



## Information for the Tally Ho Farm Show Team



Tally Ho Farm has considered the past years of our show team and we have designed a show team program with much to offer. We will offer riders a Varsity Team, a Jr. Varsity Team and a Freshman Team. Students control which team they make by the number of shows they attend. At the end of the year, awards will be given for each member recognizing the level team they have accomplished. To be recognized for a team students must earn the following credits:

❖ Freshman Team	8 credits
❖ Jr. Varsity Team	14 credits
❖ Varsity Team	30 credits

Credits will be earned as follows:

✓ Each weekend you attend a schooling show	2 credits
✓ Each weekend you attend a rated "A" show	4 credits
✓ Each Show at Tally Ho Farm (Halloween and Valentines)	1 credit
✓ Each week of Tally Ho Farm Summer Clinic	2 credit

We would also like to give credit to our show team members that participate in the shows held at Tally Ho Farm. Our philosophy within the barn is have students mentor other students and we think it is important for beginner riders to have more experienced riders set examples in the show ring. Our show team members can help people showing for the first time, learn horsemanship and showmanship.

Another benefit for being a Show team member is our discounts to help you participate with more activities within the barn. We would like to show you our appreciation for you joining our show team by offering all show team members a 5% discount on select barn activities. This means you will get 5% off all shows held at Tally Ho Farm and Summer Clinic. You will not get a discount on shows held off premises or lessons.

Although we value members on our show team, we are not looking to have a large membership group; we are looking to have a select elite team that are participating to better themselves and achieve goals. Therefore, we have the following rule; upon signing up for show team, riders will be charged their membership fee. In addition to a membership fee, the riders will pay a \$100 show deposit into escrow for the first three months after signing up for show team. These deposits will be credited to the first three shows that members participate in during the year after they have joined the show team. Any member that fails to attend the three required shows within the current show team year after joining will donate their deposits. Show team registration will be open all year; however, riders joining our team after January 1<sup>st</sup> will not receive show team attire.

As a member, you will receive a show team item, past year's items have been a polo shirt, jacket / sweater, a duffle bag, or belt. We will also have a Year-End Party to celebrate everyone's accomplishments and announce the level achieved by each team member during the competition year. This party will be open to all members that achieve a team level status.

Tally Ho Farm will still attend shows recognized by the Greater Houston Hunter Jumper Association. These shows allow us to go and school in the show arenas on Friday afternoons in order to prepare to show on Saturday and Sunday. They are excellent stepping stones to the "A" rated shows which are offered by the THJA, USHJA Zone 7 and can be Nationally Recognized by USEF. Many of the THJA shows are offered in Katy. Rated 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. 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 two lessons per week to help them progress in their riding skills.

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 ones' self 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.

Your enrollment fee of \$225 plus the three deposits will entitle each rider to the following benefits:

- Team Bonding Experience
- Show Team Attire
- 5% discount on select Tally Ho Farm events
- Invite to the Show Team Party!
- Year-End awards and recognition

Deposits and Credits will not be retroactive. They will begin from the day the student joins the show team.