

**2019**

**Maryland Open Horse Show Series**



**Rule Book and Prize**

**List**

Edited by MOHSS Board

# Maryland Open Horse Show Series

Location: Schooley Mill Park (SMP), Hall Shop Road, Highland, MD

## Dates:

Sunday, April 7th

Raindate #1 - Sunday, April 28th

Sunday, May 19th

Saturday, June 22nd

Saturday, July 13th

Raindate # 2 - Saturday, July 27th

Saturday, August 10th

Sunday, September 15th

Sunday, October 6th

Raindate # 3 - Sunday, October 27th



Shows begin at **9AM** for **April, May, September and October** (Warm-up/Clear Round begins at 7:30AM)

Shows begin at **8AM** for **June, July & August** (Warm-up/Clear Round will begin at 6:30AM)

There will be a mandatory show fee of \$5/each rider per show

**Entry Fees:** Members/Pre-Entry- \$12.00 per class. Non-Members- \$15.00 per class.

*No refunds for dropped classes - refunds for illness or injury only*

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The Maryland Open Horse Show Series presents a series of schooling shows designed to help both horses and riders. We offer a fun and rewarding experience for all involved. We aim to please and hope that everyone has a very happy experience. This series offers classes for all levels of riding.

The Maryland Open Horse Show Series will act as a fundraiser for various charities that will be chosen by the MOHSS Junior Board Members. Each show will raise money for a different charity. There will be a Benefit Hack and Cake Walk that are held at every show in which the proceeds go directly to the chosen charity. These classes will be open to everyone. A portion of the proceeds made from the overall show will also be donated. Junior Board Members may hold other activities at the show that relate to the charity such as bake sales, etc. Other events or group activities related to the show charity will be publicized for members of the series to participate in as a

group outside of the show series. MOHSS hopes to offer a safe and fun show series while also raising money for a good cause.

Six ribbons will be awarded in all classes. Open Medal Equitation 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will receive a medal. Division Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded for every division except Schooling at each show. If there is a tie for Champion the over fences class will be the tiebreaker. In Leadline the tie breaker is the leadline detached class. End of the series overall ribbons will be given out to series members at the Maryland Open Horse Show Series Achievement Night. Only points for members of the show series will be tallied for year-end awards.

The show series welcomes new members. There will be membership applications at the entry booth. Annual fees are \$25.00 for single memberships and \$20.00 for each additional family member. Family membership for 3 or more is \$50.00. Show series membership is open to any age rider, including adults. **In order for a member to accumulate points and qualify for year-end awards, an adult family member (over 18) must work at one entire show.** Families must sign up for their volunteer day when they complete their membership form. **For show information, check our Facebook page, email Joan Bosmans - joanbosmans@gmail.com, or check our website at www.mohssinfo.com. For ring information call Schooley Mill Park at (410) 313-4458.**



In case of rain, the Park Service will assess the conditions of the ring and notify the MOHSS as to whether or not the show can be held. Please call (410) 313-4458 for a recorded message after 7 AM on the day of the show. In case of bad weather or ring conditions, the show will be cancelled.

# MOHSS Rules

## 1) General

- 1.1. The Maryland Open Horse Show Series Board Members, both individually and collectively (“MOHSS Show Board”), reserves the right to combine or cancel any classes.
- 1.2. The MOHSS Show Board and other show officials are not responsible for injuries to horses, riders, or spectators nor for damage or theft of property
- 1.3. The MOHSS Show Board reserves the right to excuse anyone who is not conducting themselves in a safe & courteous manner for one or more shows. Good sportsmanship will be emphasized.
- 1.4. In order to keep the show moving, there will be no warm-up jumps outside the ring. We encourage our riders to come to clear round on show day. There will be a small ring that can be used for flat warm-up. Ride at your own risk.
- 1.5. Riders are not allowed to ride a horse double while on the grounds.
- 1.6. Please make sure to bring enough water for your horse. Schooley Mill Park will only provide a small emergency tank of water on the show day.
- 1.7. Jump Courses or patterns may be read to the rider during the class. Ask at the entry booth for more information. Some documentation will be required.
- 1.8. In special cases, there can be age exceptions made for divisions. Please ask a MOHSS Board Member.
- 1.9. A photo release must be filled out by all participants including riders, volunteers, etc. Photos will be taken by MOHSS committee members that may be used for the MOHSS website, the MOHSS facebook page, and/or slide show to be presented at the MOHSS Achievement Night at the end of the year.
- 1.10. Unless otherwise specifically stated elsewhere in the MOHSS Rules, all decisions regarding compliance with one or more MOHSS Rules or the interpretation thereof will be made by the MOHSS Show Board. Such decisions of the MOHSS Show Board are final.

## 2) Judges

- 2.1. All Judge’s decisions are final.
- 2.2. The Judge may only be approached for questions after the last class of the day has been pinned.
- 2.3. In any class, the Judge may require the removal or alteration of any equipment that is unsafe or inhumane in his/her opinion.
- 2.4. To avoid distraction to our judge as well as maintain safety in the ring we will not allow any un-judged riders in a class.

### 3) Horses & Ponies

- 3.1. Any horse/rider combination will be removed from any class at the request of the Judge, the Show Steward or MOHSS Show Board, if dangerous to themselves or other riders.
- 3.2. Proof of a negative Coggins, within 12 months, is required. Members must submit a copy of their horse's Coggins with their membership application. No registrations will be accepted without a current Coggins. If your Horse's Coggins expires during the show season, proof of an updated negative test must be placed on file at the entry desk.
- 3.3. Horses must be shown under the name that is listed on their Coggins.
- 3.4. All horses and ponies must be serviceably sound.
- 3.5. An exhibitor is responsible for having his or her horse under control at all times and must have safe equipment in good repair. The Judge, Show Steward or any MOHSS Board Member will have the responsibility for expelling noncompliant members.
- 3.6. It is suggested that horses tied to trailers always have access to water, hay and a salt block. It is also suggested that horses are not left alone while tied to the trailer.

### 4) Tack & Attire

- 4.1. Proper show attire is recommended but not required; however, entrants must wear helmets, riding pants, and hard soled shoes with heels whenever mounted. If you do not own proper English show attire, a collared shirt and belt must be worn. Riders may not wear full length chaps for equitation or pleasure. However, half chaps are accepted. ASTM or SEI protective headgear shall be worn by all riders. Jackets will be excused for the July and August shows. At all other shows, the judge may excuse jackets at his/her discretion.
- 4.2. It is suggested but not required that riders use fitted saddle pads.
- 4.3. No rider may be attached to the saddle by any means.
- 4.4. Bell boots, splint boots or other protective leg/footwear are not permitted unless required or suggested by the horse's vet or farrier with proof turned in at registration.
- 4.5. Cruppers and breastplates are allowed. Anti-grazing devices are allowed in Leadline and Mini Short Stirrup **only**.
- 4.6. The bridle may be either full, Kimberwick, Pelham, or Snaffle. Double reins or converters are required on Pelham or full bridles. No Micklem bridles allowed. Martingales may only be used in **EQUITATION** over fences classes and in the entire **SCHOOLING HORSE/PONY DIVISION** (all classes). No dropped, figure-8, or flash nosebands allowed. The Judge has the right to make any final decisions on tack used in the ring.

## 5) Classes

- 5.1. A rider must fill out an entry form for each horse they compete on. A different number will be assigned for each horse. Using the wrong number in a class is grounds for disqualification from that class.
- 5.2. In all divisions, points will count 10, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 (to participate).
- 5.3. Points will be tracked based on rider. If the rider competes in more than one division, their individual points will be separated by division. If a rider rides more than one horse in Pleasure Over Fences or Schooling Horse/Pony Over Fences, only one ride will count towards points and end of the year awards.
- 5.4. Show series members will be allowed one division change per rider, per year. Points do not follow the division change. However, if a rider rides in one division and subsequently starts a different division during the show series year (April through October) while continuing to ride in his/her initial division, points will be counted towards both divisions separately.
- 5.5. Classes may be dropped the day of the show. However, money paid for dropped classes will not be refunded.
- 5.6. A rider will not be allowed to enter a class once the class has begun.
- 5.7. Ribbons not claimed by the end of the show day will be recycled to be used in future shows.
- 5.8. A fall of horse or rider will result in the exhibitor being excused from the class.
- 5.9. In Over Fences classes, elimination will result from one or more of the following events: (a) jumping an obstacle before it is reset; (b) failure to keep proper course; (c) horse and/or rider fall in competition; and (d) a combination of any three of the following actions: refusal, run-out, extra circle, and bolting from course.
- 5.10. **CLEAR ROUND:** An authorized person chosen by the board will be in charge of keeping Clear Round running safely and following these published guidelines:
  - 10 riders in ring at a time
  - Each group has 10 minutes warm-up time
  - Once 10 minutes has begun, no one will be allowed to enter the ring regardless of the number of riders currently in the ring
  - All riders in the warm up ring will go in the same direction and only jump outside lines for the first five minutes. The diagonal lines will be allowed to jump during the second five minutes.

Trainers are allowed in the ring during this time to accompany a rider(s). Entry into Clear Round is unlimited; however, riders who have not ridden in Clear Round automatically have the next spot in a round over a rider who has already entered into Clear Round before. The mandatory show fee covers the cost of this class.

- 5.11. Cake Walk costs \$1 to enter the ring. The time of the cake walk will be determined the day of the show. Everyone is welcome to participate, on foot or on horseback (riders must wear a helmet). If on horseback, riders must keep their horse at a walk and be aware of participants on foot. A designated place will be determined at the show by a MOHSS member and kept a secret. The participant who picks the designated spot wins! All proceeds go to the designated Charity for that show.
- 5.12. In Pleasure Over Fences classes, a rider may enter no more than three horses. Different numbers will be assigned for each horse. Points will only be counted for one ride. The rider must note on their entry form which horse will be counted for points.
- 5.13. Pleasure Command is judged on the horse's prompt obedience in performing commands called by the Judge. Only the Judge shall eliminate entries. It is recommended but not mandatory that the Judge be positioned outside and above the ring, and has a microphone to call out commands. Rules for this class will be read by the announcer prior to the class. Standards for judging the Pleasure Command class are as follows: a command should be executed with in three strides; when asked to reverse, the horse should maintain the current gait; when asked to back, the horse should continue until told to stop (halt); and when asked to reverse at the canter, the horse should change lead unless otherwise specified. When asked to reverse at the rising trot (posting), the rider must change diagonals. Any unusual commands will be specified by the Judge at the beginning of the class.
- 5.14. In Schooling Horse/Pony Over Fences, riders may enter no more than three horses. Different numbers will be assigned for each horse.
- 5.15. A rider may enter in multiple classes in the Trail Division based on the rider's age divisions.
- 5.16. There will be no points tracked for the Schooling division or yearend awards given. Ribbons for first through sixth will be awarded the day of the show.
- 5.17. Long Stirrup and Adult Long Stirrup divisions will be combined and pinned separately if there are less than three riders in either division.

## **6) Location**

- 6.1. All dogs must be leashed.
- 6.2. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the show grounds.
- 6.3. Due to park regulations, riding is permitted only in designated areas.
- 6.4. Please clean up after your horse. This includes manure, hay, etc. There are designated areas to dispose of waste. MOHSS has a wheelbarrow and pitchfork available for your use.
- 6.5. Due to limited trailer parking space, vehicles not attached to horse trailers may NOT park on the gravel lot. Additional vehicle parking is offered in a parking lot on the other side of the ring.
- 6.6. No personal grills allowed at the park.

# Division/Class List

## Division 1: Leadline Equitation

Open to riders 8 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. For beginner riders who are just learning to ride and/or are starting to ride off lead. To be judged on seat, hands, suitability and control of mount. Not eligible for any other division at that show except for Leadline Trail and Mini Short Stirrup Equitation Division (including Mini Short Stirrup Trail). Challenged riders of any age allowed. May be asked to halt and back in any division class.

1. Leadline Equitation: To be lead at a walk both ways of the ring.
2. Leadline Equitation Walk: To be shown at a walk both ways of the ring with the leadline detached.

## Division 2: Mini Short Stirrup Equitation

Open to riders 10 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. For beginner riders who are able to ride at a walk & trot around the ring on their own (no lead). To be judged on performance, hands, seat, suitability and control of mount. Not eligible for any other division at that show except for the Leadline Equitation Division (including Mini Short Stirrup Trail) as long as the rider is within the age requirements for that division (Leadline: 8 & Under). Challenged riders of any age may be shown on or off lead. May be asked to halt and back in any of the division classes.

3. Mini Short Stirrup Equitation Walk: To be shown at a walk, both ways of the ring.
4. Mini Short Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot: To be shown at a walk and trot, both ways of the ring.
5. Mini Short Stirrup Equitation Versatility: To be shown at a walk and trot, both directions of the ring. In addition, riders will be asked to perform a pattern that can include obstacles such as cones, poles, barrels, etc. No jumps. **Pattern could include canter up one side of the ring but will be noted and announced before the class start.**

## Division 3: Schooling Horse/Pony

Open to horses and ponies that need some more practice in the show ring. Open to riders of any age (except for riders that compete in Leadline or Mini Short Stirrup). Horse/pony will be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences will be set to cross rails not to exceed 2' in height.

6. Schooling Horse/Pony Under Saddle Walk/Trot: To be shown at a walk and trot or similar gait both ways of the ring. May be asked to stand quietly and back. Horse/pony will be judged on performance, manners, and way of going.
7. Schooling Horse/Pony Under Saddle Walk/Trot/Canter: To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. May be asked to stand quietly and back. Horse/pony will be judged on performance, manners, and way of going.



8. Schooling Horse/Pony Over Fences: Shown over a course of no more than 4 jumps. To be judged on willingness and on natural ability to jump, with emphasis on manner. Course will be posted.

#### **Division 4: Short Stirrup Equitation**

Open to riders 13 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. For novice riders who are able to ride at a walk, trot & canter around the ring and jump over a straight line of jumps. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control. Simple lead changes allowed. Fences will be set to cross rails not to exceed 18" in height.

9. Short Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot: Shown at a walk and trot, both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.
10. Short Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter: Shown at a walk, trot, canter, both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.
11. Short Stirrup Equitation Combination: Riders will trot a circle, and trot or canter two fences in a straight line. Pattern will be posted.

#### **Division 5: Long Stirrup Equitation**

Open to riders ages 14-17 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. For novice riders who are able to ride at a walk, trot & canter around the ring and jump over a straight line of jumps. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control. Fences will be set to cross rails not to exceed 2' in height.

12. Long Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot: Shown at a walk and trot, both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.
13. Long Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter: Shown at a walk, trot, and canter, both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.
14. Long Stirrup Equitation Combination: Riders will trot a circle, and trot or canter two fences in a straight line. Pattern will be posted.

#### **Division 6: Adult Long Stirrup Equitation**

Open to riders 18 and over as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. For novice riders who are able to ride at a walk, trot & canter around the ring and jump over a straight line of jumps. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control. Simple lead changes allowed. Helmet, collared shirt, riding pants, tall boots or boots with half chaps are allowed. Fences will be set to cross rails not to exceed 2' in height.

15. Adult Long Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot: Shown at a walk and trot, both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.
16. Adult Long Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter: Shown at a walk, trot, and canter, both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.
17. Adult Long Stirrup Equitation Combination: Riders will trot a circle, and trot or canter two fences in a straight line. Pattern will be posted.

## **Division 7: Junior Equitation**

Open to riders 13 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. For intermediate riders who are able to walk, trot & canter around the ring and jump over a course of 6-8 jumps. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of mount. Riders may be asked to drop stirrups. Fences not to exceed 2'.

18. Junior Equitation Walk/Trot: Shown at a walk and trot, both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.
19. Junior Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter: Shown at a walk, trot, and canter, both directions of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.
20. Junior Equitation Over Fences: Shown over a course of fences. Course will be posted.

## **Division 8: Senior Equitation**

Open to riders ages 14-18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. For intermediate/advanced riders who are able to walk, trot & canter around the ring and jump over a course of 6-8 jumps. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of mount. Riders may be asked to drop stirrups. Fences not to exceed 2'3".

21. Senior Equitation Walk/Trot: Shown at a walk and trot, both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.
22. Senior Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter: Shown at a walk, trot, and canter, both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.
23. Senior Equitation Over Fences: Shown over a course of fences. Course will be posted.

## **Division 9: Open Equitation**

Available to riders that qualify for Junior Equitation, Senior Equitation, or are over the age of 18 and not competing in Adult Long Stirrup. For riders who are able to walk, trot & canter around the ring and jump over a course of 6-8 jumps. To be judged on seat, hands, guidance, and control of mount. Riders may be asked to drop stirrups. Fences not to exceed 2'3".

24. Open Equitation Walk/Trot: Shown at a walk and trot, both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.
25. Open Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter: Shown at a walk, trot, and canter, both ways of the ring. May be asked to halt and back.
26. Open Equitation Over Fences: Shown over a course of fences. Course will be posted.

## Division 10: Medal

Any age rider with the exception of Leadline, Mini Short Stirrup, Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup and Adult Long Stirrup riders are eligible to ride in Open Medal. Class will be judged on performance of rider over a maximum of eight fences. To be judged on seat and hands, guidance and control of mount throughout course. The judge may select a portion or all of the class to show at a walk, trot, and canter. This class will be placed 1-6 with 1<sup>st</sup> place receiving a medal. Fences will not exceed 2'3".

### 27. Open Equitation Medal Class

## Division 11: Junior Pleasure

Open to riders 13 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. For riders who are able to walk, trot & canter around the ring and jump over a course of 6-8 jumps. Open to horses and ponies of any breed suitable for riding. Good manners are essential in executing the gaits and while lined up in the ring. Riders may be asked to back their horses. Fences not to exceed 2'.

28. Junior Pleasure Under Saddle: Shown on a reasonable loose rein at a walk, trot or similar gait and canter, both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back easily. To be judged on suitability of horse/pony to purpose, manners and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.
29. Junior Pleasure Command: To be judged on the horse's ability to respond to a given command within three strides.
30. Junior Pleasure Over Fences: Shown over a course of fences. To be judged on willingness and on natural ability to jump, with emphasis on manner. Course will be posted.

## Division 12: Senior Pleasure

Open to riders ages 14-18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. For intermediate/advanced riders who are able to walk, trot & canter around the ring and jump over a course of 6-8 jumps. Open to horses and ponies of any breed suitable for riding. Good manners are essential in executing the gaits and while lined up in the ring. Riders may be asked to back their horses. Fences not to exceed 2'3".

31. Senior Pleasure Under Saddle: Shown on a reasonable loose rein at a walk, trot or similar gait and canter, both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back easily. To be judged on suitability of horse/pony to purpose, manners and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.
32. Senior Pleasure Command: To be judged on the horse's ability to respond to a given command within three strides.
33. Senior Pleasure Over Fences: Shown over a course of fences. To be judged on willingness and on natural ability to jump, with emphasis on manner. Course will be posted.

## **Division 13: Open Pleasure**

Open to riders of any age including adults with the exception of leadline and mini short stirrup riders. For riders who are able to walk, trot & canter around the ring and jump over a course of 6-8 jumps. Open to horses and ponies of any breed suitable for riding. Good manners are essential in executing the gaits and while lined up in the ring. Riders may be asked to back their horses. Fences not to exceed 2'3".

34. **Open Pleasure Under Saddle:** Shown on a reasonable loose rein at a walk, trot or similar gait and canter, both ways of the ring. To stand quietly and back easily. To be judged on suitability of horse/pony to purpose, manners and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride.
35. **Open Pleasure Command:** To be judged on the horse's ability to respond to a given command within three strides.
36. **Open Pleasure Over Fences:** Shown over a course of fences. To be judged on willingness and on natural ability to jump, with emphasis on manner. Course will be posted.

## **Division 14: Trail**

To be judged on performance of the horse through a series of obstacles which may include any of the following examples: gate (passing through, opening and/or closing), poles/logs, bridge, backing through an "L" shape, dismounting and leading a horse over an obstacle, carrying an object, etc. ... Will be held outside the main ring, and judged by a separate judge. The trail ring will open at 8:30 AM. All leadline riders should go directly from the main ring to the trail ring to complete their classes first. The trail ring will close by noon. Pattern will be posted and available at registration. Riders may sign up for multiple trail classes based on their age divisions.

37. **Leadline Trail:** Open to riders that show in Division 1 & 2, side walker allowed.
38. **Mini Short Stirrup Trail:** Open to riders that show in Division 1 & 2.
39. **Short Stirrup Trail:** Open to riders that show in Division 4 & 7.
40. **Long Stirrup Trail:** Open to riders that show in Division 5 & 8.
41. **Adult Long Stirrup Trail:** Open to riders that show in Division 6 & 9.
42. **Junior Trail:** Open to riders that show in Division 7 & 4.
43. **Senior Trail:** Open to riders that show in Division 8, 9 & 5.
44. **Open Trail:** Open to riders that show in Division 9, 8 & 7.
45. **Schooling Horse/Pony Trail:** Open to all riders with the exception of Leadline and Mini Short Stirrup riders.

## Division 15: Other

Open to riders of any age, including adults.

**MO. Clear Round:** Will act as a warm-up for riders. Riders will be able to enter the ring in groups of 10 to warm up over all of the jumps in the ring. Riders may enter Clear Round an unlimited amount of times. However, riders who have not yet ridden in Clear Round get to enter prior to riders who have already ridden in Clear Round. All riders must go the same direction, call out jumps, and be mindful of other riders in the ring. Clear Round will be held at the start of the show, beginning at 7:30 AM for our April, May, September, and October shows. Clear round will begin at 6:30AM for our June, July, and August shows. No registration required. Your mandatory show fee will cover the cost of this class. All proceeds from this class will go to the charity of that show.

**MO1. Benefit Hack:** All proceeds from this class will go to the charity of that show. This class is open to all ages of riders. Riders must be able to walk and trot independently all the way around the ring. The class will be shown at the walk, trot, and go as you please. It will be judged 50% on the rider and 50% on the horse.

**MO2. Cake Walk:** A predetermined place in the ring will be picked ahead of each show by a MOHSS Board Member and kept a secret. All participants will enter the ring and pick a spot to stand at. The participant who picks the designated spot wins the cake (or other delicious treats)! All proceeds go to charity. The Cake Walk may be held at any point during the show. The time of this class will be announced at the beginning of the show. Open to spectators as well. No registration required. MOHSS show committee member will collect entry fee at in-gate. All proceeds from this class will go to the charity of that show.

