

# Westminster

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### Horse Show Bible

#### Overview

This document is intended to provide information for WF clients about horse showing in rated horse shows. However, much of the information is also applicable to the local shows. Additionally, this information is subject to change as the discretion of Ashley Morrison and other approved personnel.

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## Relevant Resources

### The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF)

[www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)

For rated shows, riders must be members of USEF and the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA).

Membership can be completed through this website.

Horses/Ponies must have a current recording with USEF and USHJA.

Horses/ponies and riders can be looked up to determine National and Zone Points awarded, qualified pony lists for pony finals and Junior Hunter finals.

### The United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA)

[www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org)

### The Alabama Hunter Jumper Association (AHJA)

[www.alabamahunterjumpers.org](http://www.alabamahunterjumpers.org)

For local shows, riders/horse/pony must be current members of AHJA. Membership can be completed through this website.

Points, horse show dates, schedules, and prize lists can be checked on this website.

### Horse Shows Online

[www.horseshowsonline.com](http://www.horseshowsonline.com)

On this website, information about both local and rated shows can be found. To access information about a specific horse show, go to show selector and locate show. The number of entries by division are also included.

### Ryegate Show Services

[www.ryegate.com](http://www.ryegate.com)

If you show in Children/Adult hunter divisions or Children/Adult Jumpers, you need to be a member of the North American League (NAL) and Washington International Horse Show (WIHS). This can be done through Ryegate's website.

### Individual Show Company Websites

[www.eliteshowjumping.com](http://www.eliteshowjumping.com)

[www.equusevents.com](http://www.equusevents.com)

[www.brownlandfarms.com](http://www.brownlandfarms.com)

[www.classiccompany.com](http://www.classiccompany.com)

These websites include information and prize lists for many of the rated shows Westminster attends. On some prize lists, hotel and lodging recommendations may be available.

[www.westminsterfarm.com](http://www.westminsterfarm.com)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### When do most rated horse shows begin and end?

For most rated shows, people arrive on Thursday evening and show Friday-Sunday. Friday is typically considered a “warm up day” for both riders and horses. Saturday and Sunday are when riders compete in their designated divisions. Friday showing is not required and if riders cannot miss school, competing on Saturday and Sunday is certainly fine. Some schedules may be different at certain shows, but this schedule is typically how the weekend runs.

### What are riders’ responsibilities and expectations regarding horse grooming, preparation and overall care and preparation during the weekend?

Horses receive full care during rated shows. This means that Westminster grooms and trainers handle all the riding preparation, tacking up horses, bathing, wrapping and medication administration. Riders can arrive prior to showing in and leave when finished. However, we encourage and welcome families and riders to arrive earlier and/or stick around to support and encourage other riders as well as to watch and learn from other more experienced riders.

### What time should riders be at the show grounds and ready to ride?

Typically, in the morning, we have a good idea of what time frame riders show that day because the ingate show staff have estimated division times written up on boards which are helpful. To inform parents and riders of their show time, a group text will be sent before 8 a.m. to all parents and riders. One helpful resource we encourage parents and riders to become familiar with using is [www.horseshowsonline.com](http://www.horseshowsonline.com). This resource provides information about how many entries for each division along with each horse’s name, rider number and the class results once all riders have competed.

### Is it appropriate for a parent or a rider to ask the ingate workers about show timetables and ring status?

Yes, after you arrive on time, go to the ring where you will show and ask the ingate staff the status of the ring. They will tell you. As trainers, we are running from ring to ring and may not hear announcements. Thus, it is your job to be aware of how the ring is moving—on time or late—to give yourself plenty of time to get dressed and tell the Westminster staff to get your horse ready.

Please remember that the ingate people have a job to keep the horse show moving efficiently. If we have two riders going at the same time and in two different rings, we defer to the ingate staff to tell us who we need to train first. Please do not be upset or assume that this decision is based on rider preference but rather we are following the ingate staff directions.

### Where is the best place to watch the horse show competitors? Are there stands to sit or should chairs be brought to the facility?

Most of the shows have places to sit so it is not necessary to bring chairs unless you prefer to have one. If you would like, you could always have one handy to carry to ring. At the barn set up, we usually do a set up with chairs, bench, table, tent, etc... We prefer that only our matching chairs and barn things be put in the set up to maintain the matching clean look. Snacks and holiday themed decorations are always welcome.

### How do I pay for my horse show bill?

At the end of the show, you go to show office and pay your show bill. A typical show bill at a rated show will run \$600-\$1200. This includes the stall, shavings, hay, groom stalls, entry fees. We have groom stalls, feed stalls and sometimes a camper. Those costs go into the trainer split fees that you see on the show bill. The show office usually takes a credit card or check for payment.

### Are the horse show bills paid at the facility the same as the Westminster horse show bills?

No—these are two different bills. The Westminster bill consists of shipping to and from the show, groom(s), set up, trainer, and care fees per day. Additional charges also might include hand walking your horse/pony if paddocks are not available or schooling rides to prep your horse or pony for your child and barn medication administration. There are many tasks that go into prepping the horses and ponies for shows to ensure that riders are safe and have a positive experience.

### What fees and cost are included on the Westminster Show bill?

When you get a show bill from Westminster, these costs are itemized, quantified, and describes service/cost. See the example provided.

[www.westminsterfarm.com](http://www.westminsterfarm.com)

## Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

### Do I need to get my horse or pony braided? How does this process work?

The horses/ponies are braided for the rated shows. Westminster arranges the braiding of the horses.

Typically, for a show weekend, its 2 manes and 2 tails—horse is braided Saturday and Sunday. Additionally, this cost is an average of \$250 for the weekend. You can pay this cost by Venmo or PayPal to the braider. Trainers provide the clients with this information.

### What are the expectations for tipping Westminster grooms and other staff?

Please plan on having some cash to tip the groom(s) at the end of a show weekend. They are paid a salary from the farm, but the work is much more laborious, and the hours are longer. In the show industry, it is a customary practice. Additionally, the show grooms look forward to the tips thus if you can it is better to hand them cash on Sunday. The average cost is usually \$100 per horse for the groom. If you prefer to use Venmo to send the money that is also an option. If the grooms do not have Venmo, Venmo Ashley and then she pays the money out to the groom(s).

### Are there ways to reduce show costs?

There are ways to reduce show costs if that is a concern. For example, if you want to attend a rated show, choose a show that many people are attending as that will help reduce fees associated with the camper rental, and trainer split fees mentioned above.

Shipping costs can also be reduced if you attend a show that is over two weekends or close by to reduce shipping cost. For example, the Pensacola horse show typically held in June, is one where you can show two weekends but only pay for shipping cost once. This is a great way to get two shows and only pay shipping fees one time.

There are rated shows that are also “less expensive” than others. Pensacola and Louisiana are great shows to attend and more reasonable than others. These shows are run by Elite Show Jumping and tend to be less expensive.

### What are the judges looking for when my child goes into the Hunter or Jumper Ring?

Overall horse rider appearance:

Horse clean and turned out nicely, clipped ears, whiskers and legs

Rider hair in neat braids or under helmet with hair net, polished boots, well-fitting show clothes and gloves

Tack dark and clean

Consistent pace around a course and following a plan. No abrupt changes of pace or aggressive aids.

Rider's aids should be invisible.

Respectability of others and horses around you. During a flat class, maintaining enough space between your horse and others is considerate and judges will notice.

Being respectful of your horse and never blaming or taking frustration out on them. Nothing can turn a judge off more than a rider having a bad attitude.

### What are some Westminster “house rules” at rated shows that should be followed?

Make sure you hang your coats on a hook in a tack room or groom stall. Ask someone if you do not see these areas. Backpacks, shoes, and any items that cannot be hung on a hook in tack room must be put away in your closed trunk. Please do not hang items on stalls or stall door. We usually bring a golf cart, and this is for staff only. Trainers must run from one ring to another and keep important aids on the cart we need to support riders and horses. If you would like to rent your own golf cart, most shows have rentals. If you are under age 16, you are not allowed to drive any golf cart on the show grounds. If you get caught by steward, Westminster Farm can be fined or disqualified from the show. If paying full care, riders are still required to clean your tack every day after you ride. Cleaning supplies are provided. Make sure trunks are packed with everything brought to the show as soon as you finish competing for the weekend. Packing up the trailer and horses is a lengthy process. It is helpful if riders can get their trunks and other belongings packed and put away promptly.

Prior to showing, learn at least your first course and watch other people ride to see how the lines ride and how you approach each jump. Although, trainers will go over this with riders prior to entering the ring, it is better to know this information before you go to school with trainer. Make sure you pay your bill before you leave. If we must pay it for you, we will charge \$100.

## Rated Horse Show Division Information

<p>General Info</p>	<p>For rated shows, riders and horses/ponies compete and collect National and Zone Points. There are divisions (a series of 3-4 classes typically) that points are collected annually for National Points.</p> <p>Junior/Amateur Hunters (3'3" or 3'6")          Regular Small, Medium, and Large Ponies (2'3", 2'6", 2'9"-3')          Green Small, Medium, and Large Ponies (2'3", 2'6", 2'9")          Green Hunters (Pro Division, 3'-3'9")          Performance Hunters (Pro Division, 3'3"-3'9")          1.20-1.40 Junior/Amateur Jumpers</p> <p>Rated shows also offer C rated classes. These classes offer Zone points but not National points. These divisions include:</p> <p>Children's/Adult Hunters (3')          1.0-1.10 Junior/Amateur Jumpers          Children's Ponies (2' or 2'6")</p>
<p>Junior Hunters</p>	<p>Shows can divide the Junior Hunters into Large or Small given their height (Small: less than or equal to 16.1hh, Large: greater than 16.1hh)</p> <p>Divisions can be divided into age categories of riders:          14 and under or 15-17</p> <p>Sections can be divided by height—to jump 3'6 or 3'3.</p>
<p>Amateur Hunters</p>	<p>Anyone over 18 is considered an amateur</p> <p>Size of horse does not matter</p> <p>Divisions can be divided into age categories of riders: 18-35, 36-49, or 50+</p> <p>Sections can be divided by height—to jump 3'6 or 3'3.</p>
<p>Small Ponies</p>	<p>12.2 hands and under</p> <p>Jump 2'3</p> <p>Small regular pony riders must be age 12 or under to show</p>
<p>Medium Ponies</p>	<p>12.3 hands to 13.2 hands</p> <p>Jump 2'6</p> <p>Medium regular pony riders must be under 15 to show</p>
<p>Large Ponies</p>	<p>13.3 hands to 14.2 hands</p> <p>Jump 2'9</p> <p>Large regular pony riders must be under age 18 to show</p>
<p>Green Ponies</p>	<p>Have not jumped the height of their size in rated shows</p> <p>Ponies have 1 year to compete as a green pony</p> <p>Any age under 18 can show a green pony</p> <p>They are divided in each size and jump the same heights as indicated in pony divisions</p>

## Rated Horse Show Division Information (Continued)

Unrated Divisions	<p>Short/Long Stirrup (2')</p> <p>Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult (2'6")</p> <p>1.0m Junior/Amateur Jumpers</p> <p>^These divisions do not receive zone or national points but are offered at rated shows.</p>
	<p>Children's/Adult Hunters (3')</p> <p>1.10m-1.40m Junior/Amateur Jumpers</p> <p>^These divisions are not Nationally rated but do have finals sponsored by Equestrian Associations (e.g., USEF) that happen during the three finals shows as well as at Devon. If riders show in one of these divisions, they need to go to <a href="http://www.ryegate.com">www.ryegate.com</a> and become a member of NAL and WIHS.</p>

## Qualifying Show/Finals Information

Junior Hunter Finals	To qualify for Junior Hunter Finals, you must be champion or reserve champion in your junior hunter division at a rated show.
Zone Jumper Team Championships	In order to be eligible for the Zone Jumper Team Championships, athlete/horse combination must earn a minimum of 20 points in their respective section(s) at USEF licensed competitions held with fence heights of that section 45 days prior the start of their championship. The point standings in each zone starts 30 days following the conclusion of the previous year's Zone Jumper Team Championship to 45 days prior to the start of the current year's Championship, will be used to determine the athlete/horse combination's acceptance to compete in the combined zone's championships.
Pony Finals	To qualify for Pony Finals, you must be champion or reserve champion in your regular or green pony hunter division at a rated show.
Devon	Top 30 in each rated division and qualifying date is April to April
Harrisburg	Top 25 in each rated division
WIHS	Top 20 in most rated divisions
National Horse Show	Top 15 in most rated divisions (no pony divisions)
Gladstone Cup	Win either a USEF Hunter Seat Medal, ASPCA Maclay, USEF Show Jumping Talent Search, either phase of WIHS Equitation Classic or Overall WIHS Equitation Classic during the qualifying year
Dover Medal Finals	In the USEF Hunter Seat Medal, exhibitors must qualify by the minimum number of points required by their state (13 for Alabama)

## Qualifying Show/Finals Information (Continued)

<b>Maclay Finals</b>	The top 50 riders at the end of the 2024 qualifying period (Sept. 1, 2023-Aug. 31, 2024), will be automatically qualified for the finals. These riders are ranked based on points accumulated from their first 14 shows only and are not permitted to compete in regionals. The remaining 100 competitors will qualify out of the regionals. The percentage of finalists to qualify out of each regional will be determined by dividing the 100 qualifying spots by the number of riders to compete in all of the regionals.
<b>NCEA Medal Finals</b>	The top 75 riders who have submitted an application will be accepted
<b>M&amp;S Pony Medal Finals</b>	A rider must earn 30 points competing in Marshall and Sterling/Pony Medal classes to qualify for the Marshall and Sterling/Pony Medal Finals.
<b>NHS Hamel Finals</b>	Exhibitors must qualify by the minimum number of points required by their state (11 for Alabama)
<b>THIS NHS Adult Finals</b>	To qualify for the Finals, contestants must win a total of ten points from THIS NHS Adult Medals
<b>THIS Children's Medal Finals</b>	Approximately forty riders will be invited to compete in the finals and will be chosen as follows; the high point rider in each of the regional series will be invited, along with additional riders working from the top down on the National Standings list for the qualifying period
<b>ARIAT Adult Medal Finals</b>	Approximately thirty riders will be invited to compete in the finals and will be chosen as follows; the high point rider in each of the regional series will be invited, along with additional riders working from the top down on the National Standings list for the qualifying period
<b>WIHS Equitation Finals</b>	40 riders will be invited to compete in the finals based on points earned in the WIHS Equitation classes held during the qualifying period (30 riders will be invited from the East Coast League and 10 from the West Coast League)
<b>WIHS Pony Equitation Finals</b>	25 riders will be invited to compete in the WIHS Pony Equitation Finals based on points accumulated during the qualifying period
<b>International/ National Derby Regional Champs</b>	The championship will now be open to all horses enrolled in the International or National Hunter Derby program
<b>USHJA Pony Derby Champs</b>	Ponies qualify by placing 1st through 12th overall in at least one USHJA Pony Hunter Derby class during the qualifying period

## Rated Show Packing List

The list of items below should be included in your tack trunk. We encourage trunks to be the Westminster black vinyl kind. These trunks are very heavy so please only include the items in this list. Additionally, do not bring show pads or grooming supplies.

- Saddle
- Bridle
- Martingale
- Girth
- Jumper/Equitation Boots (if needed)
- Fake tail (hunters/eq horses)
- Additional \*necessary\* training tack
- Helmet
- Boots
- Boot polish
- Gloves
- Hairnet
- Spurs/Crop

At rated horse shows, it is important for Westminster horses to look clean, polished, and to match when appropriate. For example, if you plan on attending rated shows, we would like for you to have the following items:

### Westminster Tack Trunk

Black or black/tan sheet (Schneider's or Smartpak)

Black, tan, and green stable blanket (Exquisite Equestrian)

Leather halter with show name (no buckle under chin- Walsh for example)

### Optional:

Scrim, cooler, and rain sheet with embroidered last name (Exquisite Equestrian)

## Rated Show Mileage

Chatt Hills	Fairburn, GA 200 miles
GCHS	Germantown, TN 220 miles
Escambia County Eq Center	Pensacola, FL 230 miles
Wills Park	Alpharetta, GA 235 miles
Brownland Farm	Franklin, TN 240 miles
Gulfport	Gulfport, MS 260 miles
Amen Corner Farm	Folsom, LA 310 miles
Aiken Horse Park	Aiken, SC 375 miles
Tryon Intl. Eq Center	Tryon, NC 410 miles
Kentucky Horse Park	Lexington, KY 470 miles
HITS Ocala	Ocala, FL 490 miles
WEC Ocala	Ocala, FL 500 miles
Natl. Eq Center	Lake St. Louis, MO 520 miles
WEC Ohio	Wilmington, OH 570 miles
Fox Lea Farm	Venice, FL 650 miles
Flintfield Horse Park	Traverse City, MI 930 miles
Devon Horse Park	Devon, PA 950 miles

## Westminster Order Form

Quilted Stable Blanket- \$464.00 (\$410 Blanket, \$54 Embroidery): Black, bind Green, pipe Tan.

Name on Left Barrel in Tan with Green Drop Shadow.

Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_ Sizes:\_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Stretch Stable Sheet- \$384.00 (\$330 Blanket, \$54 Embroidery): Black, bind Green, pipe Tan.

Name on left barrel Tan with Green Drop Shadow.

Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_ Sizes:\_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Wool Dress Cooler- \$476.00 (\$422 Blanket, \$54 Embroidery): Black, bind Green, pipe Tan, Fancy Hip.

Name on Left Barrel in Tan with Green Drop Shadow.

Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_ Sizes:\_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Neck Rain Sheet- \$449.00 (\$395.00 Blanket, \$54 Embroidery): Black, bind Green, pipe Tan, Fancy Hip.

Name on Left Barrel in Tan with Green Drop Shadow.

Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_ Sizes:\_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scrim Sheet- \$274.00 (\$230.00 Blanket, \$54.00 Embroidery): Green, bind Black, pipe Tan.

Name on Left Barrel in black with tan drop shadow.

Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_ Sizes:\_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium Tack Trunk- \$941.05 + Name and options.

Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_ Name on Front: \_\_\_\_\_

(First 3 letters free. Each adt'l letter \$4.70)

Optional Cork Insert- \$96.25 extra

Trunk Stand- \$48.25

Medium Trunk Cover- \$215.25 + Extra letters.

Quantity:\_\_\_\_\_ Name on Front: \_\_\_\_\_

(First 3 letters free. Each adt'l letter \$2.85)

Bill to:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (for receipt and itemized invoice): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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