

# Going to a Horse Show?

## Information you need to know

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## I. Types of Shows

- ❖ Shows are rated. They start with “C” shows meaning the length of the show, usually one day and the level of competition will be more for beginners. As the rating moves up to “B”, the level of competition also increases and the length of the show also goes to three days. “A” shows are the top level of competition and have different classes offered each day of competition. Some riders will choose to attend all 5 days and others may only have classes on the weekend. “AA” shows offer more monetary prizes, which will bring in better competition.

## II. Before the Show

- ❖ Sign-up: Entries for shows are emailed to everyone well in advance of all the shows. Turn in the entry with the horse you wish to ride. Horses are usually ridden by one rider, but on occasion can be ridden by two riders, if the riders are in different divisions and the work load is not too heavy for the horse.

Students signing up for a show will need to fill out an entry form, have a parent sign the form and attach a blank check made out to the show management to the form and a \$100 deposit check made out to Tally Ho Farm. When traveling to a “C” show, this can be done the week before the show. However, when traveling to a “B” or “A” the deadline is usually several weeks before the show to avoid late fees.

- ❖ Grooming of the Horse: the horse that you take to the show needs to be groomed for the show. Check with Ms. Kim to see if the horse needs to have its mane pulled, bridle path clipped or muzzle shaved.
- ❖ Tack
  - Cleaning: school tack that is taken to the show should be cleaned. Ms. Kim has cleaning supplies for the schooling tack!
  - Sharing: If two riders are sharing a horse talk with the other rider and decide which saddle the two of you would like to use. Taking two saddles out of the schooling tack room does not leave enough saddles for the lessons being taught while we are away at the show. Decide who will be responsible for loading the tack.

- *Loading: Tack should be loaded the night before leaving for "A" and "B" shows and may be loaded the morning we leave for "C" Shows.*
- ❖ *Loading of Horses: A time will be determined by Ms. Kim to meet at the barn and load the horses to leave for the show. Each rider should plan to meet at the barn and help with the loading of their horse. Then, they will follow the horses down to the show. The exception to this rule is for the "A" and "B" shows when we take a groom to the shows and may be leaving several days before you plan to show.*

### *III. At the Show*

#### *❖ Schedule:*

*Show schedules are very unpredictable. The time you ride can only be estimated by the number of entries, unless you have one of the first classes. Plan to watch and wait at a show. It is an ALL DAY affair. Ms. Kim will help you to plan a time of arrival for the show day once we arrive at the show, school and see how many people are in the classes.*

*This is a typical weekend for a "C" show with Tally Ho:*

#### *Friday:*

- *Meet at the barn at 1:00pm Saturday*
- *Load, travel to show*
- *School at the show grounds - lesson format*
- *Leave the show going to a Hotel & Dinner or back to your home with a plan to arrive the following day for competition.*

#### *Saturday:*

- *Arrive for competition and cheer for other Tally Ho Riders*

#### *Sunday:*

- *Arrive for competition and cheer for other Tally Ho Riders*
- *Each rider will need to stay till the end of the show, help to load up equipment and horses, return to Tally Ho and help unload. Students may ride back with Ms. Kim or their friends while parents leave early. Special*

arrangements need to be made with Ms. Kim if you can not fulfill these duties.

❖ *Clothes:*

*“C” Shows: The attire for these shows is less formal. For Hunter / Equitation classes the riders will be required to wear the following:*

*Show Shirt with collar*

*Tan Pants*

*Paddock boots, tall boots or half chaps*

*Hair net or show bow to keep hair neat*

*Helmet with black cover if it is not black*

*Gloves - optional but preferred*

*Belt - if the pants have belt loops*

*Jacket (may be waived by show if weather is hot, may be borrowed from Tally Ho Farm)*

*Fitted white show pad*

*For Jumper Classes: Students may substitute a polo shirt, but always shirts must be tucked into pants.*

*“B” and “A” Shows: The attire is much more formal.*

*The following is required:*

*Show Shirt with collar and Pin*

*Tan Pants*

*Paddock boots (for children under 13, must have garters)*

*Tall boots (for children 13 and older)*

*Hair net or show bow to keep hair neat*

*Helmet with black cover*

*Gloves*

*Belt - if the pants have belt loops*

*Jacket (will not be waived, no matter how hot!)*

*Fitted white show pad*

*Horse will need to be braided for “A” shows - this will cost approx. \$45*

❖ *Schooling: Schooling for “C” shows is done on Friday afternoon at length and then the day of the show as a warm up. The instructor will also help the student to learn the courses and*

will evaluate each round to help the rider improve. Schooling for the "B" and "A" shows is done daily, when the show schedules allows for schooling. This is posted for each individual show.

- ❖ *Care of Horses:* Depending on the show and the number of riders attending the show, Tally Ho usually takes a groom to the show. The groom will clean stalls, feed the horses, water the horses, help the riders to tack and cool down the horses. If time permits he also helps to clean tack, rider's equipments (ie. boots) and set jumps. If a groom does not attend the show, the rider is required to do these chores. Feeding is done as a group with Ms. Kim's supervision.

#### IV. After the Show

- ❖ *Check - Out:* Each parent should go to the show office and check out after their child has finished competition. This means you must fill in the check you left with the show secretary and get your receipt. Any student/parent not leaving means to take care of their responsibility will be charged a 10% handling fee from Tally Ho Farm.
- ❖ *Return to Barn:* Please make arrangements to have one family member present at the end of the day to help with the return to the barn. Everyone is tired and the work is light when many help.

#### V. Miscellaneous

- ❖ *Hotels:* If you wish to stay close to the show grounds during the show, talk to Kim about which hotel the group will be staying. This is a great time for the students to become friends; usually the group goes to dinner together and the kids will swim.
- ❖ *Memberships:* It is not always necessary to become a member of GHHJA for the "C" shows. However, if you do not become a member, you will be charged a non-member fee and the points you earn will not be counted toward the year end awards. For the "B" and "A" shows you MUST become a member of the USEF, THJA and the USHJA. The horse must also become a USEF and THJA member. Ms. Kim can help you to sign up. This needs to

be done BEFORE you attend the show and can be done on the internet.

❖ *Cost:*

The cost for shows varies according to the length of the show. A typical cost for a weekend "C" show will be \$300-\$400. This does not include the fee to Tally Ho Farm which is \$400 for non Tally Ho Farm show team members. The fee to the show is due the day of the show and the fee to Tally Ho will be billed on the next invoice. A list of fees for the barn is available in the office and the show bill will list the fees for the show.

The typical total cost for a "B" is around \$1000. The difference in cost is due to the length of the show. The riders will compete for three days and most times the travel is farther away from the barn than a "C" show. Stall fees will cost more; as well as the hauling fee charged by Tally Ho. Students will also have the opportunity to ride in more classes.

The typical total cost for an "A" is around \$1500. This is a 5 day show, which means more classes, more schooling and a long stall stay, causing the increase in cost.