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**The Sallie B. Wheeler/USEF/USHJA
Hunter Breeding
National Championship**
*presented by
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest M. Oare
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**USHJA Young Hunter Pony
National Championship**
*presented by
Saddle Lake
Equestrian Center
& Missy Jo Hollingsworth*



August 21 - 23, 2026

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**USEF Breeding Show
“Regional” RATED
(Friday)**

**The Sallie B. Wheeler
USEF/USHJA Hunter Breeding
National Championship
(Saturday)**

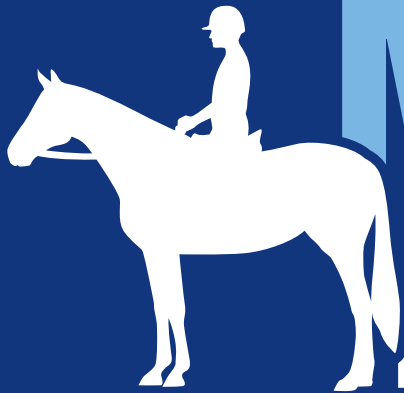
**USHJA Young Hunter
Pony Championship
(Sunday)**

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Virginia Young Horse Festival

**Hunter & Pony
Breeding Show**

**Sallie B. Wheeler
USEF/USHJA Hunter
Breeding Championship East**

**USHJA
Young Hunter Pony
Championship**

August 21, 2026

Judge:

Mr. Zach Parks
Gordonsville, Virginia

August 22 and 23, 2026

Judges:

Ms. Winn Alden
Rancho Cordova, California

Ms. Alice Coke
Sewanee, Tennessee

USEF Steward:

Ms. Jennifer Martin, Annapolis, Maryland

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540-294-5750

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Mr. George Heston
Raphine, Virginia

Veterinarian: (On-Call)

TBA

Announcer:

Mr. Kip Broadfoot
Fayetteville, North Carolina

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Mr. Harold Chrimes
Roanoke, Virginia

Farrier:

Mr. Dave Clark
(540) 460-1674
Lexington, Virginia

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TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE 2026 YOUNG HORSE FESTIVAL

Friday, August 21
Breeding Show
"Regional" Rated

Saturday, August 22
Sallie B. Wheeler USEF/USHJA
Hunter Breeding Championship

*Morning coffee & donuts outside show office
courtesy of the USHJA & The Virginia Horse Center*

WILEY RING: 9:00 am

Hand walking allowed until 8:30

- 600 Pony Foals
- 601 Yearling Pony Colts/Geldings
- 602 Yearling Pony Fillies
- 603 Two-Year-Old Pony Colts/Geldings
- 604 Two-Year-Old Pony Fillies
- 605 Three-Year-Old Pony Colts/Geldings
- 606 Three-Year-Old Pony Fillies
Best Young Pony Championship

- 608 Hunter Foals
- 609 Hunter Yearlings Colts/Geldings
- 610 Hunter Yearlings Fillies
- 611 Hunter Two-Year-Olds Colts/Geldings
- 612 Hunter Two-Year-Olds Fillies
- 613 Hunter Three-Year-Olds Colts/Geldings
- 614 Hunter Three-Year-Olds Fillies
Best Young Horse Championship

- 616 Amateur/Junior Handler Class

At the conclusion of class 616, the Dee Dee Ring will be opened for ticketed warm up.

- 720 Ticketed Horse warm up (2')
- 721 Ticketed Horse warm up (2'3")
- 722 Ticketed Horse warm up (2'6")

WILEY RING (U/S) and DEE DEE RING (HACK & O/F)

- 617 3, 4 Year Old Hunters Under Saddle
- 618 3, 4 Year Old Hunter Hack (2' in / 2'3" out)
- 619 3, 4 Year Old Hunters (2'3")
- 620 3, 4 Year Old Hunters (2'3")
- 621 Hunter Pony Under Saddle
- 622 Hunter Pony Over Fences (2', 2'3", 2'6")
- 623 Hunter Pony Over Fences (2', 2'3", 2'6")

WILEY RING: 7:30 am

Hand walking allowed until 7:00 am

The Wiley Ring will be open for flat work

- 801 \$500 Yearling Colts/Geldings
- 802 \$500 Yearling Fillies
- 803 \$500 Two-Year-Old Colts/Geldings
- 804 \$500 Two-Year-Old Fillies
- 805 \$500 Three-Year-Old Colts/Geldings
- 806 \$500 Three-Year-Old Fillies
East Coast Best Young Horse
Championship

Award ceremony including breed awards

- 808 \$500 Amateur/Junior Handler Class

At the conclusion of class 808, the Dee Dee Ring will be opened for ticketed warm up.

- 723 Ticketed Horse warm up (2')
- 724 Ticketed Horse warm up (2'3")
- 725 Ticketed Horse warm up (2'6")

WILEY RING (U/S) and DEE DEE RING (HACK & O/F)

- 809 \$500 Three-Year-Old Hunter US
- 810 \$500 Three-Year-Old Hunter Hack
Overall Three-Year-Old Champion \$500 Award
(must compete in all three classes)
- 811 \$500 Four-Year-Old Hunter US
- 812 \$500 Four-Year-Old Hunter Hack (2'6")
- 813 \$500 Four-Year-Old Conformation O/F (2'6")

- 726 Ticketed Pony Warm Up O/F (2') *(entry fee \$35)*
- 727 Ticketed Pony Warm Up O/F (2'3") *(entry fee \$35)*
- 728 Ticketed Pony Warm Up O/F (2'6") *(entry fee \$35)*

-- FRIDAY EVENING --

**Light hospitality gathering to celebrate the
Sallie B. Wheeler horses**

-- SATURDAY EVENING --

**"How To Stand Your Pony" Clinic
with Oliver Brown
Presented by Fair Oaks Farms**

TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE 2026 YOUNG HORSE FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 23 USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championship

*Morning coffee & donuts outside show office
courtesy of the USHJA & The Virginia Horse Center*

WILEY ARENA: 7:30 am

Hand walking & flat work allowed until 7:00 weather permitted

\$1250 HUNTER PONY 5 & UNDER

(Restricted to ponies not competing over fences.)

- 901 \$250 Hunter Pony 5 & Under Model
- 902 \$500 Hunter Pony 5 & Under U/S
- 903 \$500 Hunter Pony 5 & Under Conf U/S

WILEY RING (MODEL & U/S) and DEE DEE RING (O/F)

\$1750 HUNTER PONY 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS (2')

- 904 \$250 Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds Model
- 907 \$500 Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2' U/S
- 905, 906* \$500 Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2' O/F

\$1750 HUNTER PONY 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS (2' smalls only or 2'3")

- 908 \$250 Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds Model
- 911 \$500 Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2'3" U/S
- 909, 910* \$500 Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2'3" O/F

\$1750 HUNTER PONY 6 & 7 YEAR OLDS (2')

- 912 \$250 Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds Model
- 915 \$500 Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds 2' U/S
- 913, 914* \$500 Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds 2' O/F

\$1750 HUNTER PONY 6 & 7 YEAR OLDS (2' smalls only, 2'3" or 2'6") (Exhibitors' Choice)

- 916 \$250 Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds Model
- 919 \$500 Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds (for 2'3" or 2'6") U/S
- 917, 918* \$500 Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds (for 2'3" or 2'6") O/F

\$1750 ADULTS ON HUNTER PONIES 7 YEAR OLDS & UNDER (2'6", 2'3", 2')

- 924 \$250 Adults on Hunter Ponies 7 & Under Model
- 927 \$500 Adults on Hunter Ponies 7 & Under U/S
- 925, 926* \$500 Adults on Hunter Ponies 7 & Under Over Fences

(*second class conformation)

Awards Ceremony Including Hunter Pony Breed Registry Awards in Wiley Ring



**Saturday Afternoon
Ice Cream Party sponsored by Triple Crown**

Pony measurement – 2:30 PM Saturday at Welcome Center

GENERAL INFORMATION

YOUNG HORSE FESTIVAL
487 Maury River Road, Lexington, Virginia 24450
540-464-2950 or 540-294-5750 • Stable Office 540-464-2966

GENERAL REMINDERS

- All non-junior owners, trainers and exhibitors must have completed the safe sport requirement through the USEF. All horses must be microchipped to show.
- All exhibitors must wear protective headgear at all times if mounted on the showgrounds.
- All dogs must be on leashes and under the owner's control.
- All classes will receive ribbons through eighth place. Noted sections will receive Champion and Reserve Awards.
- Prize money will be paid by the VHCF by U.S. mail within 30 days of the competition. Tax information must be provided to the show secretary prior to disbursement of prize money.
- Sharps and medical waste must be disposed of in sharps containers available in all the barns
- "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" GR901.1

STABLING

- Stalls are permanent with doors, and are available for \$175 for the show. Stalls are 12' x 12' with mats. Any arrivals prior to Wednesday, August 19 will be charged \$25 per day, per stall payable in the Stable Office with a check made payable to the Virginia Horse Center. **STALL FEES MUST BE SENT WITH ENTRIES OR STALLS WILL NOT BE RESERVED.** Stall fees will be refunded minus a \$45 Office Fee if scratched prior to the closing date of entries. **ALL HORSES STAYING IN STALLS WILL BE CHARGED FOR A STALL.** Only horses/ponies under the same ownership will be allowed to split stalls.
- Feed, hay, and bedding are available for purchase at the stable office. Pre-orders will be accepted with a credit card or open check. Camper reservations and golf cart orders may be ordered online at horsecenter.org.
- Horses not reserving stalls will be charged a \$35 grounds fee.

ENTRIES

- Please make entries online by Monday, August 17, 2026 at horseshowsonline.com. Entries made after closing will receive a \$35 late fee. **Sallie B. Wheeler and Pony Championship entries will only be included in the official program if the bio forms (online) are received in the USHJA office prior to August 3, 2026.**
- **NO PHONE OR FAX ENTRIES.** Entry forms must be filled out completely, including all classes entered, signatures, ID numbers, and organization or membership numbers before numbers will be issued. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in preparation of their entry forms. **AN OPEN CHECK IS REQUIRED BEFORE NUMBERS CAN BE PICKED UP.** \$100 fee for insufficient funds. No foreign checks please. Include copies of Amateur and Measurement cards with entries. **STALL FEES** must be included with entries to guarantee that stalls will be available.
- **Please note the VHC biosecurity requirements.**
- The State of Virginia requires the show to possess a copy of a negative COGGINS CERTIFICATE from every horse on the show grounds. The copy must be presented and left at the Horse Show Office before numbers can be issued.
- **As per USEF GR 845, horses entering the show grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and 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. Be sure to bring your paperwork with you.**
- **An office fee of \$45 will be assessed all entries.**
- All accounts must be settled within 60 days of the end of the competition. A processing fee of \$100 plus collections fees will be charged for all non-negotiable checks.

SCRATCHES

- Horses scratched before the closing date of entries will receive full repayment of fees minus a \$45 office fee. Also see "Stabling"

NON-SHOWING HORSES

- Horses with stalls who are not entered in classes will be charged a \$50 Schooling fee. Non-showing horses without stalls will be charged a \$50 Schooling fee plus a grounds fee.

FOOTING AND ARENAS

- Wiley Arena – 130' X 300' – sand and fiber mix Dee Dee Arena – 118' X 280' – sand and fiber mix



HOUSING OPTIONS IN LEXINGTON



Best Western Inn at Hunt Ridge	540-464-1500	Hampton Inn Col Alto	540-463-2223
Holiday Inn Express	540-463-7351	Howard Johnson's	540-463-9181
Best Western Lexington	540-458-3020	Days Inn	540-463-9131
Country Inn and Suites	540-464-9000	Spark by Hilton	540-463-6400
Comfort Inn	540-463-7311	Historic Country Inns	540-463-2044
Wingate	540-464-8100	Sheridan Livery Inn	540-464-1887
Sleep Inn	540-463-6000	The Gin Hotel	540-461-8484
Super 8	540-463-7858	Motel 6	540-463-7371

Maps to the closest Hospital and Trauma Center are posted outside the Horse Show Office and the Stable Office.

Hospital: Carillion Rockbridge Hospital, 1 Health Circle, Lexington, VA 24450 (540) 458-3300 4 miles/9 minutes
Trauma Center: Augusta Health, 78 Medical Center Drive, Fishersville, VA 22939 (540) 332-4000 37.1 miles/38 minutes

2026 "Regional" RATED USEF BREEDING SHOW

Friday, August 21, 2026; Virginia Young Horse Festival, Lexington, VA

All breeding classes will be judged on conformation, quality and suitability. Horses and ponies to be moved on the line. Entry fee is \$35.00 per class for ponies; and \$45 per class for horses. No fee for Best Young Horse or Best Young Pony Championship classes.

- 600 Pony Foals
- 601 Yearling Pony Colts/Geldings
- 602 Yearling Pony Fillies
- 603 Two-Year-Old Pony Colts/Geldings
- 604 Two-Year-Old Pony Fillies
- 605 Three-Year-Old Pony Colts/Geldings
- 606 Three-Year-Old Pony Fillies

Best Young Pony Championship Class

- 608 Hunter Foals
- 609 Hunter Yearlings Colts/Geldings
- 610 Hunter Yearlings Fillies
- 611 Hunter Two-Year-Olds Colts/Geldings
- 612 Hunter Two-Year-Olds Fillies
- 613 Hunter Three-Year-Olds Colts/Geldings
- 614 Hunter Three-Year-Olds Fillies

Best Young Horse Championship Class

- 616 Amateur/ Junior Handler Class

*Braiding optional for performance classes.
Horses only in 3,4 Year Old Hunter classes.*

- 617 3, 4 Year Old Hunters U/S
- 618 3, 4 Year Old Hunter Hack (2'6")
- 619 3, 4 Year Old Hunters (2'6")
- 620 3, 4 Year Old Hunters (2'6")

3, 4 YEAR OLD HUNTERS CHAMPIONSHIP AND RESERVE

*Adults may ride ponies in these classes.
If entries warrant, these performance classes may be split by height.*

- 621 Hunter Pony Under Saddle
- 622 Hunter Pony Over Fences (2', 2'3", 2'6")
- 623 Hunter Pony Over Fences (2', 2'3", 2'6")

HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP AND RESERVE

USHJA REGISTRATION FEE: All horses competing in Federation non-breed restricted licensed competitions with hunter, hunter breeding, jumper, and hunter seat equitation classes (except those activities enumerated in GR901.9) must be properly identified and must obtain a registration number from USHJA. Applications can be completed online at www.ushja.org or www.usef.org using the horse registration application form.

SALLIE B. WHEELER/ USEF/USHJA HUNTER BREEDING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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2026 USHJA HUNTER BREEDING AUCTION

May 25, 2026 at 12pm to June 15, 2026 at 12pm ET

Support the future of Hunter Breeding through the USHJA Foundation and help make the 2026 Sally B Wheeler/USEF/USHJA Hunter Breeding National Championships a continued success.



Saturday, August 22, 2026

2026 Sallie B. Wheeler/USEF/USHJA Hunter Breeding National Championships
Specifications

Changes from 2025 marked in bold, italics, and underlined.

In order to compete in the Championship, all horses must have a USEF Horse Recording and a USHJA Registration and the owner must be a current member of USEF and USHJA on or before the first day of the competition. A handler cannot exhibit/handle more than one horse in each class and must be properly attired in accordance with GR801.

BREED REGISTRY AWARDS –

Horses will not be eligible for a Breed Registry Award or the Richard M Taylor Memorial Perpetual Trophy if USHJA has not received the appropriate breeder and registry information and verification from the applicable registry (as listed on the designated bio form) by **Monday, August 3, 2026**. A horse that has not been verified through the registry will **NOT** be eligible for a registry award.

801. \$500 Yearling Colts/Geldings	Entry Fee: \$75.00
802. \$500 Yearling Fillies	Entry Fee: \$75.00
803. \$500 Two-Year-Old Colts/Geldings	Entry Fee: \$75.00
804. \$500 Two-Year-Old Fillies	Entry Fee: \$75.00
805. \$500 Three-Year-Old Colts/Geldings	Entry Fee: \$75.00
806. \$500 Three-Year-Old Fillies	Entry Fee: \$75.00
807. Best Young Horse Championship Class	No entry fee or prize money

Classes 801-807

Entry Fee: \$75.00 per qualifying class. No fee for Best Young Horse Class. Thoroughbreds/Unregistered Thoroughbreds and Other Than Thoroughbreds to compete combined. Classes conducted in accordance with Chapter HU, rules HU167 & HU148-149. Two officials will adjudicate these classes **utilizing the triangle format**. Breeding classes are judged on conformation, athleticism, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness and suitability to become or in the case of sires and dams apparent ability to produce or beget hunters. Horses are to be judged for conformation before being walked and trotted. Yearlings, Two-year-olds and Three-year-olds are to walk and trot. Horses that are not sound are ineligible for an award. **Judges will complete a Comment Card for each horse (scribes may be utilized to facilitate)**. All animals of yearling status and older must be shown in a bridle. **See GR 1304 for Judging restrictions**. First and second place from each qualifying class will be eligible to compete in the Best Young Horse Championship Class. USEF Horse of the Year Points and USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Points in the owners respective USHJA Zone will be awarded in accordance with HU167. **All horses and riders are eligible for Zone HOTY points regardless of whether the owner or rider resides within the zone where the Championship is held.**

808. \$500 Amateur/Junior Handler Class**Entry Fee: \$75.00**

Open to Amateur and Junior exhibitors. Adult handlers must possess current amateur certification issued by the USEF. Horses will be shown in hand and judged 100% on the presentation of horse and handler. Horses are to walk and trot before being moved on the line in order of preference. Horses of any age, sex or breed are eligible. No points will be awarded for USEF Horse of the Year, USHJA Zone Horse of the Year, Leading Handler or Breed Registry Awards. If entries warrant, the class may be split into Junior Handler and Amateur Handler.

Classes 809-813

No points will be awarded for USEF or USHJA Horse of the Year, Leading Handler or Breed Registry Awards.

809. \$500 Three-Year-Old Hunter Under Saddle**Entry Fee: \$75.00**

Open to horses three (3) years of age of any sex or breed. Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged 100% on performance and way of going.

810. \$500 Three-Year-Old Hunter Hack**Entry Fee: \$75.00**

Open to horses three (3) years of age of any sex or breed. Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring, and jump two fences set at 2' or 2'3". To be judged 100% on performance and way of going.

811. \$500 Four-Year-Old Hunter Under Saddle**Entry Fee: \$75.00**

Open to horses four (4) years of age of any sex or breed. Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged 100% on performance and way of going.

812. \$500 Four-Year-Old Hunter Hack**Entry Fee: \$75.00**

Open to horses four (4) years of age of any sex or breed. Horses are to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring, and jump two fences set at 2'6". To be judged 100% on performance and way of going.

813. \$500 Four-Year-Old Conformation Over Fences**Entry Fee: \$75.00**

Open to horses four (4) years of age of any sex or breed. Horses are to be shown over a course of at least six (6) fences of Hunter type per HU112, set at 2'6". The course must include at least two changes of direction, a long approach to a single fence, and one (1) combination not to be set closer than 72 feet (5 strides). Judged 30% on conformation and 70% on performance and way of going.

Prize Money

Prize money will be awarded through fourth place in classes 801-806 and 808-813: \$200; \$125; \$100; and \$75. The balance of prize money from classes with one to three entries will be distributed amongst exhibitors based on the number of entries per class. USEF Horse of the Year Points and USHJA Zone Horse of the Year Points in the owners respective USHJA Zone will be awarded in accordance with HU167.

\$500 Three-Year-Old High Point Award:

Awarded to the highest pointed Three-Year-Old who competes in all three of the Three-Year-Old classes: in-hand, Hunter Hack, and Under Saddle. Best Young Horse class not to count toward this award. Points will be calculated for all three-year-old classes using the point chart

outlined in HU167. In the event of a tie, points from the in-hand class will break the tie. Should a tie still exist, the judges will break the tie. Horses that do not compete in all three of the offered Three-Year-Old Classes (In-hand, Under Saddle, and Hunter Hack) will not be eligible for this award.

Number in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	2					
2	4	2				
3-10	10	6	4	2		
11+	20	12	8	4	3	2

Four-Year-Old section Champion and Reserve Champion: Awarded to the highest pointed Four-Year-Old who competes in all three of the Four-Year-Old classes (Under Saddle, Hunter Hack, Conformation Over Fences). Horses must compete in all three classes to be eligible for section champion and reserve champion. Points will be calculated using the point chart in HU167. In the event of a tie, the most points in the Confirmation Over Fences class will break the tie.

Number in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	2					
2	4	2				
3-10	10	6	4	2		
11+	20	12	8	4	3	2

The Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded to the Best Young Horse and the Reserve Best Young Horse respectively. Overall Grand and Reserve Grand will not receive additional USEF or USHJA points.

2025: \$6000 in prize money offered, guaranteed and given out.

2026: \$6000 in prize money offered and guaranteed.

Any deviations from the class specifications for the USHJA Sallie B. Wheeler Hunter Breeding Championships are not permitted without the express written permission from USHJA prior to the printing of the prize list.

In all sport or education related matters, where there are either discrepancies or deficiencies in the specifications, procedures or any unforeseen circumstances related to a USHJA property, the President and Executive Director will consult with the Task Force/Committee Chair (if applicable), the Officers of the USHJA and USHJA legal counsel (if applicable) before making any final decisions.

HUNTER BREEDING HORSE BIO



Please complete the online form (<https://forms.office.com/r/HEIgvcdD7D>) for inclusion in the official Sallie B Wheeler/USEF/USHJA Program and Breed Registry and Trainer Awards. Horses and Trainers will not be eligible to participate in the Awards if this form is not completed and submitted before the deadline. (August 3, 2026)

USEF/USHJA CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES



The Dave Kelley Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Nokomis Farm

Awarded to the Overall Grand Hunter Breeding Champion



The J. Arthur Reynolds Memorial Trophy

Donated by his family

Awarded to the Breeder of the Overall Grand Hunter Breeding Champion



The Belcort Farm Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Walter J. Lee

Awarded to the Leading East Handler



This award is calculated via the handler's cumulative placings in each of the in-hand classes. Handlers must handle the entry for all phases of the class. Best Young Horse does not count toward the Belcort Farm leading handler calculations. Points will be calculated using the point chart outlined in HU167. Any ties will stand and Leading Handler for that location will be awarded to both individuals.



The Foxwick Farm Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Marcia Heylin

Awarded to the Highest Placing Thoroughbred in each location

Horses must be registered and verified with The Jockey Club. Horses wishing to be considered for this award must submit a horse bio by the deadline which includes parentage information and Jockey Club registration number. Any ties will be broken by the the judges. In hand classes only to count toward this award. Best Young Horse and Performance classes not to count toward this award.





Masquerade's Cover Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Kimberly Maloomian

Awarded to the highest placing Filly on the East Coast

This award is calculated from the in-hand classes and Best Young Horse classes only. Performance classes not to count toward this award. Any ties will be broken by the judges.



Richard M. Taylor Memorial Perpetual Trophy

Donated by Harriet Schiele and Drew Taylor in memory of Richard M Taylor

Awarded to the Leading Breeder at each location



Entries wishing to be considered for this award must submit a horse bio by the deadline, including breeder information and USEF/ USHJA registration numbers. Breeders will be verified via USHJA and/or USEF registration information. Submissions past the horse bio deadline will not be considered for this award. Points will be calculated cumulatively from all in-hand classes utilizing the point chart in HU167.

Performance and Best Young Horse classes not to count toward Leading Breeder award calculations. Any ties will be broken by the judges.



Breed and Registry Awards

Donated by each individual Breed or Registry

Awarded to the highest placing representative of each breed or registry at each location

Each Breed or registry may determine their eligibility criteria. Entries wishing to be considered for this award must submit a horse bio by the deadline which includes parentage information and breed/registry ID. The award is calculated from the in-hand classes only. Performance and Best Young Horse classes not to count toward this award. Any ties will be broken by the judges.

Point chart from HU167:

Number in Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	2					
2	4	2				
3-10	10	6	4	2		
11+	20	12	8	4	3	2

This point chart will be utilized for Belcort Farm Trophy and Richard M Taylor Trophy.

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This is a great program to help pony breeders showcase their young pony hunter prospects. A junior must handle the pony in all phases of the division except the Adults on Ponies division. Fence heights are exhibitors choice, not based on pony size. Ponies may compete in more than one eligible section, but see specifications for further restrictions.

All ponies must hold a current measurement card and be able to verify age. All riders, trainers, and owners must be current members of USEF and USHJA. All ponies must be micro chipped, USEF recorded and USHJA registered prior to first day of competition.

Entry Fee: \$395 per section.

Prize Money Distribution:

\$250	1st-\$82.50	2nd-\$55	3rd-\$37.50	4th-\$27.50	5th-\$25	6th-\$22.50
\$500	1st-\$165	2nd-\$110	3rd-\$75	4th-\$55	5th-\$50	6th-\$45

\$1250 HUNTER PONY 5 & UNDER

(Restricted to ponies not competing over fences.)

901	\$250 Hunter Pony 5 & Under Model
902	\$500 Hunter Pony 5 & Under U/S
903	\$500 Hunter Pony 5 & Under Conf U/S

WILEY RING (MODEL & U/S) and DEE DEE RING (O/F)

\$1750 HUNTER PONY 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS (2')

904	\$250 Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds Model
907	\$500 Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2' U/S
905, 906*	\$500 Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2' O/F

\$1750 HUNTER PONY 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS (2' smalls only or 2'3")

908	\$250 Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds Model
911	\$500 Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2'3" U/S
909, 910*	\$500 Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2'3" O/F

\$1750 HUNTER PONY 6 & 7 YEAR OLDS (2')

912	\$250 Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds Model
915	\$500 Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds 2' U/S
913, 914*	\$500 Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds 2' O/F

\$1750 HUNTER PONY 6 & 7 YEAR OLDS (2' smalls only, 2'3" or 2'6") (Exhibitors' Choice)

916	\$250 Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds Model
919	\$500 Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds (for 2'3" or 2'6") U/S
917, 918*	\$500 Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds (for 2'3" or 2'6") O/F

\$1750 ADULTS ON HUNTER PONIES 7 YEAR OLDS & UNDER (2'6", 2'3", 2')

924	\$250 Adults on Hunter Ponies 7 & Under Model
927	\$500 Adults on Hunter Ponies 7 & Under U/S
925, 926*	\$500 Adults on Hunter Ponies 7 & Under Over Fences

YOUNG HUNTER PONY BIO

Please complete the online form (<https://forms.office.com/r/PgYJuALr81>) for inclusion in the official USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championship Program and Breed Registry Awards. Ponies will not be eligible to participate in the Breed Registry Awards if this form is not completed and submitted before the deadline. (August 3, 2026)



2026 USHJA YOUNG HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIFICATIONS

(Effective 12/1/2025 to 11/30/2026)

I. Competition Requirements

- A. The USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championships may be offered at Federation Licensed Channel I or Channel II competitions once approved by USHJA.
- B. Competition management will remit complete overall results, including prize money awarded, to USHJA and the Federation within 10 days of the conclusion of the competition.
- C. The Young Hunter Pony Championships is a featured event of the competition, and must be presented as such with regard to arena size and location, jump quality, decorations, footing and ring preparation, lighting, etc. The ring used must have spectator seating, a quality sound system, and a dedicated announcer.
- D. Entry fee shall be determined by competition management.
- E. Pre-entries may be made in an individual class or full section. However, management will determine the policy for fees, scratches and refunds.

II. Membership and Participation Requirements

- A. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of USEF and USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.
- B. Ponies must be recorded with the USEF and registered with USHJA on or before the first day of the competition.
- C. Classes are open to all ponies not exceeding 14.2 hands. Owners must possess a current measurement card or valid measurement form issued by the Federation.
- D. Ponies must be handled by junior exhibitors in all phases of a class, except in the Adults on Hunter Ponies 7 & Under Section.

III. Division of Classes

- A. 5 Year Olds & Under: For ponies not competing in the 4 & 5 Year Olds over fences classes.
 1. This division will consist of one model class, one under saddle class, and an under saddle class to be made up of 30% conformation.
 2. All classes in this section will receive full points when calculating division champion and reserve.
 3. Ponies who compete in the 5 Year Olds and Under section may compete in the Adults On Ponies in the Model and Under Saddle classes ONLY.
- B. The following divisions will consist of one model, two over fences classes, and one under saddle class.

1. Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2'
 2. Hunter Pony 4 & 5 Year Olds 2' or 2'3"
 - i. 2' height is restricted to small ponies for this section.
 3. Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds 2'
 4. Hunter Pony 6 & 7 Year Olds 2', 2'3" or 2'6" (exhibitor's choice)
 - i. Fence height to jump must be declared prior to the start of the division.
 - ii. Ponies may not compete at both 2'3" and 2'6" within this section.
 - iii. 2' height is restricted to small ponies for this section.
- C. Adults on Ponies 7 & Under
1. Fences to be set at 2', 2'3", or 2'6" (exhibitor's choice). Fence heights will be combined. Fence height to be declared prior to the start of competition.
 2. Division will consist of one under saddle, two over fences, and one model class. Points not to count toward Overall YHPC Grand Champion.
 3. Open to Adult Amateur or Professional riders 18 & over. USHJA reserves the right to divide the section into Professional and Non-Pro if sufficient entries.
 4. Adults may compete on more than one pony; however, each pony may only compete at one height.
 5. The Adults on Ponies section is open to stallions, mares, or geldings.
 6. In the Model class the same handler must present the pony in all phases of the class, including the jog and the lineup.
- D. Ponies are restricted to competing in 2 divisions with a Junior rider but may additionally compete in the Adults on Ponies with an Adult rider. Ponies competing over fences may compete in both divisions within their age group.
- E. In the sections for 4 & 5 Year Olds over fences (2' and 2'3"), simple lead changes are allowed.

IV. Prize Money and Awards

- A. Prize money must meet the minimum requirement of \$500 per class, except the model which will award \$250.

Prize money must be paid to the sixth place as follows:

1st \$165	4th \$55
2nd \$110	5th \$50
3rd \$75	6th \$45

Model prize money must be paid to the sixth place as follows:

1st \$82.50	4th \$27.50
2nd \$55	5th \$25
3rd \$37.50	6th \$22.50

- B. If there are less than six entries in the class, any remaining prize money not awarded may be split and awarded equally to all entrants that place in the class.



- C. Awards will be presented at the discretion of the USHJA and include 1st through the 8th place.
- D. A Champion and Reserve Champion for each section and also an Overall High Point Champion will be awarded according to the following point system:

5 & Under Section- All 3 classes	
1st	10
2nd	6
3rd	4
4th	3
5th	2
6th	1.5
7th	1
8th	0.5

All Over Fences Sections		
Placing	Model	O/F & U/S
1st	5	10
2nd	3	6
3rd	2	4
4th	1.5	3
5th	1	2
6th	0.75	1.5
7th	0.5	1
8th	0.25	0.5

- E. Any section with half as many or fewer entries than the largest Over Fences section will receive half points toward Overall Grand Champion.
- F. Only those ponies that placed in the top four in either of the over fences classes shall be considered for Division Champion and Division Reserve Champion. Any ties for Champion or Reserve Champion shall be broken by the Senior Judge
- G. Points from no more than two Junior rider sections shall count toward Overall Grand Champion.
- H. Special Awards:
1. Leading Owner – to be determined by total points in the sections with Juniors to ride.
 2. Leading Breeder – to be determined by total points in the sections with Juniors to ride.
 3. Leading Trainer – to be determined by total points in the sections with Juniors to ride.
 4. Get of Sire – entries must nominate their stallions by the nomination closing date indicated on the USHJA website (www.ushja.org/yhpc). Nomination fees is \$20 per stallion. Award to be determined by the total number of points accumulated by a stallion's offspring in sections with Juniors to ride.
 5. Produce of Dam – entries must nominate their mare(s) by the nomination closing date indicated on the USHJA website (www.ushja.org/yhpc). Nomination fees is \$20 per mare. Award to be determined by the total number of points accumulated by a mare's offspring in sections with Juniors to ride.
 6. Style Award – Awarded to the best turned out pony and Junior rider combination as determined by the judges.
 7. Best Child Rider – those wishing to be considered for the Best Child Rider award must enter and pay the nominating fee of \$20 on or prior to the start of the championship. Eligible riders shall wear an armband to indicate participation. Winner shall be selected by the judges.

V. Judging Requirements

- A. See GR 1304 for Judging restrictions.
- B. To be judged on performance, soundness and conformation, suitability and manners.
- C. Conformation to count for 30% in the second under saddle class in the 5 Year Olds & Under division.
- D. Conformation to count for 30% in the second over fences class.
- E. An open numerical judging system must be used.
- F. Ponies that are not sound are ineligible for an award. Ponies will be jogged for soundness at the conclusion of the over fences rounds. At the discretion of management, ponies may be jogged for soundness in hand or complete a trot circle on a loose rein under tack.
- G. The announcer or ringmaster will line up entries before awarding the ribbons.
- H. In the divisions for 4 & 5 Year Olds over fences, simple lead changes are allowed.

VI. USHJA Contact Information

Please contact the following USHJA representatives if questions arise pertaining to the USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championships that cannot be answered by the Show Steward or Management based on the class specifications provided.

Katie Patrick – USHJA Sport Programs Coordinator (717) 350-8243

Oliver Brown – Chair of Young Hunter Pony Task Force (540) 229-7752

The USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championship and the related format and specifications are the sole properties of the USHJA and may only be held, conducted or used upon the terms and conditions specified by the USHJA. USHJA reserves the right to change language in documents related to the conduct of the USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championships as necessary for the purposes of consistency and clarity.

Any deviations from the specifications for the USHJA Young Hunter Pony Championship are not permitted without the express written permission from USHJA prior to the printing of the prize list. For any rules not specified above, please refer to the current USEF Rule Book.

In all sport or education related matters, where there are either discrepancies or deficiencies in the specifications, procedures or any unforeseen circumstances related to a USHJA property, the President and Executive Director will consult with the Task Force/Committee Chair (if applicable), the Officers of the USHJA and USHJA legal counsel (if applicable) before making any final decisions.





Membership Statement:

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, or agent, at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot (exception: Friesian performance FR231) and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes

USEF Motorized Vehicle Statement:

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 as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

SAFE SPORT REMINDER

All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at www.usef.org



WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian ("USEF") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and _____ ("USEF Event" or "USEF Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors,, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any USEF Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the USEF Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

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CAUTION: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Under the laws of most States, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the USEF Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any USEF Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any USEF Event.

D. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY: In conjunction with my participation in any USEF Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: USEF, USEF Recognized Affiliate Associations, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USEF clubs, members, Event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, judges/officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any USEF Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the USEF Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where a USEF Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties (**Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"**), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("**Liability**") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the USEF Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any USEF Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR OWNER TRAINER OFFICIAL STAFF VOLUNTEER COACH (IF APPLICABLE)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) _____ Date: _____

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____



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To be completed and sent in ONCE per barn or group. Please also confirm stabling on entry blank.

_____ Owner/Trainer Name (not farm name)	_____ Owner/Trainer's Cell Number
_____ Stable With	

OWNERS/TRAINERS PLEASE NOTE: Use this form as an advance order for your entry(s). Please list all owners who will be stabled with you. To insure a reservation, a check for the total number of stalls MUST be included with this form @\$175/stall. You must follow up this advance reservation with completed entry blanks online @ horseshowsonline.com. Closing date August 17, 2026.

Please text (540-294-5750) or e-mail (colebelle@msn.com) this form.

	Bedding and hay may be reserved with a credit card by calling the stable office (540-464-2966)	# Stalls	day of arrival
	Feed/Tack Stalls		
	Owner's Name	Horse's Show Name	
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
		TOTAL #	

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I hereby apply for membership in the VHSA for 20____. Senior-\$60____ Junior-\$50____ Life-\$400____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Breed Interest: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email: _____

Horse and owner must be registered with the VHSA to
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VIRGINIA YOUNG HORSE FESTIVAL

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Friday, August 21, 2026 through Sunday, August 23, 2026

Make checks payable to the Virginia Horse Center Foundation and mail to:

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Name of Horse	USEF Reg. #	breed	color	sex	height	age

Classes Entered	Name of Handler	Name of Sire	Name of Dam	Sire of Dam
1st handler				
2nd handler				

United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Entry Agreement

I have read the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") Entry Agreement (GR906.4) as printed in the Prize List for this Competition and agree to all of its provisions. I understand and agree that by entering this Competition, I am subject to Federation Rules, the Prize List, and local rules of the competition. I agree to waive the right to the use of my photos at the competition, and agree that any actions against the Federation must be brought in New York State.

Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition to the following:
 I AGREE that "the Federation" and "Competition" as used herein includes the License and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and Federation affiliates.

I AGREE to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death ("Harm"). I AGREE to hold harmless and release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at the Competition. I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and if applicable EV114, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries.

If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf. I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition.

I AGREE that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the Federation on the official USEF accident/injury report form.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank and all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand. BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor)

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Is Rider/Driver/Vaulter a U.S. Citizen: _____ Yes _____ No

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Stable with (list TRAINER'S OR FRIEND'S LAST NAME, NOT FARM NAME):

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER:

Owner or Agent (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

USEF # _____ Cell _____

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Handler #1 (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

USEF # _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Handler #2 (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

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E-mail _____

Trainer (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

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Reserve _____ stalls @ \$175 per horse.

Day of arrival TH F S S

Day of departure F S S

Day of Arrival/Departure MUST be indicated

or Grounds Fee: \$35 per day

OFFICE FEE: \$45

USEF Fee @ \$23 per horse

(\$15 D&M; \$8 USEF)

USHJA Regional Fee

USHJA Show Pass Fee

Entries received after August 17 will be charged a \$35 late fee

Paid \$ _____ Check # _____

COGGINS MUST BE SHOWN IN HORSE SHOW OFFICE

\$45

\$23

\$5

SS#

Alternate Payee: _____

NAME

SSN

FULL ADDRESS



VHC- General Rules

SECURITY: 540-784-0156

STABLE OFFICE: 540-464-2966

EMT: 540-464-2971

FIRE/RESCUE: 911

1. Upon arrival at the Virginia Horse Center, all trailers must check in at the Stable Office/Welcome Center.
2. A negative Coggins must be provided for every horse brought onto the grounds and turned into the Stable Office (state law). Horses coming from out of state are required to have a health certificate (federal law).
3. No smoking in Coliseum or Barns. This is the law.
4. **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 ATV's 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.**
5. **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: Dogs are allowed in the Coliseum as long as they are on a leash. No dogs/pets in the Mezzanine (2nd floor of the Coliseum) under any circumstances with the exception of Service Dogs. We ask that your Service Dog have his or her vest on. **Grounds/Parking Areas/Barns/East Complex:** All dogs/pets must be on a hand-held or tied leash.
6. No trash or sharps in the manure pits. Sharps should be placed in red boxes in barns. *Shows will be charged \$1,000 for sharps in the manure pits.*
7. **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.
8. **Theft/Vandalism:** Anyone involved in destroying property or found stealing property will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
9. 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).
10. No lunging in Posted rings. Wiley, Northern, and Sandy Gerald Ring. **NEVER ALLOWED.**
11. No overnight horses may be stabled in trailers or tied out.
12. Horses are absolutely **not** allowed to be ponied behind any moving vehicles.
13. No vehicles allowed in the barns.
14. Campers must register at Stable Office/Welcome Center.
15. Check-In time and Check-Out time subject to show date.
16. No **gray water** is to be dumped on the ground. Sewage arrangements are made through the Stable Office/Welcome Center.
17. Campfires are not permitted.
18. 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.
19. All central service buildings and other facilities in the campground are for campers' and exhibitors' use only.
20. Firearms and fireworks are not permitted.
21. No tent, camper, RV or camping equipment shall be left unattended longer than 24 hours without written permission from campground management.
22. Any loss, theft, accident or disturbance should be reported to the Virginia Horse Center Security. Lost and Found is located in the Security Office.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. There will be a \$500 fine to any exhibitor who empties trash/manure from muck buckets or trash cans in ANY stalls assigned to the exhibitor, or unused stalls.

EQUINE HEALTH ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Virginia Horse Center | Lexington, VA

As of January 1, 2026

Protecting the health of your horse and other horses at the Virginia Horse Center is of the utmost importance to us. As such, VHC has implemented required biosecurity measures to decrease the risk of introduction and/or spread of contagious or infectious disease at its shows. These requirements have been established by management and the Board of Directors in consultation with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS). VDACS guidelines will take precedence on quarantine timelines.

Horses must check in with VHC's Stable Office upon arrival. If arriving during off-hours, please check in with Security.

UPON ARRIVAL TO THE VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER, TRAINERS MUST PROVIDE FOR ALL HORSES:

EVENT PARTICIPATION DECLARATION

Required

Signed by the veterinarian/owner/agent/trainer verifying that the horse has been healthy with no sign of infectious disease and has not had a fever above 101.5°F within 72 hours (3 days) of arrival. The Event Participation form must be submitted for each competition in which the horse participates.

Forms are available in the Show and Stable offices and at www.vahorsecenter.org.

EQUINE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All horses at USEF competitions must be in compliance with the vaccination requirements of USEF GR 844 and meet all Virginia State regulations. The most recent booster administration must be within 180 days of arrival.

Out of state horses entering Virginia require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 30 days of entry.

All horses must have a negative Coggins Test within 12 months, and official identification must be noted on the documentation.

All horses must be in good health and its responsible parties must attest that they have NOT been exposed to any horse that has been treated for or shown symptoms of any equine infectious disease within the past 21 days.

The above equine health requirements are required for all horses entering the show grounds whether showing or non-showing. These documents must be filed in the Show Office before any competition numbers will be issued. In addition, random checks for equine health requirements will occur. Be sure to keep a copy of your horse's equine health requirements in an easily accessible spot (in your tack room or tack trunk, truck or trailer) to ensure you can comply with this requirement. The results on all required papers must indicate the horse's registered (show) name.

Any horse not accompanied by these documents will be directed to the Show Veterinarian to obtain the required documents and/or vaccinations, and/or will be placed in quarantined stabling until the proper documents are obtained. Any horse showing signs of fever/illness/stress is subject to examination by VHC Officials and/or the Show Veterinarian, who may at their sole discretion, place the horse in quarantined stabling or take further action if deemed necessary.

See Rules and Regs in show prizebook for more information, and visit www.vahorsecenter.org for the most up to date requirements.



2026 VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER | EVENT PARTICIPATION DECLARATION FORM

Upon arrival to the Virginia Horse Center, I hereby certify the following:

Trainer's Name _____ Home Phone _____

Arrival Date _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____ Facsimile _____

If Person Completing Form Is Different From Trainer Named Above, Please Complete The Agent Information Below:

Agent _____ Agent Phone _____

Agent Email _____ Agent Cell _____

All Horses, Showing or Non-Showing, must be listed below, or on separate attached sheet.

Horses in Shipment _____ Date of Arrival ____ / ____ / ____

Horse Name (use Show Name)	Owner Name	Color	Sex	Height	Age	Showing	Non Showing

Attach additional pages if necessary

Stabled on VHC property? Ship-In?
 Location: _____

Origination Information

Address from which horse(s) were moved to the event:

Farm Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Attending Veterinarian _____

Phone _____

Horse Health Declaration

I declare that the horse(s) named above have been in good health, with body temperature below 101.5°F, eating normally and have shown no signs of infectious disease for the three (3) days preceding arrival at this event. By signing below I affirm that I have the authority to sign on behalf of the Trainer and/or Agent listed above.

Signature _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

Print Name _____



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