

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Stabling capacity at the WNC Ag Center has reached its limit. Accordingly, in an effort to efficiently manage the permanent stabling available, *Show Management reserves the right to limit the number of tack stalls per stable, if needed, as follows:*

Number of horses	Number of tack stalls
1-2	2
3-6	3
7-10	4
11-15	5
16-20	6
21-25	7
26-30	8
31-35	9
36-40	10

EVERY HORSE ON THE SHOWGROUNDS MUST BE LISTED ON AN ENTRY BLANK AND HAVE AN ASSIGNED NUMBER. THIS INCLUDES NON-COMPETING HORSES.

Due to limited facilities, only horses participating in the competition are to be stabled on the competition grounds and stalls will only be assigned to horses who are entered and competing in the horse show. Owners of horses entered and not shown will be charged a non-showing fee of \$150.00 per stall, plus the non-refundable office fee, if the stall is not returned to management.

The Asheville Summer Fun Horse Show will be operated in accordance with traditional Saddlebred, Hackney and Roadster horse show rules. It is a qualifying competition for the Kentucky State Fair's World Championship Horse Show.

ADDED CLASS REQUESTS: Requests for adding classes AFTER the prize list/website is published must be made one (1) month before the start of the show. The class will be at the end of a session and will NOT count for qualifying at the Kentucky State Fair's World Championship Horse Show.

MOVED CLASS REQUESTS: Requests for moving of classes AFTER the prize list/website is published must be made one (1) month before the start of the show. It will not be done at the show.

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.

EQUINE VACCINATION: 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: 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!**

INDEMNITY AND NON-RESPONSIBILITY: All entries are accepted with the understanding that the Horse Show and the WNC Agricultural Center will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any exhibitor or horse exhibited or any article of any kind. All horses shall be under the control and direction

and solely at the risk of the exhibitor, who will be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any person, animals or property occasioned by him, his agents or employees, or by any animal owned or exhibited by him, and shall indemnify the Horse Show and the WNC Agricultural Center against any and all loss, damages and liability thus occasioned, including, but not limited to, any and all legal costs, including attorney fees, which may be incurred as a result thereof. Exhibitors, grooms, handlers, owners, etc. are hereby warned that they may not use any device or conduct which may cause harm to any other person(s) horses, or equipment. THE SUBMITTING OF AN ENTRY FORM TO THE SECRETARY SHALL CONSTITUTE AN ACCEPTANCE BY EACH PERSON SIGNING SAME OF THE PROVISIONS HEREIN SET FORTH.

ENTRIES: Please submit entries *no later than July 3rd*. 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. All horses will be charged a non-refundable office fee of \$30.

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.

An unsigned open 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 or credit card.

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. Entries will be accepted up to one (1) hour before the scheduled start of each session.

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 (not including stalls or bedding) will be refunded in full minus the non-refundable office fee. If classes are cancelled once the competition has begun, entry fees for remaining classes will be refunded.

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. NO REFUNDS.***

OPEN CHECKS: All exhibitors will be required to leave an open check, or credit card, 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.

RETURNED CHECKS/DECLINED CREDIT CARDS: All checks returned for non-payment, or credit cards declined for any reason, will be charged a \$75 handling fee and must be replaced by cash, certified check or cashier's check. No one will be allowed to show if he/she has a returned check, declined credit card or handling fee outstanding.

STABLING: Entries for those exhibitors wishing to be stabled together must be mailed in the same envelope. Stalls are of permanent and portable types, both with doors. Stall fee is \$125. Stall doors must not be removed and the panels must not be cut or damaged in any way. Stalls, whether permanent or temporary, must be left in their original condition. The WNC Ag Center will assess a fee to any exhibitor removing/altering or damaging the stall doors or any other part of the barns. STALLS WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED UNTIL FEES ARE PAID. All non-stalled horses must pay a \$35 per day grounds fee. **NO ACADEMY STALLS WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

IMPORTANT: INDICATE DATE/TIME OF ARRIVAL ON ENTRY BLANK. Reminder that no stalls will be reserved until full payment for them is received. Stalls must be paid for by a separate check or credit card. An open check is NOT acceptable for stall reservations. Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by a separate check, or credit card, for stalls.

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. Stalls must be vacated in their original condition. Exhibitors will be financially responsible for any damage to their stalls or barn.

ADMISSION OF HORSES: Stalls will be available on Monday, July 13th, at 8:00 am, and must be vacated on Saturday, July 18th, by 7:00 am. No early arrivals will be accepted without the prior approval of the Show Manager. Early arrivals will be charged a \$25 per day, per stall fee, including tack stalls.

SHARPS CONTAINERS: Sharps 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 areas. Passenger vehicles should use the upper and lower East lots adjacent to the barns. Horse trailers and vans must be parked in the upper North lot adjacent to the coliseum or the lower East lot adjacent to the barns. **Per facility management, do NOT park trailers/vans on grassy areas.**

CAMPERS: Campers and RVs must be parked in designated areas, which are on a "first come, first served" basis. Camper fee is \$50 per day/night. Camper permits are to be obtained in the Show Office and must be prominently displayed on camper/RV. **ANY VEHICLE (campers, RVs, utility trailers, horse trailers, etc.) CONNECTED TO ELECTRICITY AND/OR WATER WILL BE CONSIDERED A CAMPER AND WILL BE CHARGED THE CAMPER FEE.**

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 will be subject to expulsion from the show grounds.

DOGS ON COMPETITION GROUNDS: Dogs are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and must be on a leash or otherwise contained. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dog owners failing to comply with this rule may be subject to expulsion from the show grounds.

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 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 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. 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, including prize money won.

SHAVINGS: No initial bedding provided. Shavings for pre-arrival delivery (at \$9.00/bag) may be ordered through **LIZ HOLMES @ 919-672-3741 or lizholmes1957@gmail.com**. If an outside vendor hauls in bedding for a client, the vendor or client will be charged a show vendor fee of \$300. Exhibitor wishing to bring their own bedding may do so but must haul it in on their own vehicles. The WNC Agricultural Center does NOT allow bark to be put in the barn area.

HAY: Hay for pre-arrival delivery may be ordered through **LIZ HOLMES @ 919-672-3741 or lizholmes1957@gmail.com**. If an outside vendor hauls in hay/feed for a client, the vendor or client will be charged a show vendor fee of \$300. Exhibitor wishing to bring their own hay/feed 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.

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, including personal photographers.

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.

JUDGES: The Show Committee reserves the right to substitute a Judge or Judging Panel for the one who is officially designated in the Prize List. No exhibitor/trainer contact shall be made with the Judge(s) during the show unless accompanied by a member of Show Management. Further, no exhibitor/trainer shall approach a Judge regarding a decision unless he/she first obtains permission from the Show Steward, who shall arrange an appointment with the Judge at a proper time and place.

ATTENDANTS, DUTIES AND APPEARANCE: All Attendants in charge of horses or assisting with the preparation and showing of the horses, will be subject to orders of the Horse Show Manager. All Attendants MUST be suitably and neatly dressed when entering the ring. Management may, at its discretion, bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.

DISCIPLINE: Exhibitors are warned that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to staff or officials on the part of the owner, groom, rider, driver or member of the family of the person participating in the show, will disqualify the horse/rider from adjudication. Management reserves to itself the right to remove any of the above named from the show without being liable for compensation or damages. Any action(s) against a horse by a participant deemed excessive by Staff, Officials or the Show Committee will be punished by elimination from the show. It is a violation of Show Rules to commit any act or make remarks during the show that are considered offensive or made with intent to influence or cast aspersions on the judging, and any exhibitor may be barred from the show for this offense by Show Management.

SKY BOXES: A limited number of sky boxes (which seat 8) are available for the duration of the show for \$450 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.

2026 ASHEVILLE SUMMER FUN

Tentative Schedule

WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:00 PM – JULY 15

1. Hackney Pony Open
2. ASB Fine Harness - Open
3. ASB Three-Gaited Park – Junior Exhibitor
4. ASB Five-Gaited – Amateur
5. ASB Three-Gaited – Ladies Amateur
6. Roadster Pony – Open
7. ASB Three Gaited Park – Open
8. ASB Park Pleasure – Open
9. Roadster Horse – Open
10. ASB Five-Gaited – Junior Exhibitor
11. Hackney Pleasure Driving Pony
12. ASB Show Pleasure Driving
13. ASB Three Gaited Open
14. Five-Gaited Pony
15. Open Hunter Pleasure
16. Local Pleasure Horse
17. ASB Park Pleasure - Amateur
18. Open Pleasure Driving – Any Breed
19. ASB Three-Gaited Show Pleasure – Adult
20. Harness Pony – Open
21. Roadster To Bike - Youth
22. ASB Five Gaited Open

THURSDAY MORNING 10:00 AM – JULY 16

23. ASB Five Gaited Country Pleasure
24. Roadster To Bike – Novice Horse
25. Roadster Pony Under Saddle – Junior Exhibitor
26. ASB Hunter Country Pleasure
27. ASB Three-Gaited Show Pleasure – Junior Exhibitor
28. ASB Three-Gaited Park Pleasure – 3 Year Old
29. Road Pony Limit Pony
30. Hackney Pleasure Pony Under Saddle
31. ASB Country Pleasure Driving
32. Three-Gaited Pony
33. Roadster Horse Under Saddle
34. ASB Five Gaited Show Pleasure
35. ASB Park Pleasure – Junior/Limit Horse
36. Single Bit WT – Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor
37. ASHA Alpha/Novice Rider Open English Pleasure WTC
38. Saddle Seat Equitation – Walk/Trot, 12 & Under
39. ASB Three-Gaited Park – Junior/Limit Horse
40. Single Bit WTC – Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor

THURSDAY EVENING 6:00 PM – JULY 16

41. Saddle Seat Equitation - Adult
42. Local Pleasure Horse STAKE
43. Walk/Trot Pleasure, Any Breed, Any Rider
44. Saddle Seat Equitation – 17 & Under
45. ASB Walk/Trot Pleasure 12 & Under
46. ASB Three Gaited English Country Pleasure – Jr. Exhibitor
47. Harness Pony – Amateur/Junior Exhibitor
48. Open English Pleasure WTC – Any Breed, Any Rider
49. Road Pony To Bike – Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor
50. ASB Three Gaited – Amateur /Junior Exhibitor
51. ASB Three-Gaited Park – Junior Horse

52. Roadster Horse – Amateur
53. ASB Three-Gaited – Ladies
54. ASB Western Country Pleasure
55. Hackney Pony – Amateur/Junior Exhibitor
56. ASB Three-Gaited Park – Amateur
57. ASB Five-Gaited – Junior Horse

FRIDAY MORNING 10:00 AM – JULY 17

58. Saddle Seat Equitation STAKE – Adult
59. ASB Show Pleasure Driving STAKE
60. Five-Gaited Pony STAKE
61. ASB Five Gaited Country Pleasure STAKE
62. Saddle Seat Equitation STAKE – Walk/Trot, 12 & Under
63. Single Bit WTC STAKE – Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor
64. Saddle Seat Equitation STAKE – 17 & Under
65. ASB Country Pleasure Driving STAKE
66. Three-Gaited Pony STAKE
67. ASB Hunter Country Pleasure STAKE
68. Open English Pleasure WTC STAKE - All Ages, Any Breed
69. ASB Western Country Pleasure STAKE
70. Hackney Pleasure Driving Pony STAKE
71. ASB Three Gaited Country Pleasure STAKE – Junior Exhibitor
72. Open Western Pleasure STAKE
73. Roadster Horse Under Saddle STAKE
74. ASHA Alpha/Novice Rider Open English Pleasure WTC STAKE
75. Walk/Trot Pleasure, Any Breed, Any Rider STAKE
76. Single Bit WT STAKE – Amateur/Jr. Exhibitor
77. Open Hunter Pleasure STAKE

FRIDAY EVENING 6:00 PM – JULY 17

78. Park Pleasure STAKE Jr/Limit
79. ASB Fine Harness STAKE - Open
80. ASB Three-Gaited Park STAKE - Amateur
81. Hackney Pleasure Pony Under Saddle STAKE
82. ASB Three Gaited Park STAKE – Junior Exhibitor
83. Open Pleasure Driving STAKE – Any Breed
84. Hackney Pony STAKE - Open
85. ASB Three Gaited Show Pleasure STAKE – Adult
86. ASB Three Gaited Show Pleasure STAKE – Junior Exhibitor
87. Roadster Pony Under Saddle STAKE
88. ASB Three Gaited Amateur/Junior Exhibitor STAKE
89. Roadster Horse STAKE - Open
90. ASB Park Pleasure STAKE - Open
91. ASB Three Gaited STAKE - Open
92. Harness Pony STAKE – Open
93. ASB Five Gaited STAKE - Junior Exhibitor
94. Roadster Pony STAKE – Amateur/Junior Exhibitor
95. ASB Five Gaited STAKE – Amateur
96. Roadster To Bike STAKE – Amateur
97. ASB Three Gaited English Country Pleasure STAKE – Adult
98. ASB Five Gaited Show Pleasure STAKE
99. ASB Three Gaited Park STAKE – Open`
100. Roadster Pony STAKE - Open
101. ASB Five Gaited STAKE – Open
102. ***SPECIAL EVENT - HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE***

SATURDAY, JULY 18 – 9:30 AM – ACADEMY ONLY

- 200 Show Rider Equitation WTC
- 201 Show Rider Showmanship WTC
- 202 Academy Equitation WTC, 18 & Over
- 203 Academy Showmanship WTC, 18 & Over
- 204 Academy Equitation WTC, 14-17
- 205 Academy Showmanship WTC, 14-17
- 206 Academy Equitation WTC, 13 & Under
- 207 Academy Showmanship WTC, 13 & Under
- 208 Green Rider Academy Equitation WTC, All Ages
- 209 Green Rider Academy Showmanship WTC, All Ages
- 210 Lead Line - 8 & Under WT Equitation
- 211 Lead Line - 8 & Under WT Showmanship
- 212 Show Rider Equitation WT
- 213 Show Rider Showmanship WT
- 214 Academy Equitation WT, 30 & Over
- 215 Academy Showmanship WT, 30 & Over
- 216 Academy Equitation WT, 14 & Over
- 217 Academy Showmanship WT, 14 & Over
- 218 Academy Equitation WT, 11-13
- 219 Academy Showmanship WT, 11-13
- 220 Academy Equitation WT, 9 & 10
- 221 Academy Showmanship WT, 9 & 10
- 222 Academy Equitation WT, 7 & 8
- 223 Academy Showmanship WT, 7 & 8
- 224 Academy Equitation WT, 6 & Under
- 225 Academy Showmanship WT, 6 & Under
- 226 Green Rider Academy Equitation WT, All Ages
- 227 Green Rider Academy Showmanship WT, All Ages

2026 ASHEVILLE SUMMER FUN HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE
Friday, July 17th, following the last class of the Evening Session

Rider will need:

- completed paperwork
- \$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.

**2026 Asheville Summer Fun Horse Show
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 Asheville Summer Fun 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 July 5th to: Liz Holmes, PO Box 362, Mebane, NC 27302

Holmes Horse Show Management

2026 ACADEMY SCHEDULE & RULES

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.
- Riders who have competed in Walk/Trot classes at national level competitions, and have won 1st or 2nd, are ineligible to show in Beginner Walk/Trot Canter classes.
- 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.
- 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.

CLASS LIST

- 200 Show Rider Equitation WTC
- 201 Show Rider Showmanship WTC
- 202 Academy Equitation WTC, 18 & Over
- 203 Academy Showmanship WTC, 18 & Over
- 204 Academy Equitation WTC, 14-17
- 205 Academy Showmanship WTC, 14-17
- 206 Academy Equitation WTC, 13 & Under
- 207 Academy Showmanship WTC, 13 & Under
- 208 Green Rider Academy Equitation WTC, All Ages
- 209 Green Rider Academy Showmanship WTC, All Ages
- 210 Lead Line - 8 & Under WT Equitation
- 211 Lead Line - 8 & Under WT Showmanship
- 212 Show Rider Equitation WT
- 213 Show Rider Showmanship WT
- 214 Academy Equitation WT, 30 & Over

- 215 Academy Showmanship WT, 30 & Over
- 216 Academy Equitation WT, 14 & Over
- 217 Academy Showmanship WT, 14 & Over
- 218 Academy Equitation WT, 11-13
- 219 Academy Showmanship WT, 11-13
- 220 Academy Equitation WT, 9 & 10
- 221 Academy Showmanship WT, 9 & 10
- 222 Academy Equitation WT, 7 & 8
- 223 Academy Showmanship WT, 7 & 8
- 224 Academy Equitation WT, 6 & Under
- 225 Academy Showmanship WT, 6 & Under
- 226 Green Rider Academy Equitation WT, All Ages
- 227 Green Rider Academy Showmanship WT, All Ages

**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/powerd 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