



Cottonwood Farm Horse Trials

Saturday April 12, 2025

Entries Due April 7, 2025

Explanation of Events

Program Ride 9:00 am

Introductory – Mount limited to 2 years in Introductory Level

Novice

Intermediate

Rider is expected to demonstrate a working, functional position while using required control techniques to ride their mount in a non-abusive manner. Judged on rider's ability to explain to horse/pony through the use of riding aides (voice, body weight, reins, and legs) exactly what the rider expects the horse/pony to do. *Exactness* and *smoothness* are required on all other levels. Riders may provide their own caller (if needed) or CWF will find one for you. Fee for hiring a caller is \$5.00 (to be paid with entry fee). Early notification must be given.

- Riders may use boots or polo wraps
- Riders may not use martingales
- Crops and spurs are allowed
- Riders are encouraged, but not required to use a snaffle bit

Stadium Jumping 1:00 pm (Approximate Time)

Intermediate	2' 3" – 2' 6"
Novice	2' – 2' 3"
Introductory	not to exceed 2'

Scoring – Faults and Penalties:

- Four faults for each jump knocked down.
- Four faults for a refusal to jump or run out

Eliminations:

- Horse (shoulders and haunches touch the ground) or rider falls.
- Third refusal.
- Going and staying off course.
- Exceeding the time limit.

Clean rounds will have a jump-off. Timing on the first round will determine order of go for jump-off. Jumps will be numbered in the order that they must be jumped. The number will be placed on the right side facing the direction of approach.

Cross Country 2:30 pm (Approximate Time)

Course will consist of 8-10 natural obstacles. When terrain permits, the course may include any of the following at the allowed height and width for the level being offered: Downhill fence; uphill fence; vertical fence; spread; bank; or ditch. This phase will be judged on time.

To be judged on optimum time. Riders must present their mount to each obstacle 3 times. After 3 refusals, rider may omit that jump and proceed with the course. Rider will not be eliminated but will receive time penalties. When a rider has encountered a refusal, they may immediately turn their horse/pony around and try again unless another rider is approaching. When another rider is approaching the jump for the first time, riders who have already had a first approach must move out of the path allowing the new rider a clear approach to the fence.

NO TACK RESTRICTIONS IN CROSS COUNTRY. Riders will be eliminated for dangerous speed on course. Three falls off horse will result in rider elimination. Riding off course will also result in elimination.

Introductory - Pairs/Trot Only with 6 to 8 Obstacles/Cross rails only

Novice – Individual Rider with 8 to 10 Obstacles not to exceed 2'

Intermediate – 8 to 10 Obstacles not to exceed 2'6"