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## WHAT'S NEW AT CHAGRIN VALLEY FARMS?

### Horse Shows 101

If you're newer to the horse show world, or a trainer who will be introducing riders to schooling shows in 2018, this horse show primer can help you get the most from your experience.



#### Who's who at the horse show?

The **Horse Show Manager** is responsible for the overall horse show coordination and operation to keep the show running smoothly.

The **Show Secretary** covers everything in the office including entries, payments, recording results for association points and championships.

The **In-Gate Coordinator** keeps exhibitors moving into the ring and overseeing the order they ride.

**Jump crew** assists in setting up and tearing down courses and replacing jump rails when there is a knockdown, moving fences and dragging the ring to keep footing smooth.

The **judge** is a qualified official who conducts the classes based on USEF, OPHA or other appropriate rules and determines who will be awarded which ribbon for each event.

The **steward** enforces rules of the sanctioning organization to assure that the exhibitors and horse show abide by proper conduct and procedures.

The **announcer** uses the PA system to introduce riders in the ring, results, and instructions. The names announced are given to the announcer by the show office and the results are provided by the judge

#### Tips for having a positive horse show experience

We asked the show team at Chagrin Valley Farms how to have a positive horse show experience during schooling and academy shows. Here are their top tips:

- Call before you get to the horse show and make sure you have a stall if you are planning on renting one. **Space is limited** and they do sell out.
- Be **considerate** of riders, spectators and show staff—everyone wants to have a good show and it starts with treating others well, even if you are nervous or stressed.
- When you are **schooling** be aware of traffic flow and go with the flow whenever possible. When approaching a jump, call out – “Jump” or “Heads Up at the Jump” to prevent accidents. Schooling closes at 9:30 p.m. so please plan accordingly and remember lunging is only allowed in the back ring.
- **Check in** at the in-gate with the person on duty before your division starts so you know your jump order and when you will show so you can be ready in time.
- Be prepared and **learn your courses** before it is time to go in the ring. They are posted in advance near the in-gate.
- The in-gate is a busy area and it can also be dangerous. Don't crowd or stand horses in the in-gate area.
- While we encourage showing in multiple divisions, please be **mindful of overusing** the horses, particularly if they are being shared by other riders.
- We welcome all exhibitors and encourage newcomers to the sport. Please feel free to ask horse show management if you have questions or concerns.



### Horse Show Fees Explained

**Horse shows charge several fees to offset the high cost of running an event. Here are the most common fees:**

**Entry fees** – Exhibitors pay a fee for every class or division entered. If you pre-enter before the show begins, there is a \$2 per class savings. Pre-entries must be received and paid in full by noon on Friday before the horse show.

**Grounds fee** – Exhibitors are charged a grounds fee for each horse which is used to cover show grounds and equipment maintenance associated with operating horse shows. When horses are shared by more than one rider, the grounds fee is shared between the riders, usually split in the show office.

**Stall rental** – Exhibitors may rent a temporary show stall for their horse on a daily basis.

**Haul-in/Trailer-in fee** – Exhibitors who do not have a show stall for their horse are charged a haul-in/trailer-in fee for each day at the show.

**Bedding/shavings** – Chagrin Valley Farms offers stall bedding (bagged shavings) as a convenience to our customers who are showing with us, however, you are welcome to bring your own bedding if you prefer. Shavings are charged based on our cost for a truckload. A typical stall set up will use 3-4 bags of shavings, however, this is a matter of personal preference.

Chagrin Valley Farms' goal is to keep horse showing costs down, while balancing the need for providing a quality facility. There are very few top horse show facilities left in Northeast Ohio and we appreciate your support as we strive to maintain a top facility with considerable value for all levels of horse show participants.

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