

North Carolina 4-H State Horse Show Schooling

General Information: *(Please note that all Western Exhibitors must display their exhibitor number on both sides of the saddle pad when SHOWING).*

Only horses registered in the show are allowed on the show grounds during the show and only persons registered in the show are allowed to be on the horses anywhere on the show grounds. No adult is allowed on a horse anywhere or at any time the horse is on the show grounds without written permission of the schooling organizer or show management.

*** All riders should check in at the show office and receive their show packets before any schooling. However, if a rider arrives on the grounds during the hours the show office is closed, they will be allowed to school with a hand written number if they present their Coggins verification slip to the schooling supervisor. No-one will be allowed to school using a show number other than the physical number provided in their show packet without the Coggins verification form.**

1. Schooling in the main and covered arenas is restricted to times and disciplines listed on the schooling schedule provided in the show packet, and then only if an approved schooling supervisor is present at the arena. Otherwise these arenas are closed to all horses and riders, and anyone found riding or working their horse in the arena will be reported to the show office for possible disciplinary action.
2. The schooling supervisors are in charge of the main and covered arenas during schooling, and have the right to ask any rider to leave the arena if their actions are judged to be reckless or dangerous. Anyone refusing to leave the arena when asked, or any rider, parent or trainer who refuses to take direction from, argues with, or is rude to the schooling supervisor will be reported to the show office for disciplinary action.
3. Schooling is permitted in the outdoor arenas at any time during the show as long as there is an adult watching the rider. Use of these arenas is on a first come, first serve basis, and we expect the riders to be considerate of others and to exercise good judgment to insure that everyone in the ring is safe.
4. No lounging is permitted in either the main or covered arenas at any time. Lounging is permitted in any of the outdoor rings, or anywhere else on the grounds that is not being used for show related activities (ie: holding pen for horses that have been inspected by the DQP in the non-trotting classes or set up with the dressage arena).
5. Riders must have their number either on the horse or on their person anytime they are mounted, anywhere on the show grounds. In order to be permitted to school in either the main or covered arenas, this must be the actual number provided in their show packet, not a hand written or computer generated copy, or **the exhibitors must provide their coggins slip in lieu of using the actual number.**
6. The evening schooling schedule is always conditional, depending on when the show classes end for the day. If the show runs late, we will try to make sure everyone who has signed up for over fences schooling has a chance to school, however the rings must close no later than midnight.
7. The main and covered arenas are closed to all horses and riders between midnight and 6 AM, with the exception of Friday morning, when the over fences schooling in the main arena begins at 5:00AM since the over fences classes begin at 7:00 AM. No horses or riders are to be in these arenas during these hours.

Tack and Attire:

1. Saddles and bridles are required when schooling in either the main or covered arenas.
2. All riders must have appropriate footwear, which is defined as a shoe or boot with functional heel. Regular riding boots, paddock boots and heels down are considered appropriate. Athletic shoes, flip flops, other shoes without a heel or bare feet are not permitted. All riders must wear long pants when on horseback, even if they are riding in chaps.
3. All hunter riders are required to wear an ASTM/SEI certified safety helmet with *fastened* harness whenever mounted. The schooling supervisor has the right to ask the rider to remove their helmet to check for the required certification.

Over Fences Schooling:

1. Over fences schooling times are designated by fence height. During the schooling time: fences may be raised or lowered as long as they are not set higher than the maximum height for that schooling time. We ask that those adjusting the fences be courteous to all riders in the ring when resetting the fence heights.
2. Riders must sign up for over fences schooling. The times are broken down into 15 minute periods, with a maximum of 8 riders per period. Each rider may sign up for only one 15 minute period per schooling session. Each morning and afternoon is a separate schooling session.
3. The fences will be 'flagged' by the show jump course crew so that all the riders will be taking the fence from the same direction. Any rider jumping a fence 'backward' will be warned once, and then excused from the area the second time. No one but the jump course crew will be permitted to change the way a jump is 'flagged'.

Flat Schooling:

1. No signup is required for 'Flat' or 'Open' schooling. Riders are allowed in the ring on a first come, first serve basis. Riders must check in with the schooling supervisor prior to entering the ring. The supervisor will allow as many riders in the ring as they deem safe. Each rider will be allowed a minimum of 15 minutes, but if the ring becomes crowded or if there are more riders are waiting to enter the ring, those who have been in the longest will be asked to leave.
2. The supervisor has the authority to allow horse to be hand walked in the arena during flat schooling, provided the ring is not crowded and the horse is under control.
3. Riders for Games Schooling must be in a western saddle and must be wearing an approved safety helmet with a fastened harness.
4. Flat schooling is designated on the schooling schedule by riding discipline, and that discipline has control of the ring for that schooling period. If they choose to, they may allow riders from other disciplines to use the ring with them, but that is completely up to them. The only exceptions are Games and Little Britches schooling, which is restricted only to the riders in those divisions.