

2025

Dear Exhibitors, Trainers, Families and Friends,

Welcome to our 44<sup>th</sup> year.

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- 1. Camper and Stall forms can be downloaded from web: MaHorseCouncil.com, Days of Champions.
- 2. NEW THIS YEAR!!! This year we are flip flopping Saturday to Sunday and vice versa. So the Mini's will all go on Saturday and the Jr's will go on Sunday.
- 3. We will be hosting a USHJA Zone 1 Educational forum on equitation. This will take place on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> after warm-up. Stall and raffles along with eats!
- 4. SCHOLARSHIPS!!!! APPLY!!!!

  Dot Potter \$1000.00 deadline December 1st.

  Board of Govenors \$1000.00 deadline June 1st.

  Sambuca Memorial \$500.00 deadline December 1st.

  For more information: www.mahorsecouncil.com and click on scholarships or page 43 in the MHC Rule Book.
- 5. No dogs will be allowed in the indoor except service dogs.

We look forward to your attendance and wish you in advance a rewarding and enjoyable horse show along with a fun time spent in Northampton, MA.

Sincerely, MHC "Days of Champions" Show Committee

As a benefit for all - you may now enter online, access results and "Orders of Go" at www.Horseshowing.com



**September 26-28, 2025** 

Three County Fairgrounds Northampton, Massachusetts

Congratulations!

You have qualified for the Massachusetts Horsemen's Council

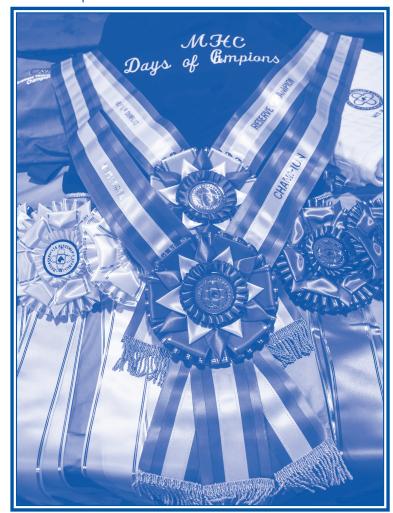


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**PLEASE NOTE** 

Warm-ups September 25, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PROGRAMS/PRIZE LISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SHOW.

NO ENTRIES will be accepted AFTER 2:00 pm on the Thursday before the show (except late qualifiers)

# MANAGEMENT and STAFF 2025

Management reserves the right to add or vary the list of officials or staff.

# JUDGES

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# SCOREBOARD

West Timina Brookville, MD

# **NIGHTWATCH**





# "Days of Champions"

# Dear Exhibitors, Trainers & Parents

# 20th ANNUAL Hall of Fame for a Special Horse/Pony

If you have or know of a Horse/Pony that is being retired, or one that has distinguished himself/herself in the show ring, carrying a rider or a history of riders to the top of the show world, or any other deserving reason, we ask for your nominations and a brief reason and biography.

# 21st ANNUAL DEBBIE TATE

# Open Sportsman Award

This award is meant to recognize that special individual whether he/she be an adult or junior rider, trainer or parent who best exemplifies the finest in horse showing and supported graciousness. Please send your nomination along with a brief biography.

# 16th ANNIJAL MISH ATAMIAN Person of the Year

Do you know a person that during the year exemplifies outstanding character whether in the horse world or a person in the horse world family that would deserve this award? Please send your nomination along with a brief biography as to why this person should receive this award.

> Felicia Knowles 223 State Rte. 107 #10 Seabrook, NH 03874 email: fdknow@comcast.net 603-502-3325 c/t

# GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS

# CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

- 1. LIABILITIES AND DECISIONS: The Horse Show, its committee or employees will not be responsible for any accident or loss which may occur to any rider, groom, attendant, animal, equipment or spectator at the show. Should any question arise that is not provided for in the rules, the same shall be referred to the Show Committee, whose decision shall be final. The Show Committee, further, reserves the right to prohibit any person from attending or showing a horse in the show ring, and to remove any groom or horse from the grounds as Management deems fit. The Show Committee reserves the right to vary or change show officials or judges, to decline any entry and cancel, divide or combine classes.
- **2. SCRATCHES:** Any rider entered and not competing shall forfeit fees, unless the committee is presented with a physician's certificate, in the case of the rider or a veterinary certificate in the case of the horse. There will be a charge of \$50.00 per entry.
- **3. SCHOOLING:** No Schooling will be permitted at any time in the show ring. Use the designated schooling areas only. Hand walking will be allowed each day prior to the start of classes. Time: TBD
- **4. CONDITIONS:** In the authorized/designated Schooling Ring the jumps may not be moved to create courses or any part thereof.
- **5. DOGS:** All dogs must be LEASHED. Loose dogs will be picked up and retained until the owner has paid a \$50.00 fine. **Zero tolerance for loose dogs. No dogs indoor except service.**
- **6. NON NEGOTIABLE CHECKS:** Will be charged any collection fees plus a \$50.00 office fee
- **7. STALLS:** Stalls are available for \$275.00 and are permanent types with doors and cement floors. No stall will be reserved without payment in full by September 7, 2025. Stall payment is not refundable. Exception: Late qualifiers will be considered after the closing date up to September 15<sup>th</sup>. Owners and Exhibitors shall be held responsible for damage caused by them, their agents or employees, to stalls, buildings and other properties on the show grounds and shall be billed accordingly. **This also includes not using staples or nails on the portable stalls**.
- 8. MEDICAL WASTE: Sharps must be placed in the proper receptacles. Anyone found in violation will be subject to a \$50.00 fine.
- 9. FEED & BEDDING: Hay, grain and bedding will be available daily on the grounds. Please see stall chart to pre-order. Splitting of stalls, shavings, etc. must be done when numbers are picked up, but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday.
- 10. COURSES: Will be posted at the in-gate. Orders of go will be computer generated on a random basis. Once posted there will be no changes except in the case of an emergency. In the open equitation classes after the posted order of go is posted any names added will go to the top of the list, in one of the sections.
- 11. ENTRIES: Entries close September 7, 2025. Any entry received after this date shall be considered a post entry and will have a one-time charge of \$100.00. The post entry fee wilbe waived for those qualifying up to September 7<sup>th</sup>. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 2:00PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **12. CAMPERS:** Hook-ups for campers are available for \$130.00. No "gray water" may be discharged. Camper forms on web: MaHorseCouncil.com
- 13. DAY SHIPPERS: A \$30.00 grounds fee will be charged to each horse entered which is not stabled on the grounds.

# GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS cont.

- **14. WARM UPS:** Warm ups will be available as specified in the schedule for those horses entered to compete. Warm-ups to cost \$40.00. No trainers in the ring and NUMBERS MUST BE WORN.
- **15. FOOTING:** Footing in the show arena is sand/clay mix, which measures 117'x220'. Footing in the schooling ring area is stone dust.
- **16.** PLEASE NOTE: In all cases, the open equitation classes may only be entered by those riders who have qualified for the corresponding Medal Championship class. No rider may compete in more than one Medal Championship class.
- 17. ANY ACT OF POOR SPORTSMANSHIP BY ANY ATTENDEE WILL BE CAUSE FOR EXPULSION FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS.
- **18.** ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE: Horses may arrive September  $26^{\text{th}}$  and must leave September  $28^{\text{th}}$ . Any other arrangements must be made by calling Bill @ 518-275-8461.
- 19. This show follows USEF, MHC, State & Local government guidelines in regards to Covid-19. Please see website for more information @www.horseshowing.com
- **20.** Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

### SCORING SYSTEM

After each round the four judges score their own judges' cards with a numerical number. They then give their scores to the board's computer operator where each score is displayed and then the four scores are averaged.

For the Medal Championships, the second rounds, 20% or 10 Riders of those competing are again averaged and added to the first round and displayed. The top 4 riders MAY be requested at the judge's discretion for additional testing will score their cards as if scoring their own medal test. The final placing will be announced at the presentation ceremony.

Any ties will be broken by the Judge selected by the Judges Panel at the beginning of the show. If a tie still remains a 2nd Judge's score, as selected by themselves, will break the tie.

# **RULES & REGULATIONS**

# **VIOLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO FINES**

1)	NO SMOKING IN TENTS OR BARNS
2)	ALL STALL PANELS MUST BE TAKEN DOWN BY FAIR PERSONNEL. COST IS \$25.00 PER PANEL.
3)	NO ALTERING OF STALLS UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY FAIR PERSONNEL
4)	NO REMOVAL OF BACKFLOW DEVICES
5)	NO TRASH IN BARRIERS
6)	ALL TRASH TO BE PUT IN DUMPSTERS
7)	NO MIXING OF HAY OR STRAW WITH SHAVINGS FOR BEDDING SHAVINGS ONLY IN STALLS (no pelletized saw dust)
8)	NO STAPLES, NAILS OR SCREWS IN ANY STALLS
9)	ALL MANURE IN BARRIERS
10)	PARKING RULES WILL BE ENFORCED KEEP FIRE LANES OPEN – YOU WILL BE TOWED
11)	NO WATERING THE STALLS
12)	NO GREY WATER DISCHARGE FROM CAMPERS
13)	DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH & NO DOGS IN INDOOR ARENA
14)	NO HORSES IN ROPED OFF OR POSTED AREAS
15)	NO ONE UNDER 16 TO OPERATE A MOTORIZED VEHICLE OR GOLF CART
16)	ALL NEEDLES TO BE DISPOSED OF IN SHARPS CONTAINERS
17)	KEEP AIGLES OPEN IN BARNS
18)	THE USE OF TWO WIRE EXTENSION CORDS (SIP CHORDS) WILL

NOT SAFE FOR USE IN AGRICULTURAL SETTINGS. ALL

UL APPROVAL LABEL ATTACHED.

EXTENSION CORDS MUST BE <u>GROUNDED</u> (THREE WIRE/PRONG) CORDS. ALL APPLIANCES, IE. FANS, CLIPPERS ETC. MUST HAVE A

# ENTRIES CAN NOW BE DONE ONLINE AT: HORSESHOWING.COM

STALLS CANNOT BE DONE ONLINE. A COMPLETED STALL FORM WITH A CHECK MUST GO TO CHARLENE.

LATE QUALIFIERS MUST FAX OR DO YOUR ENTRIES ON LINE BEFORE 2PM ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>.

NO STAPLES, NAILS OR SCREWS IN STALLS.

COOLEY DICKINSON HOSPITAL, 30 LOCUST ST., NORTHAMPTON, MA 01060, 413-582-2000, 2.2 MILES FROM 54 FAIR ST., NORTHAMPTON, MA 01060 AND BAYSTATE TRAUMA & ACUTE CARE SURGERY, 2 MEDICAL CENTER DR., SPRINGFIELD, MA 01107, 413-794-8020, 19 MILES.

# HOTELS AND MOTELS

### COMFORT INN

400 Russell St. Hadley, MA

### **FAIRFIELD INN & SUITE**

229 Whitney Farms Rd. Holyoke, MA

# D HOTEL SUITES & SPA

1 Country Club Road Holyoke, MA

### MT HOLYOKE INN

671 Northampton St. Holyoke, MA

# HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON

375 Whitney Ave. Holyoke, MA

## QUALITY INN

Northampton, MA 413-586-1500

# HOTEL NORTHAMPTON

Northampton, MA 413-584-3100

## **HOLIDAY INN**

Holyoke, MA 413-534-3311

# HADLEY COUNTRY BELL MOTEL

Hadley, MA 413-586-0715

# LaQUINTA

Springfield, MA 413-750-3130

# HAMPTON INN

Hadley, MA 413-586-4851

HAMPTON INN Northampton, MA 413-586-4851

### **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**

Hadley, MA 413-582-0002

# **QUALITY INN**

Hadley, MA 413-584-9816

# AMHERST UNIVERSITY LODGE

Amherst, MA 413-256-8111

# **CAMPUS CENTER HOTEL**

Amherst, MA 413-549-6000

# **DIRECTIONS**

## FROM THE NORTH

Take 1-91 South, Exit 26,
At traffic light, left on Damon Road
At next light, right on route 9
After one light take the next left on
to Ferry Road
Go to last gate on right

## FROM THE SOUTH

Take 1-91 North, Exit 25,
Bear left onto route 9
After one light take the next left on
to Ferry Road
Go to last gate on right

# For further Directions: www.threecountyfair.com



# 2025 SCHEDULE

One round only, unless time permits for an extra round. **Last number will be taken at 4:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS** For the convenience of the exhibitor, unjudged ticketed "warmups" will be held September 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

# Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

Warm-up - 2'6" 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Unjudged - One round only @ \$40.00

# Friday, September 26th - 8:00 a.m. Hand Walk 6:30-7:30 a.m. / Course Walk to follow

i i Open Adult Equitation 30 & Over Open Adult Equitation 30 & Over Fences 2'9"

Trophy & 10 Ribbons Trophy & 10 Ribbons

MHC Adult Amateur Hunt Seat Medal Championship 30 & Over

awards and 10 Ribbons. (11-20 Ribbons presented outside the ring) riders MAY be requested at the judges discretion for additional testing. Championship Trophy with other change of direction. 20% or 10 Riders will be called back for a second round of at least  $\theta$  fences. Top 4 All contestants are required to perform over at least eight fences 2'6" - 2'9", with at least one

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18 - 30

# Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. Warm-up 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. One round for Mini Medal finalists only.

1 DB 6B 1 6A -Open Equitation 12-14 years Open Equitation 12-14 years Open Equitation 11 years & under Open Equitation 11 years & under Fences 2'6" Fences 2'6" (Open Equitation Classes for Trophy and 10 Ribbons in respective classes only.) qualified entries in their

requested at the judges discretion for additional testing. Championship Trophy with other awards and 10 Ribbons. (11-20 Ribbons presented outside the ring)

Open Adult Mini Equitation

Fences 2'6"

Open Adult Mini Equitation excluding combinations fences, at a height not to exceed 2.6" for medium and large ponies and horses. classes 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C All contestants are to compete over a course not exceeding 8 fences and not less than 6 fences, MHC Hunt Seat Mini Medal Championship 20% or 10 Riders will be called back for a second round of at least 8 fences. Top 4 riders MAY be

ь В В (Open Equitation Classes for entries in Class 9

9 MHC Adult Hunt Seat Mini Medal Championship

required. (USEF Test 1-23) Championship Trophy with other awards and 10 ribbons (11-20 Ribbons excluding combinations, at a height not to exceed 2.6" for horses and ponies. 20% of the riders will be called back for a second round of at least six fences. At least one individual test of the top 4 will be All contestants are to compete over a course not exceeding artheta fences and not less than artheta fences. presented outside the ring).

# Sunday, September 28th - 8:00 a.m.- Hand Walk 6:00-6:30 a.m. / Course Walk to follow All Ages

10B -11/4 -10A -Open Equitation 14 years & under Open Equitation 15-17 years Open Equitation 15-17 years Open Equitation 14 years & under Fences 3 Fences 3 entries in Class 12 only.) Trophy and 10 Ribbons in classes 10A, 10B, 11A,11B (Open Equitation Classes for

# MHC Junior Hunt Seat Medal Championship @ \$150.00

presented outside the ring) Championship Trophy with other awards and 10 Ribbons. (11-20 Ribbons be called back for a second round of at least 8 fences. Top 4 riders MAY be requested at the judges discretion for additional testing. Championship Trophy with other awards and 10 Ribbons. (11-20 Ribbons All contestants are required to perform over at least eight fences not exceeding 3'. 20% or 10 Riders will presented outside the ring)

NO ENTRIES will be accepted AFTER 2:00 pm on Thursday, September 25, 2025 **ENTRY FORM** NUMBER Late qualifiers must do their entries online at www.horseshowing.com (PLEASE USE SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH EQUITATION RIDER) THE M.H.C. DAYS OF CHAMPIONS 2025 ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 STABLE WITH late ADDRESS OF RIDER MHC# Please Print: NAME OF HORSE U.S.E.F. HORSE RECORDING # SIGNATURES INDICATED THAT EACH OF US HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE RULES AND WARNING. I agree to indemnify and save harmless the Massachusetts Horsemen's Council Days of Champions, its directors, officers, members, employees, and agents thereof from and against any and all loss, costs, or expenses or any claim thereof, of whatever nature arising or to arise, for and on account, or by reason of the entry or entries hereby made. I further agree that if any damage shall be occasioned or loss occur by fire or otherwise to the horses exhibited, or to any vehicle or article that I may send with such horses that I will make no claim therefore; and I further SEE BACK FOR FURTHER SIGNATURES agree to indemnify and hold harmless Tri County Fairgrounds and its owners or agents, from any and all loss costs or expenses or any claim Thursday, September 25th thereof. ☐ Warm-Up 1 round only @ \$40.00 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Friday, September 26th - 8:00 A.M. Rider's Signature 1 - Open Adult Equitation Over 30 @ \$75.00 2 - MHC Over 30 Adult Medal @ \$150.00 □ 13 - Open Adult Equitation 18-30 @ \$75.00 Print Name: 4 - MHC 18-30 Adult Medal @ 150.00 Farm/Barn Trainer's Signature Saturday, September 27th - 8:00 A.M. Please Print -Warm-Up 1 round only @ \$40.00 6:00 A.M. - 7:30 A.M. Addresss: \_ □ 5 - Open Equitation 11 years & Under @ \$75.00 ☐ 6 - Open Equitation 12-14 years @ \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 7 - MHC Mini Medal @ \$150.00 Owner's/Agent's Signature ■8 - Open Adult Mini Medal Equitation @ \$75.00 9 - MHC Adult Mini Medal @\$150.00 Please Print " Addresss: Sunday, September 28th - 8:00 A.M. **ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS** ☐ 10 - Open Equitation 14 years & Under @ \$75.00 ☐ 11 - Open Equitation 15-17 years @ \$75.00 1. Check Classes Entered. ☐ 12 - MHC Junior Medal @ \$150.00 Office Fee \$45.00 2. Enter entry fees in Fee column. Spolito's Buffet ☐ Post Entry Fee @ \$100.00 \$100.00 3. Enter stall fees if applicable. stalls @ \$275.00 at Conclusion of Show Stall reservations must be made with entry by Camper spaces @ \$130.00 \* \* \* September 7, 2025. Only late qualifiers will not be charged a late entry fee. ☐ Day parking @ \$30.00 per horse for those not stabling Saturday on the grounds 4. Make checks payable to MHC. Warm-up #'s to be worn ☐ Night Watch @ \$20.00 - Mandatory with Stall \$20.00 5. Online entries only www.horseshowing.com Scratch Fee after Adult Mini Medal \$50.00 Deposit (non-refundable) \$100.00

Must also be accompanied

by signed open check. AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_