

58. WTC Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 13 Years & Under

**58.1 WTC Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP – Hunt Seat, All Ages**

**58.2 WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP – Hunt Seat, All Ages**

59. WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - Adult

60. WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 14-17 Years

61. WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 12 & 13 Years

62. WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 10 & 11 Years

63. WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 8 & 9 Years

64. WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 7 Years & Under

65. WT Academy On Lead CHAMPIONSHIP

66. WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 7 Years & Under

67. WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 8 & 9 Years

68. WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 10 & 11 Years

69. WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 12 & 13 Years

70. WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 14-17 Years

71. WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - Adult

**71.1 WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP – Hunt Seat, All Ages**

**71.2 WTC Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP – Hunt Seat, All Ages**

72. WTC Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 13 & Under

73. WTC Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 14-17 Years

74. WTC Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - Adult

*Each Academy rider is guaranteed to show 4 times over 3 days. Exception: 8 & Under On Lead will show in 1 qualifier and 1 championship.*

*Each Academy driver will show in 3 classes over 3 days.*

*Alpha Performance riders will show Friday and Saturday evenings.*

*To qualify for the championship classes, an exhibitor must compete in the qualifying class.*

**ENTRY FEES: Qualifier - \$30; Championship - \$40**

**8 places to be awarded**