

2025 HORSEMANSHIP SHOWCASE

Designed to educate those new to the show horse world about the many paths to horse ownership

Friday, September 26th - Saturday, September 27th - Sunday, September 28th
Indoor Arena, Tryon International Equestrian Center, Tryon, NC

The following have been invited to serve. Show Management reserves the right to change or substitute officials should it become necessary. The majority opinion, three judge scoring system will be used.

Jodi Bertagnolli – Rices Landing, PA
Laney Gawarecki – Zephyrhills, FL
Jody La Salle – East Woodstock, CT

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Travis Olinger – Benton, TN

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Ringmaster
Greg O'Kelley – Lexington, KY

Paddock Master
Jessica Holmes – Lexington, KY

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

(as of 08/08/25)

Friday, September 27 – 1:00 PM

1. Academy Driving Showmanship
2. WTC Show Rider Showmanship
3. WTC Academy Showmanship - Adult 35 Years & Over
4. WTC Academy Showmanship - Adult 18-34 Years
5. WTC Academy Showmanship - 16 & 17 Years
6. WTC Academy Showmanship - 14 & 15 Years
7. WTC Academy Showmanship - 12 & 13 Years
8. WTC Academy Showmanship - 11 Years & Under
9. WTC Academy Showmanship - Hunt Seat, All Ages
10. WT Academy Showmanship - Hunt Seat, All Ages
11. WT Show Rider Showmanship
12. WT Academy Showmanship - Adult 35 Years & Over
13. WT Academy Showmanship - Adult 18-34 Years
14. WT Academy Showmanship - 16 & 17 Years
15. WT Academy Showmanship - 14 & 15 Years
16. WT Academy Showmanship - 13 Year Old
17. WT Academy Showmanship - 12 Year Old
18. WT Academy Showmanship - 11 Year Old
19. WT Academy Showmanship - 10 Year Old
20. WT Academy Showmanship - 9 Year Old
21. WT Academy Showmanship - 8 Year Old
22. WT Academy Showmanship - 7 Year Old
23. WT Academy Showmanship - 6 Years & Under
24. UPHA Exceptional Challenge Cup WT Without Assistance

Friday, September 27 – 6:30 PM

25. Alpha/Novice Rider WTC Showmanship
26. Alpha/Novice Rider WT Showmanship 12 & Under
27. Three-Gaited Pleasure Single Bit (*Academy or Performance attire acceptable*)
28. Five-Gaited Single Bit (*Academy or Performance attire acceptable*)
29. **Pathway To Performance: Presentations & Educational Experience** – *A unique opportunity for barns to showcase up to 2, pre-approved sale horses in a formal horse show setting. Designed to educate Academy families on how to take the next step into the performance division while giving prospective buyers a 1st look at horses available for the future.*

WELCOME PARTY

Saturday, September 28 – 11:00 AM

30. Academy Driving Reinsmanship
31. WTC Show Rider Equitation
32. WTC Academy Equitation - Adult 35 Years & Over
33. WTC Academy Equitation - Adult 18-34 Years
34. WTC Academy Equitation - 16 & 17 Years
35. WTC Academy Equitation - 14 & 15 Years
36. WTC Academy Equitation - 12 & 13 Years
37. WTC Academy Equitation - 11 Years & Under
38. WTC Academy Equitation - Hunt Seat, All Ages
39. WT Academy Equitation - Hunt Seat, All Ages
40. WT Show Rider Equitation
41. WT Academy Equitation - Adult 35 Years & Over
42. WT Academy Equitation - Adult 18-34 Years
43. WT Academy Equitation - 16 & 17 Years
44. WT Academy Equitation - 14 & 15 Years
45. WT Academy Equitation - 13 Year Old
46. WT Academy Equitation - 12 Year Old
47. WT Academy Equitation - 11 Year Old

48. WT Academy Equitation - 10 Year Old
49. WT Academy Equitation - 9 Year Old
50. WT Academy Equitation - 8 Year Old
51. WT Academy Equitation - 7 Year Old
52. WT Academy Equitation - 6 & Under
53. WT Academy Equitation On Lead – 7 & 8 Years
54. WT Academy Equitation On Lead – 6 Years & Under
55. Exceptional WT Equitation Without Assistance

Saturday – 6:00 PM

56. Alpha/Novice Rider WTC Pleasure CHAMPIONSHIP
57. Alpha/Novice Rider WT Pleasure 12 & Under CHAMPIONSHIP
58. Three-Gaited Pleasure Single Bit CHAMPIONSHIP (*Academy or Performance attire acceptable*)
59. Five-Gaited Single Bit CHAMPIONSHIP (*Academy or Performance attire acceptable*)
60. Special Event – Horsemanship Challenge (*Riders will meet @ 5:00 PM to draw horses for 2nd round*)

Sunday, September 28 – 9:30 AM

61. Academy Driving CHAMPIONSHIP
62. Exceptional WT Without Assistance CHAMPIONSHIP
63. WTC Show Rider CHAMPIONSHIP
64. WTC Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - Adult
65. WTC Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 14-17 Years
66. WTC Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 13 Years & Under
67. WTC Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP – Hunt Seat, All Ages
68. WT Show Rider CHAMPIONSHIP
69. WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - Adult
70. WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 14-17 Years
71. WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 12 & 13 Years
72. WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 10 & 11 Years
73. WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 8 & 9 Years
74. WT Academy Showmanship CHAMPIONSHIP - 7 Years & Under
75. WT Academy On Lead CHAMPIONSHIP
76. WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 7 Years & Under
77. WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 8 & 9 Years
78. WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 10 & 11 Years
79. WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 12 & 13 Years
80. WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 14-17 Years
81. WT Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - Adult
82. WTC Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP – Hunt Seat, All Ages
83. WTC Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 13 & Under
84. WTC Academy Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP - 14-17 Years
85. 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.

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

ENTRY FEES: Qualifier - \$40; Championship - \$50

8 places to be awarded

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

DESCRIPTIONS:

- 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.
- Alpha/Novice Classes – These classes are open to Amateurs & Junior Exhibitors, for riders who have moved out of the Academy Division OR are new riders entering show horse classes for the 1st time. Open to competitors in their 1st 2 seasons of competing in a suit. Riders who have competed at a National/World Finals level competition in Saddle Seat are ineligible. Judged as Open English Pleasure – Walk, Trot & Canter. Horses may be of ANY BREED but must be a Saddle Seat type horse and show in the equipment/attire standards of the American Saddlebred English Pleasure Division.
- Exceptional Classes – Open to Walk and Trot riders only. Riders must never have been judged in a class at a recognized or non-recognized show in any class besides academy, therapeutic, or UPHA Exceptional Challenge Cup classes. Riders may enter at the walk or the trot. They are to be judged at the walk and trot both directions. Open to all English Equitation riders, with a mental or physical handicap, riding a mare or gelding of any breed.

CLASS SPLTS:

To aid in splitting of classes should it 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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Horsemanship Challenge

Saturday Evening, September 27th

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.

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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 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!