

**THREE COUNTY FAIR
Open Horse Show
With Hunter Division
& Gymkhana**

Saturday September 5, 2009



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Northampton Fair Grounds, Northampton MA

Rules and Regulations

Conditions of Competition

Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.

The horse show committee reserves the right to itself to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to or arising out of, or incident to the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these rules and Regulations shall be decided by the Horse Show Management, its decision to be final.

The Horse Show management reserves to itself the right to limit entries in any class, section or division, to refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify any riders or exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, and cancel award prizes, without any claim for damages; to change any course, to add a dotted line, to cancel or combine any unfilled classes, or to reschedule classes after due notice to exhibitors; to change rings or rotate judges.

Every horse entered herein for competition will be under the control of the Horse Show Management, the Show Management will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the shores show and the officials, employees, directors, officers, sponsoring entities of the horse show and the facilities at which the horse show is held blameless for any loss of accident to his horse(s), employee(s), or equipment which may occur from sickness, fire or other cause.

ALL EXHIBITORS MUST WEAR APPROVED ASTM/SEI HARD HATS, WITH CHIN CARNESSE PROPERLY FASTENED WHENEVER MOUNTED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS, OR WHEN WORKING OR EXCERCIZING YOUR HORSE.

THE SHOW COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT YOU LEAVE YOUR DOGS AT HOME.

Stalls: Stalls are available for \$25.00 for one day. No stalls will be reserved without payment in full by August 25, 2009. Stalls are not refundable. All stabling will be permanent stabling. Stalls are 10' by 10' with wood sides and backs. Stall gates will be provided. There will be **no** bedding or hay available during the horse show.

Age Classification:

Junior- 8-13 years old as of January 1, 2009

Senior- 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2009

Walk trot- Any rider under the age of 18 yrs old as of January 1, 2009 who has not been judged in walk, trot and canter classes. **Classes will separate into age groups if the # of entries allows.**

Adult- Open to any rider that is 18 years or older as of January 1, 2009. **Adult classes will be split by the discipline if the # of entries allows.**

Open- Open to any aged rider.

Schooling and Lunging is permitted in designated areas ONLY. Riding is not permitted in the stabling areas. Horses and ponies will be allowed in designated areas only on the Three County Fairgrounds.

Horses and ponies are to be kept at a safe distance at all times, both in and out of the show ring. Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter the show ring after the gate is closed on any class. It is the responsibility of the rider to be there on time.

Tie- downs are not allowed in flat classes. Drop, flash, and figure eight nosebands are prohibited.

A prominent red ribbon must be attached to the tail of a horse or pony known to kick out and any mare in heat. Such ribbon will not penalize an exhibitor/ rider in the show ring.

Any abusive handling of any animal on the show grounds will result in immediate dismissal from the show and the show grounds.

Entries: Entries close August 25, 2009. Any entry received after this date shall be considered a post entry. Post entries will be accepted with a one time charge of \$15.00. Changes to pre-entries will be made without charge. No entry will be accepted unless it is accompanied by a signed check for entry and payment in full for stall fees, is filled out completely and signed by the owner (or his/her authorized agent), Trainer, and Rider.

Anyone who shows up in a class in which he/she is not properly entered with the show secretary, shall be charged \$15.00 plus the entry fee.

Adds and scratches must be made two classes before. Once a class starts no scratches will be accepted without a Vet's certificate.

Refunds: In cases of horses being entered and not exhibited, the entry fee will be forfeited. If a horse is injured or becomes ill prior to his being shown in any class, the entry fee will be refunded upon receipt of a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian. An office processing fee of \$15.00 per legitimately excused animal will be deducted from the refund.

Entry Fees

****All entries must be post marked by August 25, 2009**

Each class is \$9 or \$50 for the day.

If Entry is late, there will be a \$15 one time fee.

Championship Divisions

<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Classes to Count</u>
(Ring 1)	
Short Stirrup	1, 2, 3, 4
Long Stirrup	5, 6, 7, 8
Walk Trot	9, 10, 11
Adult	12, 13, 14,
Hunter	15, 16, 17
Maiden	18, 19,
Schooling Hunter	21, 22, 23
Novice	24, 25, 26
Special Hunter	27, 28, 29
Child/Adult Equitation	30, 31, 32
Hi/Low Hunter	33, 34, 35
Open Jumper	36, 37, 38
(Ring 2)	
Western W/T	6, 7, 8
English W/T	9, 10, 11
Youth Western	12, 13, 14
Youth English	15, 16, 17
Adult Western	18, 19, 20
Adult Saddle Seat	21, 22, 23
Green Horse W/T	24, 25
Green Horse W/T/C	26, 27
Miniature	28, 29, 30, 31
Driving	32, 33, 34, 35

Ring 1

(Hunter Ring)

*To begin Promptly at 8:30 AM

1. Short Stirrup Equitation under saddle
2. Short Stirrup Hunter under saddle
3. Short Stirrup Cross Rail Equitation
4. Short Stirrup Cross Rail Hunter
5. Long Stirrup Equitation under saddle
6. Long Stirrup Hunter under saddle
7. Long Stirrup Cross Rail equitation
8. Long Stirrup Cross Rail Hunter
9. Walk Trot Pleasure
10. Walk Trot Equitation
11. Walk Trot Ground Pole Course
12. Adult Walk Trot Pleasure

13. Adult Walk Trot Equitation
14. Adult Walk Trot Ground Pole Course
15. Hunter Type Pleasure
16. Hunter Type Discipline
17. Hunter Hack with 2 Fences

****Lunch Break****

Lead Line

18. Maiden Equitation under saddle
19. Maiden Equitation over fences 2'- 2'3"
20. Maiden Equitation over fences 2'- 2'3"
21. Schooling Hunter under saddle
22. Schooling Hunter over fences 2'- 2'3"
23. Schooling Hunter over fences 2'- 2'3"
24. Novice Equitation under saddle
25. Novice Equitation over fences 2'6"
26. Novice Equitation over fences 2'6"
27. Special Hunter Under saddle
28. Special Hunter over fences 2'6"
29. Special Hunter over fences 2'6"
30. Child/Adult equitation under saddle
31. Child/Adult equitation over fences 2'9" – 3'
32. Child/Adult equitation over fences 2'9"- 3'
33. Hi/Low Hunter under saddle
34. Hi/Low Hunter over fences 2'9"- 3'3"
35. Hi/Low Hunter over fences 2'9"- 3'3"
36. Open Jumper 2'
37. Open Jumper 2'6"
38. Open Jumper 2'9"

RING 2

(Western and Open)

*To begin Promptly at 8:30 AM

1. Model Colt/Filly under 2 yrs
2. Model English
3. Model Western
4. Model Pony
5. Model Hunter
6. Walk Trot Western Equitation
7. Walk Trot Western Pleasure
8. Walk Trot Western Discipline rail
9. Walk Trot English Equitation
10. Walk Trot English Pleasure
11. Walk Trot English Discipline rail

12. Youth Western Equitation
13. Youth Western Pleasure
14. Youth Western Discipline rail
15. Youth English Equitation
16. Youth English Pleasure
17. Youth English Discipline rail
18. Adult Western Equitation
19. Adult Western Pleasure
20. Adult Western Discipline rail
21. Adult Saddle Seat Equitation
22. Adult Saddle Seat Pleasure
23. Adult Saddle Seat Discipline rail
24. Green Horse Walk Trot Equitation
25. Green Horse Walk Trot Pleasure
26. Green Horse Walk Trot Canter Equitation
27. Green Horse Walk Trot Canter Pleasure
28. Mini Horse in Halter
29. Mini Horse Jumping
30. Mini Horse Trail
31. Mini Horse Driving
32. Pleasure Driving
33. Carriage Driving
34. Reinsmanship
35. Obstacle Driving

Gymkhana Class List

To begin when the last class has finished in each ring

1. Musical Sacks

Entry fee \$10

All exhibitors will enter the ring and stay on the rail and ride at the gait called for when the music starts. There will be one less sack than exhibitor. When the music stops the exhibitor must dismount, touch the rail and go forward to the first available sack. An exhibitor may not go backwards to a sack behind them. If an exhibitor does go to a sack behind them they are out. The person who is left without a sack is out. Last person in the ring with a sack is the winner.

2. \$100 Keyhole Race

Entry Fee \$20

Entries will cross the starting line, proceed through the keyhole entrance, turn right or left in the circle, return through the entrance and cross the finish line. Entries must enter at least one other gymkhana class at this show.

3. Sit a Buck

Entry Fee \$10

All exhibitors will have a \$1 bill placed under their thigh while riding bare back. The exhibitors must ride at the gait called for by the Judge. When an exhibitor loses their dollar bill, they are out. The last exhibitor with their dollar bill wins.

4. \$100 Barrel Race**Entry Fee \$20**

Entries must enter at least one other gymkhana class. Entries must cross the timing line and do a cloverleaf pattern around the barrels, and race back to cross the timing line. Rider and horse with the fastest time will be the winners.

5. Costume**Entry Fee \$10**

Each rider and horse's costume will be judged. The best costume wins.

Equitation Classes: Horses and Ponies to be shown at a walk, trot or jog, cater or lope both ways of the ring. Riders to be judged on seat, hands, suitability of horse to the rider and the performance of the horse as it reflects the riding skill of the exhibitor. Any or all riders may be required to execute appropriate tests. A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in each class.

Pleasure Classes: Horses and ponies to be shown at a walk, trot or jog, cater or lope both ways of the ring. Loose rein on command of the judge only, but without loss of contact. Horses and ponies should stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on manners, performance, and condition, A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in each class.

Discipline Rail Classes: A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in each class. Riders are to follow instructions on command.

Lead Line Class: Open to riders 7 yrs or under of all disciplines. Riders may not ride in any other class.

Cross Rail Equitation: Riders will show over a course of six to eight fences with on change of direction and no combinations. Fence Height will not exceed 2'3".

Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences: Riders will show over a course of six to eight fences with at least one change of direction and no combinations.