

Horse Show Expectations

What to expect when traveling to horse shows with team GOE

Memberships:

Most venues require memberships to show. Memberships allow for recording of points throughout the year and qualify you and your horse for year end awards. Memberships are not required but necessary for those chasing points for year end awards.

Memberships that are available for venues we are traveling to include

NEST(bravehorse), OHJA, KHJA & USHJA (outreach is for HORSE only). Horses & riders need to be registered before arriving at the horse show & before entries are made. Memberships can be filled out on their respective websites.

Reservations & cancellations:

All horse shows must be entered no later than 14 days prior to the show. Many times, stalls must be reserved 3-4 weeks ahead of time as they can sell out. WEC must be reserved at the beginning of the season. Once a reservation is made it cannot be canceled. All shows require a blank check for a deposit and if you cancel within the 2 week period you will be charged a stall fee. Riders who cancel within 72 hours of the show (once entries are finalized) will be charged trailering fees as well as their portion of trainer hotel expenses. STALL DEPOSITS ARE NON REFUNDABLE, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Horse Show Expenses:

Please see the "expenses" sheet for a breakdown of all expenses & costs.

Payment:

All away shows require a blank check for deposit. Checks will be returned if you plan on paying in cash but stalls cannot be reserved without a blank check. (written out to show venue & signed, but amount left blank). We will not reserve a stall for you without a blank check! Shows must be paid before leaving the premises by CASH or CHECK. Some venues accept credit cards, however, fees are applied. Please be prepared, especially when traveling long distances.

Supplies & Equipment:

All riders planning to travel to horse shows should be providing all of their own tack, equipment & supplies for their horse. Trainers will provide saddle racks & bridle racks, hay, grain, wheelbarrow, pitchfork, lunging equipment, tack stall supplies, show curtains, chairs & table for our tack stall. We will also provide emergency medications, liniment,

hoof packing & poultice at an additional charge. See supply list for items you should be packing for the show. BE SURE TO LABEL EVERYTHING.

Horse Show Sign Up:

At least one month prior to each horse show, there will be a sign-up with a deadline. A parent must sign up their child for any horse show they will attend prior to the deadline.

Packing & Unpacking the Trailer:

We have an expectation that everyone lends a hand and helps pack up. All riders attending the show are required to pack all of their personal items plus the following- 1/2 bale of hay per day per horse, grain & supplements for their horse, 2 water buckets with hooks & a feed pan. Any extra supplies will be discussed beforehand. All riders are required to also help unpack & clean the trailer once returning from the show. We understand that show weekends are long and sometimes run late, however, riders are required to unpack immediately when returning from a show. Trailer tack room must be emptied, swept, re-organized and the back of the trailer picked clean

Packing/unpacking fee- If you are not able to get your horse on/off the trailer and pack/unpack upon returning, you will be charged a \$25 packing/unpacking fee. This fee will be added to your show bill.

Travel & Schooling Day:

The day before the show is schooling day. A time for departure will be discussed ahead of time & trailer should be packed and ready to go. Please make arrangements if you are unable to be there to get your horse on the trailer. Riders who cannot be in attendance to load the trailer should leave wraps, and shipping halter on your horses stall the day before. Upon arrival, the trailer is unloaded, horse and tack stalls are set up and all equipment organized. We ask that all riders arrive at the show within a few minutes of their horse to help unload, set up and get ready to school. Horses must be schooled by 7pm, so they are back in their stalls with dinner at a reasonable time. The less we disrupt their regular feeding schedules, the less stressed they are for showing.

Be sure to wear appropriate clothing on schooling day, and all weekend at the horse show. This means no string tank tops, grungy t-shirts, etc. Great Oaks shirts with collars are recommended. Shirts must be tucked into neatly fitting jeans or riding pants with a belt, and closed toed shoes. Remember, you are representing your trainers & barn and we encourage and expect everyone to look and be on your best behavior.

Show Day:

Before leaving the show grounds on schooling day, check with your trainer as to what time you should be there the next day. Check the white board for your predicted ride times and PLEASE BE ON TIME. Know your schedule! Graze your horses frequently throughout the day so they can get out of their stalls as much as possible. Check to see

if your horse needs to be lunged and know when and where lunging is permitted. This means being on the show grounds with plenty of time before your classes start.

Keep the stable area neat. Only tack trunks are allowed in front of stalls. All tack trunks must be closed; saddles, bridles and all equipment must be put away in the tack stalls or tack trunks at all times. Not only does it look nice, but it is safer. Open tack trunks and loose equipment can be dangerous to horses, riders and spectators walking through the barn. Keep the area in front of your horse's stall neat, swept and free of clutter and trash. Only your tack trunk and your horse's halter should be in front of your stall. Do not leave your saddle, clothing, boots, boxes, etc. in front your stall. All other equipment must be stored in the tack stalls or your vehicle.

We do not have grooms. It is every rider's responsibility to clean their horses' stalls, feed and water them throughout the day, hand walk, graze, groom & bathe. If you are unable to do ALL OF THESE THINGS, you will be charged a grooming fee per day.

Check in with your trainer about what time to be ready and on for your classes. We will have a white board hanging in the tack stall with approximate times but it is always good to double check.

Clipping, Braiding, Mane Pulling:

All of these things are the responsibility of the rider. If you wish to have trainers or someone else prep your horse by clipping and mane trimming please discuss this ahead of time. Horses should be show ready 72 hours before leaving for the show. GOE owned horses are also required to be prepped by their leaser.

NEST, Rattlewood & Windermere shows do not require braiding, however, if you would like to braid we encourage you to. Please make sure braids are neat & tidy, and must be taken out every night.

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Trailering:

There is a minimum hauling fee of \$150. Hauling is based on \$1.00 per mile, round trip. Prices are subject to change.

Training fees: \$65-\$100

Training fees are \$65 per rider per day, including schooling day, whether your horse is schooled by you, another rider or trainer. Training fees are charged whether you show **all days or no days**. Trainers are required to be onsite and are responsible for you & your horse at all times on the show grounds. If there are 3 or less riders at a show, training fees will be \$100+ per rider per day. Make-up lessons cannot be used in lieu of training days.

Horseshowing.com: \$25

This is the website used to enter your classes for each horse show. The cost covers one year of being able to use the website for horse show entries. (will be billed with first horse show of the year)

Hotel/accommodations: TBD

If you wish to be closer to the showgrounds please book your own hotel, some also offer campsites or campgrounds nearby. Consider grouping together/carpooling to cut down on the expense. If riders want to all share a room/stay with trainers, those arrangements can be made as well. Trainer hotel costs will be split amongst all riders attending the show.

Trainer expenses: TBD

Trainer expenses are billed with each horse show and include gas & hotel/air bnb/camper accommodations for the weekend. Totals are split between each horse/rider equally and are added to your training & trailering fees. For away shows- hotel expenses will be split. For shows not needing accommodations- gas fee will be split between riders.

Emergency Medications/Supplements: \$10+

In case of an emergency we will provide emergency medication. Use of medications will be billed as \$10-25 per dose. Perfect prep should be provided by the rider as well as any necessary supplements for each horse. If perfect prep is not purchased, tubes will be billed at \$30 each.

Pro Rides: \$25

Horses being ridden by trainers at the horse show will be charged \$25 for class rides (plus the cost of the class itself).

Grooming: \$50

At GOE we highly encourage all riders to do all necessary grooming and horse care themselves. However, if you are unable to provide basic care for your horse for the duration of the show, you will be charged a grooming fee. Riders are responsible for the following- **AM & PM feeding, watering, hay throughout the day, stall cleaning, lunging, hand walking/grazing, bathing, grooming and night check.** Horses are NOT to sit in a stall for hours at a time. Horse shows are all day commitments. If you cannot be present for at least 6-8 hours during the day you will be charged a grooming fee (\$50). Riders may collectively hire another rider to help groom for the weekend, but it must be discussed with trainers ahead of time, this would include a daily fee per rider plus tips.

Loading & Unloading: \$25

Every rider is responsible for loading and unloading their horse(s), tack, equipment, and all necessary items to & from the trailer. If you are not present for loading and/or unloading, you will be charged \$25 per instance, no exceptions. You may choose not to be present, or if school/work schedule impedes on our loading/unloading time just be aware there will be a fee charged.

Billing:

All riders will be billed via quickbooks within 5-7 days of returning from the show. This will include trailering, training, trainer expenses, grooming, packing/unpacking, & medication fees. Horse show payments can be made by online credit card, bank account, cash or check. All show bills must be paid in full before signing up for the next show. Stalls will not be reserved for any riders with outstanding balances.

Tack & Apparel Checklist

<p><u>Showing days:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White collared show shirt / collared shirt for jumpers • Hunt coat (cleaned and wrinkle free) • Belt • Tan show breeches • Clean and polished tall boots • Black gloves • Helmet (show quality) and hairnets (2) 	<p><u>Schooling days:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collared shirt (GOE polo for away shows) • Riding pants (neutral color, preferably tan) • Belt • Clean Tall boots (you should school in your show boots) • Gloves • Helmet (black only, show quality) • hairnet
<p><u>Tack for schooling and showing days:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean & oiled saddle with fittings (leathers and stirrups) • Clean & oiled bridle • Girth (brown leather or clean fleece lined) • Martingale • White fitted saddle pad • Schooling saddle pads • Halter and lead rope • Grooming supplies • Bathing supplies • Leather/tack cleaning supplies • Standing wraps & quilts • Liniment & poultice 	<p><u>Stable items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water buckets & hooks (2) • Feed pan • Grain & supplements for each feeding • Tack trunk with a lock • Stall sign • Extra hooks/racks <p><u>Miscellaneous items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snacks & beverages • Extra hairnets • Tide pen • Extra white shirt & tan breeches • Socks • sunscreen/hat
<p><u>Grooming Supplies:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brushes • Hoof pick • Mane & tail brush • Rags • Sponges • Shampoo 	<p><u>Grooming Supplies cont:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweat scraper • Show sheen • Hoof oil • Liniment • Curry comb • Rubber bands

**GOE tack & equipment is not permitted to be used for away shows. Riders
MUST provide their own tack.**

Horse Show Dates 2026

March 8:

Matador Farm Indoor Dressage (Oxford, MI)

March 21-22:

Windermere Equestrian Winter III (Clinton Twp, MI)

April 18-19:

Windermere Equestrian Winter IV (Clinton Twp, MI)

May 8-10:

NEST Brave Horse (Johnstown, OH)

May 16-17:

Rattlewood Dressage I & II (Oxford, MI)

May 22-24:

KDA Spring Warm Up Dressage (KY Horse Park)

June 5-7:

NEST Brave Horse (Johnstown, OH)

June 12-14:

Rattlewood Hunter Jumper Welcome (Oxford, MI)

June 27-28:

Rattlewood Dressage III & IV (Oxford, MI)

July 16-19:

Rattlewood Eq Festival, Dressage V & VI, Hunter/Jumper (Oxford, MI)

July 24-26:
NEST Brave Horse (Johnstown, OH)

August 6-9:
Rattlewood Hunter/Jumper (Oxford, MI)

August 14-16:
NEST Brave Horse (Johnstown, OH)

September 10-13:
KHJA Hunter/Jumper & KDA Fall Classic Dressage (KY Horse Park)

September 18-20:
Rattlewood Hunter/Jumper Classic (Oxford, MI)

October 9-11:
NEST Brave Horse (Johnstown, OH)