REGION 2

YOUNG HORSE SHOW Series 2026



NORTH CAROLINA I

TRYON INTERNATIONAL | MILL SPRING, NC

AUGUST 14-15, 2026

Welcome to the 2026 Season



Welcome to the 2026 Young Horse Show Series Season

The Young Horse Show Series remains dedicated to providing breeders, owners, trainers, and riders with an affordable and developmentally appropriate venue to introduce and evaluate young sport horses in the show environment. With thoughtfully designed classes that support correct training and long-term success, YHS offers both meaningful mileage for young horses and a unique opportunity to showcase their talent before a buying audience.

Since its founding in 2009, the Series has grown into a national standard for young sport horse competition in the United States. Thanks to the continued support of our hosts, sponsors, judges, and participants, YHS continues to strengthen American breeding and provide a platform where quality, transparency, and opportunity come together.

We look forward to an exciting 2026 season and thank you for being part of the Young Horse Show Series.

New for 2026 - Annual Membership Required

2026 Season Update

Dear Competitors,

As a reminder, all horses competing in YHS competitions this season must have an active annual YHS membership and a YHS number through HorseSpot before competing.

If you have not yet created your horse's membership and uploaded the required registration documents, we encourage you to do so before entering your next show to avoid any delays.

For instructions, required documentation, please visit our website here:
www.younghorseshow.com/2026-season-updates.html

For a step-by-step guide, please visit:

http://www.younghorseshow.com/uploads/1/0/2/0/10202648/yhs_membership_sign_up_guide.pdf

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming shows!

Thank you,
The YHS Team

NC I QUALIFIER

SHOW DATE
Friday, August 14-Saturday, August 15

SCHOOLING
Friday, August 14, 2026

HOST/LOCATION
Tryon International
Mill Spring, NC

PRIZES
Ribbons 1st-6th

CLASSES OFFERED
101, 102, 103, 104, 202, 203, 204, 303, 304, 305, 306, 404, 405, 406, 500, 210

MOVE IN/MOVE OUT
Stalls are available from 9:00am Friday, August 14th to 7:00pm Saturday, August 15th. If you would like to arrive early or depart late, please contact the show manager to determine if arrangements can be made.

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Local Sponsors

The Young Horse Show Series deeply appreciates the generous support of our sponsors. Their partnership helps make these events possible and supports our mission of promoting the development, education, and recognition of young sport horses. We sincerely thank them for their commitment to the future of our industry.

2026 Tentative Calendar - REGION 2

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MAY 2

GEORGIA
Le Bonheur Equestrian, Chatsworth, GA

AUG 14-15

NORTH CAROLINA I
Tryon International, Mill Spring, NC

OCT - TBC

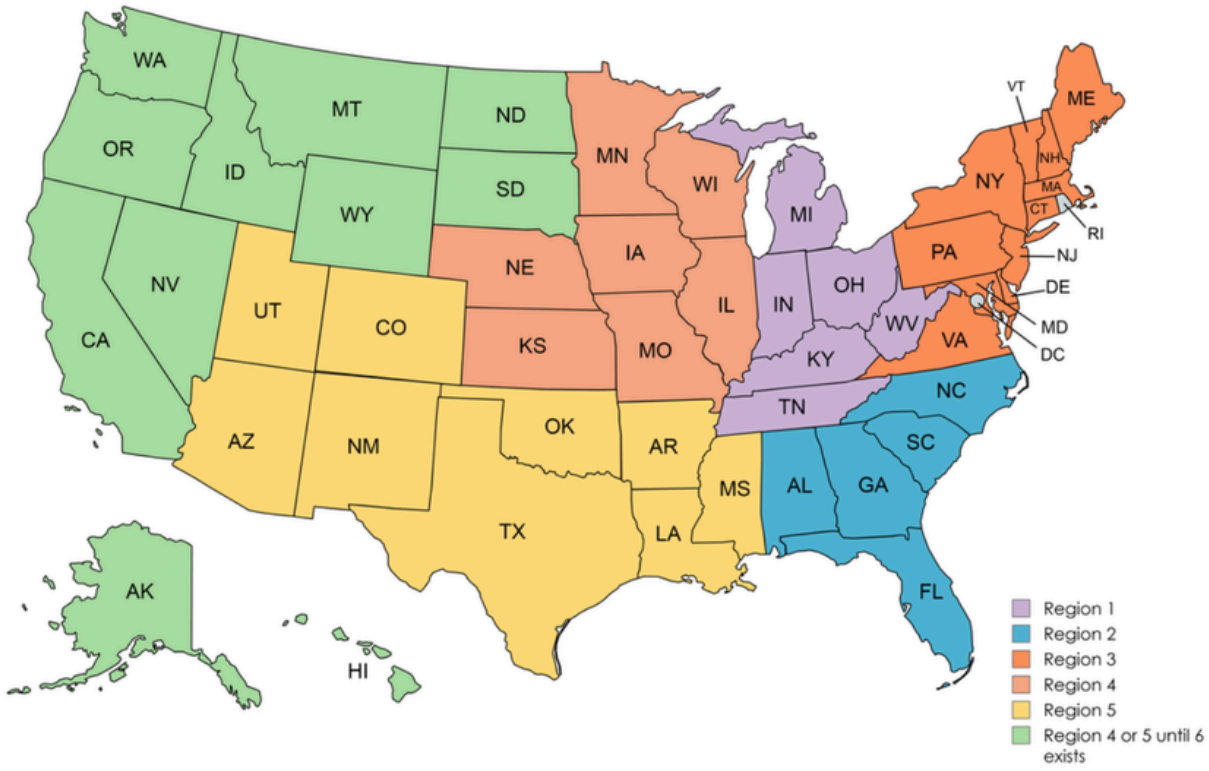
FLORIDA
TerraNova Equestrian, Myakka City, FL

FINALS

NOV. 3-7

REGION 2 & PONIES
Tryon International, Mill Spring, NC

YHS Regions



Region 1: IN, KY, MI, OH, TN, WV
Region 2: AL, FL, GA, NC, SC
Region 3: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT
Region 4: IA, IL, KS, MN, MO, NE, WI
Region 5: AR, AZ, CO, LA, MS, NM, OK, TX, UT
Region 6 (future): AK, CA, HI, ID, MT, ND, NV, OR, SD, WA, WY*
(*region 4 or 5 until 6 exists)

Competitors may compete in a region other than their home region; however, they must declare and compete in only one region for the season and must attend that region's Finals if qualified.

Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification
This Document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I **AGREE** in consideration for my participation, attendance, and/or stabling at the Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC), to the following:
I **AGREE** that the TIEC and "participation" as used above includes all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and affiliated organizations. I **AGREE** that I choose to participate voluntarily in events at TIEC with my horse, or as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior participant. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and these events involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm")
I **AGREE** to hold harmless and release the TIEC from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the TIEC.
I **AGREE** to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the TIEC. I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any equestrian activity involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases),trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING:

CAUTION: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

I **AGREE** to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the TIEC and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at any event. I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without prejudice or penalty, and I acknowledge that I am strongly encouraged to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a child participant, I consent to the child's participation and **AGREE** to all of the above provisions and **AGREE** to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf. I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely participate in and/or attend these events.
I**AGREE** that if I am injured at this facility, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the TIEC.
Tryon Horse Shows, LLC, Tryon International Equestrian Center, Tryon Equestrian Partners, LLC, their officials, partners, members, sponsors, agents, affiliated entities, and employees will not be responsible for any accident or loss which may occur to any exhibitor, spectators, convention attendees, participants, auditors, guest, rider, groom, attendant, other employees, animals, or equipment on the property. All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third persons caused by themselves, their employees, their agents, their horses, or their dogs. They are therefore strongly advised to take-out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events, and to keep that policy up to date.

BYSIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all terms and provisions of this Waiver.

RELEASOR:

_____
Print Name

_____
Signature

Date: _____, 2026

PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF MINOR:
In addition to the above, if claims contemplated under this Agreement are later brought by or on behalf of the minor Releasor or third parties, I will defend and fully indemnify TIEC.

_____
Print name and DOB of Minor

_____
Signature of Parent/Guardian

TRYON INTERNATIONAL

Equine Biosecurity Protocol

As of September 4, 2024

In our continued efforts to maintain a high level of safety, Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC) has the following biosecurity protocols designed to do our part to keep your horses safe, as well as those of your fellow competitors.

Horses are NOT allowed to enter property if:

- The horse has known symptoms of EHV or has been treated for EHV-1/4 within the past 28 days.
- Horse has been at a facility under quarantine for EHV-1/4/VS or any other infectious disease or exposed to any horses showing symptoms of infectious disease within the past 28 days.
- Horses have had a temperature of unknown origin in the last 7 days.

Horses entering property MUST:

- Must present current (within 1 year) Negative Coggins test upon arrival- paper or electronic forms are accepted.
- Be vaccinated for Influenza at least 2 weeks and no more than 6 months prior to arrival.
- The state of North Carolina requires a current Health Certification for all horses, crossing into NC from other states.
- Horse has received regular and consistent vaccination against Equine Influenza and EHV-1/4 with the most recent booster being within 180 days (as per USEF GR 845).
- Current vaccination against WNV, EEE, WEE, Tetanus. *Rabies vaccine is strongly recommended.*

Upon Arrival:

- We strongly recommend all barns to check the temperature of all horses once they arrive at TIEC, prior to entering the barn. If a horse has a temperature of 101.5 or higher, TIEC management must be contacted immediately and the horse placed in an isolation stall, on-site to allow for time to recheck temperature prior to entering the barn.
- TIEC strongly requests that all barns on TIEC show grounds to maintain a temperature log with twice-daily temperatures recorded and require posting on each horse's stall door.
- Any horse on the show grounds with a fever of unknown origin or of suspicious origin must be reported to TIEC Management immediately. It is always better to err on the side of safety. Isolation stalls will either be available on the grounds or at a local veterinary practice if the need arises.

It is our shared responsibility to keep our horses safe. We urge all equestrians to please remember and abide by additional biosecurity measures.

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Additional Recommendations:

- Take all horses' temperature daily and report any horse with a temperature above 101.5
- degrees Fahrenheit or any signs of respiratory or neurological disease to your
- veterinarian and/or show management.
- Avoid mixing of horses where possible, practice equine 'social distancing'
- Please take the time to review equine good hygiene practices and impress its importance
- to your grooms and barn managers in everyday care
- Bring your own hoses to barns and do not share water buckets or fill from hoses used by
- other horses. Communal hoses will NOT be provided. Please bring your own.
- Every effort should be made to minimize stress and commingling of horses shipped long
- distances. Extra hours on a horse van or moving from stable to stable is the fastest way
- to compromise your horses' and your neighbor's horses' health.
- TIEC will practice additional biosecurity and disinfection protocols during our stall
- turnovers and around the facility on a daily basis.

Further biosecurity protocols and additional resources can be found here:

- United States Department of Agriculture Information on Equine Herpesvirus
- American Association of Equine Practitioners FAQ on Equine Herpesvirus
- United States Equestrian Federation Biosecurity Measures for Horses at Home and at
- Competitions

Report any issues or concerns to:

TIEC Stabling Manager, Lance Bennett- lbennett@tryon.com, 828.863.1005

If you have any questions or concerns about your horse's health, please contact our veterinary partners: Tryon Equine Hospital at 828.894.6065.

Veterinary - New World Screwworm

Interstate Movement Requirements for New World Screwworm Detection

as of June 15, 2026

Due to the detection of New World Screwworm in the United States, effective immediately and in accordance with this notice, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will enforce additional interstate movement health requirements for warm-blooded animals entering North Carolina from states affected by a New World Screwworm Infested Zone.

All warm-blooded animals imported into North Carolina **from an Infested Zone** must have an accredited veterinarian complete the normal importation requirements and comply with the NWS National Continuity of Business Standardized Animal Movement Guidance . The ICVI shall be valid for no more than 7 days from the date of inspection and must also include the statement, "All animals listed have been inspected and found free of evidence of NWS infestation." An entry permit number must be requested at least 48 hours prior to movement.

Please email NC-ICVI@ncagr.gov during normal business hours (M-F from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM EST) to request a permit number.

All warm-blooded animals entering North Carolina from outside an Infested Zone but within a Surveillance Zone must have an accredited veterinarian complete the normal importation requirements and be accompanied by an ICVI including the statement, "All animals listed have been inspected and found free of evidence of NWS infestation." The ICVI shall be valid for no more than 7 days from the date of inspection.

If you have any questions, please call the NCDA&CS Livestock Health Programs office at (919) 707-3250 and choose option 4.

CLASSES OFFERED (DESCRIPTIONS)

For complete information including tack and equipment rules, please see the 2026 Rules and Regulations, available on the Young Horse Show Series website. (www.younghorseshow.com)

IN-HAND/AT LIBERTY

Class #101: Yearling In Hand/At Liberty
Class #102: 2-Year-Old In Hand/At Liberty
Class #103: 3-Year-Old In Hand/At Liberty
Class #104: 4-Year-Old In Hand/At Liberty

Horses will be presented in-hand followed by a 2 to 3 minute at-liberty phase. At the judge's discretion, the at-liberty phase may be conducted first with in-hand presentation following.

ENTRY FEE: $75 (includes handler fees) 6 ribbons

FREE JUMPING

Class #202: 2-Year-Old Jump Chute
Class #203: 3-Year-Old Jump Chute
Class #204: 4-Year-Old Jump Chute

The jump chute is composed of 3 fences: a cross rail, a vertical and an oxer. Our default system is for the horse to be walked or trotted into the jump chute, released and then caught at the end of the chute and/or preferably the use of the "Rond d'Avrincourt" when personnel is sufficient. Maximum dimensions:

- Two-year-olds:
  - Maximum height: 1.10m (3'7"); Maximum width (oxer): 1.15m (3'9")
- Three-year-olds:
  - Maximum height: 1.15m (3'9); Maximum width (oxer): 1.20m (3'11)
- Four-year-olds:
  - Maximum height: 1.20m (3'11); Maximum width (oxer): 1.30m (4'3)

These heights are a guideline and may be carefully adapted or lowered to each horse according to their ability and willingness.

ENTRY FEE: $75 (includes handler fees) 6 ribbons

FLAT UNDER SADDLE

Class #303: 3-Year-Old Flat Under Saddle
Class #304: 4-Year-Old Flat Under Saddle
Class #305: 5-Year-Old Flat Under Saddle
Class #306: 6-Year-Old Flat Under Saddle

Judges will assess the basic gaits of the horse under saddle and its rideability. Up to two horses and riders will be in the ring at once, when possible, with the judge(s) asking the riders to walk, trot, canter and lengthen the gaits.

ENTRY FEE: $45 6 ribbons

CLASSES OFFERED (DESCRIPTIONS)

JUMPING UNDER SADDLE

Class #404: 4-Year-Old Jumping Under Saddle (Horse height options: 2'6, 3'0, 3'3; Pony Height options: 2'0, 2'6, 2'9)
Class #405: 5-Year-Old Jumping Under Saddle (Horse height options: 3'0, 3'6, 3'9; Pony Height options: 2'0, 2'6, 2'9)
Class #406: 6-Year-Old Jumping Under Saddle (Horse height options: 3'3, 3'6, 3'9, 4'0; Pony Height options: 2'0, 2'6, 2'9)
Horses will jump an age-appropriate course of approximately 8-10 jumps. Competitors may choose to jump one or two rounds. If a horse jumps two rounds, the low score will be discarded and the high score will be used for results, provided the higher scoring round receives a Finals-qualifying score of 7.0 or above. If neither round receives a score of 7.0 or higher, but one round is clear, the clear round will be used for results, as a clear round qualifies the horse for Finals.

ENTRY FEE: $35/rounds 6 ribbons

DRESSAGE TEST OF CHOICE

Class #500: 3-, 4-, 5- & 6-Year-Olds

Horses will demonstrate their basic rideability, harmony with their rider and willingness to perform using a test of their own choice (TOC) picked from any USEF, USDF, USEA or FEI dressage tests. Minimum of 3 entries needed to run this class.
ENTRY FEE: $45 6 ribbons

SCHOOLING

Class #210 - Schooling Jump Chute

Open to horses and ponies one- to five-years-old.
YHS Handlers only inside the jump chute. This class will focus on the safety and comfort of the horse in a jump chute environment. These classes are for horses with little or no experience in a jump chute. It is also a good warm up class for more experienced horses prior to the 200 numbered classes. A good and relaxed experience for the horse will be the focus of the class. Heights of the fences and number of trips will not be relevant. This class is not judged. Not a qualifying class.

Entry Fee: $55 (includes handler fee)

Class #W403 – Warm-Up Jumping Under Saddle
Height: Cross rails
Open to horses and ponies three- to seven-years-old.
Entry Fee: $30/round

Class #W404 – Warm-Up Jumping Under Saddle
Height: A: 2'6
Open to horses and ponies three- to seven-years-old.
Entry Fee: $30/round

Class #W405 – Warm-Up Jumping Under Saddle
Height options: A: 3', B: 3'6
Open to horses and ponies three- to seven-years-old.
Entry Fee: $30/round

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. General Provisions

1.1 Definitions
"Competition Grounds" means all areas under the control of the host facility for the duration of the YHS Event, including arenas, schooling areas, barns, parking areas, and surrounding premises.
"Entry" means submission of an official entry form (electronic or paper) together with a valid form of payment.
"Horse" includes ponies, unless otherwise specified
"Judge" means the individual(s) appointed by Management to officiate a class or division.
"Management" means the Young Horse Show Series, its designated show management, officials, agents, and representatives acting within the scope of their authority.

1.2 Management Authority
YHS Management reserves the right, it its sole discretion, to refuse or cancel any entry, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of any entry, or withhold awards of prizes without claim for damages. Management further reserves the right to divide classes by section, limit entries, adjust schedules or class order, substitute judges or officials, and cancel or reschedule classes due to weather, footing, or circumstances beyond its control. Management may modify any policy or rule set forth in this Prize List if necessary in the interest of safety, fairness, or horse welfare. In the event of ambiguity or conflict in interpretation of these Rules & Regulations, the decision of YHS Management shall be final.

1.3 Force Majeure
YHS shall not be liable for cancellation, delay, or modification of any class or event due to weather, acts of God, facility issues, governmental action, public health concerns, or other circumstances beyond its control. Management reserves the right to make necessary adjustments to the competition schedule or format. Participation in YHS Events is voluntary and at the exhibitor's own risk.

1.4 Host Venue Requirements
Each YHS Event is conducted at an independent host facility. Exhibitors are responsible for complying with all additional host facility rules, including but not limited to health documentation, vaccination requirements, stabling policies, pet restrictions, biosecurity protocols, and local regulations. Where host facility policies are more restrictive than YHS policies, the host facility policies shall prevail.

1.5 Media Release
By entering a YHS Event, participants grant the Young Horse Show Series the right to use photographs, video, digital images, and likenesses of horses and participants taken during the event for promotional, archival, educational, and marketing purposes. No compensation shall be owed for such use.

1.6 Trade Compliance
The Young Horse Show Series and its services are subject to applicable United States export control and sanctions laws and regulations ("Trade Restrictions"). By entering or participating in a YHS Event, you agree to comply with all applicable Trade Restrictions and represent that you are not, and are not acting directly or indirectly on behalf of, any person or entity subject to comprehensive U.S. sanctions or identified on any applicable U.S., EU, or UK restricted party list, including but not limited to the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals List.
Nothing in these Rules & Regulations shall be construed to require any party to act in violation of applicable Trade Restrictions.

1.7 Entry Constitutes Agreement
Submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of and agreement to be bound by these Rules & Regulations.

1.8 Code of Conduct
Harassment, unsportsmanlike conduct, abuse of officials, or disruptive behavior may result in removal from the grounds and/or suspension from future YHS Events.

1.9 Assumption of Risk & Indemnification
Participation in YHS Events involves inherent risks associated with equestrian activities. By entering or participating in any YHS Event, exhibitors, owners, riders, handlers, and their agents acknowledge and assume all such risks. As a condition of participation, all parties are required to execute a separate release and hold harmless agreement. Nothing in these Rules & Regulations shall limit or supersede the terms of any such executed waiver or indemnification agreement.

2. Eligibility & Participation

2.1 Horse Eligibility
Horses and ponies from yearlings through six-year-olds are eligible to participate. Seven-year-olds may compete in schooling classes only. Horses are considered to be one year older on January 1 each year regardless of birth month. To compete in qualifying classes, horses must provide proof of registration with a YHS-recognized registry, including WBFSH-recognized registries and most USEF-recognized breed registries. Veterinary notes, USEF registration cards, PHR papers, insemination records, or similar documents are not acceptable as proof of registry. Management reserves the right to require verification of age and eligibility at any time. Please contact the office if you are uncertain about the eligibility of your horse. Horses must have an active annual membership with YHS.

2.2 Professional Handlers
To promote safety and consistency, YHS-certified professional handlers are required for the In-Hand and Jump Chute divisions. YHS will provide at least one certified lead handler at each event, with two whenever feasible. Handler fees are included in the applicable class entry fees.

2.3 Qualification Requirements for Finals
Horses must earn the following score to qualify for the corresponding class at the Final:
-100 & 200 numbered classes: 7.5 or higher
-300 numbered classes: 7.0 or higher
-400 numbered classes: 7.0 or higher, or a clear round
-Class 500: 62% or higher

Qualification is class-specific; a qualifying result in one class does not qualify a horse for any other class. A horse that produces a double clear round in a USEF-rated Jumper class at the applicable age-appropriate height shall be deemed qualified for the age-appropriate 400 numbered class at the YHS Finals, provided official results are submitted to Management.

2.4 Stallion Performance Requirement Recognition
Stallions may compete in the Under Saddle divisions to obtain performance results required for NAS lifetime approval status and SF and BWP performance requirements. Heights and difficulty levels will correspond to age-appropriate divisions. Please contact the YHS office for additional information regarding stallion performance recognition.

3. Horse Welfare and Safety

3.1 Horse Welfare Policy
All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and sportsmanlike manner. Unsafe riding, abusive handling, or training practices inconsistent with the humane and progressive development of young horses will not be tolerated. The welfare, soundness, and long-term development of the horse are paramount. Horses must be presented fit to compete and not under the influence of medications or substances administered for the purpose of altering performance, suppressing pain, or masking unsoundness. Judges will allow for normal "young horse" mistakes; results should reflect training and preparation, not artificial enhancement. Management reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to excuse, disqualify, or remove any rider, handler, or horse from the competition grounds in the interest of safety or horse welfare. Participation in YHS Events constitutes agreement to uphold these standards.

3.2 Health Requirements
i. Horses over seven (7) months of age must be accompanied by documentation of vaccination for Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis – EHV-1 and EHV-4) administered within six (6) months (180 days) prior to arrival on the show grounds. Horses not in compliance may be denied entry or required to leave the premises at the discretion of Management. Vaccinations should be administered in accordance with manufacturer guidelines and/or veterinary recommendations.
ii. If vaccines are administered by a veterinarian, exhibitors must provide documentation upon request showing the horse's name, the vaccine administered, and the date of administration.
iii. If vaccines are administered by someone other than a veterinarian, exhibitors must provide proof of purchase of the vaccine along with documentation signed by the owner or authorized agent including the name of the vaccine, serial number (if available), expiration date, and date of administration.
iv. A current negative Coggins test (within 12 months, or as required by state law) is mandatory. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring all interstate health certificates and entry requirements are met prior to arrival.
v. Vaccination against West Nile Virus, Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus, and Rabies is strongly recommended. It is also strongly recommended that horses receive EHV-1 vaccination within 180 days prior to arrival.
vi. Exhibitors are expected to monitor their horses' temperatures prior to shipping and should not transport horses with elevated temperatures or signs of illness. Any horse developing a fever or signs of contagious illness while on the grounds must be reported immediately to Management.
vii. Management reserves the right to isolate, examine, or require removal of any horse exhibiting signs of illness. Isolation facilities may be designated on-site or coordinated with a local veterinary provider if necessary.

3.3 Protective Headgear
All riders mounted anywhere on the competition grounds must wear properly fastened protective headgear meeting ASTM/SEI standards for equestrian use and bearing the SEI tag. Protective headgear must be properly fitted with the harness secured at all times while mounted. Helmets are encouraged for all participants when handling, schooling, or leading horses anywhere on the competition grounds.

3.4 Adequate Footwear
All persons entering the competition grounds must wear adequate footwear with a closed toe.

4. Facility Conduct & Rules

4.1 Stabling & Facility Rules
Stalls are mandatory for all horses competing in 100 and 200 numbered classes unless the host is willing to allow trailer in. Stall assignments are made by Management and are final unless expressly modified by Management. Horses may not occupy any stall other than the one assigned. Subletting or exchanging stalls without prior approval is prohibited. Stalls used for tack, feed, storage, or any other purpose will be charged at the same rate as a regular horse stall. All such stalls are subject to the same assignment, occupancy, and transfer rules set forth above, including the prohibition on subletting, exchanging, or moving without prior approval. Barn aisles must remain clear at all times. No smoking or open flames are permitted in barn areas. Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining assigned stabling areas in a clean and orderly condition.

4.2 Trailer-In Policy
Where permitted by the host facility, horses may trailer in without purchasing a stall. Horses must be attended at all times and may not be tied to trailers. If Management determines that a trailer-in situation is unsafe, exhibitors may be required to purchase a stall or leave the grounds.

4.3 Dogs/Pets
Dogs and other pets must be on a leash or otherwise properly contained at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals and for any damage or injury caused. Any dog or pet found loose may be detained. Any dog or pet that disrupts a class or exhibitor's round may result in fines and financial responsibility for associated costs. Management reserves the right to remove from the premises, and/or bar future entry to, any animal displaying aggressive, unsafe, or disruptive behavior. Owners shall be financially and legally responsible for any damage or injury caused by their animals.

4.4 Schooling & Lunging Policy
Lunging is permitted only in designated areas. Schooling in competition arenas is permitted only during designated schooling times. The jump chute may only be used during scheduled schooling sessions and horses may only be handled in the jump chute by an approved YHS staff handler. Unauthorized use of the jump chute is prohibited. Management reserves the right to restrict or suspend schooling privileges in the interest of safety or horse welfare. If jumps are flagged, they must only be jumped in the correct direction (red on the right, white on the left).

5. Divisions & Class Specifications

5.1 Qualifier Divisions & Class Descriptions
5.1.1 General
There are five divisions. Horses may compete in more than one division and/or class appropriate to their age group.
5.1.2 In-Hand/At Liberty (Classes 101-104): 101 (Yearling)/102 (2-Year-Old)/103 (3-Year-Old)/104 (4-Year-Old)
Format
Open to all disciplines. Horses will be presented in-hand followed by a 2 to 3 minute at-liberty phase. At the judge's discretion, the at-liberty phase may be conducted first with in-hand presentation following.
Judging
The horses will be scored on conformation (30%), quality of all three gaits (30%), overall athleticism (30%) and overall impression (10%).
Minimum Score Needed to Qualify for Finals
7.5
Equipment Provisions
· Yearlings can compete in a halter (preferably leather) and a lead (chain shank optional).

· Two-year-olds can compete in a bridle with a bit with removable reins (clips) or a halter and a lead (chain shank optional).
·Horses or ponies 3 years and older will be required to compete in a bridle with a bit with removable reins (reins must have clips attaching them to the bit, no buckles or hook and stud closures).
· If a 3-year-old or older horse or pony has not or cannot be shown in a bridle with a bit, please notify show management prior to the start of the class so that we can notify the judge and avoid any issues with the judge or other participants.
· Chain shanks are permitted only when showing in a halter and may not be used with a bridle unless the horse has a halter over top of the bridle and the chain shank is attached to the halter and not the bridle. The bridle must have reins with removable clips attached for handling in the ring.
No boots or wraps are allowed.

5.1.3 Free Jumping (Classes 202-204): 202 (2-Year-Old)/203 (3-Year-Old)/204 (4-Year-Old)
Eligibility
Open to horses and ponies 2- to 4-years-old
Format
The jump chute is composed of 3 fences: a cross rail, a vertical and an oxer with a distance of approximately 21' between the first and second fence and 24' between the second and third. The distance will be modified slightly depending on the age group. Exhibitors may indicate to the handlers and/or officials the way their horse has been schooled. We will take it into consideration and adapt our system when possible. Our default system is for the horse to be walked or trotted into the jump chute, released and then caught at the end of the chute and/or preferably the use of the "Rond d'Avrincourt" when personnel is sufficient. Horses can be excused after 2 refusals, if their behavior is dangerous to our handlers or themselves, or if the judge or officials feel the horse's welfare is at stake (e.g., lack of preparation, lack of ability, fear, etc.) The jumps will initially be set at an inviting height so that the horse can become accustomed to the chute and then will raise the jumps accordingly. Placing rails may be placed to help the horse.
Judging
The horses will receive equally weighted scores for scope, technique, carefulness and willingness.
Minimum Score Needed to Qualify for Finals
7.5
Maximum Jump Dimensions
- Maximum dimensions for qualifiers (an increase of 3" will be optional at finals in each age group):
  - Two-year olds:
    - Maximum height: 1.10m (3'7"); Maximum width (oxer): 1.15m (3'9")
  - Three-year-olds:
    - Maximum height: 1.15m (3'9); Maximum width (oxer): 1.20m (3'11)
  - Four-year-olds:
    - Maximum height: 1.20m (3'11); Maximum width (oxer): 1.30m (4'3)

Equipment Provisions
- 2-year-olds can compete in a bridle with a bit with removable reins (clips) or a halter and a lead (chain shank optional).
- Horses or ponies 3 years and older will be required to compete in a bridle with a bit with removable reins (reins must have clips attaching them to the bit, no buckles or hook and stud closures).
- If a 3-year-old or older horse or pony has not or cannot be shown in a bridle with a bit, please notify show management prior to the start of the class so that we can notify the judge and avoid any issues with the judge or other participants.
- Chain shanks are permitted only when showing in a halter and may not be used with a bridle unless the horse has a halter over top of the bridle and the chain shank is attached to the halter and not the bridle. The bridle must have reins with removable clips attached for handling in the ring.
- Front boots or wraps are permitted
- Hind boots or wraps are not permitted.

5.1.4 Flat Under Saddle (Classes 303-306): 303 (3-Year-Old)/304 (4-Year-Old)/305 (5-Year-Old)/306 (6-Year-Old)
Format
Open to all disciplines.
Judges will assess the basic gaits of the horse under saddle and its rideability. Up to two horses and riders will be in the ring at once, when possible, with the judge(s) asking the riders to walk, trot, canter and lengthen the gaits.
Judging
Horses will be scored on the quality of their gaits under saddle, as well as their overall impression and rideability. The judge is looking for a horse that is relaxed, willing, and appropriately developed for its age. Emphasis will be placed on forward rhythm, balance, and a softly connected way of going that best showcases the quality of the horse's natural gaits. Horses will receive a score for walk (25%), trot (25%), canter (25%) and rideability (25%). The scores will be based on the individual horse, not on a relative basis.
Minimum Score Needed to Qualify for Finals
7.0
Equipment Provisions
- Riders may use a dressage, jumping or all-purpose saddle.
- Riders are encouraged to use a smooth snaffle or 3-piece bit.
- Pelhams, Kimberwicks, Elevator, Gags or Mikmars with shanks are prohibited.
- Riders may not use draw reins, side reins, chambons, de gogues, neck stretchers or any other head setting device in the class.
- Dressage whips or riding crops are permissible.
- Martingales are not permitted.

5.1.5 Jumping Under Saddle (Classes 404-406): 404 (4-Year-Old)/405 (5-Year-Old)/406 (6-Year-Old)
Eligibility
Open to all disciplines.
Format
This class modeled after European Young Horse classes, such as the "Bundeschampionat" Young Horse series in Germany, which are designed to assess a horse's jumping talent under saddle, while at the same time building confidence and experience. Horses will jump an age-appropriate course of approximately 8-10 jumps. Competitors may choose to jump one or two rounds. If a horse jumps two rounds, the low score will be discarded and the high score will be used for results, provided the higher scoring round receives a Finals-qualifying score of 7.0 or above. If neither round receives a score of 7.0 or higher, but one round is clear, the clear round will be used for results, as a clear round qualifies the horse for Finals. If neither round qualifies for finals—meaning both rounds score below a 7.0 and neither round is clear, the higher score will be used. The lower scoring round will be discarded unless it is a clear round required for qualification. Examples:
A) First round score 8.1 with 4 faults vs second round 7.2 clear – first round would be counted; B) First round 6.5 clear vs second round 6.9 with 4 faults – first round would be counted
Competitors may select from the provided height options for their class. There is no set scoring bonus for selecting a higher or lower height; however, judges may take height selection into account at their discretion. Results will be grouped by age and class number, not height (e.g. class #404 and #405 will each have a single set of results, with no separate results for 404A, 404B, etc.) Competitors who initially only entered one round may add a second round after completing their first round by notifying the gate steward. However, the competitor may need to wait for an additional score sheet to be created and provided for the judge and for an opening in the order of go rotation before being permitted to re-enter the ring. Competitors who have entered for two rounds may scratch their second round with no scoring penalty, but no refunds will be issued after the closing date.
Participants will also have the option to move up in height from the first round to the second round, but they will not be permitted to move down from the first round to the second at the same show. The course will start at the lowest height at the beginning of the day and progressively increase as the day continues. Different heights will not

run concurrently, meaning competitors wishing to jump a second round at a higher height will need to wait for their class's subsection to run. The course will not be adjusted up and down for individual competitors within a class.

Jump Height Options/Class Subsections:
Class #404: 4yr olds
404 A – Height – 2,6" (horses)/2' (ponies)
404 B – Height – 3' (horses)/2'6 (ponies)
404 C – Height – 3'3" (horses)/2'9 (ponies)
Class #405: 5yr olds
405 A - Height - 3' (horses)/2' (ponies)
405 B – Height – 3'6" (horses)/2'6 (ponies)
405 C – Height – 3'9" (horses)/2'9 (ponies)
Class #406: 6yr olds
406 A - Height - 3'3" (horses)/2' (ponies)
406 B - Height - 3'6" (horses)/2'6 (ponies)
406 C – Height – 3'9" (horses)/2'9 (ponies)
406 D – Height – 4' (horses)
Judging
The focus of the judging is on the horse's jumping "style" (e.g., scope, technique, carefulness and willingness). Horses should be ridden in a soft and balanced frame and with adequate pace that enables them to negotiate each jump in their best form. The course will be designed with an inviting course structure set with the young horse in mind. Time is neither set nor judged.
Minimum Score Needed to Qualify for Finals
7.0 or a clear round
Equipment Provisions

- Riders may use a jumping or all-purpose saddle.
- Riders are encouraged to use a smooth snaffle or 3-piece bit.
- Riders may not use draw reins, side reins, chambons, de gogues, neck stretchers or any other head setting device in the class.
- Standing and running martingales used in a conventional manner are permitted. All other martingales are prohibited. Martingales must be correctly fitted and must not restrict the horse's natural movement or apply excessive pressure.
- Front boots or wraps are permitted.
- Hind boots are permitted provided they are protective in nature and not designed to create additional pressure or mechanical advantage. Hind wraps not permitted.
- All boots and equipment are subject to inspection by Management or its designee at any time, including at the in-gate immediately following each round or rounds. Failure to present equipment for inspection upon request may result in elimination at the discretion of Management.
- The judge or Management, in its sole discretion, may prohibit, require adjustment or removal of, or eliminate any entry for equipment deemed improperly fitted, excessive, inappropriate, likely to cause discomfort or injury, or inconsistent with the welfare and progressive development of young horses, including but not limited to bits, nosebands, martingales, boots, or spurs.

5.1.6 Dressage Test of Choice: Class 500
Eligibility
Open to horses and ponies 4-6 years old (judging combined).
Format
Horses will demonstrate their basic rideability, harmony with their rider and willingness to perform using a test of their own choice (TOC) picked from any USEF, USDF, USEA or FEI dressage tests.
The tests can be performed by any horse and rider pairing of any discipline who is capable of walking, trotting, cantering, and halting. The tests incorporate all three gaits, basic changes of direction, circles and half-circles. Tests may be read for riders.
Judging
The judge is looking for a horse that is relaxed and willing to do his job. They look for balanced, smooth transitions and clear, rhythmic gaits. They also want to see circles that are balanced, round and the correct size, lines that are straight and immobile halts.
Directive ideas for the Dressage Test (also see FEI tests):
- Freedom and regularity of the gaits
- Impulsion, desire to move forward
- Elasticity of the steps, suppleness of the back and engagement of the hind legs
- Submission, adequate for each age group (acceptance of the bridle and lightness of the forehand)
- Attention and confidence

Minimum Score Needed to Qualify for Finals
62.00%
Equipment Provisions

- Riders may use a dressage, jumping or all-purpose saddle.
- Riders are encouraged to use an FEI-dressage legal bit for this class.
- Pelhams, Kimberwicks, Elevator, Gags or Mikmars with shanks are prohibited.
- Riders may not use draw reins, side reins, chambons, de gogues, neck stretchers or any other head setting device in the class.
- Dressage whips or riding crops are permissible.
- No boots or wraps may be used on the legs during the class.
- Martingales are prohibited.

5.1.7 Schooling/Warmup

Class #210 - Schooling Jump Chute
Open to horses and ponies one- to five-years-old.
YHS Handlers only inside the jump chute. This class will focus on the safety and comfort of the horse in a jump chute environment. These classes are for horses with little or no experience in a jump chute. It is also a good warm up class for more experienced horses prior to the 200 numbered classes. A good and relaxed experience for the horse will be the focus of the class. Heights of the fences and number of trips will not be relevant. This class is not judged. Not a qualifying class.

Class #W403 – Warm-Up Jumping Under Saddle
Height: Cross rails
Open to horses and ponies three- to seven-years-old.
Class #W404 – Warm-Up Jumping Under Saddle
Height options: 2'6, 2'9
Open to horses and ponies three- to seven-years-old.
Class #W405 – Warm-Up Jumping Under Saddle
Height options: 3', 3'6
Open to horses and ponies three- to seven-years-old.

5.2 Competition Procedures
5.2.1 Scoring
Each horse will receive a Final Score per class entered that will be based on a scale from 1 to 10 (0 to 20 at Finals) or a % for dressage tests.
5.2.2 Orders of Go
Participants are responsible for checking in with the in-gate and monitoring schedule changes. Order of go may be adjusted at the discretion of Management or the in-gate steward to accommodate conflicts or safety concerns. Failure to appear when called may result in being placed at the end of the order or excused from the class. The in-gate person remains in charge of the order of go or conflicts that may arise.
For 300, 400, and 500 numbered classes, we will provide an order of go with tentative times. These times will fluctuate due to unforeseen events such as weather, multiple horses per rider or Horse/Rider preparedness, safety, etc. We recommend that all riders check with the in-gate person prior to coming to the ring in order to avoid waiting and delays.

5.2.3 Falls & Judge Authority
If a rider falls or voluntarily dismounts without being directed to do so by the judge, the horse and rider combination will ordinarily be excused from the class. However, the judge may, in their sole discretion, permit the combination to continue if they determine it is safe and appropriate to do so. A horse fall results in elimination. A horse is considered to

have fallen when both the shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched the ground, or when the horse's shoulder and haunch on the same side have touched an obstacle and the ground. At all times, the judge retains the authority to excuse any rider/horse or handler/horse combination that, in the judge's discretion, appears unsafe or irregular in its gaits.

5.2.4 Awards & Prize Distribution
Ribbons and/or prize money will be awarded as specified in the applicable Prize List. The number of placings and any prize money offered shall be determined by Management and may vary by class or event. Management reserves the right to adjust awards or prize money in the event of class cancellations, insufficient entries, or other circumstances deemed appropriate by Management. Unless otherwise stated in the Prize List, no prize money is guaranteed. Prize money is NOT applied to the invoice at the show. All prize money is mailed within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the show to the owner listed on the entry form, or the Payee if given. Prize money will only be mailed if the owner's or payee's W-9 Form is on file with the show office, and all balances are paid. Foreign competitors must include a U.S. Tax ID Number on their entry form or will be asked to complete a W-8BEN or W-8 Certificate of Foreign Status Form. A new W-9 form is required for each calendar year.

5.2.5 Presentation & Attire
Riders and handlers are expected to present themselves in neat, clean, and safe attire appropriate for equestrian competition. Formal show attire is not required; however, clothing must be suitable for riding and handling horses and must not pose a safety risk. Braiding is optional in all divisions unless otherwise specified in the Prize List. Horses should be presented in a tidy and workmanlike manner consistent with their age and stage of training. Management reserves the right to require adjustments to attire that is deemed unsafe or inappropriate.

6. Finals Special Rules

6.1 Finals Entries

All Finals entries must be submitted online through HorseSpot. Horses that were not previously qualified and that qualify during the qualifier held immediately prior to the Finals may enter online without incurring a late entry fee, provided the entry is submitted by 11:59 p.m. local time on the day before the applicable Finals class is scheduled to begin.

6.2 Finals Jump Chute
Placing rails will not be used during Finals unless, in the judgment of the Jump Chute crew and officials, their use is necessary for the safety of the horse. If placing rails are used during Finals, one (1) point will be deducted from the horse's final score. This provision applies to Finals only and does not apply to qualifiers.

6.3 Finals Jump Heights:
At Finals, maximum jump heights may be increased by up to three inches (3") from the published qualifier maximums at the discretion of the judge and Management.

6.4 Finals Scoring:
Finals scores are from 0 to 20 (except in Class 500: Dressage Test of Choice, which will remain a %).

7. Financial Policies
7.1 Fees and Payment
All entries must be accompanied by an approved form of payment. Accepted forms of payment may include check, credit card, debit card, Venmo, Zelle, PayPal, or other electronic payment platforms as approved by Management. All entries must be secured by a credit card on file or an open check. Entries submitted without a valid form of payment will not be processed. All credit card charges are subject to an Administrative/Convenience Fee as disclosed in the online entry platform.

7.2 Billing Disputes
All open balances will be finalized at the conclusion of competition using the payment method provided with the entry. Exhibitors are responsible for reviewing all charges and notifying the show office of any discrepancies within one (1) hour of the close of competition. Charges not disputed within that timeframe will be considered final.

7.3 Non-Negotiable Funds
A fee of $150, plus applicable collection costs, will be assessed for all non-negotiable funds, including declined checks, declined credit cards, or disputed charges.

7.4 Scratch & Refund Policy
7.4.1Qualifier Refunds & Scratches
Office fees are non-refundable under any circumstances. Class and grounds fees are refundable until the published closing date of the competition. Stall or Trailer-In fees are refundable up to seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of the competition in cases of documented injury or illness. Appropriate documentation must be provided to Management. No refunds shall be issued for scratches made during the competition.
7.4.2Finals Refunds & Scratches
For Finals classes only: Any horse that qualifies during a qualifier held in the same week as the Finals and is subsequently entered into the corresponding Finals class must be scratched no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the applicable Finals class in order to avoid being charged.
Horses that qualified at any prior qualifier are subject to the standard Scratch & Refund Policy.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

** Schedule will be updated once entries are received. Times and class order subject to change. Please check the ring schedule in HorseSpot for updates. Depending on the number of entries received, we may start the flat under saddle classes in the late afternoon on Friday. Updates will be provided but if you are planning on entering and *definitely would* or *definitely would not* want to do your flat classes on Friday, please contact Megan.

Friday	Saturday
Times subject to change **FLAT ARENA** **Schooling** Schooling Session 1: 9:00am-3:00pm Schooling Session 2: 6:00pm-7:00pm **JUMP CHUTE** **Schooling (#210)** Start Time: (TBC - Estimate 12:00pm) **JUMPING ARENA** **Schooling** Estimated Start Time: 11:00am W403 Warm Up Jumping U/S - Cross rails W404 Warm Up Jumping U/S - 2'6 W405 Warm Up Jumping U/S - 3' or 3'6 *** **FLAT ARENA** **Competition - Tentative** *Depending on the number of entries* Estimated Start: 4:00PM 303 Three-Year-Old Flat Under Saddle 304 Four-Year-Old Flat Under Saddle 305 Five-Year-Old Flat Under Saddle 306 Six-Year-Old Flat Under Saddle 500 Dressage Test of Choice	*Times subject to change* **FLAT ARENA** Estimated Start: 8:00AM 303 Three-Year-Old Flat Under Saddle 304 Four-Year-Old Flat Under Saddle 305 Five-Year-Old Flat Under Saddle 306 Six-Year-Old Flat Under Saddle 500 Dressage Test of Choice **JUMPING ARENA** (after flat classes) 304 Four-Year-Old Jumping Under Saddle 305 Five-Year-Old Jumping Under Saddle 306 Six-Year-Old Jumping Under Saddle **JUMP CHUTE** (after undersaddle classes) 101 Yearling In-Hand/At Liberty 102&202 Two-Year-Old In-Hand/At Liberty & Jump Chute 103&203 Three-Year-Old In-Hand/At Liberty & Jump Chute 104&204 Four-Year-Old In-Hand/At Liberty & Jump Chute *Note: There will be a 45 minute - 1 hour lunch break in the middle of the day.*

Enter online!

Online Entries for 2026

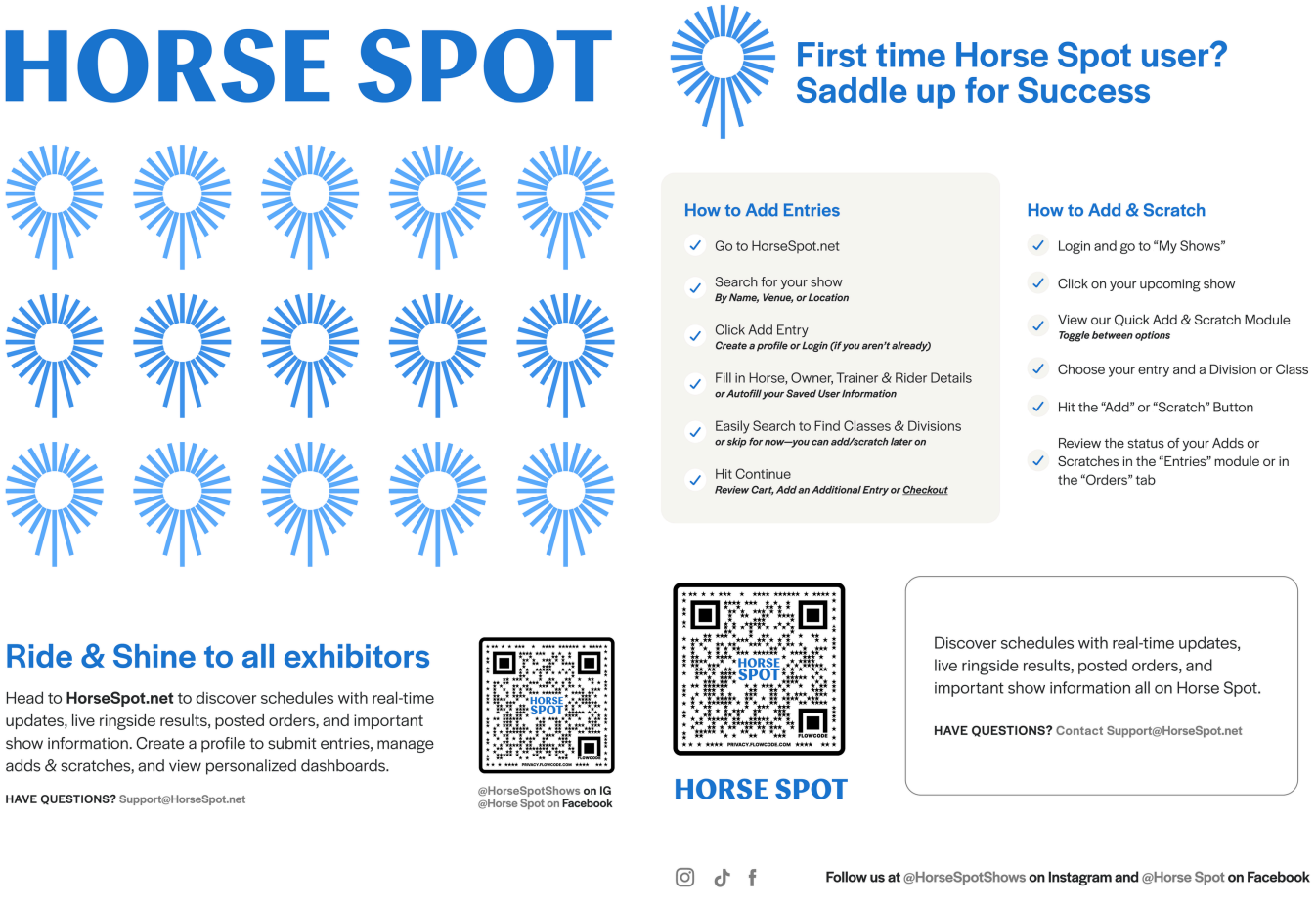
For the 2026 season, all entries must be completed online through Horse Spot and all horses will need a YHS Annual Membership to compete. To sign up for your membership, please create a Horse Spot account or log in to an existing account and visit the Young Horse Show Series Organization page at: https://horsespot.net/yhsorg/o

Then click on "Become a Member" to sign up and upload your horse's registration documents for verification. Once your horse or pony has a YHS membership number, you can enter online on Horse Spot:

https://horsespot.net/shows/282684ca-dc09-419a-f8f8-08deaabfd7ad

Entries open July 1, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the show manager, Megan, by email, phone call, or text at meganpb@mac.com or 434-227-0994.



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Thank you and good luck to all the competitors!