

So You Want to go Show?

Hunting Horn Stables attends many horse shows throughout the year.
Competitions vary in length and ratings.

We encourage riders to participate at the level they feel comfortable and/or prepared for. The Hunting Horn school horses can easily handle the small divisions at many of the different rated horse shows, however once a rider is ready to compete beyond the beginner ring horse ownership/leasing is necessary. We are happy to provide services to help riders acquire an appropriate mount that suits the riders ability, goals, and budget. This needs to be discussed extensively with Sarah. WE have a large network statewide, nationally, and internationally to find the best mount.

Horse Show Attire

ASTMI approved helmet, preferably all black, GPA, Charles Owen, or IRH.
Hair Nets for riders over the age of 12, braids and bows 12 and under.
Black Gloves, Show coat, navy, green or gray. Show shirt, white or light pastel.

Breeches tan or khaki for riders 12 and up, jodhpurs and garters for riders 12 and under.
WEll fitted leather field boots for riders 12 and up.
Paddock boots that match the garters for riders 12 and under.
Matching belt.
Black Jumping bat, size appropriate to age, and a small nubby spur.

What to Expect the Day of the Show

Your trainer will tell you when to arrive for schooling and give you her best approximations for show times. It is encouraged that Hunting Horn riders support their fellow teammates and cheer them on from the side lines. The support is appreciated by all.

When first arriving at the horse show, check in with your instructor and let them know you are here. Find out what ring you are riding in. For riders 10 and under it is appropriate for parents to help riders acquire a schedule from the horse show office and know where in the schedule they ride. Approximate times can be gotten from the ring master who works at the arena gate. Riders 10 and over should be able to do this on their own. riders are also responsible for learning their courses which will be posted at the in-gate at riders ring.

When it is time for the rider to prepare himself and his horse it is important for the rider to be left virtually alone. It will be asked that parents find a comfortable place away from the students to sit and watch on the sidelines. Parental coaching will not be tolerated on any level. Riders 10 and over should be able to dress themselves and allow grooms and/ or working students to assist with tacking of the horse. This time before competition is important for the rider to start to calm their nerves and focus and concentrate on the task at hand. As little distraction as possible in the barn alleyways and in and around the trailer is a must.

Riders will be allowed ample warm up time depending upon their individual needs which will be assessed and modified by the trainer. Trainers have a working knowledge of horse show management and will do their best to get your rider to the ring on time. Many times in competition trainers may have conflicts between riders. In these situations trainers confer with horse show management and horse management usually decides which rider should be done first. Please do not be alarmed if it seems that they are waiting solely on your trainer. As this happens quite frequently and your rider will not be penalized for this.

Ultimately horse showing is an excellent way to gage the progression of your riding skills and knowledge. We are here to help your rider set goals and learn how to achieve them. Whether it is trying to attain year end championship or simply master memorizing a course of fences, we at Hunting Horn enjoy nothing more than seeing your rider be successful. But most of all, we want everyone to enjoy this fantastic sport, and foster a love and respect for these magnificent animals which have drawn us all together!

