

Sunchaser Equestrian Show Series



Rules and Regulations:

Show

- Good sportsmanship is expected from all on the facility grounds, this includes parents, spectators, exhibitors and trainers.
- The Judge's decision is final. All Judges are Open Card certified.
- Sunchaser Equestrian Show Series goal is to have a positive atmosphere, creating an enjoyable experience for exhibitors and spectators.
- This is a drug-free facility, no alcohol or drugs are permitted. (when smoking please be careful and dispose of cigarette butts in a safe manner)

Membership

Daily champions are for all those that participate. Series end awards will only be given to those with memberships.

- Memberships are \$10
- Series end awards will be awarded to the three individuals with the most points for every division.
- Members must show in 3 shows to be eligible for series end awards

Judges

- Judges are selected from the N. C. Open Show Judge's List.
- The judge's decision is final.
- The Judge is not to be approached. If there is a problem, it is to be brought to the show management first. Management will then take any matters to the Judge that are deemed necessary.

Statement of Responsibility: The Show Management of Sunchaser Equestrian will not be held responsible for any loss or damage that is incurred while present at the Johnston County Livestock Arena. Each exhibitor shall hold the horse show and the Johnston County Livestock Arena blameless for any loss or accident to horses, or equipment that may occur from sickness, fire or otherwise. Nor shall they be held responsible for any lost, destroyed, or stolen equipment. The Show Management and Johnston County Livestock Arena will not be responsible for or liable for injury sustained in any way to exhibitors, spectators, employees or any trainers. All owners and exhibitors will be held responsible for any damages, incurred by them or their agents to any properties on the show grounds and will be billed accordingly.

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RULES

- A negative Coggins test within one year is required to be admitted on the show grounds.
- All decisions made by the Judge are final.
- Payment for entry fees are expected at time of registration. Cash or check is acceptable and a blank check may be left with the secretary if desired.
- All participants are required to sign a Release of Liability. If exhibitor is a minor, a parent or trainer must sign the form.
- All dogs must be on a leash and under the control of the owner without causing any distractions.
- A \$25 processing fee will be charged for Returned checks .
- Judges are selected from the N. C. Open Show Judge's List and other lists.
- Class fees are \$6 per class and a \$4 office fee for each rider/horse pair if entered the day of the show. Pre-entries will have the office fee waived.
- We support and follow all rules required under the North Carolina Equine Liability Law.
- Trainers / parents are not permitted in the arena while classes are being held except in the case of the Leadline or Future Rider classes.
- Any horse and/or rider exhibiting unsafe behavior during a class will be immediately excused from the arena without refund of show fees.
- The show management, ring steward, or judge may disqualify anyone mistreating an animal or displaying unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Show management reserves the right to change, add or delete any classes from any show.
- Failure to enter the show ring within 2 minutes after class call will result in rider elimination from that class and a non-refund of monies. A tack change is an exception, but must the announcer must be notified.
- Scratches must be made to the entry secretary at least **THREE** classes in advance or the entry fee will be charged for the class.
- Registration for a class must be made to the entry secretary at least two classes in advance.
- Point earnings for each show will be based on one rider / one horse combination. If the rider/horse pair changes a new number will be assigned.
- Exhibitors may enter or leave the ring only at the direction of the judge or ringmaster.
- In case of a tie regarding high points – this will be determined by that rider that has the highest equitation placing.
- Age Divisions are as follows –
- **Beginners are maiden riders in their first two years of showing (this includes all under the age of 8 regardless of show years) may cross**

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enter into any other division ;Ten and under; Juniors are 13 & under; Senior are 14-18; Adults are non-professionals 18 & over; and Open is for any rider amateur or professional.

- Riders may **NOT** compete in more than one age division in a show. Riders may compete in the same age division throughout the whole show season
- Future Rider class participants are not permitted to cross enter into ANY other riding or showmanship classes.
- Trainers and / or parents are expected to be with their students under age 18 years at all times while the students are schooling their horses in the riding arena.
- Horses and riders to be shown with correct and **age appropriate** English or Western tack and attire. Formal dress is not required. However appropriate boots with heels, shirt with at least a 4" sleeve, and pants (no shorts)
- In English classes, bridles shall be light show type; either snaffle, pelham, or kimberwick bits are acceptable.
- Unacceptable tack shall include figure eights, drop or flash nosebands, martingales and tiedowns .
- Standing or running martingales are permitted in all over fences classes, but are prohibited in all flat classes.
- All riders 18 years of age and under are required to wear a helmet while mounted.
- All riders in over fences classes or schooling over fences are required to wear an ASTM approved riding helmet, which must be securely fastened.
- Protective boots, leg wraps and bandages are allowed in jumping classes only.
- A canter / lope and backup (at the judge's discretion) is required in all pleasure classes.
- A Go As You Please class (GAYP) includes a walk and then any other gait desired by the rider. However, consistency of gaits must be maintained in both directions.
- **Signup for schooling for over fences between divisions is mandatory.**
 - Children's Jumping classes – Open to riders 18 years and under
 - Adult Hunter – Open to riders 18 years of age and over
 - All jumping classes should be shown in appropriate hunt seat attire.
 - Patterns will be posted in the morning.

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Future Entry Assisted

- ❑ Participants may not enter into other riding or showmanship classes. Riders may compete in either English or Western attire.
- ❑ Rider is accompanied by a person over the age of 15; however, that individual does not touch the bridle.

Leadline

- ❑ Trainer or parent must accompany rider and have secure hold on leadrope at all times
- ❑ English or Western attire and tack is acceptable.
- ❑ Rider may not cross enter into other riding or showmanship class except Halter classes
- ❑ All riders will receive a ribbon

Western GAYP

- ❑ Horses to be shown in appropriate western tack
- ❑ Horse to be shown at a walk and any other gait. Other gait must be the same both ways of the ring

Western Horsemanship

Only the rider is to be judged

- ❑ There is pattern and rail work.
- ❑ Pattern will be posted
- ❑ Horses to be shown in appropriate Western tack. Rider in appropriate attire.

Huntseat Equitation

Only the rider is to be judged

- ❑ There is rail work only.
- ❑ Horses to be shown in appropriate tack. Rider in appropriate attire.

Future Entry Assisted Showmanship at Halter walk only

- ❑ Only Future Entry exhibitors are permitted in this class
- ❑ The class will consist of walking only.
- ❑ Entries of this class may not enter any other showmanship classes.
- ❑ An assistant (trainer or parent) must be present.
- ❑ Horses may be shown in English bridle or Western halter
- ❑ Pattern will be posted

Showmanship

- ❑ Horse may be shown in English Bridle or Western halter.
- ❑ Exhibitors are to show in their respective age divisions only.
- ❑ Pattern will be posted