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October 22nd -23rd, 2026



Judge: Jessica Lebach



Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. Horse Complex

4601 Trinity Road
Raleigh, NC 27607

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Thursday, October 22nd

9:00 a.m. – Main Arena

- 701. All Day Pleasure AOT OT 2g
- 702. Lite Shod Open OT 2g
- 703. TWH Pleasure Novice Horse Open OT 2g
- 704. Country Pleasure Racking Open OT
- 705. Country Pleasure Amateur OT 2g
- 706. TWH Pleasure Novice Rider Adult OT 2g
- 707. Trail Pleasure Jr Horse 5&Under Open OT 2g
- 708. SSH Country Pleasure Open OT 2g
- 709. TWH Pleasure NC Owners Open OT 2g
- 710. Country Pleasure Open OT 2g
- 711. Stock Seat Equitation 2g
- 712. Stock Seat Equitation 3g

1 hour break

- 713. TWH Pleasure Amateur OT 2g
- 714. Trail Pleasure Amateur OT 2g
- 715. Trail Pleasure Racking Open OT
- 716. SSH Trail Pleasure Open OT 2g
- 717. Country Pleasure AOT OT 2g
- 718. TWH Pleasure Jr Horse 5&Under Open OT 2g
- 719. Lite Shod Amateur OT 2g
- 720. All Day Pleasure OT 2g
- 721. Trail Pleasure Open OT 2g
- 722. Country Pleasure Jr Horse 5&Under Open OT 2g
- 723. TWH Pleasure AOT OT 2g
- 724. All Day Pleasure Jr Horse 5&Under OT 2g

Break – Session not to start before 5:30 p.m.

- 725. TWH Pleasure Rookie Adult OT 2g
- 726. Country Pleasure Open OT 3g
- 727. TWH Pleasure 12-17 OT 2g
- 728. Lite Shod Youth 17&Under OT 2g
- 729. TWH Pleasure 11 &Under OT 2g
- 730. All Day Pleasure OT 3g
- 731. Trail Pleasure Open OT 3g
- 732. Country Pleasure 17&under OT 2g
- 733. SSH Country Pleasure Amateur OT 2g
- 734. TWH Pleasure 1st Time NC State Fair Show OT 2g
- 735. TWH Pleasure Bareback Open OT 2g

15 Minute Break

- 736. Poles
- 737. Barrels

Friday, October 23rd

8:30 a.m.

Main Arena

- 738. Weanling/Yearling Colts/Fillies In Hand
- 739. Model Mares
- 740. Model Gelding/Stallions
- 741. Youth Model Mares/Geldings
- 742. Mares In Hand
- 743. Geldings/Stallions In Hand
- 744. Model Championship
- 745. In Hand Championship
- 746. Showmanship at Halter 17 &Under
- 747. Showmanship at Halter Adult

30 Minute Break following Showmanship

- 748. Leadline 8 &Under
- 749. Walk Only 11 & Uner
- 750. Walking Seat Equitation 2g
- 751. Walking Seat Equitation 3g
- 752. TWH Pleasure Novice Rider Youth OT 2g
- 753. Trail Pleasure AOT OT 2g
- 754. Youth Racking OT
- 755. All Day Pleasure 17&Under OT 2g
- 756. SSH Trail Pleasure Amateur OT 2g
- 757. TWH Pleasure Open OT 3g
- 758. TWH Pleasure Rookie Youth OT 2g
- 759. TWH Pleasure Classic Horse Open OT 2g

1 Hour Break

- 760. SSH Open Championship OT 2g
- 761. Trail Pleasure Racking Championship Open OT 2g
- 762. Country Pleasure Amateur Championship OT 2g
- 763. Trail Pleasure Amateur Championship OT 2g
- 764. TWH Pleasure Championship Open OT 2g
- 765. All Day Pleasure Championship OT 2g
- 766. Country Pleasure Open Championship OT 2g
- 767. Trail Pleasure Open Championship OT 2g
- 768. Country Pleasure Racking Championship OT
- 769. Lite Shod Open Championship OT 2g
- 770. AOT Championship 2g OT
- 771. Best of Show Youth 17&Under Championship OT 2g
- 772. Best of Show Open Championship OT 2g
- 773. Best of Show 3g Championship OT

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- 767. Trail Pleasure Open Championship OT 2g
- 768. Country Pleasure Racking Championship OT
- 769. Lite Shod Open Championship OT 2g
- 770. AOT Championship 2g OT
- 771. Best of Show Youth 17&Under Championship OT 2g
- 772. Best of Show Open Championship OT 2g
- 773. Best of Show 3g Championship OT



WALKING HORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Pre-entries due 09/30/2026

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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, 2026. All entries 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, 1st-6th ribbons
 - c. Championships: \$200 premiums. \$55 entry, 1st-\$55, 2nd -\$45, 3rd -\$20.
To participate in a championship class, the horse/rider combo must have shown in a qualifying class of the same division.
 - d. If there is less than 3 in a class payback starts at 2nd place.
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.

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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
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- 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
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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



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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



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