



Benefit Horse Show

SWVHJA and VHSA Associate Recognized

**Double SWVHJA points in all
recognized divisions**

January 27, 2024

**Virginia Horse Center
East Complex**

Manager: Robin Wood

Judge: Edee McGregor

Course Designer: Gordon Reistrup

Secretary: Sue Tallon

Announcer and EMT: Ariadne Paxton

Online Entries are required via www.horseshowsonline.com

Entries are due by 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 or a \$25 late fee will be applied.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Show management reserves the right to combine, cancel and split classes as it deems necessary for the betterment of the Competition.

The Virginia Horse Center, SWVHJA, VHSA, staff or officials will not be held responsible for any accident or loss which may occur to any exhibitor, spectator, groom or animal at the show.

All exhibitors must wear ASTM approved head gear at all times when mounted on the show grounds.

Veterinarian On Call: TBD

Farrier On Call: Mike Morris 540-292-0950

Concessions provided by the Backyard Gourmet.

FEES:

\$25.00/ Class

\$30.00/ Medal, Equitation, Warm-Up

\$30.00/ Non-Showing Horse

\$40.00/ Stall for Saturday or Grounds Fee (per horse)

\$60.00/ Stall for Friday - Saturday

\$15.00/ Office Fee

\$25.00/ Late Entry (after 9 p.m. Thursday, 1/25/24

Suggested donation to school Friday (12:00-7:00): \$25

ENTRIES:

All exhibitors must provide the show office with a current negative coggins report and proof of Flu/Rhino vaccine within 6 months for each horse brought on the show grounds.

Entry form must be filled out completely, including all signatures, and must be accompanied by an open check or credit card before back numbers may be picked up.

Equine activity and Release form must be signed at time of registration by the exhibitor or responsible adult if the exhibitor is under the age of 18.

SCHOOLING:

Schooling will be permitted after 12:00 noon and until 7:00 PM the day before the show. Flatwork Only will be available prior to the start of the show on the day of competition as determined by the course designer.

STABLING:

Stalls may be paid for by open check or Credit Card information. Please **text** your stall order in to **Anne Lesko – 804-840-8578**

ATTIRE:

Formal attire is not required.
Boots, breeches and winter coat are acceptable.
Horses groomed for a schooling session is acceptable.

AWARDS:

Six ribbons will be awarded in each class. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded in each division.

EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT SWVHJA RULE BOOK AND THE VHSA ASSOCIATE PROGRAM RULES WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.

Schedule

Start time: 8:30 a.m.

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| 1. California Warmup (Unjudged) | 37. SWVHJA/VHSA Junior Equitation Flat 15-17* |
| 2. Low Hunter Over Fences | 38. SWVHJA/VHSA Adult Equitation Flat* |
| 3. Low Hunter Over Fences | 39. Adult Pleasure, Walk/Go as you Please* |
| 4. Low Hunter Under Saddle | 40. Adult Pleasure, Walk/Trot* |
| 5. Working Hunter Under Saddle | 41. Adult Pleasure, Walk/Trot/Canter* |
| 6. Working Hunter Over Fences | 42. Junior Pleasure, Walk/Go as you Please* |
| 7. Working Hunter Over Fences | 43. Junior Pleasure, Walk/Trot* |
| 8. Green Hunter Over Fences* | 44. Junior Pleasure, Walk/Trot/Canter* |
| 9. Green Hunter Over Fences* | 45. Pony Pleasure, Walk/Go as you Please* |
| 10. Green Hunter Under Saddle* | 46. Pony Pleasure, Walk/Trot* |
| 11. Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle* | 47. Pony Pleasure, Walk/Trot/Canter* |
| 12. Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences* | 48. Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences |
| 13. Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences* | 49. Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences |
| 14. Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences* | 50. Short Stirrup Equitation Under Saddle |
| 15. Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences* | 51. Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle* |
| 16. Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle* | 52. Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences* |
| 17. SWVHJA Adult Medal | 53. Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences* |
| 18. Children's Hunter Under Saddle* | 54. Beginner Equitation Over Fences |
| 19. Children's Hunter Over Fences* | 55. Beginner Equitation Over Fences |
| 20. Children's Hunter Over Fences* | 56. Beginner Equitation Under Saddle |
| 21. SWVHJA Hunter Seat Medal | 57. Small/Medium Pony Under Saddle |
| 22. Sweet Briar College Medal | 58. Small/Medium Pony Over Fences |
| 23. Hollins Medal | 59. Small/Medium Pony Over Fences |
| 24. Special Adult Hunter Under Saddle | 60. Large Pony Over Fences |
| 25. Special Adult Hunter Over Fences | 61. Large Pony Over Fences |
| 26. Special Adult Hunter Over Fences | 62. Large Pony Under Saddle |
| 27. Special Children's Hunter Over Fences | 63. SWVHJA Pony Medal |
| 28. Special Children's Hunter Over Fences | |
| 29. Special Children's Hunter Under Saddle | |
| 30. Schooling Hunter Over Fences | |
| 31. Schooling Hunter Over Fences | |
| 32. Schooling Hunter Under Saddle | |
| 33. Intermediate Hunter Under Saddle | |
| 34. Intermediate Hunter Over Fences | |
| 35. Intermediate Hunter Over Fences | |
| 36. SWVHJA/VHSA Junior Equitation Flat 14 & under* | |

* Designate classes that are VHSA recognized

Thank you to all exhibitors for coming out to support
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VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER RULES AND INFORMATION

1. Upon arrival at the Virginia Horse Center, all trailers MUST check in at the Stable Office.
2. A negative Coggins must be provided for every horse brought onto the grounds and turned into the Stable Office (state law). Horses coming from out of state are required have a health certificate (federal law).
3. NO SMOKING IN COLISEUM OR BARNS. THIS IS THE LAW.
4. VEHICLES: Drive carefully. Obey all traffic signs. Speed limits are strictly enforced. Every vehicle must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. The use of vehicles in the camping areas is restricted to regular roadways for entering and exiting only. Vehicles are permitted only if operated in a safe manner (VA state law), but may not be used in the Coliseum or in the interior of any of the barns. Four wheelers and ATV's are not permitted on the VHC grounds. Non-powered scooters, bicycles, skateboards, in-line skates, heelers (skates in shoes) are not permitted in the Coliseum or the interior of any of the barns. The VHC reserves the right to prohibit the operation of any vehicle.
5. ELECTRICAL CONDUIT IN BARNS: ABSOLUTELY NOTHING SHOULD BE HUNG FROM THE ELECTRICAL CONDUIT IN THE BARNS. ELECTROCUTION AND DEATH CAN OCCUR AS THIS CONDUIT CONTAINS HIGH VOLTAGE LINES. ANYONE CONNECTION OR HANGING ANYTHING FROM THIS CONDUIT WILL BE FINED \$1,000.00.
6. MANURE PITS: NO TRASH OR SHARPS IN THE MANURE PITS. SHARPS MUST BE PLACED IN THE RED CONTAINERS IN THE BARNS. SHOW WITH SHARPS IN THE MANURE PITS WILL BE FINED \$1,000.00. HAS/MAT WILL FINE THE VHC FOR SHARPS IN THE PITS.
7. DOGS/PETS: All dogs/pets must have current inoculation for rabies as prescribed by state of residency. No loose dogs/pets that are not crated must be on a hand-held or tied leash. Loose dog/pets will incur a \$100.00 fine. You must clean up after your dog/pet.
8. Absolutely no dogs/pets allowed in the Coliseum unless they are crated or are service dogs. Absolutely no dogs/pets in the Mezzanine under any circumstances, except service dogs.
9. All stalls must have at least one bale of shavings or straw. Sawdust is prohibited. Shavings may be purchased at the Stable Office.
10. No lunging in Wiley, Northern, B Ring, the Coliseum and the East Complex.
11. No overnight horses may be stabled in trailers or tied out.
12. Horses are absolutely not allowed to be ponied behind any moving vehicles.
13. Any loss, theft, accident or disturbance should be reported to the Virginia Horse Center Security Lost and Found, located in the Security Office.
14. No firearms or fireworks are permitted.
15. The Virginia Horse Center shall be held harmless against all claims, costs, losses or liability of the every nature and kind asserted against or incurred by camper arising or resulting in any respect from camper's occupancy and use of premises, and/or visitor's use of premises.

SWVHJA DIVISION SPECIFICATIONS 2024

EQUITATION

SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION: Open to riders 12 years of age and under. To be judged on rider's position and control. Riders may not cross enter into the SWVHJA Beginner Equitation or any division with fences over 2'. The division consists of one walk/trot class, one walk/trot/canter class, and one over fences class with fences not to exceed 18".

BEGINNER EQUITATION: Open to junior and amateur riders in their first year of showing over fences 2' in height. No oxers permitted. Riders are eligible for two horse show years and may not enter divisions with fence heights exceeding 2'. This division will not count against rider's 2 year eligibility for the Intermediate Hunter division. To be judged on rider's position and control. Simple changes are allowed. Division may be split between juniors and adults at the discretion of show management.

JUNIOR EQUITATION ON THE FLAT 15-17 (VHSA recognized) - Open to riders who have reached their 15th birthday by December 1st of the calendar year, but not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the calendar year. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control, and guidance. USEF tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class. Riders need not be members of SWVHJA to compete. If there are insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the Junior Equitation on the Flat 14 & under and/or the Adult Equitation on the flat.

JUNIOR EQUITATION ON THE FLAT 14 & Under (VHSA recognized) - Open to riders who have not reached their 15th birthday by December 1st of the calendar year. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control, and guidance. USEF tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class. Riders need not be members of SWVHJA to compete. If there are insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the Junior Equitation on the Flat 15-17 and/or the Adult Equitation on the flat.

ADULT EQUITATION ON THE FLAT (VHSA recognized) - Open to amateurs 18 years of age and older. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring and judged on position, control, and guidance. USEF tests 1-19 may be used, excluding those requiring work over fences. Three entries are necessary to fill this class. Riders need not be members of SWVHJA to compete. If there are insufficient entries, this class may be combined with the Junior Equitation on the flat. Riders must stay within their age group if classes are split by age.

MEDALS

SWVHJA HUNTER SEAT MEDAL - *MUST BE A MEMBER TO COMPETE IN THE CLASS.* Open to riders who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the calendar year. To be shown over a course of fences not to exceed 3' that must include two changes of direction, a combination and at least three oxers. A minimum of six riders, if available, must be called back to work on the flat. Martingales may not be used in the flat phase. Each phase to count 50%. Same horse must be used for both phases. Three entries are required to fill and complete the class. If there are fewer than three entries, this class can be combined with the Adult Medal. SWVHJA Hunter Seat Medal contestants may compete throughout the year. The top twenty (20) point earners (including ties), with a minimum of 10 points, will be invited to compete in the Hunter Seat Medal Finals.

SWVHJA ADULT MEDAL - MUST BE A MEMBER TO COMPETE IN THE CLASS. Same specs as for the SWVHJA Hunter Seat Medal Class, except open to amateur riders 18 years of age and older. Ponies may be ridden by adults, but may not be shown in the Pony Hunter division at the same horse show. If there are fewer than three entries, this class can be combined with the Hunter Seat Medal. SWVHJA Adult Medal contestants may compete throughout the year. The top twenty (20) point earners (including ties), with a minimum of 10 points, will be invited to compete in the Adult Medal Finals.

PONY MEDAL - MUST BE A MEMBER TO COMPETE IN THE CLASS. Open to current junior members of SWVHJA mounted on ponies. To be shown over a minimum of 6 jumps at the appropriate heights. A minimum of six riders, if available, must be called back to work on the flat. Martingales may not be used in the flat phase. Each phase to count 50%. The same pony must be used for both phases. Three entries are required to fill and complete the class. If no Pony Medal is offered, a rider may compete on a pony in the Hunter Seat Medal. A rider cannot compete in both the Pony and the Hunter Seat Medals in one show, nor can they participate in both aforementioned finals in one year. SWVHJA Pony Medal contestants may compete throughout the year. The top twenty (20) point earners (including ties), with a minimum of 10 points, will be invited to compete in the Pony Medal Finals.

HOLLINS MEDAL - Height of fences 2'6". Open to junior and adult amateur riders who have not qualified for the SWVHJA Hunter Seat Medal, SWVHJA Adult Medal or the Oak Ridge Medal during the existing or previous year; qualifiers for the Pony Medal are still eligible. The class will consist of two phases, each counting for 50% of the total score. First phase shall be shown over a course of no less than 8 fences at 2'6". The course must contain two changes of direction after the first fences and will not contain a combination. The second phase will be a flat phase, bshown at the walk, trot and canter both directions of the ring. Judges may choose from USEF tests 1-10. The same horse must be used for both phases. Martingales are permitted in the flat phase. Finals are held at HOLLINS UNIVERSITY the Sunday following the Hollins FALL Horse Show where the top 15 point earners for the competition year, including ties, are invited to compete.

SWEET BRIAR MEDAL - The Sweet Briar College Medal is a 2'9" medal for junior and amateur riders. To be eligible, riders may not have shown in a 3'6" or higher medal and/or a 3' medal finals in the current qualifying year. Riders cannot jump higher than 2'9" in the same show. Three competitors need to complete the course for it to count as a qualifying class. This class will consist of an over fences trip, judge on equitation and the Judge will then have the option of testing the top four competitors. Test 1-10 will be allowed. The course should have two changes of direction and be a minimum of six jumps at 2'9". The course may contain an in and out. The same horse must be used in both phases. This may be combined with other classes with similar specifications. The finals will be held at the SWVHJA Annual Show and Medal Finals, riders with 20 points are automatically qualified, riders who do not have 20 points but are in the top 15 point earners are also invited to the finals.

HUNTER

SMALL/MEDIUM PONY HUNTER - Open to Small ponies (not to exceed 12.2h) and Medium ponies (over 12.2h - not to exceed 13.2h) ridden by juniors. Ponies shown in this division may not be shown by an adult in any recognized division at the same horse show. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences 2'. Divisions must be offered split, but if there are not three ponies in either the Small/Medium or Large Pony divisions, the divisions must be combined. Lines less than 72' must be set on appropriate distances.

LARGE PONY HUNTER - Open to ponies ridden by juniors. Ponies shown in this division may not be shown by an adult in any recognized division at the same horse show. Judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Large ponies (over 13.2h - not to exceed 14.2h) to jump 2'6". Divisions must be offered split, but if there are not three ponies in either the Small/Medium or Large Pony divisions, the divisions must be combined. Lines less than 72' must be set on appropriate distances.

SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER (VHSA recognized): Open to horses and ponies ridden by children 12 years and under, however, shows may specify a lower age limit, i.e., 10 years and under. The division will consist of three (3) classes, two over fence classes and a walk, trot, canter under saddle class. Short Stirrup riders, ponies and horses may not cross enter into any other division shown over 2' or a SWVHJA recognized Equitation Class with the exception of Junior Equitation On The Flat (14 and Under) and Pleasure Pony or Pleasure Horse at any show in which they exhibit in the Short Stirrup Division. Short Stirrup riders will be limited to no more than two (2) entries in the Short Stirrup Division at any one horse show. The jump height for this division shall be decided by individual horse shows, but should be no lower than 18" and no higher than 2' with a minimum of four (4) jumps. The Short Stirrup division cannot be combined with any other Division.

INTERMEDIATE HUNTER * - Open to Juniors or Amateurs in their first or second year of showing, on horses or ponies, excluding the Pre-Beginner and Beginner Equitation divisions. Fences 2'3". Riders who show at 2'6" or above in their first year forfeit a second Intermediate year. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. The rider may not jump higher than 2'6" at the same horse show.

CHILDREN'S HUNTER (VHSA recognized) - Open to juniors mounted on horses. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences 3'. Management may combine this division with the Adult Amateur Hunter division if there are fewer than 3 entries.

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER (VHSA recognized) - Open to adult amateur riders mounted on horses or ponies. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Ponies shown by an adult may not be shown in the Pony Hunter division at the same horse show. Fences 3'. Management may combine this division with the Children's Hunter division if there are fewer than 3 entries.

LOW HUNTER - Open to horses and ponies. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences 3'. If there are fewer than 3 horses in the Low Hunter Division, it may be combined with the Working Hunter Division. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered division. Results MUST notate which division the horse was entered.

WORKING HUNTER - Open to horses. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Fences to be offered at 3'3" and/or 3'6" at the discretion of show management. If there are fewer than 3 horses in the Working Hunter Division, it may be combined with the Low Hunter Division. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered division. Results MUST notate which division the horse was entered.

SPECIAL ADULT HUNTER - Open to Adult Amateur riders mounted on horses or ponies. Fences to be 2'6" or 2'9". Both heights must be offered and judged together. Related distances between two jumps should be no less than 60' (4 strides). Judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Horse/rider combination cannot compete over fences higher than 2'9" at the same horse show. Ponies shown by an adult may not be shown in the pony hunter division at the same horse show. The Special Adult Hunter division and the Special Children's Hunter division may be combined if there are fewer than 3 in either section.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S HUNTER - Same specs as the Special Adult Hunter, except open to junior riders.

GREEN HUNTER * (VHSA recognized) - Open to horses in their first or second year of showing over fences at 2'6" or higher. To be eligible for green hunter status, horses may not have shown over fences 2'6" or higher prior to the current competition year. Fences to be 2'6" and 3'. Both heights must be offered and judged together.

THOROUGHBRED HUNTER (VHSA recognized) - Limited to horses who are registered or eligible to be registered with the Jockey Club. To be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. To be shown at 2'6" or 3' in height. Both heights must be offered and judged together.

SCHOOLING HUNTER – Open division. Fences 2' and 2'6".

PLEASURE

ADULT HUNTER PLEASURE HORSE (VHSA recognized) - Open to horses shown with hunter tack on the flat ridden by an Adult. Classes to be offered may include but are not limited to: Walk/Go As You Please, Walk/Trot, and Walk/Trot/Canter. No over fences classes will count toward this division. (Shows offering a Pleasure Hunter division with over fences classes may offer this division as a separate division.) It is acceptable for SWVHJA Horse Shows to combine the Adult Hunter Pleasure and the Junior Pleasure Hunter Divisions, however, it is the show secretary's responsibility to indicate on the results which is the Adult rider and which is the Junior rider. If entries warrant, the Hunter Pleasure Pony division may be combined with the Junior Hunter Pleasure Division and the Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse division. To be judged on manners, suitability, and way of going. For year end points to accrue, three entries must enter and compete in all three classes of the division.

JUNIOR HUNTER PLEASURE HORSE (VHSA recognized) - Same specs as the Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse except open to Junior riders.

HUNTER PLEASURE PONY (VHSA recognized) - Open to ponies shown with hunter tack on the flat ridden by a Junior. Classes to be offered may include but are not limited to: Walk/Go As You Please, Walk/Trot, and Walk/Trot/Canter. No over fences classes will count toward this division. (Shows offering a Pleasure Hunter division with over fences classes may offer this division as a separate division.) If entries warrant, the Hunter Pleasure Pony division may be combined with the Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse division and Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse division. A pony can be considered a horse at a show if the pony is not exhibited in a pony restricted division such as pony. Therefore, it is acceptable for an adult to ride a pony in the Adult Pleasure Division as long as the pony is not shown in pony restricted division at the same show.