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Dear Exhibitors, Trainers, Families and Friends,

Welcome to our 45th year.

1. Camper and Stall forms can be downloaded from web: MaHorseCouncil.com, Days of Champions.
2. We will be hosting a USHJA Zone 1 Educational forum on equitation. This will take place on Thursday, September 24th after warm-up. Stall and raffles along with eats!
3. 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.
4. 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.

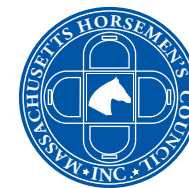
Sincerely,
MHC "Days of Champions" Show Committee

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



September 25-27, 2026

Three County Fairgrounds
Northampton, Massachusetts



Congratulations!

You have qualified for the Massachusetts Horsemen's Council



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PLEASE NOTE

Warm-ups September 24, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PROGRAMS/PRIZE LISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SHOW.

NO ENTRIES will be accepted AFTER NOON on the Thursday before the show
(except late qualifiers)

MANAGEMENT and STAFF 2026

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

JUDGES

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Centre Hall, PA

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Keswick, VA

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Bucyrus, KS

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Culpepper, VA

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Tel: (413) 530-7820



"Days of Champions"

Dear Exhibitors, Trainers & Parents

21st 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.

22nd ANNUAL

DEBBIE TATE

Open Sportsman Award

This award is meant to recognize that special individual whether they are 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.

17th ANNUAL

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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 in the indoor except service dogs.**
- 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 6, 2026. Stall payment is not refundable. Exception: Late qualifiers will be considered after the closing date up to September 13th. 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 6, 2026. 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 will be waived for those qualifying up to September 6th. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER noon, 12:00 PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th.**
- 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 117x220'. 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 25th and must leave September 27th. 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**, or any other health issues. 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. Any of the top riders MAY be requested at the judge's discretion for additional testing will score their cards as if scoring their own medal test. 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 AISLES OPEN IN BARNs
- 18) THE USE OF TWO WIRE EXTENSION CORDS (SIP CHORDS) WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AS THEY ARE NOT SAFE FOR USE IN AGRICULTURAL SETTINGS. ALL EXTENSION CORDS MUST BE GROUNDED (THREE WIRE/PRONG) CORDS. ALL APPLIANCES, IE. FANS, CLIPPERS ETC. MUST HAVE A UL APPROVAL LABEL ATTACHED.

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 DO THEIR ENTRIES ON LINE BEFORE
NOON 12:00 PM ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH.

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

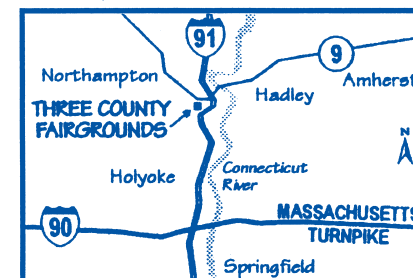
FROM THE NORTH

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



2026 SCHEDULE

For the convenience of the exhibitor, unjudged ticketed “warmups” will be held September 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. One round only, unless time permits for an extra round. **Last number will be taken at 4:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Thursday, September 24th

Warm-up - 2⁰⁰:10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Unjudged - One round only @ \$40.00

Friday, September 25th - 8:00 a.m. Hand Walk 6:30-7:30 a.m. / Course Walk to follow

1A - Open Adult Equitation 18 - 30 Fences 2'9" Trophy & 10 Ribbons
 1B - Open Adult Equitation 18 - 30 Trophy & 10 Ribbons

2 - MHC Adult Amateur Hunt Seat Medal Championship 18 - 30

All contestants are required to perform over at least eight fences 2'6" - 2'9", with at least one change of direction. 20% or 10 Riders will be called back for a second round of at least 8 fences. Any of the Top riders MAY be requested at the judges discretion for additional testing. Championship Trophy with other awards and 10 Ribbons. (11-20 Ribbons presented outside the ring)

3A - Open Adult Equitation 30 & Over Fences 2'9" Trophy & 10 Ribbons
 3B - Open Adult Equitation 30 & Over Trophy & 10 Ribbons

4 - MHC Adult Amateur Hunt Seat Medal Championship 30 & over

All contestants are required to perform over at least eight fences 2'6" - 2'9", with at least one change of direction. 20% or 10 Riders will be called back for a second round of at least 8 fences. Any of the top riders MAY be requested at the judges discretion for additional testing. Championship Trophy with other awards and 10 Ribbons. (11-20 Ribbons presented outside the ring)

Saturday, September 26th - 8:00 a.m. Warm-up 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. One round for Mini Medal finalists only.

5A - Adult Mini Equitation Fences 2'6" (Open Equitation Classes for qualified entries in
 5B - Adult Mini Equitation Fences 2'6" their respective classes only.) Trophy and 10 Ribbons in classes 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C.

6 - MHC Adult Hunt Seat Mini Medal Championship

All contestants are to compete over a course not exceeding 8 fences and not less than 6 fences, excluding combinations, at a height not to exceed 3'6" for horses and ponies. 20% of the riders will be called back for a second round of at least six fences. Any of the top riders MAY be requested at the Judge's discretion for additional testing. Championship Trophy with other awards and 20 ribbons (11 - 20 Ribbons presented outside the ring).

7A - Open Equitation 11 years and under Fences 2'6" Trophy and 10 ribbons in classes
 7B - Open Equitation 11 years and under Fences 2'6" 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B
 8A - Open Equitation 12-14 years Fences 2'6"
 8B - Open Equitation 12-14 years Fences 2'6" (Open Equitation Classes for entries in Class 9 only.) Trophy and 10 Ribbons in classes 8

9 - MHC Hunt Seat Mini Medal Championship

All contestants are to compete over a course not exceeding 8 fences and not less than 6 fences, excluding combinations, at a height not to exceed 2'6" for horses and ponies. Any of the top riders MAY be requested at the judge's discretion for additional testing. Championship Trophy with other awards and 10 ribbons (11-20 Ribbons presented outside the ring).

Sunday, September 27th - 8:00 a.m. - Hand Walk 6:30-7:30 a.m. / Course Walk to follow All Ages

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

12 - MHC Junior Hunt Seat Medal Championship

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

NO ENTRIES will be accepted AFTER NOON on Thursday, September 24, 2026
 Late qualifiers must do them online at www.horseshowing.com

ENTRY FORM

(PLEASE USE SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH EQUITATION RIDER)

NUMBER

THE M.H.C. DAYS OF CHAMPIONS 2026 ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Check if late qualifier Please Print:	NAME OF RIDER:	D.O.B.	STABLE WITH
	ADDRESS OF RIDER		MHC #
	NAME OF HORSE		

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 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 thereof.

SEE BACK FOR FURTHER SIGNATURES

Thursday, September 25th

Warm-Up 1 round only @ \$40.00 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. _____

Friday, September 26th - 8:00 A.M.

- 1 - Open Adult Equitation 18 - 30 @ \$75.00 _____
- 2 - MHC 18 - 30 Adult Medal @ \$150.00 _____
- 3 - Open Adult Equitation Over 30 @ \$75.00 _____
- 4 - MHC Over 30 Adult Medal @ 150.00 _____

Saturday, September 27th - 8:00 A.M.

- Warm-Up 1 round only @ \$40.00 6:00 A.M. - 7:30 A.M.
- 5 - Open Adult Mini Medal Equitation @ \$75.00 _____
 - 6 - MHC Adult Mini Medal @ \$150.00 _____
 - 7 - Open Equitation 11 years & Under @ \$75.00 _____
 - 8 - Open Equitation 12-14 years @ \$75.00 _____
 - 9 - MHC Mini Medal @ \$150.00 _____

Sunday, September 28th - 8:00 A.M.

- 10 - Open Equitation 14 years & Under @ \$75.00 _____
- 11 - Open Equitation 15-17 years @ \$75.00 _____
- 12 - MHC Junior Medal @ \$150.00 _____
- Office Fee \$50.00
- Post Entry Fee @ \$100.00 \$100.00
- stalls @ \$275.00 _____
- Camper spaces @ \$130.00 _____
- Day parking @ \$30.00 per horse for those not stabling on the grounds _____
- Night Watch @ \$25.00 - Mandatory with Stall \$25.00
- Scratch Fee \$50.00
- Deposit (non-refundable) \$100.00

Must also be accompanied

by signed open check. AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

X _____ Print Name: _____
Rider's Signature

X _____ Print Name: _____
Trainer's Signature *Farm/Barn*

Please Print _____
 Address: _____

X _____ Print Name: _____
Owner's/Agent's Signature

Please Print _____
 Address: _____

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Check Classes Entered.
2. Enter entry fees in Fee column.
3. Enter stall fees if applicable.
 Stall reservations must be made with entry by September 6, 2026. Only late qualifiers will not be charged a late entry fee.
4. Make checks payable to MHC.
5. Mail to:



NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER NOON 12:00 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH.