

FREE STATE RIDING CLUB 2024 OPEN HORSE SHOWSPRIZE LIST

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SHOW DATES: April 6—May 25—June 8 - June 22
September 28— October 12th—October 26—November 9 with Rain Date Nov 16
SHOW TIME: Saturday 9:00 AM
GATES OPEN: 6:30AM
SHOW GROUNDS: 12300 Fletchertown Road, Bowie, MD

MEMBERS: Pre-Entry \$15 Show Day \$17 **NON-MEMBERS:** \$20
OFFICE FEE: \$15 per entry per show

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 riders, 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. For our Club members, we present an end-of-year award for each division. Because we give end-of-year awards to members, we present championship ribbons for each division at our shows. For more information, please check the website. In case of forecasted heat or rain please check our Face book page or you may also call Nancy's cell after 6:00AM 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 MD450-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: while EHV-1 can be given every 90 days, 1 horse may receive the vaccine 4 times in a year, & while HIGHLY recommended, this vaccine is NOT required.
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

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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.
12. No coaching by any means is allowed once the 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 & Puddle Jumpers 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. The Side-walker and Horse Handler must be physically, mentally, and emotionally able to walk next to the horse, during but not limited to the time they are performing their duties. Should the capacity of a Side-walker or Handler come into question a dedicated volunteer may be asked to step in to ensure safety & a positive experience is had by all. The Side-walker or Horse Handler will dress appropriately, including close-toed shoes, properly fitted pants & neatly kept shirt or jacket.
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 NOT REQUIRED. Breeches/Jeans & riding boots (with heels) are required for ALL riders. Helmets are Required for all English riders & riders under 18 years old in speed events. For those who choose to wear proper dress, jackets and gloves are worn in Showmanship & Equitation classes. Western hats and chaps are worn in Horsemanship classes. However, we strongly encourage the wearing of helmets instead of 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.

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Terms & definitions

Combo – Riders will compete on rail at the required gaits in both directions, then line up to perform the Trot/Jog or Canter/Lope individually.

G.A.Y.P. – Go As You Please – Riders will be asked to perform at a walk & trot, riders may choose whether to trot or canter depending on the suitability of their mount.

Handler – A person who is attached to the mount via lead. This lead may be attached to a halter placed over the mounts bridle or to the rings of the mount's bit. Should the lead have a chain it should be secured safely under the mount's chin, in such a way that will not become a hazard in an emergency. The Handler must be of sufficient stature and strength to be able to control a horse under any circumstances. The Handler will be expected to maintain high awareness of the rider for the duration of the ride. Staying alert is crucial to the safety of the rider. The horses are gentle, however, there is always a possibility of an abrupt, quick movement that could cause the rider to lose their balance and potentially fall. A Handlers job is to be able to react quick enough to prevent the rider from losing their balance while also maintaining your own position.

Hunter – Mounts should move forward while being judged on style and movement, conformation, and overall picture, as well as on the quality of the rounds themselves.

Lead Line – Riders will have a Handler (with the option for up to 2 Side-walkers) & will compete on the rail @ a walk in both directions.

Over Fences – Riders will perform over 6-8 jumps.

Over Poles – Riders will compete on the rail at the required gaits in both directions, then line up to proceed over poles.

Pattern – Riders will complete a horsemanship/equitation pattern. Obstacles like barrels, cones & poles maybe included.

Pleasure – The mount should move forward, back & laterally willing at the rider's leisure. Horses will be judged on their cadence, readiness & quality of their movements.

Showmanship – handler will present their horse or pony to the judge, for inspection of the mounts over all cleanliness & manners, after having performed a pattern that shows cases the mounts ease of movement & way of going. The handler will be judged 70% on their presentation & control of their mount, appearance of the pair & 30% on the overall manners & quality movement.

Side-walker – a person who will also assist the rider in following the directions of the riding Judge/Ring Steward/Announcer. Remember, you are assisting the rider, so it is important to not actually perform the task for them. Please allow the rider ample time for thought processing before physically prompting to aid in the task. Do not repeat what the instructions given, as the rider would then also have to process your instructions as well as instead of focusing on the initial task given. Conversation between Handler & Side-walkers should be minimal so as not to distract the rider, or other participates. The Side-walker agrees to place the safety of the rider as the highest priority and to be constantly vigilant when working in the Side-walker capacity

Under Saddle – Riders will perform on the rail in both directions.

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PROPER DRESS IS NOT REQUIRED FOR RIDERS, THOUGH JEANS/BREECHES & PROPER
BOOTS (WITH HEELS) ARE.
ALL DIVISIONS MAY BE DIVIDED BY RIDER'S AGE &/OR DISCIPLINE DEPENDING ON THE
NUMBER OF ENTRIES.

YOUNG RIDER DIVISIONS

The following divisions are Horsemanship/Equitation division. All riders will be judged on hands and/or seat, control of mount, and overall appearance of the pair. The judge may ask riders to perform individually. All participants will be awarded a ribbon on show day. Year-end awards will be appointed to each rider. Therefore, riders will enter these classes once per show BUT may enter with a different mount at each event. Mounts may enter these classes with multiple riders per show.

TINY TOTS –This is a WALK division for riders 5 years & under. Riders may NOT compete in any class that requires a gait faster than a Jog or Trot. CLASSES: 1, 3, 4 & 5

PUDDLE JUMPERS -This is a WALK division for riders 9 years & under. Riders may NOT compete in TINY TOTS or any class that requires a gait faster than a Jog or Trot. CLASSES: 1, 6, 7, 8 & 9

MINI STIRRUP – This is a WALK-TROT division for riders 14 years & under. Riders may not show in Tiny Tots. This is a WALK-TROT division. CLASSES 1, 14, 15, 16 & 17

JUNIOR SENIOR DIVISIONS

The following divisions are Horsemanship/Equitation divisions will be held & in the large ring. All riders will be judged on hands, seat, control of mount, and overall appearance of the pair. Riders will not be judged on attire. The judge may ask riders to perform individually. First-sixth place will be awarded on show day. Year-end awards will be appointed to each rider. Therefore, riders will enter these classes once per show BUT may enter with a different mount at each event. Mounts may enter these classes with multiple riders per show.

HORSEMANSHIP & EQUITATION WALK

Riders may NOT cross enter any divisions that require a LOPE or CANTER. CLASSES: 2, 10, 11, 12 & 13

EQUITATION OVER FENCES WALK-TROT 18”

This is WALK-TROT division AT 18”. CLASSES: 25 & 26

HORSEMANSHIP & EQUITATION WALK-TROT/JOG

This is a WALK-TROT/JOG division. CLASSES: 2, 21, 22, 23 & 24

EQUITATION OVER FENCES WALK-TROT-CANTER 18”-2’

This is a WALK-TROT-CANTER division. CLASSES: 35 & 36

HORSEMANSHIP & EQUITATION WALK-TROT/JOG-CANTER/LOPE

Riders may not cross enter into WALK only divisions. CLASSES: 2, 41, 42, 43 & 44

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OPEN HORSE DIVISIONS

The following divisions are judged solely on the horse/pony's way of going, abilities & overall willingness. Therefore, the mount will accrue year end awards solely. Each mount may only enter these divisions once per show BUT may be exhibited by multiple riders throughout the season. Martingales are ONLY allowed over fences.

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: 1

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: 40

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.

WALK/TROT: 50 52 54 56

WALK/TROT/LOPE: 51 53 55 57

GREEN HUNTER

Open to HORSE/PONY that is in their first FIVE years of showing. Riders MUST choose to Trot or Canter the entire jump course. Should the rider choose to trot pentiles will accrue after 3 canter strides PER JUMP. Simple lead changes will NOT accrue pentiles. Jump height for this division is set at 12" or 18".

CLASSES: 18, 19 & 20

ENGLISH HUNTER WALK-TROT 18"

This is a WALK-TROT division. Pentiles will accrue after 3 canter strides PER JUMP.

CLASSES: 27, 28 & 29

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

This is a WALK-TROT-CANTER division.

CLASSES: 37, 38 & 39

WESTERN PLEASURE WALK-JOG-LOPE

This is a WALK-JOG-LOPE division.

CLASSES: 45, 46, 47, 48 & 49

ENGLISH PLEASURE WALK-TROT-CANTER

This is a WALK-TROT-CANTER division.

CLASSES: 30, 31, 32, 33 & 34