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Judge: Alaina Cross

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. Horse Complex

4601 Trinity Road  
Raleigh, NC 27607

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**Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**8:30-10:00AM**

**Youth Center Drive Arena (come at will)**

- 700. Trail Obstacle Adult Open
- 701. Trail Obstacle Amateur
- 702. Trail Obstacle Youth

**9:00AM – Main Arena**

- 703. All Day Pleasure, AOT
- 704. Lite Shod/Classic Park, OPEN
- 705. Novice Horse
- 706. Racking Country Pleasure, OPEN
- 707. Country Pleasure, Amateur
- 708. Novice Rider, Adult
- 709. Country Pleasure, OPEN
- 710. Gaited Pleasure, Amateur
- 711. Trail Pleasure, Jr. Horse, OPEN
- 712. SSH Country Pleasure, OPEN
- 713. Country Pleasure, AOT
- 714. Gaited Pleasure, NC Owners, OPEN

**1 Hour Break**

- 715. Trail Pleasure, Amateur
- 716. Racking Trail Pleasure, OPEN
- 717. Gaited Pleasure, Jr. Horse, OPEN
- 718. SSH Trail Pleasure, OPEN
- 719. Lite Shod/Classic Park, Amateur
- 720. All Day Pleasure, Amateur
- 721. Lite Shod, CANTER, OPEN
- 722. Trail Pleasure, OPEN
- 723. Country Pleasure, Jr. Horse 5 & Under, OPEN
- 724. Gaited Pleasure, AOT
- 725. All Day Pleasure, Jr. Horse, Amateur
- 726. Rookie Adult (first or second year of showing)

**Lead Line - no entry fee**  
**Class fee - \$20 pre-entry, \$25 post-entry**  
**All show fee per horse/rider combo:**  
\$200 pre-entry, \$250 post-entry  
**Championship Classes:**  
(\$200 payout through 6th):  
\$55

**Opening Ceremony at 5:30PM**  
**Main Arena**

**Classes begin after opening ceremony**

- 727. Stock Seat Equitation, Western, 2-gait
- 728. Stock Seat Equitation, Western, CANTER
- 729. Gaited Pleasure, Youth 12-17
- 730. Country Pleasure, CANTER, OPEN
- 731. Classic Park/Lite Shod, Youth 17 & Under
- 732. Gaited Pleasure, Youth 11 & Under
- 733. Trail Pleasure, Youth 17 & under
- 734. Gaited Pleasure, OPEN
- 735. All Day Pleasure, Amateur, CANTER
- 736. Trail Pleasure, CANTER, OPEN
- 737. Country Pleasure, Youth 17 & under
- 738. Gaited Pleasure, 1<sup>st</sup> Time NC State Fair Rider

**15 Minute Break**  
**Covered Arena**

- 739. Barrels – Adult
- 740. Barrels – Youth
- 741. Pole Bending – Adult
- 742. Pole Bending – Youth

**Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am**  
**Main Arena**

- 743. Weanling & Yearling Colts/Fillies In Hand
- 744. Model Mares
- 745. Model Geldings & Stallions
- 746. Model Mares & Geldings 17 & Under
- 747. Mares in Hand
- 748. Geldings & Stallions In Hand
- 749. Model CHAMPIONSHIP
- 750. In Hand CHAMPIONSHIP
- 751. Showmanship at Halter, 11 & Under
- 752. Showmanship at Halter, 12-17
- 753. Showmanship at Halter 18 & Over

**30 minute break following Showmanship**

- 754. Lead Line, 8 & Under
- 755. Walk Only, 11 & Under
- 756. Equitation, English, 2-gait
- 757. Equitation, English, CANTER
- 758. Novice Rider, Youth
- 759. Trail Pleasure, AOT
- 760. Youth Racking
- 761. All Day Pleasure, Youth 17 & under
- 762. SSH Youth 17 & under
- 763. Gaited Pleasure, CANTER, OPEN
- 764. Rookie Youth (first or second year of showing)
- 765. Classic Horse Pleasure (horse 15 years and older), OPEN
- 766. Water Glass
- 767. Gaited Pleasure, Bareback

**1 hour break**

- 768. SSH Trail Pleasure CHAMPIONSHIP
- 769. Racking Trail Pleasure CHAMPIONSHIP
- 770. Country Pleasure Amt. CHAMPIONSHIP
- 771. Trail Pleasure Amateur CHAMPIONSHIP
- 772. Gaited Pleasure CHAMPIONSHIP
- 773. All Day Pleasure Amateur CHAMPIONSHIP
- 774. Country Pleasure CHAMPIONSHIP
- 775. Trail Pleasure CHAMPIONSHIP
- 775. Racking Country Pleasure CHAMPIONSHIP
- 777. Lite Shod/Classic Park CHAMPIONSHIP
- 778. AOT CHAMPIONSHIP
- 779. Best of Show, Youth CHAMPIONSHIP
- 780. Best of Show CHAMPIONSHIP
- 781. Best of Show CANTER CHAMPIONSHIP



**Pre-entries due 9/30/25**

<b>2025 NC STATE FAIR HORSE SHOW</b> <i>Gaited Horse Show</i>	MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL TO: Equine Event Planning, LLC 4618 Tyler Lane, Rocky Mount, NC 27803 Phone: (252) 450-5438 / (336) 908-3302	Arrival Date	
		Departure Date	
		Show Date:	October 23-24, 2025

Pre entry deadline is 9/30/2025.  
**Entries to be stabled together MUST be mailed in the same envelope.**

Back #	HORSE NAME	RIDER NAME	CLASS NUMBERS

<b>Class Fees</b> Lead Line: Free Class pre-entry: \$20 Class post-entry: \$25 Championship: \$55
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NOTE: Prior to departure all accounts must be settled, and no animal will be permitted to leave the show grounds without an official release form from the show office. There will be a \$35.00 charge on all returned checks.

All Equine six months of age stabled or on the grounds must have current (within 12 months) negative Coggins test. A copy must be attached to the front of the stall door or if showing out or the trailer, be available for inspection by the State Veterinarians at all times. If it is a digital Coggins, it must be a color copy.

**RESPONSIBILITY: WARNING: Under the North Carolina Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risk of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the North Carolina General Statutes.** Equine Event Planning, LLC; and/or Show Management will in no way be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it will be a condition of the entry that each exhibitor shall hold the horse show and the James B. Hunt Horse Complex blameless for any kind or nature that may be lost, destroyed, or stolen; and will not be responsible for or liable for injury sustained in any way to exhibitors, spectators, employees, third parties or any other interested parties. All owners and exhibitors will be held responsible for any damages, incurred by them or their agents to barns or other properties on the Show Ground and will be billed accordingly.

**PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOUNT**

Person to receive premium check, passes and correspondence. Must be 18 or older to sign.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ / Signature (Mandatory) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**HORSE OWNER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ / Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 WHOA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Office fees: # of Horses _____ X \$15	
# of Pre Entry Classes _____ X \$20	
# of Post Entry Classes _____ X \$25	
# of Championship Classes _____ X \$55	
Late Penalty: # of Horses _____ X \$25	
DQP: _____ Per Horse \$15	
# of Stalls _____ X \$90.00	
# of Bags of Shavings _____ X \$8.00/ Bag	
All Show fee for horse/ rider comb: \$200 pre-entry/ \$250 post-entry (championship classes not included)	
Grounds fees: \$25 per horse per day _____ (for non-stalled horses per day)	
Amount Enclosed <b>TOTAL</b> (Signed Open check or full payment required)	

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**CANCELLATION FEE:** If you are unable to attend, there will be a \$15 Non-refundable office fee. The only exception is if you can provide a Veterinarian note.

A SIGNED OPEN CHECK PAYABLE TO EQUINE EVENT PLANNING, LLC MUST BE LEFT ON FILE IN SHOW OFFICE WHEN PICKING UP YOUR ENTRY PACKET. EVEN IF YOUR ACCOUNT IS PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME, YOU MUST STILL LEAVE AN OPEN CHECK FOR ANY ADDITIONAL CLASSES, BEDDING, ETC. WHEN YOU FINISH SHOWING, COME TO THE SHOW OFFICE TO OBTAIN YOUR GATE RELEASE. AT THAT TIME IF NOTHING ELSE IS OWED ON YOUR ACCOUNT, YOU WILL BE GIVEN BACK YOUR OPEN CHECK.



# GAITED HORSE SHOW

## Rules and Regulations

ALL EQUINES ON THE GROUNDS MUST HAVE A CURRENT (WITHIN 12 MONTHS) COPY OF A NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST AVAILABLE TO SHOW AT THE TRAILER OR POST IN THE STALL SLEEVES.  
STATE VETERINARIANS CHECK ALL EQUINES FOR COMPLIANCE AT THIS EVENT.

1. This show is for sound, flat shod horses only. Any lame or sore horses will be disqualified from competition and could be asked to leave the grounds. Persons on federal disqualification (from any HIO) may not transport horses to this show and may participate as a spectator only.
2. All breeds of horses MUST be inspected by the DQP prior to their class(es) and at least the first place horse will be checked immediately following the class.
3. There will be no bands, action devices, or plastic wrap allowed at the show grounds at any time. Leg wraps may be used in the stalls on the showgrounds for protective purposes.
4. This show is affiliated, sanctioned, and pointed by the Walking Horse Owners Association (WHOA). All WHOA rules and regulations for shoeing, tack, and attire will be followed.
5. Only clear grooming products are permitted for use as hoof polish. Black or opaque hoof polish is prohibited at any WHOA event.
6. Pre-entries for the show must be postmarked by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All entries received postmarked after this deadline will be charged a late fee.
7. Premiums:
  - a. Leadline: no entry fee, all blue ribbons
  - b. Classes: \$20 pre entry, \$25 post-entry, 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> ribbons
  - c. All show fee of \$200 per horse/rider combo pre-entry, \$250 post-entry. Championship classes are not included.
  - c. Championships: \$200 premiums. \$55 entry, 1<sup>st</sup>-\$75, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$65, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$55, 4<sup>th</sup> - \$40, 5<sup>th</sup> - \$30, 6<sup>th</sup> - \$20. To participate in a championship class, the horse/rider combo must have shown in a qualifying class of the same division.
8. A WHOA membership is required to show in all rail division except in All Day Pleasure, Gaited Pleasure, and Versatility.
9. 100 full service hookup spaces are located on top of the hill behind the horse complex (801 Youth Center Drive). Camper hookups will be available at the fairgrounds [via online reservation at this link](#). Thirty-nine full service camper hookup spaces with both electricity and water are located behind the covered outdoor arena ([use this link to reserve these specific spaces](#)). These spots will require a special group code that will be released from [#EquineEventPlanning](#) closer to the fair.
10. Trailers will be allowed to park next to barns for loading/unloading ONLY. Parking will be in designated areas only. This will be strictly enforced and violators will be towed.
11. Parking and exhibitor passes – Each back number assigned will receive two exhibitor passes to the fair and one parking pass. These will be given to exhibitors upon check-in. Trailers will be permitted through gate H4 for check-in without a parking pass needed. Additional parking and exhibitor passes can be purchased at the show office. Parking Permits must be firmly affixed to the rear view mirror. Vehicles carrying a valid permit will be admitted to the horse show parking area. Vehicles without any permit displayed will be towed at the owner's expense.
12. Show management reserves the right to:
  - a. Cancel, combine, or split any class as it deems appropriate or to refuse to accept an entry as deemed necessary.
  - b. Ask anyone found abusing a horse on the show grounds to leave the grounds.
  - c. Refuse refunds to a horse that does not show due to disqualification by the DQP.
13. Equine Event Planning, LLC and The NC State Fair will not be responsible for any accidents, loss or damage to contestants, spectators, equipment, or animals. All exhibitors must sign a release on the entry form before being allowed to enter the ring.

# GAITED HORSE SHOW

## Rules and Regulations

14. Helmets are required for riders 11 & under and recommended for all youth riders. Riders 11 & under may use 2 hands on the reins regardless of bit style for all classes.
15. Gaited pleasure, all day pleasure (ADP), and versatility classes are open to any gaited breed of horse and registration papers are not required. All other classes must be registered TWH, SSH, or Racking Horses.
16. Unless specified, all classes are optional tack, either english or western, but not a combination of.
17. All classes are 2-gait classes unless specified.
18. Shoeing requirements:
  - a. All horses must be flat shod or barefoot.
  - b. Shoes on weanlings are prohibited.
  - c. Shoes on yearlings shall not weigh more than 16 ounces.
  - d. Tungsten metal (in whole or in part) is prohibited.
  - e. All divisions will follow WHOA shoeing rules ([found on page 54](#))
  - f. Gaited pleasure classes: max 1/2" x 1"
  - g. No bands are permitted on the show grounds.
19. Cross entry between divisions is not allowed. Exception: all horses are eligible for gaited pleasure classes and versatility classes.
20. Junior horses are 5 years and younger as of their age on January 1, 2025.
21. Novice horses and riders are those who have not won more than 3 blue ribbons at a WHOA affiliated event (excluding model and versatility events).
22. Rookie riders are those in their first or second year of showing.
23. AOT (amateur owned and trained) definition: horses that enter an AOT class must not have been in professional training, schooling, trailering, or instruction in the previous 90 days of acceptance of entry.
24. A rider may enter only one equitation class per seat style (2-gait or 3-gait) but not both.
25. Gaited Pleasure classes are open to horses of all shoe sizes. The gaits called for in these classes will be a Trail Walk and Pleasure Gait..
26. Communication devices are allowed in classes except showmanship, equitation, and versatility classes.
27. WHOA Spotted Saddle Horse and Racking Horse rules apply.
28. ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH WHILE ON THE SHOW GOUNDS!

# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

## Diamond Sponsor \$200 and up

- A 10x10 indoor vendor space in the indoor arena
- Supplied banners displayed
- Recognized via announcement frequently as major show sponsor
- Linked logo on social media with at least 3 boosts

## Gold Sponsor \$199-\$100

- Supplied banners displayed
- Recognized via announcement frequently as major show sponsor
- Linked logo on social media

## Best in Show Sponsor \$100

- Supplied banners displayed
- Recognized via announcement at the time of the class
- Opportunity to present horseshoe wreath and awards to best in show winner for class selected
- Recognition on social media/linked logo on social media

## Championship Class Sponsor \$50

- Recognized via announcement at the time of the class
- Opportunity to present neck ribbons and awards to the champion for class selected
- Recognition on social media/linked logo on social media

## Class Sponsor \$10 per class

- Announcement of sponsor at the time of the class

# SPONSORSHIP FORM

## Sponsor Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sponsorship Selection

☐ Diamond Sponsor

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Gold Sponsor

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Best In Show Sponsor

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Class(es) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Championship Sponsor

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Class(es) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Class Sponsor

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Class(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Class(es) \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Information

Checks should be made payable to:

Equine Event Planning, LLC

Subject line: Gaited Horse Show Sponsor

Completed forms and payments should be sent to:

Equine Event Planning, LLC

4618 Tyler Lane

Rocky Mount, NC 27803

Sponsorships will also be accepted at the show