

MRRDC Homecoming Horse Show
October 15th, 2005
Kenyon's Field, Rt. 100, Waitsfield
9:00am start (rain or shine)

Open to all, the MRRDC is proud to announce their 2nd Annual Fall Homecoming Horse Show. Classes will include categories for all ages, riding styles and breeds, with an emphasis on safety and fun.

MRRDC reserves the right to combine age groups within classes should the number of participants warrant it.

Entries may be submitted in advance or the day of the show. For more information, please contact show coordinator, Barclay Rappeport, 583-1145 or Barclay@madriver.com.

Judges: Tyler Kohler, Stowe/Waitsfield, VT James Hastie, Cazenovia, NY

Age Categories: (age as of January 1st, 2005)

Child: Under 12 Years Old **Teen:** 13-18 **Adult:** 18 and over **Open:** all ages

Attire: Formal attire is **NOT** required. Helmets, hard soled shoes or boots with a heel are required. Leggings, chaps, or britches/boots are recommended. Neatness and safety are our main concerns.

Class & Descriptions: All classes are open classes for all breeds and disciplines. Judging will be done by a pair of judges, their experience covering a multitude of equine disciplines.

Divisions and Championships: New this year! Championships will be offered in several divisions. In order to qualify for championship, riders must compete in each divisional class **AND complete a short essay question** (see bottom of pg. 2)**. Championships will be awarded as follows:

Walk•Trot Child: Classes 3, 6, 15, 26	Walk•Trot•Canter Child: Classes 9, 12, 18, 26
Walk•Trot Teen: Classes 4, 7, 16, 27	Walk•Trot•Canter Teen: Classes 10, 13, 19, 27
Walk•Trot Adult: Classes 5, 8, 17, 27	Walk•Trot•Canter Adult: Classes 11, 14, 20, 27
Gymkhana Open: Classes 23, 24, 25, 26/27	

No cross entries: Riders who compete in Walk•Trot classes may not compete in any classes that require cantering. Exceptions are for Egg & Spoon and Sit-A-Buck. Riders who compete in classes that require cantering may not compete in walk/trot classes. Riders who compete over cross rails may not compete in low fences and vice versa.

Each rider will be allowed a warm-up round and a jumping round in the cross rails and low fences classes.

Classes (beginning at 9:00am)

1. **Leadline Open:** Rider will be led by a partner at a walk. Horses and riders will be judged on turnout, comfort level and knowledge of horse (coaching from leader allowed.)
2. **Model Open:** Horses/ponies will be shown in hand and judged on confirmation and soundness. Braiding is optional but neatness/cleanliness is a must.
3. **Walk•Trot Equitation Child:** Gaited and Western disciplines may choose sitting trot over posting trot. Gaited will be shown at walk and second fastest gait. Riders are judged on equitation standard to their discipline.
4. **Walk•Trot Equitation Teen**
5. **Walk•Trot Equitation Adult**
6. **Walk•Trot Pleasure Child:** Horse/ponies will be judged on soundness, willingness and general comfort level. May be asked to walk, trot, back up and halt.
7. **Walk•Trot Pleasure Teen**
8. **Walk•Trot Pleasure Adult**

9. **Walk•Trot•Canter Equitation Child:** Gaited and Western disciplines may choose sitting trot over posting trot. Gaited will be shown at walk, second & third fastest gaits. Riders are judged on equitation standard to their discipline.
10. **Walk•Trot•Canter Equitation Teen**
11. **Walk•Trot•Canter Equitation Adult**
12. **Walk•Trot•Canter Pleasure Child:** Horse/ponies will be judged on soundness, willingness and general comfort level. May be asked to walk, trot, back up and halt.
13. **Walk•Trot•Canter Pleasure Teen**
14. **Walk•Trot•Canter Pleasure Adult**
15. **Walk•Trot Cross Rails Child:** Rider and horse/pony will be judged on equitation, soundness, control and performance. Course will consist of cross rails no higher than 18" and no more than six fences. Riders will be allowed one warm-up round, followed by one judged round.
16. **Walk•Trot Cross Rails Teen**
17. **Walk•Trot Cross Rails Adult**
18. **Walk•Trot•Canter Low Fences Child:** Rider and horse/pony will be judged on equitation, soundness, control and performance. Course will consist of fences no higher than 24" and no more than six fences. Riders will be allowed one warm-up round, followed by one judged round.
19. **Walk•Trot•Canter Low Fences Teen**
20. **Walk•Trot•Canter Low Fences Adult**
21. **Walk•Trot Bareback Equitation Open:** Rider and horse/pony will be judged on equitation, soundness, and control while riding bareback. Neckstraps are allowed.
22. **Walk•Trot•Canter Bareback Equitation Open:** Rider and horse/pony will be judged on equitation, soundness, and control while riding bareback.
23. **Sit-A-Buck:** Riders will ride bareback at a walk, trot or canter with a dollar bill (funny money provided) tucked under the back of their thigh. Judges will place dollar to ensure fairness. When you loose your dollar, you are out. Winner takes all the dollars at the end of the class.
24. **Command Class:** Riders will be asked to perform a variety of tasks including; walk, trot, canter, backing, 1/2 circles and direction changes. Riders who fail to complete the task immediately will be eliminated. Last rider in the ring is the winner.
25. **Egg and Spoon Class:** Riders will ride at a walk, trot and canter (if necessary) holding an egg in a spoon in one hand (eggs and spoons will be provided). Last rider holding their egg is the winner.
26. **Trail Class Child:** The trail class will consist of an obstacle course of items commonly found on a Vermont trail ride. Riders should be prepared to mount from a mounting block, open/close a mailbox, pass by garbage cans, cars, over log piles, etc. Scoring will be based on per obstacle passed and time. Trail class will be open from 10:00am-11:30am. Riders may enter class at their convenience during this time period.
27. **Trail Class Teen/Adult**
28. **Geriatric Jumpers:** This class is a special invitation to our riders over 50 years of age. Class will consist of a course no higher than 2 feet and no more than six fences. Special award in this class for oldest horse + rider combination.
29. **Puddle Jumpers Open:** This class will consist of 6 or more jumps, no higher than 2 feet with several direction changes. Judged on time and clearance of jumps. Three faults will be issued for a refusal and four faults for a knockdown of a rail or jump. Judged on time and faults. If necessary, class will be decided by jump-off.
30. **Timber Hurdlers Open:** This class will consist of 6 or more jumps, no higher than 2'6" with several direction changes. Rules as apply to Puddle Jumpers class will apply.
31. **Costume Class Child:** Costume class will be judged on creativity and originality. Please keep your animal's comfort and safety in mind! Class will take place at 12:30 during lunch break.

****Essay Questions:** in order to compete for child or teen championships, each contestant should submit a one page (8.5"x11") or less answer to the appropriate question below:

Child Walk/Trot or Walk/Trot Canter: Tell us about the person who helps the most with your horse (mom, dad, trainer, etc.)

Teen Walk/Trot or Walk/Trot Canter: Tell us about the most special horse you have ever ridden.

Essays will be posted for all to read, spelling and grammar do NOT count; heart and soul do. Contestants should include name, age and horse's name. Essays can be hand-written or computer generated.