

Bit-N-Bridle Horse Show Youth Equestrian Festival



July 17-20, 2025
Virginia Horse Center
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East Arena on Friday Starts at 9:00 AM

Hunter Classes

1. Model Hunter Pony
2. Model Hunter Horse
3. Hunter Showmanship
4. Leadline
5. California Warm-up: not judged; ridden prior to 1st class of division.
6. Beginner Hunter Rider (walk/trot)
7. Beginner Hunter Rider (walk/trot/canter)
8. Beginner Hunter Rider over 18" Cross rails
9. Open Hunter Rider over 18" cross rails (four fences)
10. Open Hunter Rider (walk/Trot)
11. Open Hunter Rider (Walk/Trot/Canter)
12. Youth Hunter Pleasure (walk/trot)
13. Youth Hunter Pleasure (walk/trot/canter)
14. Youth Hunter Pleasure Hack (two 2' fences)
15. Youth Hunter Equitation on the Flat
16. Open Hunter Pleasure (Walk/Trot)
17. Open Hunter Pleasure (Walk/Trot/Canter)
18. Open Hunter Pleasure over fences (2')
19. Baby Green Hunter Under Saddle WT
20. Baby Green Hunter Under Saddle WTC

21. Baby Green Hunter over Fences (2')
22. Adult Hunter Pleasure (walk/trot)
23. Adult Hunter Pleasure (walk/trot/canter)
24. Adult Hunter Pleasure Hack (two 2' fences)
25. Adult Hunter Equitation on the Flat

East Arena on Saturday Starts on at 9:00 AM

26. Hopeful Hunter Pony Over Fences (2'3")
27. Hopeful Hunter Pony Over Fences (2'3")
28. Hopeful Hunter Pony Under Saddle
29. Hopeful Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'3")
30. Hopeful Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'3")
31. Hopeful Hunter Horse Under Saddle
32. Youth Hunter Equitation Over Fences (2'6")
33. Adult Hunter Equitation Over Fences (2'6")
34. Schooling Hunter Over Fences (2'6")
35. Schooling Hunter Over Fences (2'6")
36. Schooling Hunter Under Saddle

East Arena on Saturday (Starts after Hunter Classes finish)

Western Classes

1. Halter Pony
2. Halter Horse
3. Youth Showmanship
4. Adult Showmanship
5. Leadline
6. Youth Western Pleasure (walk/jog)
7. Youth Western Pleasure (walk/jog/lope)
8. Youth Western Pleasure (GAYP)
9. Adult Western Pleasure (walk/jog)
10. Adult Western Pleasure (walk/jog/lope)
11. Adult Western Pleasure (GAYP)
12. Baby Green Horse Showmanship
13. Baby Green Horse (walk/jog)
14. Baby Green Horse (GAYP)
15. Novice Rider Showmanship
16. Novice Rider (walk/jog)
17. Novice Rider Equitation Pattern WT (GAYP)
18. Stock Seat Equitation (walk/jog)
19. Stock Seat Equitation (walk/jog/lope)
20. Stock Seat Equitation Pattern (GAYP)
21. Ranch Riding (walk/jog)
22. Ranch Riding (walk/jog/lope)
23. Ranch Riding (Pattern)

Wheeler Arena (Will be open all day-Come anytime to compete.)

24. Open Trail (Walk/jog and walk/jog/lope versions. Times TBD)

Anderson Arena Starts on Sunday at 9:00 AM

Gymkhana Classes

1. Youth Cloverleaf Barrels
2. Adult Cloverleaf Barrels
3. Youth Stakes Race
4. Adult Stakes Race
5. Youth Pole Bending
6. Adult Pole Bending

General Information and Rules

Entries are online this year: www.horshowsonline.com

General Fees

Stall Fee: \$35/day Grounds Fee: \$35/horse per day Non-Showing Horse Fee: \$35/horse per day Class Fees: \$15.00 Per Class Office Fee: One Time Fee of \$15.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anyone Without a Stall Will Be Required to Pay a \$35.00 Grounds Fee.• Please Make Checks Payable To: Virginia Horse Center
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- The East Complex Show Office will be open from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. the evening before the show. It will open at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the show and remain open until the close of the show.
- **Health Requirements:** Current Negative Coggins (EIA) paper work must be presented. Competitors must ensure that their animals are in good health and not exposing other horses to communicable diseases or other health risks. Management may order a veterinary examination of any horse on the competition grounds at any time if it is determined an animal may be sick or possibly jeopardizing the welfare of the competition's animals.
- **Horse Welfare:** Management may at any time take action including elimination of a horse from competition and/or remove them from the show grounds if they observe any excessive cruelty or improper care and/or custody of an animal while on the competition grounds. Excessive schooling, whipping, and/or any unacceptable treatment of a horse while on the grounds will not be tolerated and immediate action will be taken. The care and custody of the horses on competition grounds are paramount and must meet or exceed basic industry standards. Horses must be in good general health, stabled on adequate bedding, with proper feed, hay and ample water at all times. Management may inspect the stabling and/or ship in areas of the completion grounds at any time.
- Exhibitors are notified that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the judges or officials, on the part of the owner, manager, rider, or groom shall disqualify the horse, and the owner shall forfeit his entry fee and other fees.
- **Headgear:** Pursuant to USEF GR-801 and all current applicable state and/or local association rules and regulations. ASTM-SEI approved headgear is required at all times when mounted for all Hunter, Jumper, and Hunter Equitation riders as required by USEF rules. All Non-Jumping competitors must follow their current association's rules and regulations. Equestrian sports are inherently dangerous and the risks associated with such activities while not wearing an approved helmet are extremely dangerous.
- Classes follow rules and specifications set by the USEF and AQHA.
- The judge's decision is final.
- Proper tack and attire required. In extreme heat, coats may be excused at the judge's discretion.
- Six ribbons will be awarded in each class. Champion and Reserve ribbons will be awarded in each division.
- No alcohol is allowed on the show grounds.
- **Returned Checks:** all returned checks will be charged a \$50 returned check processing fee and/or any other bank associated fees and/or penalties incurred.
- Unjudged rounds are permitted for the regular class fee for each round.
- Divisions or classes may be combined, split, or canceled at the discretion of the show management and the judge.
- Any questions or disputes that are not covered in the above Rules and Specifications or in any other section of this prize list, shall be subject to the decision of the show management.
- Call the Stable Office for Camping, Shavings, Hay or Golf Carts (540) 464- 2966.
- EXHIBITORS ARE ASKED TO LEAVE AN OPEN CHECK RATHER THAN CASH at registration. Driver's license # is required on check.
- The Virginia Horse Center, BIT-N-BRIDLE Show Management, volunteers, and property owners will not be held responsible for any accident or injury to spectators, riders, handlers, their property, animals, or possessions. Entering the show grounds constitutes acceptance of this policy.

Specifications for Classes and Divisions

Hunter Classes and Divisions

BEGINNER HUNTER RIDER: Rider of any age beginning their show experience. Rider will be considered a beginner for 12 months from the first date of showing in any discipline. If a rider moves up from beginner level before the one-year expiration, he/she cannot return to beginner status.

Youth Rider: Rider who is 17 years and under as of December 1, 2024.

Adult Rider: Rider who is 18 years and over as of December 1, 2024.

Pony: Horse that is 14.2 hands and under.

Hunter Classes and Divisions

MODEL HUNTER: An independent class in which the horse or pony is shown in hand and judged on conformation and correctness of movement at the walk and trot.

HUNTER SHOWMANSHIP: An independent in hand class judged solely on the handler's ability to present the horse or pony to the judge at the walk and trot in a specified pattern.

LEADLINE: Open to riders who have not reached their 7th birthday and have not competed in any classes other than leadline. Riders to be judged on elementary fundamentals of horsemanship. An adult is required to lead each entry.

CALIFORNIA WARMUP: Independent class ridden prior to first class of a division. Not judged.

BEGINNER HUNTER RIDER DIVISION: Open to riders beginning their show experience. The three classes in this division are judged on the rider's equitation on the flat and over 18" cross rails. Riders cannot cross enter any other over fences class at the same show (except Hunter Hack).

OPEN HUNTER RIDER: Open to any rider. The three classes in this division are judged on the rider's equitation on the flat and over 18" cross rails.

YOUTH HUNTER PLEASURE DIVISION: Open to riders 17 years and under. This division consists of three classes judged on the horses' performance, manners, and way of going, demonstrating that the horse is a pleasure to ride.

OPEN HUNTER PLEASURE: Open to any rider. This division consists of three classes judged on the horses' performance, manners, and way of going, demonstrating that the horse is a pleasure to ride.

BABY GREEN HUNTER UNDER SADDLE DIVISION: Open to horses in their first or second year of showing. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences not to exceed 2'. Once they move up, they cannot move back.

ADULT HUNTER PLEASURE DIVISION: Open to riders 18 years and over. This division consists of three classes judged on the horses' performance, manners, and way of going, demonstrating that the horse is a pleasure to ride.

YOUTH HUNTER EQUITATION ON THE FLAT: Open to riders 17 years and under and judged on equitation. The class evaluates the riders' position and control at the walk, trot, and canter.

YOUTH HUNTER EQUITATION OVER FENCES: Open to riders 17 years and under. This class judges the riders' position and control over a course of fences not to exceed 2'6".

ADULT HUNTER EQUITATION ON THE FLAT: Open to riders 18 years and over. This class evaluates the riders' position and control at the walk, trot, and canter.

HOPEFUL HUNTER PONY DIVISION: Open to ponies only. Consists of two over fences classes and one under saddle class. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences 2'3". A pony may win this division only once.

HOPEFUL HUNTER HORSE DIVISION: Open to horses only. Consists of two over fences classes and one under saddle class. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences 2'3". A horse may win this division only once.

SCHOOLING HUNTER DIVISION: Consists of three classes judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences 2'6".

Western Classes and Divisions

HALTER: An independent class in which the horse or pony is shown in hand and judged on conformation and correctness of movement at the walk and trot.

WESTERN SHOWMANSHIP: An independent, in hand class judged solely on the handlers' ability to present the horse or pony to the judge at the walk and trot and follow a pattern rather than the horse or pony's conformation and way of going.

LEADLINE: Open to riders who have not reached their 7th birthday and have not competed in any classes other than leadline. Riders to be judged on elementary fundamentals of horsemanship. An adult is required to lead each entry.

YOUTH WESTERN PLEASURE DIVISION: Open to riders 17 years and younger. Consists of three classes judged on performance. The western pleasure horse should be a pleasure to ride, demonstrating smooth gaits and responsiveness to the rider on a light rein.

ADULT WESTERN PLEASURE DIVISION: Open to riders 18 years and older. Consists of three classes judged on performance. The western pleasure horse should be a pleasure to ride, demonstrating smooth gaits and responsiveness to the rider on a light rein.

GREEN HORSE DIVISION: Open to all breeds of horses in their 1st or 2nd year of showing.

NOVICE RIDER DIVISION: Classes open to riders of all ages in their 1st or 2nd year of showing. All breeds are welcome.

STOCKSEAT EQUITATION DIVISION: These classes are judged on the riders' position and control of the horse at the walk, jog, and lope.

RANCH RIDING (W/J/L) DIVISION: This independent class is judged on the horses' ability to be a functional, yet pleasurable mount while moving from one western stock horse task to another at a working speed. For each maneuver in the class, the horse will be evaluated on quality of gaits, smooth transitions, response and obedience to the rider, manners, and disposition.

OPEN TRAIL: This independent performance class measures the horses' ability to accurately navigate a series of obstacles similar to those in a trail environment.

2025 VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER GENERAL RULES

SECURITY • 540-784-0156 • STABLE OFFICE • 540-464-2966 • FIRE/RESCUE: 911

1. Upon arrival at the Virginia Horse Center, all trailers MUST check in at the Welcome Center (Stable Office).
2. No smoking in coliseum or barns. This is the law.
3. **VEHICLES:** Drive carefully. Obey all traffic signs. Speed limits are strictly enforced. **Every vehicle operator must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.** The use of vehicles in the camping areas is restricted to regular roadways for entering and exiting only. Vehicles are permitted only if operated in a safe manner (this is a Virginia state law), but may not be used in the Coliseum or in the interior of any of the barns. Four wheelers and ATVs are not permitted on the VHC grounds. Non-powered scooters, bicycles, skateboards, in-line skates, heelers (skates in shoes) are not permitted in the Coliseum or the interior of any of the barns. The VHC reserves the right to prohibit the operation of any vehicle.
4. **Dogs/pets:** All dogs/pets must have current inoculations for rabies as prescribed by state of residency. No loose dogs/pets are allowed anywhere on the premises. All dogs/pets that are not crated must be on a hand-held or tied leash. **Loose dogs/pets will incur a \$100 fine.** You must clean up after your dog/pet. **Coliseum:** Absolutely no loose dogs/pets allowed in the coliseum, no dogs/pets are allowed in food service areas of the coliseum with the exception of service dogs. Absolutely no dogs/pets in the mezzanine (second floor of the coliseum) under any circumstances with the exception of service dogs. We ask that your service dog have his/her vest on. **Grounds/parking areas/barns/East Complex:** All dogs/pets must be on a hand-held or tied leash.
5. No trash or sharps in the manure pits. Sharps should be placed in red boxes in barns. There will be fine \$1,000 for sharps in the manure pits **or trash receptacles.**
6. **ALCOHOL:** At events serving alcohol, all ABC laws must be followed. If asked to provide identification for purposes of age validation, you must comply. Those individuals who do not comply will not be served alcohol. Disorderly patrons will be removed from the premises.
7. **Theft/vandalism:** Anyone involved in destroying property or found stealing property will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
8. All stalls must have at least one bale of shavings or straw. Sawdust is prohibited. Shavings may be purchased at the Welcome Center (Stable Office).
9. No lunging in posted rings. Lunging is NEVER allowed in rings beyond the Moore arena.
10. No overnight horses may be stabled in trailers or tied out.
11. Horses are absolutely not allowed to be ponied behind any moving vehicles.
12. No vehicles allowed in the barns.
13. Campers must register at Stable Office.
14. Check-In time and check-out time subject to show date.
15. No gray water is to be dumped on the ground. Sewage arrangements are made through the stable office.
16. Campfires are not permitted.
17. Campers must keep their sites clean and dispose of refuse in the receptacles provided. All campers will be responsible for leaving the campsite as they found it. Any damage or repairs resulting from negligence shall be the responsibility of the camper.
18. All central service buildings and other facilities in the campground are for campers' and exhibitors' use only.
19. Firearms and fireworks are not permitted.
20. No tent, camper, RV or camping equipment shall be left unattended longer than 24 hours without written permission from campground management.
21. Any loss, theft, accident or disturbance should be reported to the Virginia Horse Center Security. Lost and Found is located in the Security Office.
22. Virginia Horse Center management reserves the right to remove from the premises any camper or visitor who is in violation of these rules and regulations.
23. The Virginia Horse Center shall be held harmless against all claims, costs, losses or liability of every nature and kind asserted against or incurred by camper arising or resulting in any respect from camper's occupancy and use of premises, and/or visitor and visitor's use of premises.
24. There will be a fine for anything hooked to or suspended from electrical conduit in the barns. This is extremely dangerous and electrocution could occur.



MEDICAL INFORMATION

Nearest ER

Stonewall Jackson Hospital
1 Health Circle
Lexington VA 24550
540-458-3300
3.9 miles from VHC

Level 1 Adult & Pediatric Trauma Center

Carilion Roanoke Memorial
1906 Bellevue Ave. SE.
Roanoke, VA 24014

Level 1 Adult Trauma Center

UVA Charlottesville Medical Center
1215 Lee Street
Charlottesville, VA 22903
66 Miles from VHC

Closest equine surgery and emergency

Mountain View Equine
540-377-5700