



**Southeastern Thoroughbred
Showcase
April 6-8, 2018
GA International Horse Park
Conyers, GA**

Rules & Information

General Information

- Jr, Young Rider, Adult Amateur, Open Designation: Individuals are eligible to enter as Juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Individuals are eligible to enter as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 21. Competitors may compete as Adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22. Riders who are 16 and 17 years old may compete as either Juniors or Young Riders but not both in the same show. Open classes are open to anyone eligible to compete, including professionals. Concession Food - Concession stand is available on Saturday starting at 7am by the Charles Walker Arena.
- Dogs - Dogs are permitted, but must remain on a leash at all times. Dogs creating a disturbance will be asked to be removed from the show grounds.
- Shavings - Extra shavings are available onsite through Queen Wood Products. On-site office: (770) 860-9111 Email: queensalesgihp@gmail.com Orders must be received by 2pm for same day delivery. Arrivals after 6pm must call and pre-order by 2pm before day of arrival.
- Golf Carts - No one under the age of 16 may drive or operate a golf cart on the GA Horse Park grounds. Golf carts are available for rent on the GA Horse Park grounds through Queen Wood Products (see contact info under Shavings).
- Ride Times and Stall Assignments - Available Wednesday PM before the show on the website at www.ottbevents.com/se-tb-showcase

- GPS Location of Show - 1996 Centennial Olympic Parkway, Conyers, GA 30013
- Horse Show Organizer Contact Info
 - Show Secretary: Megan Sanders (770) 335-5926
 - Website: www.ottbevents.com/se-tb-showcase
 - Email: info@ottbevents.com

Horse Eligibility

- Must be registered with The Jockey Club and have a lip tattoo or Jockey Club microchip. Thoroughbreds from foreign countries must have equivalent registration and identification. Note that horses who meet the other requirements of eligibility but were never tattooed can be microchipped with Jockey Club approval or tattooed in advance of the Showcase if they have registration papers and proper identification.
- For Horse to be eligible for special awards a completed Horse Information Form must be completed by the closing date.

Rider Conduct and Horsemanship

- Horses may enter no more than 7 classes over fences in a single show day, including equitation, warm-ups, & all special classes (such as classics).
- Manual poling and/or the use of offsets are prohibited. Any action(s) against a horse by an exhibitor deemed excessive by a judge, steward, schooling supervisor, veterinarian, or show manager anywhere on the competition grounds may be punished by official warning and/or elimination from the day's competition. Such action(s) could include but are not limited to excessive or improper use of the whip, spurs, reins, rider's weight or rider's hands. Further violations by that exhibitor on the same horse or another horse will result in said exhibitor being barred from any further competition at the show.
- A 3 minute gate call may be put into effect at any time upon announcement.
- While show management makes every effort to work with exhibitors sharing horses, rings may not be held for more than 3 minutes for conflicts involving multiple riders – please work out a plan far in advance with gatekeepers involved if you foresee a conflict.

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- Any verbal or physical act of discourtesy toward a judge, show official, show staff or Horse Park staff member on the part of a trainer, owner, rider, groom, family member or person associated with an entry will immediately disqualify that entry, and all fees will be forfeited.
- Tack and Bits - Show management reserves the right to inspect any rider and their equipment at any time during show hours. Non-compliance is grounds for disqualification.
- Numbers - Horses must wear a bridle number while competing or out of a stall or off of a trailer.
- Lunging - No lunging in any of the arenas. Lunging permitted in lunging rings only.
- Stabling - Stalls do not need to be stripped before leaving. Each stall with a horse is required to have a minimum of 2 bags of shavings.
- Competition Age - Ages of all competitors for purposes of Jr, Sr designation will follow FEI Rules or December 31, 2017. If a competitor is currently 10, but will turn 11 before December 31, 2017, their competition age is 11.
- The Class Schedule may be changed for the betterment of the show.
- Exhibitors agree to show under a substitute judge should a legitimate need arise.
- The OTTB Events board and staff welcome direct input, including criticism and suggestions. Evidence of ineligibility, horse abuse, or other serious concerns about any trainer or rider in the Showcase is also welcome when presented directly to OTTB Events. Use by Participants of social media and other public forums to make allegations against their peers or against OTTB Events will be cause for review by OTTB Events and could lead to removal from the competition.
- Day Stall means you can load in the morning of the day selected and load out that evening. The horse is not permitted to use the stall overnight or any other day.
- Tack Stalls are available to be used as grooming stalls or tack stalls. Horses are not permitted to be left unattended in these stalls otherwise it will be deemed a stall for stabling.
- Ship-in Fee - If not stabling, a ship-in fee is required.
- Non-competing Horses - We welcome your non-competing horses (whatever the breed). They must meet the following criteria to be allowed on the grounds of the GA Horse Park:
 - Check-in at the show office to receive a bridle number
 - Present the show office with a Negative Coggins dated within 12 calendar months of the date of arrival at the GA Horse Park.
 - Pay a Grounds Fee and Office Fee
 - Pay a Ship-in Fee or Stabling Fee
- RV/Camper Hookups - Per day rate including overnight, water and electric. Assigned by postmark date.
- Change Fee - This fee is assessed for any changes after the entry is submitted (i.e. rider or horse change, class changes, etc.). Entries in Show Hunter, Show Jumper and Equitation are exempt from this fee if change is for classes entered. They will still be held accountable for change fees if the change is for a horse or rider change.
- Late Entry Fee - A late entry is an entry postmarked, or received via email, after the closing date. A late entry must include a late fee. Late entries accepted only if space allows.
- Listing in Horse Sale Catalog - This fee is due if you want your horse listed in the printed horse sale catalog, listed on our horse sale page on the website, a for sale bridle number, a for sale stall card, posting on our social media and special announcements during the show.
- Complete Entry for Perfect Entry Discount Must Include the following and be received before the closing date (*Accepted entries will be held responsible for all fees.*):
 - Entry Form
 - Payment
 - Coggins
 - OTTB Events Release
 - GDCTA Release
 - USEA Release

Fees

- Class Fees are per day. If the box is greyed out on the entry form that indicates the class is not offered on that day.
- Stabling includes 2 bags of shavings. You are welcome to bring additional bags of shavings. No straw is allowed. All stalls are matted with water spigots every couple of stalls and outlets at each stall. The barns we are using have 12x12 stalls with solid walls on 3 sides and grills on the front.
 - Stall from FRI AM to Sun PM means you can load in as early as 7am ET on Friday and load out as late as midnight on Sunday.

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- Refunds - Scratches received in writing (email) by the Closing Date - full refund less office fee. No refunds or credits after Closing Date for any reason.
- Returned Checks will incur a \$50 return check fee in addition to all show fees.
- Open Checks - we will accept open checks for ***class fees only*** when an entry is for Show Hunter, Show Jumper and/or Equitation classes. All other disciplines will be held to the Closing Date.
- Payment - Payment is due when entry is submitted. Checks should be made payable to OTTB Events, LLC. Credit Cards are accepted, however, we do charge a 5% processing fee. Mobile bank transfers are accepted (similar to paypal, but free) - email to use in your bank's transfer app - info@ottbevents.com.

The Showcase Horse Sale

The Showcase Horse Sale is an optional opportunity for Showcase participants to sell their horse. OTTB Events will offer a printed sale catalogue for potential buyers, online listings with photo and video links, marketing, and identification of horses for sale in the program, on bridle numbers, on stall cards, and through PA announcements when horses are competing. Neither OTTB Events nor any of its sponsors will be a party to any transactions that takes place between sellers and buyers, but sellers are encouraged to consider voluntary contributions to OTTB Events of 5% of their sale price.

Entry Fee

Participants will pay a fee of \$50 to enter a horse in the Showcase Horse Sale.

Horse Listing

Participants will enter their horses in the Horse Sale through an online form approximately two weeks before the Showcase. The form will create an online listing to include description, photos, video, and price. Participants will be able to submit edits to their horse listing at any time after it is posted.

Pricing and Contracts

Participants may price their horses at whatever amount they and their owners feel

is fair and may raise or lower their asking price at any time. Sellers are expected to screen potential buyers and are under no obligation to sell to buyers that they deem unsuitable for their horse. Non-profit aftercare organizations are free to place their horses as adoptions with whatever approval processes, fees, and restrictions they normally require. Sellers are expected to provide their own sale contracts, but should include the language in the following section.

Anti-Slaughter

Sellers should include the following language or something similar in their contracts.

Buyer or adopter agrees to make a reasonable effort to notify Seller when the horse is made available for sale in the future.

Buyer or adopter will not knowingly sell the horse to a "kill buyer" or allow the horse to be sold at public auction for less than \$1,000.

Marketing

OTTB Events will promote the Thoroughbred Showcase as a source for horse shoppers through advertisements and online networks serving the various riding disciplines featured in the Showcase. Links to the Showcase Horse Sale Listings will be shared extensively through social media and e-blasts.

Pre-Purchase Exams

Buyers should be encouraged to conduct pre-purchase exams when purchasing horses. A team of veterinarians from local equine veterinary clinics will be on call to conduct these exams for buyers during and after the Showcase.

Trial Rides

Sellers may allow horse shoppers to ride horses during the Showcase at their discretion and under their supervision only if the rider has a wrist band certifying that they have signed an OTTB Events Liability Release. Sellers are encouraged to also require riders to sign their own liability release forms.

Horse Welfare

Horse Protection Policy

When a trainer enters a horse in the Showcase he or she agrees to take responsibility for the horse's well-being.

Abuse and Neglect

Alleged instances of horse abuse or neglect during the Showcase will be investigated by the OTTB Events Showcase Management Committee and be grounds for elimination. Evidence of abuse or neglect during the event should be brought directly to the Event Secretary in the Show Office. Allegations by participants of abuse or neglect made in public forums will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct.

Soundness

Judges in all Showcase disciplines are authorized to eliminate horses for unsoundness. Lameness should not compete.

Body Condition

Any horse that arrives at the Showcase with a Henneke Body Condition Score of 3.0 or less (out of 9) will not be allowed to compete. Information on Body Condition Scoring can be found [at this link](#). Eliminations based on this rule will be made only by the Showcase Management Committee in consultation with a veterinarian.

Equipment

Equipment rules vary by discipline and are consistent with the traditions and practices of those disciplines. See discipline descriptions and links.

Use of OTTB Events Logos and Images

Southeastern Thoroughbred Showcase and OTTB Events logos and images may not be used to promote events other than those approved by OTTB Events or on merchandise that is for sale without written consent by OTTB Events.

Publicity

OTTB Events encourages participants to promote their involvement in the Showcase through local mainstream media, equestrian media, and their own networks. Participants agree to forward to OTTB Events links to press coverage of the Southeastern Thoroughbred Showcase that is generated by their efforts before, during and after the Showcase.

OTTB Events will include links to web sites featuring those reports in its online News page so the public can follow and learn from their work.

For social media exposure we are using #setbshowcase and #ottbevents. Use of these hashtags will allow us to see who is posting about the event and share on our networks.

Use of Participant and Horse Images and Video

Showcase participants agree to allow OTTB Events to reprint, share, and otherwise promote images, and video of them and their horse taken at the Showcase for promotional purposes.

Judging

All divisions will have more than one judge. Scoresheets, where appropriate, will be made available to competitors after the competition.

Judges may not judge competitors for whom they have served as coach, trainer, employer, or employee during the preceding thirty days. Judges will also not judge members of their immediate family.

Stewards

Each of the six disciplines will have a steward observing the competition and reporting rule violations. A Chief Steward will supervise the six stewards and serve as the final arbiter in cases of protest.

Stewards may not arbitrate issues involving competitors for whom they have served as coach, trainer, employer, or employee during the preceding thirty days.

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Stewards may also not arbitrate issues involving members of their immediate family.

Management

The Southeastern Thoroughbred Showcase is an event hosted by OTTB Events. The OTTB Events Director of Operations serves as Organizer of the Southeastern Thoroughbred Showcase.

Members of the OTTB Events Board of Directors, its staff, and contractors are eligible to participate in the Southeastern Thoroughbred Showcase as long as they do not serve in the capacity of judges or stewards. They may also serve as coaches, trainers, employees, or employers of Showcase participants.

Protests

Any competitor may file a written protest at the Show Office alleging violation of rules or unfair treatment. Protests will be reviewed by the responsible parties and submitted to the Chief Steward with input from relevant parties. The Chief Steward will respond as (s)he deems appropriate.

Liability

Showcase participants release and hold harmless OTTB Events, its board of directors, its staff, and its sponsors from liability for damages resulting from their participation in the Southeastern Thoroughbred Showcase before, during, and after the event. Participants acknowledge that they participate at their own risk and will sign liability waivers before mounting a horse at the Showcase.

Coggins and Health Certificate

Competitors should be prepared to show proof of negative Coggins and Interstate Health Certificates (if shipping from out of state) to the staff at the mobile agricultural station upon arrival or any time during the show, as well as at the OTTB Events show office.

Rule Changes

OTTB Events may amend these rules at any time. If amendments are made all recorded participants will be notified of the changes within seven calendar days.

Prize Money

All recipients of prize money must complete an IRS form W-9 and may receive an IRS form 1099. Prize Money will be applied to your bill. Recipients of prize money that is deducted from their show bill must also complete a W-9 form. Any prize money over the amount of the bill will be mailed within thirty (30) days of the close of the competition. Checks will be payable to the owner, unless otherwise stated and will be paid only when a completed W-9 has been provided to the Horse Show office.

Discipline Descriptions and Rules

Dressage

- **FREESTYLE REQUIREMENTS:** In order to enter a freestyle class at any USEF level, a horse/rider combination must have achieved a score of 60% or above in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a USEF-recognized show. A copy of the verifying test must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class. Freestyle tapes must be given to announcer at least two hours before the scheduled ride time.
- Calling Tests - Intro through Fourth Level may be called.
- **TESTS:**
 - 2015 USEF tests (see USEF website: www.usef.org)
 - 2015 USDF Introductory Tests A , B and C
 - 2015 USDF Freestyle tests
- **ARENAS:**
 - Introductory Level - Small Arena (20m x 40m)
 - Training to Fourth and Freestyle - Standard Arena (20m x 60m)
- Attire and Equipment - USEF rules for dress and equipment will be in effect. See Dressage Attire and Equipment [here](#).
- Braiding - While not required it is encouraged.

Eventing

- Calling Tests - All Dressage tests may not be called.
- **DRESSAGE ARENAS**
 - Pre-Amoeba through Preliminary A - Small Arena (20m x 40m)
 - Preliminary B through Advanced & FEI Tests - Standard Arena (20m x 60m)
- Dressage Tests will use the new 2018 Tests.
- Show Jumping will be scored based on the [USEF Rules for Eventing](#).
- Attire and equipment for each phase will be as described in [USEF Rules for Eventing](#).
- Braiding - while not required is encouraged for Dressage.
- Combined Tests will consist of the listed Dressage Test and a Show Jumping test which may include verticals, cross rails and oxers with various fillers.
- Extreme Combined Tests will consist of the listed Dressage Test and a Show Jumping test which will include a Gallop Test and several cross

country fences. Since cross country fences will be included riders must adhere to the standards of attire and equipment for cross country as outlined in the [USEF Rules for Eventing](#). Scoring for the jumping portion will be the same as a normal stadium round. The Gallop Test will be scored based on the quality of the gallop in the designated area of the course. The two scores will be combined to reach a final score for the Jumping phase.

Show Hunter

- Schooling over Show Fences permitted only during designated time.
- Management may restrict the courtesy circle with a mandatory dotted line.
- Flat Classes will not be held for trainer conflicts. Please check with gate-keepers often, & advise them of possible upcoming conflicts.
- Adds & scratches should be made in Show Office, with Add/Scratch slips presented to appropriate gate. Scratch tickets are mandatory to remove a class from your show bill.
- Braiding while not required is encouraged.
- Attire and equipment should be in accordance with [USEF Hunter Division Rules Subchapter HU-4](#).
- Judging will be based on the [USEF Hunter Division Rules](#).
- **All Day Warm-ups:** Open to all; may be ridden anytime as needed. May be ridden at any height. Please let gatekeeper know it's a warm-up trip when you check in. Only one warm-up round per horse per day per ring.
- **In-Hand Classes:** To be presented in-hand in a bridle. Horses will be asked to walk and trot, and will be judged on conformation and way of going.
- **Leadline:** Open to all horses ridden by Juniors ages 3-8 years old. All exhibitors will be suitably attired according to the current trend in english show apparel. Approved helmets are required for all riders under 18 years of age. The handler must also be neatly and sensibly dressed. The handler must be at least 18 years old. The exhibitors must have their feet in the stirrups. To be shown at the walk on leadline. Rider may cross enter Pre-Beginner.
- **Hunter Over Fences** To be shown over at least 8 fences at required height. To be judged on performance & soundness unless otherwise stated.
- **Hunter Under Saddle** To be shown at walk, trot & canter unless stated. Light contact with horse's mouth is required. Martingales not permitted. Hunter courses will simulate fences found in the hunt field such as brush,

wall, in & out, oxer, post & rails, gate, aiken, bank, coop & panels.

Divisions with less than 3 entries may be combined. All courses are set on a 12' stride.

- **Green Hunter:** For horses in their first year of showing. Open to all riders. To be shown under saddle only. May cross enter into eligible divisions.
- **Ground Poles Hunter:** Open to all horses and Junior or Adult Amateur riders. May cross-enter Crossrail Hunter or Crossrail EQ if eligible.
- **Crossrail Hunter:** For inexperienced riders and/ or horse. Simple leads not to be penalized. Riders may cross-enter Beginner Crossrails or Pre-Green EQ & Mini Hunter Classes.
- **Mini-Hunter 18" Verticals:** Open to all horses & riders. Simple lead changes not to be penalized. May also enter Crossrail Hunter or Hopeful Hunter 21" Verticals, & Pre-Green EQ if rider is eligible.
- **Hopeful Hunter 21" Verticals:** Open to all horses & riders. Simple lead changes not to be penalized. May also enter Pre-Green EQ 21" (if eligible) & Mini Hunter 18", or 2' classes. .
- **Baby Green Hunter 2':** Open to all horses & riders – horse may not jump higher than 2'.
- **Beginning Hunter 2'3":** Open to all horses & riders.
- **Special Hunter 2'6":** Open to all horses & riders. Horse/rider combination may not compete above 2'9" at the same show.
- **Modified Hunter 2'9":** Open to all horses & riders.
- **Low Hunter 3':** Open to all horses & riders.
- **LNF Hunter Classic 2', 2'3":** To be eligible, horse & rider must have entered, shown and completed at least 2 classes at the show in the specified height. The classics are "Open" and may be ridden anytime as fence heights allow. All Classics will be on Sunday.
- **Brookwood Hunter Classic 2'6", 2'9", 3':** To be eligible, horse & rider must have entered, shown and completed at least 2 classes at the show in the specified height. The classics are "Open" and may be ridden anytime as fence heights allow. All Classics will be on Sunday.
- **Brookwood Jr/Amateur Hunter Derby:**
 - To be eligible, horse & rider must have entered, shown and completed at least 2 classes at the show in the specified height. Rider can be a Junior, Young Rider, or Adult Amateur rider.
 - Round 1: To be shown over natural hunter course 2'6", 2'9" or 3', with 2 or more optional fences at 2'9", 3' or 3'3". An in & out, bending line, & minimum of 1 unrelated distance may be included.
 - Round 2: Handy Hunter course 2'6",2'9" or 3', with 2 or more optional fences at 2'9", 3' or 3'3". Minimum 2 of following: trot

jump; lead over jump; tight turn option; optional approaches; halt &/or back; walk a jump.

- 10 entries needed to fill.

- **Brookwood Open Hunter Derby:**

- To be eligible, horse & rider must have entered, shown and completed at least 2 classes at the show in the specified height. Rider can be a Junior, Young Rider, Adult Amateur or Open rider.
- Round 1: To be shown over natural hunter course 2'6", 2'9" or 3', with 2 or more optional fences at 2'9", 3' or 3'3". An in & out, bending line, & minimum of 1 unrelated distance may be included.
- Round 2: Handy Hunter course 2'6",2'9" or 3', with 2 or more optional fences at 2'9", 3' or 3'3". Minimum 2 of following: trot jump; lead over jump; tight turn option; optional approaches; halt &/or back; walk a jump.
- 10 entries needed to fill.

Equitation

- Schooling over Show Fences permitted only during designated time.
- **All Day Warm-ups:** Open to all; may be ridden anytime as needed. May be ridden at any height. Please let gatekeeper know it's a warm-up trip when you check in. Only one warm-up round per horse per day per ring.
- **Pre-Beginner:** For early beginner riders. Coaches/handlers permitted in ring for safety if needed; however excessive coaching may be penalized. May cross enter Walk/Trot only.
- **Jr. Beginner Equitation:** For riders under 18 in their 1st or 2nd year of showing (not counting Pre-Beginner). May cross enter Walk/trot & Beginner Cross rails.
- **Adult Equitation:** Open to Adult Amateurs – rider may not cross-enter higher than crossrails.
- **Jr. Beginner Crossrail EQ:** Riders in 1st or 2nd year of showing over fences. Trotting courses encouraged. Simple changes permitted – outside 4 jumps only. May cross enter Jr. Beginner Equitation & Crossrail Hunter.
- **Adult Beginner Crossrail EQ:** Riders in 1st or 2nd year of showing over fences. Trotting courses encouraged. Simple changes permitted – outside 4 jumps only. May cross enter Adult Equitation & Crossrail Hunter.
- **Pre-Green EQ 18" or 21" Verticals:** For inexperienced riders. Simple lead changes not to be penalized. May cross enter Crossrail Hunter or Mini Hunter & Hopeful Hunter. (Divisions divided into 18" & 21"!)

- **Open Equitation 2'**: Open to all Junior or Adult Amateur riders. May not cross enter into classes where the height exceeds 2'3"
- **Open Equitation 2'3"**: Open to all Junior or Adult Amateur riders. May not cross enter into classes where the height exceeds 2'6"
- **Open Equitation 2'6"**: Open to all Junior or Adult Amateur riders. May not cross enter into classes where the height exceeds 2'9"
- **Open Equitation 2'9"**: Open to all Junior or Adult Amateur riders. May not cross enter into classes where the height exceeds 3'0"
- **Open Equitation 3'0"**: Open to all Junior or Adult Amateur riders. May not cross enter into classes where the height exceeds 3'3"
- **Open Equitation 3'3"**: Open to all Junior or Adult Amateur riders.
- **Open Equitation 3'6"**: Open to all Junior or Adult Amateur riders.

Show Jumping

- Attire and equipment should be in accordance with [USEF Rules for Jumpers Subchapter JP-111](#).
- Schooling over Show Fences permitted only during designated time.
- Adds & scratches should be made in Show Office, with Add/Scratch slips presented to appropriate gate. Scratch tickets are mandatory to remove a class from your show bill.
- **All Day Warm-ups**: Open to all; may be ridden anytime as needed. May be ridden at any height. Please let gatekeeper know it's a warm-up trip when you check in. Only one warm-up round per horse per day per ring.
- **Jumper Divisions**: Open to all horses/riders.
- **Gambler's Choice**:
 - Eligibility - Open to any horse and rider who has competed in at least 2 classes at the respective height during the show.
 - A certain number of obstacles are set up in the arena. Each obstacle carries from 10 to 120 points according to its difficulty. Combination obstacles are not allowed. The obstacles must be built so that they can be jumped in both directions.
 - The points allocated to the obstacles may be repeated at the discretion of the Course Designer.
 - The competitor is credited with the number of points carried by each obstacle jumped correctly. No points are awarded for an obstacle knocked down.
 - Each competitor has 45 (minimum) to 90 seconds (maximum). During this time, they may jump all the obstacles they wish in any order and in any direction. They may cross the starting line in either direction.
- Ringing the bell declares the end of the round. The competitor must then cross the finishing line in one direction or the other to allow the time to be recorded. If they do not cross the finishing line, they are placed last of the competitors with the same number of points.
- If the fixed time is reached at the moment when the horse is already taking off (front hooves off the ground), this obstacle counts if it is correctly jumped.
- Any obstacle knocked down during a round will not be rebuilt; if it is jumped again, no points will be credited to the competitor. The same applies for knocking down an obstacle in disobedience or for displacing a lower part positioned in the same vertical plane. In the case of a disobedience without a knock-down, the competitor may jump that obstacle or continue to the next obstacle.
- Each obstacle may be jumped twice. The act, voluntarily or not, of jumping an obstacle for the third time or of passing between the flags of an obstacle for the third time or of passing between the flags of an obstacle already knocked down does not incur elimination. However, the competitor does not score the points allotted to this obstacle.
- All disobediences are penalized by the time lost by the competitor. The competitor must stop after a fall. Nevertheless they are placed according to the points obtained up to the moment of the fall disregarding the time.
- The competitor who has obtained the highest number of points will be declared the winner. In the event of equality of points, the fastest time taken between the starting line and the finishing line will decide. In the event of equality of points and time for first place, there will be a jump-off according to the same formula with a fixed time of 40 seconds.
- An obstacle may be provided in the course duly marked by flags and titled "Joker". The Joker may be jumped twice; 200 points are awarded each time this obstacle is jumped correctly, but if it is knocked down, 200 points must be deducted from the total points obtained so far by the competitor.
- **Jr/Adult Amateur Jumper Stakes**: Open to horses ridden by Juniors, Young Riders, or Adult Amateurs. Must have competed in at least 2 classes at the heights listed at this event to be eligible.

- **Open Jumper Stakes:** Open to horses ridden by Juniors, Young Riders, Adult Amateurs or Open Riders. Must have competed in at least 2 classes at the heights listed at this event to be eligible.

Freestyle

Format

This category of competition allows trainers to present horses in disciplines other than the five offered, or to perform in any manner that demonstrates the trainability and talent of the horse.

The freestyle competition will take place in the Gran Prix ring. Music will be played if provided in advance on thumb drive (Mp3) or CD. Microphone for trainer to narrate performance will not be provided or allowed. Each horse will be given a maximum of five minutes to perform. An additional three minutes will be provided for set-up and take-down of props if requested in advance of the scheduling of ride times (one week before competition). In cases where props take more than three minutes to set up and remove, performances must be shortened to ensure that the next horse can start on time. No contestant will be allowed more than a total of eight minutes for performance plus set-up and take-down.

Contestants will describe in advance any props that will be used and provide their own crew for setup and removal. Plans to use fire, firearms, pyrotechnics, or any props that might be disruptive to horses must be pre-approved by OTTB Events. Judges may end the performance at any time and disqualify the entry if they determine that the horse or rider are at risk, or the horse is suffering from abuse.

Scoring

Two judges will award scores up to 100 points with maximum points in each of the following categories as follows: harmony and connection between horse and rider (50 points), difficulty of performance (30 points), entertainment value (20 points). Ties will be broken with the harmony score, then difficulty, then entertainment. All scores are the average of points awarded by each of two judges.

Attire and Equipment

Riders should choose attire and equipment that is safe. Non-traditional or

potentially controversial equipment must be pre-approved by OTTB Events in advance of the competition. Email inquiries to info@ottbevents.com.

Therapy Horse

Eligibility

Organizations submitting a horse must be PATH International Centers in good standing. Horses submitted must be owned or leased by the Center and actively used in their program since April 1, 2017.

Format

This category of competition allows trainers to present Thoroughbreds used in Equine-Assisted Therapy Programs to demonstrate the trainability of the horse, their calm and gentle demeanor, and suitability for therapy programs. The video should demonstrate some of the ways in which the horse is used in the Therapy Program. Entries are submitted through a five minute video and an online form.

Submission cutoff date for videos is March 22, 2018.

Scoring

Videos will be posted to our YouTube channel and a poll will be opened inviting people to vote for their favorite Therapy Horse. Polls will open on April 1, 2018 and will close on April 5, 2018. Organizations should have someone prepared to attend the event on Saturday April 7, 2018 to accept an award although this is not a requirement. We will gladly mail awards in this discipline to those unable to attend. If the horse submitted is able to attend, we welcome them to the ring with a handler for the awards ceremony.

All entrants in this discipline will receive a special award.

Attire and Equipment

Riders should choose attire and equipment that is safe.



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