

FREE STATE RIDING CLUB
2023 OPEN HORSE SHOWS PRIZE LIST

www.freestateridingclub.org

SHOW DATES: Jun 3 & 24, Sept 9 & 30, Oct 28
SHOW TIME: Saturday 9:00 AM
GATES OPEN: 6:30 AM
SHOW GROUNDS: 12300 Fletchertown Road, Bowie, MD

MEMBERS: Pre-Entry \$15 Show Day \$17 **NON-MEMBERS:** \$20
OFFICE FEE: \$15 per entry per show
EXHIBITION: \$5 per run
For Pre-registration information please e-mail fsrcboard@gmail.com

Shows will be CANCELLED due to heat index exceeding 95°F or EXCESSIVE rains.

BRING WATER FOR YOUR HORSE limited water on the show grounds

Free State Riding Club presents a series of horse shows designed to help both horses and riders. We offer a fun and rewarding experience for rider, horse, parents, and friends. Our great hope is that everyone leaves with an incredibly happy experience at the end of the day. Our shows offer classes aimed at all levels of riding expertise, with a major focus on green horses, novice riders of all ages, and those wanting to progress in their riding abilities. Six ribbons are awarded in each class. Championship ribbons for each division will be presented at our shows. For more information, please check the website. In case of forecasted heat or rain please check our Facebook page or you may also call Nancy's cell after 6:00 AM on show day, for cancellation information. After 6:00 AM on show day if lost or any questions, contact Nancy's cell (571) 230-0612 or Belinda's cell (301) 906-4975.

DIRECTIONS:

- From Capital Beltway: Take Exit 20A (MD 450-E), and bear Right onto MD 564-E (Lanham-Severn Rd) toward Lanham; turn Right onto MD 193 (Glenn Dale Blvd); go over the bridge and turn Left at light onto Prospect Hill Rd; after passing Hillmeade Rd (on Right) the road curves to the right (about ½ mile), drive is on Left at FSRC sign.
- From points South (Calvert Co): Take US 301-N; turn Left onto MD-197; turn Left onto MD 450-W; turn Right onto Hillmeade Rd; at the stop sign, turn Right onto Fletchertown Rd; just after the road curves to the right, drive is on Left at FSRC sign.
- From points North (AA County): Take US 301-S; turn Right onto MD 450-W; continue through Bowie to light at Hillmeade Rd; turn Right onto Hillmeade Rd; at the stop sign, turn Right onto Fletchertown Rd; just after the road curves to the right, drive is on Left at FSRC sign.

RULES:

1. FSRC pointed shows are open to everyone. Joining the Club provides participants the opportunity to receive year-end points and awards. **IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A YEAR-END AWARD RIDER/HORSE COMBINATION MUST SHOW IN A MINIMUM OF 4 POINTED SHOWS**
2. The Judges' decisions are **final**.
3. FSRC will not be responsible for injuries to horses, riders, spectators or anyone on the premises at any time. Furthermore, FSRC will not be responsible for damage and/or theft of property while on Club premises at any time.
4. **Current Negative Coggins & EHV-1 Vaccine (biosecurity)** certificates are required for ALL horses or ponies upon entering the show grounds. FSRC will keep a copy of these on file for you for one show season. **NO COGGINS IS CARRIED OVER** to the next year. Note: EHV-1 can be given every 90 days, 1 horse may receive the vaccine 4 times in a year.
5. ASTM or SEI approved helmets are required for all English discipline riders and all riders under the age of 18 entering a speed class. It is **HIGHLY** encouraged and recommended for all riders.
6. Dogs must be always leashed.
7. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are permitted on the show grounds at any time.
8. Good sportsmanship and respect for all show participants, including volunteers and spectators should be always maintained, as well as the promotion of values as expressed by the FSRC By-Laws. The use of profanity in a public manner on the show grounds is discouraged. Habitual use of profanity could result in someone being asked to leave the show grounds.
9. Substances which affect the performance of any horse or pony are prohibited. Anyone seen using the drugs on horses at the show grounds will be asked to leave. These substances include stimulants, depressants, tranquilizers, and psychotropic drugs.
10. Schooling times are defined as when the rings and warm up area are open prior to show start, during the lunch break, when the small ring has completed its classes, and after the show is finished. Lunging for all horses in the LARGE ring will be from 7:00 until 7:20 AM, in the SMALL ring from 7:00 until 8:00 AM. All other schooling (jumping or rail work) will be available until the rings are cleared by the Show Manager.
11. To audit in riding classes, riders will pay the entry fee and remove their entry number. They will not be judged, pinned in the class, or accumulate year end points.

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12. No coaching by any means is allowed once horse and rider have entered the ring for judging and the gate closes (see #13 for Tiny Tot exception). Coaching is defined as aiding, assisting, providing instruction, or helping a rider or horse at any time while the class is being judged. Safety is our highest priority. Should an unsafe situation (e.g. rider fall, unexpected and dangerous horse behavior) arise during a class, FSRC volunteers, parents, and coaches are permitted to enter the ring immediately. The class will continue after the rider and horse have left the ring safely. For rider safety/security purposes an instructor, parent, or other person may stand in the middle of the ring while a riding class is being judged. That person must have permission from the Show Manager and be in the middle of the ring before the judging starts. However, any interference, coaching, or assistance of any manner given to a rider unless it is a riding emergency will result in disqualification. The judge has the authority to remove any person from the ring should it become necessary to judge the class. Any horse/rider combination may be excused from any class at the request of the Show Manager or judge if considered dangerous to themselves or others.
13. Assistance/help in the ring while being judged may be given during Tiny Tots classes. Our judges know how to place little ones when some are being helped and others are riding on their own. Any rider in the Tiny Tots divisions may participate in higher level youth divisions. No year-end points will be counted for the rider or horse in the lower division and entry fees are required.
14. Assistance may be provided to hearing-impaired riders while being judged. This may include the use of transmission devices. The assistance must be given by the judge and/or the ring announcer to ensure that all commands, directions, and communication given during competition are heard clearly by all. A person associated with the hearing-impaired rider may issue the instructions personally, however he/she must stand with the announcer while the class is being judged. Those needing assistance must receive approval in advance from the Show Manager.
15. Proper Dress is required for all classes except Young Riders Divisions. For instance, jackets and gloves are worn in Equitation classes. Western hats and chaps are worn in Horsemanship classes. However, we strongly encourage the wearing of helmets instead of the Western hats with no penalty.
16. All tack must be compliant with our affiliate organizations (e.g. Paint and Appaloosa Show associations) regulations, including bits and spurs. For instance, Western horses over the age of five years must be shown in curb bits. Hackamores may be used in timed events only. Dr. Cook's Bit Less Bridles are allowed.
17. FSRC reserves the right to cancel, divide, or combine any class (including trail and command) based on participation and/or for safety purposes. However, classes with one rider may be judged on the Danish system. Points for classes not pinned separately at any one of the shows will accrue in the appropriate division (e.g. junior or senior age group, English or western discipline) for year-end awards.
18. Showmanship points will count in respective equitation/horsemanship divisions by age group. Bridles must be worn by a horse/pony over 2 years of age when shown in English Showmanship classes.
19. Unless stated otherwise in class descriptions, pony size is 14.2 hands and under. Adults may show ponies in any class.
20. Trail classes are not run in any specified order. Trail classes will be open when obstacles are set and for 2 hours so riders can schedule their trail class within their show schedule. After 2 hours we will announce Trail Ring will be closing in 30 minutes and this will be the final call for entries to ride the trail pattern.

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YOUNG RIDER DIVISIONS

PROPER DRESS IS NOT REQUIRED FOR RIDERS IN THE FSRC YOUNG RIDERS' DIVISIONS
ALL DIVISIONS MAY BE DIVIDED BY DISCIPLINE DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF ENTRIES

ENGLISH & WESTERN TINY TOTS – This division is for riders 9 years & under. Riders may NOT compete in any classes that require a gait faster than a Jog or Trot. All riders will be judged on hands and/or seat, control of mount, and over all appearance of the pair. All participants will be awarded a ribbon on show day. CLASSES WILL BE DIVIDED BY RIDERS AGE WHEN OVER 12 ENTRIES.

CLASSES: 1, 5, 6, & 7

RANCH LEAD LINE – This division is for Western riders 9 years & under. Leader must be 18 or older. Proper attire for rider and leader. All riders will be judged on hands and/or seat, control of mount, and over all appearance of the pair.
Class: 4

ENGLISH PUDDLE JUMPERS - Riders may not show in Tiny Tots. This is a WALK-TROT division AT 12” for English riders UNDER AGE 13. Judge may ask riders to perform individually. Over fences classes will be a full course with a range of stadium and eventer jumps. Six Ribbons will be awarded on show day. CLASSES WILL BE DIVIDED BY RIDERS AGE WHEN OVER 12 ENTRIES.

CLASSES: 1, 9 & 10

JUNIOR SENIOR DIVISIONS

PROPER DRESS IS REQUIRED FOR RIDERS IN THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS
JUNIOR/SENIOR DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF ENTRIES

ENGLISH EQUITATION WALK-TROT 18”

Riders may cross enter any divisions requirements permitting. This is WALK-TROT division AT 18”. Judge may ask riders to perform individually. Over fences classes will be a full course with a range of stadium and eventer jumps. Six Ribbons will be awarded on show day.

- EQUITATION: All riders will be judged on hands, seat, and control of mount. CLASSES; 1, 14 & 15

WESTERN WALK-JOG

Riders may cross enter any divisions requirements permitting. This is a WALK-JOG division. Judge may ask riders to perform individually. Six Ribbons will be awarded on show day.

- SHOWMANSHIP & HORSEMANSHIP: All riders will be judged on hands and/or seat, control of mount, and over all appearance of the pair.
- WESTERN PLEASURE & TRAIL: All mounts will be judges on performance, manners, and quality of movement.
- CLASSES: 1, 27, 35 & 36

ENGLISH EQUITATION WALK-TROT-CANTER 18”-2’

Riders may cross enter any divisions requirements permitting. This is a WALK-TROT-CANTER division. Judge may ask riders to perform individually. Over fences classes will be a full course with a range of stadium and eventer jumps. Six ribbons will be awarded on show day.

- EQUITATION: All riders will be judged on hands, seat, and control of mount. CLASSES: 1, 19 & 20

WESTERN WALK-JOG-LOPE

Riders may cross enter any divisions requirements permitting. This is a WALK-JOG-LOPE division. Judge may ask riders to perform individually. Six Ribbons will be awarded on show day.

- SHOWMANSHIP & HORSEMANSHIP: All riders will be judged on hands and/or seat, control of mount, and over all appearance of the pair.
- WESTERN PLEASURE & TRAIL: All mounts will be judges on performance, manners, and quality of movement.
- CLASSES: 1, 27, 36 & 37

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OPEN HORSE DIVISIONS

The following divisions are judged solely on the horse/pony and therefore any rider (beginner, amateur or professional) may enter.

COMFORMATION

Open to any horse or pony, of any breed, shown in halters or bridle, as defined by breed type. Ponies are defined as 14.2 hands or under. Each entry will be judged according to type, quality, soundness, & substance, with emphasis on structure, faults, defects & blemishes in areas which may impair the durability of the horse or pony. THIS class may be DIVIDED BY GENDER due to participation.

CLASS: 2

RANCH HALTER

Open to any horse or pony, of any breed, shown in PLAN OR ROPE halters, as defined by breed type. Ponies are defined as 14.2 hands or under. Each entry will be judged according to type, quality, soundness, & substance, with emphasis on structure, faults, defects & blemishes in areas which may impair the durability of the horse or pony IN PREFORMING RANCH TASKS. THIS class may be DIVIDED BY GENDER due to participation.

CLASS: 3

OPEN WESTERN RANCH HORSE WALK-TROT or WALK-TROT-CANTER

Open to any horses or ponies. Should have reasonably loose rein, stand quietly, back readily, perform 360 turns & dismount when asked. Emphasis is on ability as a RANCH HORSE. Judge may ask riders to perform individually.

WALK/TROT: 3, 29, 31, 33 & 39 WALK/TROT/LOPE: 3, 30, 32, 34, 40

GREEN HUNTER WALK-TROT or CANTER

Open to HORSE/PONY that is in their first FIVE years of showing. These are WALK-TROT OR CANTER divisions. Horses/ponies will be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Martingales are ONLY allowed over fences. Go-As-You-Please - To be shown both ways of the ring at the walk, trot and "Go-As-You-Please" gait. Each rider can choose to trot or canter during the "Go-As-You-Please" command, whichever gait best shows off their mount's pleasurable qualities. No penalty will be assessed for choosing to trot instead of canter Jump height for this division is set at 12" or 18".

CLASSES: 11, 12 & 13

ENGLISH HUNTER WALK-TROT 18"

This is a WALK-TROT division for all Horses/Ponies. Judge may ask riders to perform individually. Over fences classes will be a full course with a range of stadium and eventer jumps set 18". Horses/ponies will be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Martingales are ONLY allowed over fences. Six Ribbons will be awarded on show day.

- HUNTER: All mounts will be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. CLASSES: 16, 17 & 18

ENGLISH HUNTER WALK-TROT-CANTER 18"-2'

This is a WALK-TROT-CANTER division for all Horses/Ponies. Judge may ask riders to perform individually. Over fences classes will be a full course with a range of stadium and eventer jumps set 18". Horses/ponies will be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. Martingales are ONLY allowed over fences. Six Ribbons will be awarded on show day.

- HUNTER: All mounts will be judged on performance, manners, and way of going. CLASSES: 21, 22 & 23

SPEED EVENTS

BARRELS, PLUG & POLES

Each class will be run as their own separate timed divisions.

Penalty of 4 seconds will be added to the overall run time for downed barrels of poles.

Each division will have the possibility of being a JACKPOT CLASS.

Riders who wish to have a JACKPOT CLASS must check the jackpot box on their entry forms.

A minimum of 4 riders must request the classes be run as a jackpot.

These 4 riders will contribute \$20 each to the pot. FSRC will then add \$20 & ask for anyone else to "SWEETIN' THE POT" (\$100 pot minimum).

The pot will be split 70% to Champion 30% to Reserve. Riders under 18 years of age MUST COMPET IN A HELMET.

Boots with a heel & jeans are required for all riders. T-shirts or long sleeves are permitted.

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