Have Questions? Be sure to talk with your instructor for show class recommendations!

2011 Fall Show - Class Descriptions

Equitation Division

Equitation: Classes containing this word in the title means that they will be judging the rider's skills, form, balance, and control. We highly recommend every student enters at least one of these classes at their level because they apply the most directly to a student's riding and provide the most helpful feedback. An Equitation class would group riders together in the ring while they perform the walk, trot, and canter in each direction.

Equitation Pattern: A Pattern class would have riders enter the ring individually. A pattern will be called out for the rider to follow. The rider would perform movements at specified letters - for example, "20 meter circle at A," or "halt at B." Each movement receives a numerical score between 1 and 10. Top score wins. Riders should study course carefully before performance. Courses available day of show.

Dressage Training Level Test: Entrants perform a pre-memorized training level test which may be the exact test they ride in an outside competition. Judged exactly as it would be judged in an outside dressage competition.

Dressage Introductory Level Test: Entrants perform a pre-memorized training level test which may be the exact test they ride in an outside competition. Judged exactly as it would be judged in an outside dressage competition.

Equitation Division - Jumping Classes

Level 5 - over Fences: A combination of eight jumps up to 21" to be performed at the trot.

Level 6 - over Fences: A combination of eight jumps up to 21" to be performed at the canter.

Advanced - over Fences: A challenging jump course to be performed at the canter. Course will include combinations, more difficult turns, a variety of type of jumps, and options on approaches. Jumps up to 2' 3" (Level 7) / Jumps up to 2' 6" (Level 8)

Games Division

Obstacle Course: Riders navigate their horses through crazy obstacles and Halloween Themed challenges. Fastest times win. Tons of fun!

Showmanship Division

Grooming & Showmanship: Limited to students who are taking or who have taken the grooming & showmanship series. Judged in hand. 50% is showmanship skills, 50% is grooming.

Showmanship Pattern: Limited to students who are taking or who have taken the grooming & showmanship series. Judged in hand. Entrants perform a pattern using cones as markers and demonstrating handling skills. Judged entirely on performance.

Showmanship Challenge: Limited to students who are taking or who have taken the grooming & showmanship series. Judged in hand. Three separate challenges will be totalled together for the final scores. The first challenge is a backing race. The second challenge is an obstacle course race. The third challenge is a no-hands contest. Ties will be broken with a ground-tying contest. FUN!