



2012 Tally Ho Farm Show Team Information



We had a great experience last year with our inaugural Show team and this year the instructors at Tally Ho Farm have decided to continue the official Show Team program. We will offer the riders a Varsity Team, a Jr. Varsity Team and a Freshman Team. We are inviting anyone wanting to show this coming season to join one of our Teams but will limit the Show Team open enrollment period from November 5, 2011 to February 1, 2012. Anybody moving to the barn during the year can apply but will not receive the items listed at the bottom of this document. There will be an application and screening process for riders who would like to apply to the JV and Varsity Team. As with any competitive sport, showing will require a certain level of commitment by both the student and the student's family. We encourage riders who show to consider 2 lessons per week to help them progress in their riding skills.

Freshmen members will regularly attend the local shows in the Greater Houston Hunter Jumper Association. These are nice shows, and allow us to go and school in the show arenas on Friday afternoons in order to prepare to show on Saturday and/or Sunday. We will have a required commitment of 4 shows in order to be on the Team. In this circuit, they offer two shows a weekend, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. This is an entry level show team for any rider wishing to show.

Jr. Varsity members will attend a combination of GHHJA shows and "A" rated shows. These rated shows can be in Texas, THJA (Texas Hunter Jumper Assoc.) shows or can be Nationally Recognized show and can be held in other states across the United States. These shows are four to five days long, and sometimes require greater travel. Expenses can be increased because of the travel and cost of classes. Additional memberships are required for both the rider and horse. It is understood that students may only be able to compete on the weekend but horses will be schooled and/or shown earlier in the week. We will have a show requirement of 3 "A" shows, or 2 "A" Shows and 2 Schooling Shows.

Varsity members will primarily attend "A" rated shows both THJA and Nationally Recognized shows. However, they are not excluded from attending GHHJA shows if they are in need of arena time or if they are training a young horse. These riders are role models for the other students. These should be riders that are trying to qualify for USEF yearend awards; Equitation finals (USET, USEF Medal, MaClay); Hunter Finals (Pennsylvania National Show) or Jumper Finals (Young Riders, Prix de States). These members are required to attend 4 "A" shows to be on the team.

While all students at the barn are welcome and encouraged to attend shows, there will be benefits for Show Team members. A membership offers students a team to be part of that has other riders who understand similar pressures and problems of the competition arena. It offers your child a social network that understands them. A group can add additional support and encouragement for their members. Unfortunately the equestrian

sport is lacking team experiences with its nature of individuality with the horse. We believe the team will give students a framework for goals and objects which will help them to establish both strengths and weaknesses. We believe this can then teach them a way to measure their progression and develop practice time that will benefit their new found goals while learning to be compassionate for the horse and others competing. Lastly, we find incredible benefits from competing with students learning to take chances. It is very difficult to hold yourself out in front of others and to be judged. Competition has taught many young people to be more confident and outgoing. We have seen this skill carried over into every aspect of rider's lives.

The barn will have a limit to the number of riders and the number of school horses that will be able to attend the show. Show Team members will have first option to sign-up and also first choice on school horses. We will also offer Show Team only items, and will hold an Annual Show Team Party here at the farm.

Your enrollment fee will include your \$100 deposits to the 4 shows you are committing to as well as your Show Team Only items. This year we will offer the following items:

- Show Team T-Shirt
- Show Team Yard Sign
- Show Team Hoodie
- Invite to the Show Team Party!

The fee to join the Tally Ho Farm Show Team will be \$495. \$100 will be credited to your account against your show fees each time you attend a show up to a maximum of four shows. Any additional shows will require the \$100 deposit at time of sign up.