

2023 ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FAIR ALL BREED HORSE SHOW

Sunday, September 3, 2023, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

**\$80 PREPAID “all day” show fee per horse; mailed and postmarked on or before
PREPAY date of August 15th, 2023**

If you miss the PREPAY date...the “all day” show fee per horse will be \$100.

The PREPAY date will be strictly adhered to.....**NO EXCEPTIONS.** Entry fee must accompany entry form.

The volunteers of the Alphabet Series Horse Shows are proud to offer their help to the Rockingham County Fair for the Fair’s 2023 All Breed Horse Show.

Please make checks to: Rockingham County Fair All Breed Horse Show

Send check, entries and Coggins to: Debbie Huffman 1250 Mt. Olivet Church Road, Elkton, VA 22827.

e-mail: alphabet.series@yahoo.com for entry form or call or text 540-246-2900 for more information.

*******PLEASE READ*****Rules and Regulations*****PLEASE READ*******

1. Save yourself \$20...get your \$80 show fee in the mail and postmarked by the PREPAY date- don’t forget to include your entry form, waiver, and COPY of your Coggins. It is not the Fair’s responsibility to mail your original Coggins back to you.
2. Insurance requires approved riding helmets for exhibitors 18 years and under. Hard soled boots are required for every rider. Exhibitors wearing tennis shoes or flip flops will **NOT** be allowed to enter ring.
3. The Virginia Equine Law is in effect.
4. The safety of your children is not the responsibility of the Show or any Horse Show participant.
5. **Substitutions will be accepted.**
6. **Stallions** may **not** be shown by riders 18 or under. If you ride a stallion take care you are not the cause of some innocent rider or horse being injured.
7. Academy riders are welcome.
8. **NO DOGS, ATV’S, Or ALCOHOL. Chairs, umbrellas, or blankets are NOT permitted within ten (10) feet of the show ring.**
9. Any entry exhibiting unruly or dangerous behavior will be asked by the ringmaster to leave the ring. Our equine insurance carrier requires kickers to have a red ribbon displayed on their tail. Mistreatment of animals will not be tolerated.
10. Good sportmanship and courtesy are to be displayed at all times at this event. Persons “throwing” ribbons down on the ground will be asked to leave. Disrespect shown to judges or staff will result in a request to leave the grounds. Creating a family atmosphere is our goal!
11. **Any exhibitor whose check is returned for insufficient funds, etc., will be charged a \$50.00 service fee in addition to money owed and amount due will be paid by cashier’s check or money order.**

12. For purposes of this show, a juvenile is a rider who has not reached their 18th birthday as of January 1, 2023.
 13. Changes/additions and rules announced on show day take precedence over preprinted information.
 14. Schooling horses are welcome but will be charged a \$30 “all day” entry fee... you will be given a number but you will not be judged.
 15. The judges are required to have an “old fashioned workout” with classes having more than 15 horses.
 16. In the issue of fairness... the judge will be required to place an exhibitor from each breed in the “all” breed classes.
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8:00 A.M. Classes

*** Equitation/Horsemanship pattern classes will be posted by the entry gate. Equitation pattern classes will be demonstrated individually in English tack. Horsemanship Pattern class will be demonstrated individually in Western tack.**

1. **Beginner Equitation Under Saddle** – Walk, Trot
2. **Low Hunter Under Saddle** – Walk, Trot, and Canter
3. **Open Hunter Under Saddle** – Walk, Trot, and Canter
4. ***Equitation Pattern Class A** – Walk, Trot
5. **Beginner Pleasure Hunter** – Walk, Trot
6. **Open Pleasure Hunter** – Walk, Trot, and Canter
7. *** Equitation Pattern Class B** – Walk, Trot, and Canter
8. **Open Hunter Equitation** – Walk, Trot, and Canter – Judged on Proper Riding Position

THIS SESSION WILL NOT START BEFORE 10:30 a.m.

9. **Lead Line** – child to be led by an adult on horse or pony. Handicapped riders welcome. Not a judged class. **NO ENTRY FEE.**
10. **Halter** – open to any horse, pony, donkey, or mini.
11. **Showmanship Class** – entries to be shown in hand. Open to any horse, pony, or mini.
12. **Western GAYP stock type** – Walk and jog. No canter.
13. **Trail Class** – Walk and your pleasure gait and canter.
14. **Open Beginner Rider** – Open to any rider in first two years of showing. Walk, trot/jog.

15. ***Horsemanship Pattern** – Demonstrated individually in Western tack (pattern posted by entry gate) walk and jog/trot.
 16. **Open Western Pleasure** – Walk, jog, lope. Proper Western attire.
 17. **Youth Pleasure** – Walk, trot or pleasure gait. Riders 17 and under.
 18. **Open Pleasure Stock Type** – Walk, trot/jog, and lope/canter.
 19. **Youth Hunter Under Saddle** – Walk, trot and canter. Riders 17 years and under.
 20. ****Field Hunter Under Saddle** – Walk, trot.
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- **Field Hunter will be judged on suitability as a true fox hunting horse. The Field Hunter should be obedient to rider's aids, accepting of contact, and exhibit forwardness in a calm and relaxed manner. Horses will be asked to demonstrate lengthening and shortening of stride within trot and canter, as well as halt and rein-back. Conformation should be conducive to a balanced and athletic horse with a comfortable ride.

TEN MINUTE BREAK

*Rules for barrels – for each barrel knocked over, there will be an additional 5 second penalty (per barrel) added to your final time. Excessive abuse (whipping or spurring of your horse) will result in your disqualification at the discretion of the officials.

22. ***Clover Leaf Barrels** – Timed event.
23. **Egg in Spoon**
24. **Pick-up Rider** – Timed event.
25. **Keyhole Race** – Timed event.
26. **Musical Poles**
27. **Ants in your pants** – Timed event. Put an extra pair of pants on at the end of the ring...zipped and buttoned and race back!
28. **Ride a Buck** – You must ride bareback and provide your own dollar bill. Dropped dollars to be given to the ringmaster and winner takes all!
29. **Pole Bending** – Timed event.
30. **Open End Barrel** – Timed event. Exhibitor rides to opposite end of ring...dismounts horse at far end of barrel ...crawls through barrel...remounts and rides back!

4:30 p.m. Evening Session

31. Let's have a **CAKE WALK!** Open to exhibitors, trainers, owners, spectators, kids, moms, dads, grandmas, aunts, and uncles...even the judges and all the volunteers! No need to own a horse! Just come on in and enjoy the fun! You could be the winner of one of our cakes or bread. When the number is called... just keep walking until you find

it..... pull that sticker off the rail, present it to the “cake presenter” and get your cake!
You’ll have a fun time!afterwards take a fifteen minute break.

32. **Stick Horse Class** – Bring your own stick horse – open to all ages...a judged class.
NO ENTRY FEE

33. **Lead Line** – child to be led by an adult on horse or pony.....a judged class.
Handicapped riders welcome. **NO ENTRY FEE**

34. ***Championship Barrels** – Timed event. Only 1st through 5th place winners in Class 22 are eligible for this Championship Barrel class. Let the fun begin.....let ‘em roll on!

35. **All Breed Beginner Rider** – riders of all ages in their first 2 years of showing.
Walk and your pleasure gait. No canter. Only rider’s ability to be judged.

36. **All Breed “Spectator to Judge” class** – “our” judge will pick a spectator from the grandstand to “be” the judge.

37. **Good ‘ol Boys and Girls** – ride what you got and wear what you want! No show clothing. No canter.

38. **Lite-shod Pleasure** – walk and pleasure gait. Shoe not to exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ “x3/8”

39. **Open Equitation** – walk and pleasure gait. No canter. Individual work out and question.

40. **Open Western Pleasure** – walk and trot/jog and lope

41. **Backyard Pleasure** – walk and your pleasure gait. No canter. Judged on which horses “the judge” would most want to take home and keep for his/herself as just a good “all-around” horse.

42. **Lady’s Pleasure Horse** – walk, and your favorite gait

43. **Men’s Pleasure Horse** – walk, and your favorite gait

44. **Spots on the Rail** – Show walk and show gait

45. **All Breed Pleasure with Canter** – horses to show at a walk, trot/jog/easy gait, and canter or lope.

46. **All Day Pleasure Easy Gait** – walk and your favorite easy gait. No canter.

47. **All Day Pleasure Trot/Jog** – walk and jog/trot. No canter.

48. **Spotted Easy Gait** – trail walk and trail gait

49. **Spots on the Trail** – walk and pleasure gait/jog. Any breed....as long as you have spots....come on in!

50. **Country Pleasure** – Open to any breed. Walk and jog/pleasure gait. No canter.

51. **Pairs** – walk and pleasure gait. No canter. Judged on matching appearances and movement as a team.

52. **Juvenile Pleasure** – walk, your pleasure gait and back. No canter. Riders 17 years and under.

53. **All Breed Go-As-You-Please** – walk, easy gait/trot/jog. No canter.

54. **Open Pleasure Championship** – open to any breed....walk and your favorite gait.
In the issue of fairness, the judge has been instructed to select the best horse of **each** discipline when tying the class. 1st thru 8th

Any person who wants to sponsor a class and provide prize money for that class is welcome to do so!

Let's leave a good impression....don't forget to pick up the trash around your trailer!

We **strongly** encourage good sportsmanship and try to present a good family atmosphere for our exhibitors and spectators as well!

NOTE: For those of you who want to lower your entry fee... why not get a sponsorship.... Send it along with the balance of your entry fee. Example: a \$50 sponsorship from your "aunt/uncle" plus your \$30 = an \$80 entry fee.

NOTE: Announcer will ONLY call for the gaits specified on the class list.

NOTE: A 2-minute gate call will be strictly enforced by the announcer.

NOTE: There will be no additional classes added once the program is printed.

.....and last but not least, let's thank the Fair for giving the horsemen of Rockingham and surrounding counties the opportunity for an equine showcase!!!

Thank **YOU** for supporting the 2023 Rockingham County Fair All Breed Horse Show! We hope you had a great time and an enjoyable day! Please make an effort to thank the volunteers (who have worked tirelessly with no pay). Without their generosity, we would not be here today. Have a safe trip home! We hope to see you again next year!

NOTICE: your entry fee **must** accompany your PRE-PAID entry...if not, you will be charged a \$100 entry fee. Entry form must include all requested information.

To ease the congestion at the entry gate, a divide will be set up for entry and exit to and from the ring.

Obstacle – Timed event. Judging to be held outside of main ring from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for this class. Pending a volunteer takes this job!

Class A -- Horses, ponies and minis to be led.

Class B – Horses, ponies and minis to be ridden.

Juniors, Seniors, and Adults

All “props” will be provided!