

**The Black-Eyed Susan (BEST) Horse Show Series**

Is operated in accordance with the current rules of

**The Maryland Horse Show Association, Inc (MHSA)**

**Maryland Regional Show Program**

MHSA Regional Program Rated in the following divisions:

Pleasure Pony, Pleasure Horse, Pony Hunter, Low Pony Hunter, Pre Children's/Adult Hunter, Low Children's Hunter Horse, Children's Hunter Horse, Low Adult Amateur Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, Low Hunter, Thoroughbred Hunter, Working Hunter, **Lead Line, Mini Stirrup**

**Equitation, Short Stirrup Equitation and Short Stirrup Hunter**

In addition, we offer the following MHSA Equitation Medal Classes:

Low Children's Hunt Seat Equitation, Low Adult Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation, Gittings Horsemanship, Adult Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation, and Children's Pony Medal.



at

**The Prince George's Equestrian Center**

Located in Upper Marlboro, Maryland

**2026 HUNTER SHOW**

**MHSA Regional Rated and Unrated Hunter,  
English Pleasure and Equitation Classes**

**Show Two Days! One day in the Indoor Arena and  
one day in the Covered Ring**

**New - MHSA Lead Line, Mini Stirrup and Short Stirrup**

**4 Separate \$1000 Derby Style Hunter Classics!**

**June 27th & 28th, 2026**

**\* Points count toward BEST Year End Awards \***

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (required): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail (required) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renew

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby apply for junior (17 yrs and under) membership for 2023 (\$40)

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby apply for Senior (18 yrs and older) membership for 2023 (\$50)

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby apply for Lifetime membership (\$450)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Membership expires November 30th of each year and must be renewed.

Note: To qualify for high score awards an animal must be registered with the association, and the owner/lessee must be a current member of the association.

Show Manager	Jamie Suchoski
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Course Designer	Alan Lohman
Judges	Nancy Ashway - St. Michaels, MD Rebecca Gibson - Mohnton, PA
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Horse Jumps	Jamie's Jumps
EMTs	Candy Hilgenberg, Steve Thompson
Farrier	Logan McKenzie
On-call Vet	Southern Maryland Equine Vet. Services

- An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) MUST be on the horse show grounds during all riding activities.
- The Farrier will be on the grounds Saturday and Sunday.
- The phone number for the on-call veterinarian will be on display in the show office.
- Prior to the show weekend, information for the Black-Eyed Susan (BEST) Horse Shows can be obtained on the web at [www.besthorseshow.com](http://www.besthorseshow.com). Beginning Friday June 24th, and during the show weekend, the Horse Show Office can be contacted at **410-340-5793**
- **Riders must wear a USEF approved, ASTM/SEI certified helmet at all times when mounted!!!**
- **Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current MHSA Regional Program Rulebook will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.**
- **Pre-Enter via mail, or online at [www.horseshowing.com](http://www.horseshowing.com)!**
- **Deadline for pre-entry discount is June 19th, 2026!**

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**Address: 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro MD, 20772**

**Directions:**

Take I-95 (Washington Capital Beltway) to exit 11A, Pennsylvania Avenue South/East (MD Route 4). Follow for 7 miles to Upper Marlboro exit. Sign reads "Showplace Arena and Prince Georges Equestrian Center". Turn right at stop sign to Show Place Arena.

From Baltimore Beltway (I-695) take I-97 South to US Route 3 South. Route 3 becomes US Route 301. Continue to exit for Pennsylvania Avenue (Route 4) North/West. Take first exit (stay in ramp lane) for Upper Marlboro. Turn left at stop sign and continue to Show Place Arena.

From MD Eastern Shore take US Route 50 West to US Route 301 South toward Upper Marlboro. Continue to exit for Pennsylvania Avenue (Route 4) North/West. Take first exit (stay in ramp lane) for Upper Marlboro. Turn left at stop sign and continue to Show Place Arena.

**BEST Derby Style Hunter Classics Past Champions**

**Low Junior Derby Style Hunter Classic**

**2016 - Order of Phoenix**

owned by Clay Hill Stables, ridden by Alexis Seiden

**2017 - Smallwoods Rosepetal**

owned by Allison Olmsted, ridden by Olivia Brown

**2018 - Esquire**

owned by Autumn Grove Stables, ridden by Grace Kilroy

**2019 - Simon Says Jump**

owned by Leann Smith, ridden by Abby Talcott

**2021 - Snips and Snails**

owned and shown by Maddy Wilson

**2023 - Nugget**

owned by Bruce Leland and shown by Grace Green

**High Junior Derby Style Hunter Classic**

**2016 - Some Assembly Required**

owned and shown by Katie Morgan

**2017 - Some Assembly Required**

owned and shown by Katie Morgan

**2018 - Reve de Souvenir**

owned by Autumn Grove Stables, ridden by Alexandria Russell

**2019 - DancinOnMyOwn**

owned and shown by Kaitlyn Nicely-Harvey

**2021 - Jericho V**

owned and shown by Samantha Tanner

**2023 - Louis Vuitton**

owned and shown by Addison Bingham

**Low Adult Amateur Derby Style Hunter Classic**

**2016 - Manhattan**

owned and shown by Kristine Spaid

**2017 - Forrest Gem**

owned by Donna Sullivan, ridden by Megan Sullivan

**2018 - Rubincon**

owned by Anne Brown, ridden by Hannah Verschell

**2019 - Fifth Avenue**

owned and shown by Gabrielle Cusato

**2021 - Dancing to the Blues**

owned by Jennifer Boyle and shown by Sarah Lightbody

**2023 - Downtown Brown**

owned and shown by Anne Brown

**Pro-Open Derby Style Hunter Classic**

**2016 - Gold Legacy**

owned and shown by Brad Fincher

**2017 - Duncan**

owned by Rachel Florian, ridden by Sierra Lesny

**2018 - Tempted**

owned by Mary Beth Lanza, ridden by Renee Kidd

**2019 Tempted**

owned by Mary Beth Lanza, ridden by Renee Kidd

**2021 - Be Tempted**

owned by Mary Beth Lanza, ridden by Renee Kidd

**2023 - BeTempted**

owned by Mary Beth Lanza, ridden by Renee Kidd

## BEST \$1,000 Derby Style Hunter Classics

**These Classics are not MHSA rated.** Each entry must compete in at least one entire Hunter division to enter a Classic. Riders may enter as many mounts as desired, but may only ride two for any one of the Classics. The rider for the second round of the classic must be the same rider as the first round. Horses must jump the same height in the second round of the classic as they jumped in the first round. If a horse or pony is entered in more than one "first round" division for any of the Classics, then one division must be declared as the "first round" of the Classic at the time of show registration. Only the top 12 first round scores will qualify for each Classic. Individual Classics may be cancelled if less than eight horses are entered. Once entered, Classics may not be cancelled once the first-round trip has been ridden, even if an entry doesn't qualify for the second round. **Once a horse has won one of the Classics three times, they may no longer compete in that Classic.**

Prize money for each of the Classics will be awarded as follows:

1st - \$400, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$150, 4th - \$100, 5th - \$60, 6th - \$40, 7th - \$30, 8th - \$20

### \$1,000 Pony Hunter Derby Style Classic

*Entry Fee: \$40.*

Open to ponies shown by a Junior rider. The Sunday over fences class in the following divisions: Open Pony Hunter, BEST Pony Hunter, MHSA Low Pony Hunter, MHSA Small/Medium Pony Hunter and MHSA Large Pony (Classes 261, 266, 268, 270 and 272) will count as the first round of the BEST Pony Hunter Classic. The second round of the Classic will be the "Derby Style" round. Each Round will count as 50% of the total Classic score. Fences set at 2', 2'3" and 2'6" with option fences set up to 3" higher.

274 Sun Pony Derby Style Hunter Classic (2nd Round)

### \$1,000 Junior Hunter Horse Derby Style Classic

*Entry Fee: \$40.*

Open to horses shown by a Junior rider. The Sunday over fences class in the following divisions: BEST Junior Hunter Horse, MHSA Low Children's Hunter Horse, High Junior Hunter Horse and MHSA Children's Hunter Horse (Classes 255, 257, 251 and 253) will count as the first round of the BEST Junior Hunter Horse Classic. The second round of the Classic will be the "Derby Style" round. Each Round will count as 50% of the total Classic score. Fences set at 2' 2'3", 2'6" and 3' with option fences set at up to 3" higher.

275 Sun Junior Hunter Horse Derby Style Classic (2nd Round)

### \$1,000 Low Adult Amateur Derby Style Hunter Classic

*Entry Fee: \$40.*

Open to horses or ponies shown by adult amateur riders only. The Saturday over fence class in the following divisions: 2' Schooling Hunter, MHSA Pre-Adult Hunter, 2'3" Schooling Hunter, OTTB Green Hunter (2'3"), and MHSA Low Adult Amateur Hunter (Classes 204, 206, 208, 210, 214 and 216) will count as the first round of the BEST Low Adult Hunter Classic. The second round of the Classic will be the "Derby Style" round. Each Round will count as 50% of the total Classic score. Fences set at 2', 2'3" and 2'6" with bonus option fences set at up to 3" higher.

224 Sat Low Adult Derby Style Hunter Classic

### \$1,000 Pro-Open Derby Style Hunter Classic

*Entry Fee: \$40.*

Open to all riders on horses. The Saturday over fence class in the following divisions: MHSA Low Hunter Horse, MHSA Thoroughbred Hunter, MHSA Working Hunter and MHSA Adult Amateur Hunter (Classes 216, 218, 220 and 222) will count as the first round of the BEST Pro-Open Hunter Classic. The second round of the Classic will be the "Derby Style" round. Each Round will count as 50% of the total Classic score. Fences set at 2'6", 2'9", 3' and 3'3" with bonus option fences set at up to 3" higher.

225 Sat Pro-Open Derby Style Hunter Classic

## 2026 Saturday Class List

<u>Indoor Ring</u>	<u>Covered Outdoor Ring</u>
101 High Junior Hunter Horse Over Fences (3')	201 MHSA Pleasure Horse Under Saddle
102 High Junior Hunter Horse Over Fences (3')	202 MHSA Pleasure Horse Park Mount
103 MHSA Gittings Horsemanship (3')	203 MHSA Pleasure Horse Over Fences (2')
104 MHSA Children's Hunter Horse Over Fences (3')	204 2' Schooling Hunter Over Fences*
105 MHSA Children's Hunter Horse Over Fences (3')	205 2' Schooling Hunter Under Saddle
106 BEST Junior Hunter Horse OF (2', 2'3", 2'6")	206 MHSA Pre-Child/Adult Hunter Over Fences (2')*
107 BEST Junior Hunter Horse OF (2', 2'3", 2'6")	207 MHSA Pre-Child/Adult Hunter Under Saddle
108 MHSA Low Children's Equitation Medal (2'6")	208 2'3" Schooling Hunter Over Fences*
109 MHSA Low Children's Hunter Horse OF (2'6")	209 2'3" Schooling Hunter Under Saddle
110 MHSA Low Children's Hunter Horse OF (2'6")	210 OTTB Green Hunter Over Fences (2'3")*
111 MHSA Lead line 7 & Under	211 OTTB Green Hunter Under Saddle
112 MHSA Mini Stirrup Equitation Walk (10 & Under)	212 MHSA Adult Equitation Under Saddle
113 MHSA Mini Stirrup Eq Walk Trot (10 & Under)	213 MHSA Adult Equitation Over Fences (2', 2'6", 3')
114 MHSA Mini Stirrup Over Ground Rails (10 & U)	214 MHSA Low Adult Am Hunter Horse OF (2'6")*
115 MHSA Short Stirrup Eq Walk Trot (10 & Under)	215 MHSA Low Adult Am Hunter Horse US
116 MHSA Short Stirrup Equitation WTC (10 & U)	216 MHSA Low Hunter Horse OF (2'6"-2'9")**
117 MHSA Short Stirrup Eq Over Fences (10 & U)	217 MHSA Low Hunter Horse Under Saddle
118 MHSA Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences (10 & U)	218 MHSA Thoroughbred Hunter OF (2'6"-3")**
119 MHSA Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences (10 & U)	219 MHSA Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle
120 MHSA Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle (10 & U)	220 MHSA Working Hunter Over Fences (3)**
121 Open Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')	221 MHSA Working Hunter Under Saddle
122 Open Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')	222 MHSA Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences (3)**
123 MHSA Low Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')	223 MHSA Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
124 MHSA Low Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')	224 Low Adult Derby Style Hunter Classic (2'-2'6")
125 BEST Pony Hunter Over Fences (2' - 2'3")	(2nd round of the Low Adult Am Classic)
126 BEST Pony Hunter Over Fences (2' - 2'3")	225 Pro-Open Derby Style Hunter Classic (2'6"-3'3")
127 MHSA Children's Pony Medal (2', 2'6")***	(2nd Round of the Pro-Am Classic)
128 MHSA Small/Medium Pony Hunter OF (2')	* Score in these classes count as the first round
129 MHSA Small/Medium Pony Hunter OF (2')	of the Low Adult Hunter Classic. (Adults Only)
130 MHSA Large Pony Hunter Over Fences (2'6")	** Score in these classes count as the first round
131 MHSA Large Pony Hunter Over Fences (2'6")	of the Pro-Open Hunter Classic.
*** To run concurrent with MHSA Pony Divisions	

**Classes begin at 8:00 AM for Both Rings!**

### Horse Show Office Hours

**Friday 12 - 8 pm**

**Saturday 6:30 am - 7 pm (or 1 hour after show conclusion)**

**Sunday 6:30 am - 7 pm (or 1 hour after show conclusion)**

7:00 - 7:45 Hacking ONLY in BOTH RINGS prior to show start.

**NO JUMPING ALLOWED!**

Classes/Divisions may be cancelled or combined if less than 3 horses are entered.

## 2025 Sunday Class List

<u>Indoor Ring</u>	<u>Covered Outdoor Ring</u>
151 2' Schooling Hunter Over Fences	251 High Junior Hunter Horse Over Fences (3')**
152 2' Schooling Hunter Over Fences	252 High Junior Hunter Horse Under Saddle (3')
153 MHSA Pre-Child/Adult Hunter Over Fences (2')	253 MHSA Children's Hunter Horse OF (3')**
154 MHSA Pre-Child/Adult Hunter Over Fences (2')	254 MHSA Children's Hunter Horse Under Saddle
155 2'3" Schooling Hunter Over Fences	255 BEST Junior Hunter Horse OF (2', 2'3", 2'6")**
156 2'3" Schooling Hunter Over Fences	256 BEST Junior Hunter Horse Under Saddle
157 OTTB Green Hunter Over Fences (2'3")	257 MHSA Low Children's Hunter Horse OF (2'6")**
158 OTTB Green Hunter Over Fences (2'3")	258 MHSA Low Children's Hunter Horse US
159 MHSA Low Adult Amateur Equitation Medal (2'6")	259 MHSA Junior Equitation Under Saddle
160 MHSA Low Adult Am Hunter Over Fences (2'6")	260 MHSA Junior Eq Over Fences (2', 2'6", 3')
161 MHSA Low Adult Am Hunter Over Fences (2'6")	261 Open Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')*
162 MHSA Low Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'6" - 2'9")	262 Open Pony Hunter Under Saddle
163 MHSA Low Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'6" - 2'9")	263 MHSA Pleasure Pony Under Saddle
164 MHSA Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences (2'6"-3')	264 MHSA Pleasure Pony Park Mount
165 MHSA Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences (2'6"-3')	265 MHSA Pleasure Pony Over Fences (2')
166 MHSA Working Hunter Over Fences (3', 3'3")	266 MHSA Low Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')*
167 MHSA Working Hunter Over Fences (3' 3'3")	267 MHSA Low Pony Hunter Under Saddle
168 MHSA Adult Equitation Medal	268 BEST Pony Hunter Over Fences (2' - 2'3")*
169 MHSA Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences (3')	269 BEST Pony Hunter Under Saddle
170 MHSA Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences (3')	270 MHSA Small/Medium Pony Hunter OF (2')*
	271 MHSA Small/Medium Pony Hunter US
	272 MHSA Large Pony Hunter Over Fences (2'6")*
	273 MHSA Large Pony Hunter Under Saddle
	274 Pony Hunter Derby Style Classic (2', 2'3", 2'6") (2nd Round of the Low Jr. Classic)
	275 Jr. Hunter Horse Derby Style Classic (2' - 3') (2nd Round of the Jr. Hunter Horse Classic)
	* Score in these classes count as the first round of the Pony Hunter Classic. (Child Riders Only!)
	** Score in these classes count as the first round of the Junior Hunter Horse Classic.

**Start time is 8:00 am for both show rings!**

### Entry Rules

Entry/Cross Entry - Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the Rules and Regulations governing the horse show, and for their own errors and omissions. In the case of a violation of a cross entry restriction, the exhibitor will forfeit the entry fee and the class placing. Unless a specific rule is declared or changed for the BEST Indoor Summer Classic, the Maryland Horse Show Association (MHSA) Rules will prevail. Copies of the MHSA Rule Book and BEST Horse Show specific rules will be available in the Horse Show Office.

### Entry Procedure

- Each horse/rider combination must complete an entry form in order to be assigned an entry number.
- Entries must be received by the pre-entry deadline of June 24th. Entries may be submitted online through [www.horseshowing.com](http://www.horseshowing.com), or may be scanned and emailed to [besthorseshows@gmail.com](mailto:besthorseshows@gmail.com).
- Back Numbers **will not** be issued or valid without a **signed open check or credit card number** (or cash covering fees) filed with the Show Secretary, and all required signatures on the entry form.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to settle their horse show account in person. The Show Office will have posted hours, and remain open one hour after the conclusion of the show. Management will automatically close any exhibitor's account left open at the conclusion of the show, and any questions concerning billing or refunds will not be considered.

## Saturday Only Equitation Classes - New for 2026!

### English Lead Line Equitation Classes

Open to riders 7 and Under, as of December 1, 2025, riding ponies. Riders will be judged on their riding position, ability to control their mount, and basic knowledge of riding. Suitability of mount to be considered. Season points will be tracked separately for 4 & Under Riders and 5 - 7 Year Old Riders.

111 English Lead Line (7 and Under) - MHSA Regional Rated

### MHSA Mini Stirrup Equitation Division - 10 and Under

Open to ponies ridden by junior exhibitors that are 10 and under as of December 1, 2025. A rider may not cross enter into any other MHSA regional hunter, pleasure, or equitation division or class at the same show. Riders may enter BEST unrated Mini Stirrup classes by age requirements. Stallions shall be barred from all classes. No martingales allowed.

112 MHSA Mini Short Stirrup Equitation Walk (10 and Under)

113 MHSA Mini Short Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot (10 and Under)

114 MHSA Mini Short Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot Over Ground Rails (10 and Under)

### MHSA Short Stirrup Equitation Division - Regional Rated

Open to riders 10 and under as of Dec 1, 2025. Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands. A rider may not cross enter into any other MHSA Regional Hunter, pleasure, or equitation division or class, except Short Stirrup Hunter. In addition, riders may not compete in any classes where the fence height exceeds 18". Riders may not enter any classes held in Ring 4 at the same show! Fences set at 18". No oxers may be used. To be scored 5-3-2-1 for places 1-4 by MHSA.

115 MHSA Short Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot

116 MHSA Short Stirrup Equitation Walk, Trot, Canter

117 MHSA Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences (18") - 4 or 5 Fences

### MHSA Short Stirrup Hunter Division - Regional Rated

Open to riders 10 and under as of Dec 1, 2025. Mounts not to exceed 14.2 hands. A rider may not cross enter into any other MHSA Regional Hunter, pleasure, or equitation division or class, except Short Stirrup Equitation. In addition, riders may not compete in classes where the height exceeds 18". Riders may not enter any classes held in Ring 4 at the same show! Fences set at 18". No oxers may be used.

118 MHSA Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences (18") - 4 or 5 Fences

119 MHSA Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences (18") - 4 or 5 Fences

120 MHSA Short Stirrup Equitation Under Saddle



### MHSA Pre-Children's / Pre-Adult Hunter Division (2')

Open to horses and ponies to be ridden by Juniors and Adult Amateurs only. Pre-Adult Members competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF Rule GR1306. Your signature as rider on the entry blank will verify that you understand and are in compliance with this rule. Adults may ride ponies. If an adult rides a pony in this division, said pony may not enter any MHSA pony division at the same show. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability of mount. Fence height shall be 2'. No oxers shall be used. Rider may not cross enter into any hunter division with fences higher than 2'3". Rider may not cross enter into equitation and/or Medal classes with fences higher than 2'3". Riders are ineligible for this division if they have shown 3' or higher in any show on any horse during the current show season. **Only scores for Adult Amateur riders qualify for the Low Adult Hunter Classic.**

- 153 MHSA Pre-Children's / Pre-Adult Hunter Over Fences (2')
- 154 MHSA Pre-Children's / Pre-Adult Hunter Over Fences (2')
- 206 MHSA Pre-Children's / Pre-Adult Hunter Over Fences (2')\*
- 207 MHSA Pre-Children's / Pre-Adult Hunter Under Saddle

### Unrated Open Hunter Divisions

#### Open Pony Hunter Division (2')

Open to all riders on ponies. Fences set at 2'. No oxers may be used. **Only scores for Junior riders qualify for the Pony Hunter Classic.**

- 121 Sat Open Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')
- 122 Sat Open Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')
- 261 Sun Open Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')\*
- 262 Sun Open Pony Hunter Under Saddle

- Scores in this class count as the first round of the Pony Hunter Classic!

#### 2' Schooling Hunter Division

Open to all riders. Open to all horses and ponies. Entries in this division may not enter any other classes where fence heights exceed 2'3". Fences set at 2'. **Only scores for Adult Amateur riders qualify for the Low Adult Hunter Classic.**

- 204 Sat 2' Schooling Hunter Over Fences \*
- 205 Sat 2' Schooling Hunter Under Saddle
- 151 Sun 2' Schooling Hunter Over Fences
- 152 Sun 2' Schooling Hunter Over Fences

#### 2'3" Schooling Hunter Division

Open to all riders. Open to all horses and ponies. Entries in this division may not cross enter into any over fences classes with jumps exceeding 2'6". Fences set at 2'3". **Only scores for Adult Amateur riders qualify for the Low Adult Hunter Classic.**

- 208 Sat 2'3" Schooling Hunter Over Fences \*
- 209 Sat 2'3" Schooling Hunter Under Saddle
- 155 Sun 2'3" Schooling Hunter Over Fences
- 156 Sun 2'3" Schooling Hunter Over Fences

#### OTTB Green Hunter Division

Open to all Thoroughbreds in their 1st or 2nd year of showing over fences. Open to all riders. Simple changes of lead will not be penalized. Fences at 2'3". **Only scores for Adult Amateur riders qualify for the Low Adult Hunter Classic.**

- 210 Sat OTTB Green Hunter Over Fences (2'3") \*
- 211 Sat OTTB Green Hunter Under Saddle (2'3")
- 157 Sun OTTB Green Hunter Over Fences (2'3")
- 158 Sun OTTB Green Hunter Over Fences

- \* Scores in these classes count as the first round of the Low Adult Hunter Classic.

### Adds/Scratches

Adding or scratching classes or divisions may only be done in the Horse Show Office using the official form prior to the start of the class. Once a class begins, it may not be scratched. There is no charge for classes added or scratched. A horse scratched from the show prior to the start of the first class entered, will forfeit office fees for the show.

### Association Credentials

Exhibitors are encouraged to send a copy of their membership cards (MHSA or USEF) with their entry forms.

### Health Requirements

1) To meet Maryland Dept. of Agriculture's Coggins test requirements, an exhibitor must provide, at each show or have on file with the Horse Show Office, a negative Coggins test dated within one year of the competition dates for each horse. Any horse not in compliance will be asked to leave the show grounds. The Horse Show Office will not keep on file any Coggins that will expire prior to August 20th. **Please bring a copy of your current negative Coggins for the Horse Show Office to keep on file.**

2) In the best interest of horse safety and wellness, MHSA has implemented the USEF GR845 Equine Vaccination Rule for all MHSA Regional Program Horse Shows. All horses entering the show grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the show grounds. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds. The complete rules regarding documentation and procedures is posted on our website at [www.besthorseshow.com](http://www.besthorseshow.com). **Please bring a copy of your current vaccination records for the Horse Show Office to keep on file.**

### Stabling & Grounds Fee

Stalls, whether occupied by horse, feed or tack, will be available beginning Friday at 12:00 Noon and ending Sunday at the conclusion of the show. Stalls must be identified on the pre-entry form. If a stall is not purchased with pre-entry, they may be purchased on the day of the show beginning at 6:30 am in the Horse Show Office. BEST Season Stall Holders will receive a \$30 discount on stalls. All horses not stabled at PGEC will be assessed a Grounds Fee!

<i>Weekend Stall</i>	<i>\$120</i>
<i>Grounds Fee</i>	<i>\$30</i>

### Bedding and Hay

BEST Horse Shows will deliver baled shavings, straw and hay when orders are submitted prior to the show. See details on the Hay/Bedding Pre-Order Form on our website. Hay and bedding can also be ordered through the show office during the show.

### Motor Homes/RV's

Motor Home spaces are available on-site and include electric hook-up. Reservations must be made by indicating the number of hook-ups needed next to "RV Hook-up Fee" on the Entry Form. Spaces are available on a weekend basis from Friday at 12:00 PM until Sunday at the conclusion of the show.

### Motorized Vehicles / Golf Carts

Golf Cart rentals are available each horse show weekend from United Metro Golf Carts. To make your reservation, call 1-800-772-6776. Reservations must be made prior to the horse show weekend so that carts can be delivered on Friday. Unlicensed drivers are not permitted to operate any motorized vehicles, ATV's, motorcycles, golf carts, etc., on the show grounds. Any exhibitor who fails to abide by this regulation may be barred from further participation in the horse show, and will not be entitled to any refund of entry or stabling fees paid, or due.

## Food & Alcoholic Beverages

Food and beverages will be available on the show grounds. Please be advised that no alcoholic beverages in any form may be brought onto the show grounds.

## Pets

All dogs must be on a leash, no longer than 6 feet and attached to a human. **No dogs are permitted in the show rings during schooling.** Owners of free-running or unattended dogs will be fined \$50.

## Veterinarian

The Horse Show Veterinarian's phone number will be posted at the Horse Show Office.

## Measurement Cards

Owners of all ponies must possess a valid measurement card or a copy of a valid measurement form to be presented to the Show Secretary. Numbers will not be issued before this requirement has been met. Please notify the Horse Show Office if you need to have a pony measured. If you are planning to show in any MHSA rated Pony Divisions, your pony must be measured by the MHSA Steward and Judge, and entered to compete at the show.

## Show Prizes

Ribbons will be awarded to eight places for each non-medal class, plus Division Champion and Reserve Champion. Medals will be awarded to six places for all Medal classes. Points for calculating championships in all divisions will be awarded 10-6-4-3-2-1.5-1-1-5.

## Ties for Championships and Reserves

In the Hunter Divisions, the Championship will be awarded to the animal with the highest number of points in the Over Fences Classes. If a tie still exists, then dual Championships will be awarded. In all other Divisions, BEST Horse Shows will designate one class as the tie-breaker class. Normally this will be the final class in a two or three class division.

## Schooling Procedures

***EMT must be present on Horse Show Grounds during all schooling!***

- **Friday Evening Schooling (Around 1:00 pm - Dark)**
  - ▶ Covered Outdoor Ring will be open for schooling over fences.
  - ▶ Indoor Arena - Ticketed Schooling (Begins at 2:00 PM)
  - ▶ Schooling fences will be set in Rings 2 and 3 for schooling over fences!
  - ▶ Race Track available for lunging.
- **Saturday Morning Schooling (7:00 am - 7:45 am)**
  - ▶ All Rings open for hacking only. Absolutely no jumping allowed!
  - ▶ Both Schooling Rings will have jumps set for schooling over fences.
- **Saturday & Sunday Schooling (During the Show)**
  - ▶ Schooling over fences is available in both schooling rings.
- **Saturday Evening Schooling at Discretion of Show Management**
  - ▶ The Covered Outdoor Ring is open for schooling after the last class of the day is completed, and the courses have been reset for Sunday's show. Schooling is open to all riders. Length of schooling is at the discretion of show management.
  - ▶ Indoor Ring - Ticketed Schooling will begin after the last class of the day is completed, and the ring has been reset for Sunday's show. Length of schooling is at the discretion of show management.
  - ▶ Both Schooling Rings will be open for schooling.
- **Sunday Morning Schooling (6:45 am - 7:30 am)**
  - ▶ All Rings are open for hacking only. Absolutely no jumping allowed!
  - ▶ Both Schooling Rings will have jumps set for schooling over fences.

## MHSA Equitation Divisions

### MHSA Junior Equitation Division (Regional Rated)

Open to horses and ponies ridden by junior exhibitor that have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. To be scored 5-3-2-1 by MHSA. Junior Equitation may be split by age or by horse/pony. If split by age, it shall be split 13 & under and 14 -17. To be judged equally on hands, seat, and control of mount and suitability to count. The over fences class fence heights shall be 2', 2'6" and 3'. The flat class to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter at both ways of the ring. At the judge's discretion, other tests may be performed. May be combined with the Adult Equitation if there are less than 4 entries.

259 Sun Junior English Equitation Under Saddle

260 Sun Junior English Equitation Over Fences (2, 2'6", 3')

### MHSA Adult Equitation Division (Regional Rated)

Adult Equitation. Open to horses and ponies ridden by amateur exhibitor who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year, and who are MHSA Senior Amateur Members. Members competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF rule GR1306. Your signature as rider on the entry blank and annual membership form will verify that you understand and are in compliance with the rule. If split by age, it shall be split 18 - 35 and 36 and older. To be judged equally on hands, seat, control and suitability of mount. The fence heights for the over fences class shall be 2', 2'6" and 3'. The flat class is to be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter. Additional tests may be required. May be combined with Junior Equitation if there are fewer than 4 entries.

212 Sat Adult Equitation Under Saddle

213 Sat Adult Equitation Over Fences (2', 2'6", 3')

## Unrated Junior Hunter Divisions

### BEST Pony Hunter Division

Open to ponies with riders 17 & under as of Dec. 1st of the previous year. Fences set at 2' or 2'3". Entries in this division may not cross enter into over fences classes with jumps exceeding 2'6".

125 Sat BEST Pony Hunter Over Fences (2' or 2'3")

126 Sat BEST Pony Hunter Over Fences (2' or 2'3")

268 Sun BEST Pony Hunter Over Fences (2' or 2'3") \*

269 Sun BEST Pony Hunter Under Saddle

### BEST Junior Hunter Horse 2', 2'3" and 2'6" Division

Open to horses with riders 17 & under as of Dec. 1st of the previous year. Entries in this division may not cross enter into over fences classes with jumps exceeding 2'6". Fences set at 2', 2'3" and 2'6".

106 Sat BEST Junior Hunter Horse Over Fences (2', 2'3" or 2'6")

107 Sat BEST Junior Hunter Horse Over Fences (2', 2'3" or 2'6")

255 Sun BEST Junior Hunter Horse Over Fences (2', 2'3" or 2'6") \*\*

256 Sun BEST Junior Hunter Horse Under Saddle

### High Junior Hunter Horse 3' Division

Open to horses with riders 17 & under as of Dec. 1st of the previous year. Fences set at 3'.

101 Sat High Junior Hunter Horse Over Fences (3')

102 Sat High Junior Hunter Horse Over Fences (3')

251 Sun High Junior Hunter Horse Over Fences (3') \*\*

252 Sun High Junior Hunter Horse Under Saddle

\* Score in these classes count as the first round of the Pony Hunter Classic.

\*\* Scores in this class count as the first round of the Junior Hunter Horse Classic.

## MHSA Adult Amateur Hunter Divisions

### MHSA Low Adult Amateur Hunter Division (Regional Rated)

Open to horses only. To be shown by an adult amateur. A rider in the Low Adult Hunter Division is not eligible to cross enter in any other division where the fences exceed 2'6" at the same show except age group equitation or medal classes. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence heights shall be 2'6", spreads not to exceed height of fences. To be judged on performance and soundness, with suitability to count.

214 Sat	MHSA Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'6") *
215 Sat	MHSA Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse Under Saddle
160 Sun	MHSA Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'6")
161 Sun	MHSA Low Adult Amateur Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'6")

### MHSA Adult Amateur Hunter Division (Regional Rated)

Open to horses only. Open to riders 18 and older as of Dec 1 of the current competition year, meeting amateur status regulations. To be judged on performance and soundness, with suitability to count. Fence heights shall be 3', spreads not to exceed height of fences.

222 Sat	MHSA Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences (3') **
223 Sat	MHSA Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
169 Sun	MHSA Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences (3')
170 Sun	MHSA Adult Amateur Hunter Over Fences (3')

## MHSA Open Hunter Divisions

### MHSA Low Hunter Division (Regional Rated)

Open to all riders on horses only. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence heights shall be 2'6" or 2'9", spreads not to exceed height of fences. To be judged on performance and soundness.

216 Sat	MHSA Low Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'6" or 2'9") **
217 Sat	MHSA Low Hunter Horse Under Saddle
162 Sun	MHSA Low Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'6" or 2'9")
163 Sun	MHSA Low Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'6" or 2'9")

### MHSA Thoroughbred Hunter Division (Regional Rated)

Open to all riders on horses that are registered with, or eligible to be registered with The Jockey Club. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence heights shall be 2'6" or 3', spreads not to exceed height of fences. To be judged on performance and soundness.

218 Sat	MHSA Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences (2'6" or 3') **
219 Sat	MHSA Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle
164 Sun	MHSA Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences (2'6" or 3')
165 Sun	MHSA Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences (2'6" or 3')

### MHSA Working Hunter Division (Regional Rated)

Open to all riders on horses only. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence heights shall be 3' or 3'3", spreads not to exceed height of fences. To be judged on performance and soundness.

220 Sat	MHSA Working Hunter Horse Over Fences (3' or 3'3") **
221 Sat	MHSA Working Hunter Horse Under Saddle
166 Sun	MHSA Working Hunter Horse Over Fences (3' or 3'3")
167 Sun	MHSA Working Hunter Horse Over Fences (3' or 3'3")

\* Scores in these classes count as the first round of the Low Adult Hunter Classic.

\*\* Scores in these classes count as the first round of the Pro-Open Hunter Classic.

## Ticketed Schooling Procedures

Schooling Tickets need to be purchased from the show office prior to entering the line-up for schooling in the Indoor Arena. We will allow groups of up to 8 riders in the ring at one time, for up to 15 minutes per ticket. We will adjust the group sizes, and length of time for schooling, based on activity and demand. This is not intended to be used as an unlimited open schooling session. Entries showing in the Indoor Arena on Saturday, will be given priority during Friday evening ticketed schooling. Once Saturday classes in the Indoor Arena are complete, and the ring has been reset for Sunday, we will reopen Ticketed Schooling. Once again, priority will be given to entries showing in the Indoor Arena on Sunday.

**All riders must have back numbers on during ticketed schooling!**

## Class Descriptions

**Over Fences (Pleasure)** - To be judged on willingness and natural ability with the emphasis on manners over a course of fences or obstacles at designated heights. Extreme speed to be penalized.

**Under Saddle (Pleasure)** - To be shown both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein at designated gaits. To be judged on performance, manners, way of going, and suitability of horse/pony. Extreme speed will be penalized.

**Park Mount (Pleasure)** - To be shown at a walk, trot, extended trot or similar gait, and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged as to pleasurable handling and riding characteristics with emphasis on manners and gait. To back readily and stand quietly. May be asked to move on at the canter. No more than eight horses or ponies, if available, will be asked to extend the canter at one time. Riders may be asked to dismount.

**Over Fences (Hunters)** - To be shown over approximately eight hunter type fences at the required height (except where noted). Judged on even hunting pace, manners, and jumping style, together with faults and way of going over the course.

**Under Saddle (Hunters)** - To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter. Light contact with the horse's mouth is required. Martingales not permitted.

**Under Saddle (Equitation)** - Judged on ability, rider position (hands and seat), control of mount, and suitability of mount to rider. Judged both ways of the ring at designated gaits (walk, trot, canter). Riders may be asked to perform other movements at the discretion of the judge.

**Over Fences (Equitation)** - To be judged on position of the rider, hands, seat, guidance, and control of the mount over a course of 8 hunter fences at designated heights.

## Class Fees

All MHSA Rated and Unrated Hunter Classes	\$30
All MHSA Equitation and Pleasure Classes	\$30
All MHSA Medal Classes	\$35
All Derby Style Hunter Classic Classes	\$40
Ticketed Schooling in the Indoor (per ticket)	\$25

## Saturday & Sunday MHSA Rated Classes

All MHSA Divisions offered at all BEST Horse Shows are rated under the MHSA Regional Program. MHSA points earned in these divisions only count toward year end awards for the MHSA Regional Program. Points earned for any of the MHSA Medal classes still count toward qualifying for each individual medal final.

**Adult Amateur Status** - Riders competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF rule GR1306. Your signature as rider on any entry form will verify that you understand and are in compliance with this rule.

**MHSA Equitation Medal Classes** - To be shown over a course of at least eight jumps at designated heights. Course to include an oxer and at least one change of direction and must include two of the following which may not be combined: bending line, narrow jump, rollback turn, fence at end of ring, long approach to single fence.

- ▶ MHSA Children's Pony Medal. Open to junior riders on ponies. No in and out may be used. 3 must complete course for medal to count.
- ▶ MHSA Low Children's Hunt Seat Equitation Medal. Rider may not enter any classes where fence heights exceed 2'6" at the same show. 3 must complete the course for medal to count.\*\*
- ▶ MHSA Low Adult Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation. Rider may not enter any classes where fence heights exceed 2'6" at the same show. 3 must complete the course for medal to count.\*\*  
\*\* MHSA Low Children's and Low Adult Medals may be combined if either has less than 3 entries
- ▶ MHSA Gittings Horsemanship. Open to junior riders on horses or ponies. Two or more tests of at least the top four competitors are required. USEF Tests 1 - 19. 4 riders must complete course for medal to count.
- ▶ MHSA Adult Amateur Hunt Seat Medal shall contain a combination. At least one fourth of the class, but not less than six riders, will be selected to show at the walk, trot, and canter. Same horse with same tack must show in all phases (martingales are prohibited in flat phase). 3 riders must complete the course for medal to count.

**Medal Classes** - You do not need to be a MHSA member to enter the following classes. Exhibitors must be MHSA members in order for points to count for the respective medals. There will be no BEST year-end awards offered for these MHSA Medal classes.

127 on Saturday	MHSA Children's Pony Medal (2', 2'6") - 3 needed to fill class
108 on Saturday	MHSA Low Children's Hunt Seat Equitation (2'6") - 3 needed to fill class
159 on Sunday	MHSA Low Adult Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation (2'6") - 3 needed to fill class
103 on Saturday	MHSA Gittings Horsemanship (3') - 4 needed to fill class
168 on Sunday	MHSA Adult Equitation Medal (3') - 3 needed to fill class

### MHSA Pleasure Pony Division (Regional Rated)

Open to riders 17 and under as of Dec 1, 2025. Open to all ponies.

263 Sun	MHSA Pleasure Pony Under Saddle
264 Sun	MHSA Pleasure Pony Park Mount
265 Sun	MHSA Pleasure Pony Over Fences (2')

### MHSA Pleasure Horse Division (Regional Rated)

Open to all riders. Open to horses.

201 Sat	MHSA Pleasure Horse Under Saddle
202 Sat	MHSA Pleasure Horse Park Mount
203 Sat	MHSA Pleasure Horse Over fences (2')

## MHSA Pony & Children's Hunter Divisions

### MHSA Low Pony Hunter Division (Regional Rated)

Open to ponies. To be shown by a Junior exhibitor who has not reached their 18th birthday by December 1 of the current competition year. A rider in the Low Pony Hunter Division is not eligible to cross enter in any other division where the fences exceed 2' at the same show except age group equitation or medal classes not to exceed 2'6". Riders may not cross enter MHSA Low Pony Hunter and MHSA Pony Hunter Divisions at the same show. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence heights shall be 2', spreads not to exceed height of fence. No oxers may be used. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to Count.

123 Sat	MHSA Low Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')
124 Sat	MHSA Low Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')
266 Sun	MHSA Low Pony Hunter Over Fences (2') *
267 Sun	MHSA Low Pony Hunter Under Saddle

### MHSA Pony Hunter Divisions (Regional Rated)

Open to all ponies ridden by a Junior exhibitor who has not reached their 18th birthday by December 1 of the current competition year. To be judged on performance and soundness, suitability to count. Jump heights are 2' for small/medium ponies, and 2'6" for large ponies, spreads not to exceed fence height. There must be 4 or more entries in each Pony Hunter Division or the divisions will be combined.

128 Sat	MHSA Small/Medium Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')
129 Sat	MHSA Small/Medium Pony Hunter Over Fences (2')
270 Sun	MHSA Small/Medium Pony Hunter Over Fences (2') *
271 Sun	MHSA Small/Medium Pony Hunter Under Saddle

130 Sat	MHSA Children's Large Pony Hunter Over Fences (2'6")
131 Sat	MHSA Children's Large Pony Hunter Over Fences (2'6")
272 Sun	MHSA Children's Large Pony Hunter Over Fences (2'6") *
273 Sun	MHSA Children's Large Pony Hunter Under Saddle

### MHSA Low Children's Hunter Horse Division (Regional Rated)

Open to horses. To be shown by a Junior exhibitor. A rider in the Low Children's Hunter Horse Division is not eligible to cross enter in any other division where the fences exceed 2'6" at the same show except age group equitation or medal classes. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence heights shall be 2'6", spreads not to exceed height of fence. To be judged on performance and soundness, with suitability to count.

109 Sat	MHSA Low Children's Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'6")
110 Sat	MHSA Low Children's Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'6")
257 Sun	MHSA Low Children's Hunter Horse Over Fences (2'6") **
258 Sun	MHSA Low Children's Hunter Horse Over Under Saddle

### MHSA Children's Hunter Horse Division (Regional Rated)

Open to horses only. Open to junior riders who have not reached their 18th birthday by Dec 1st of the current competition year. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. To be judged on performance and soundness, with suitability to count. Fence heights shall be 3', spreads not to exceed height of fences.

104 Sat	MHSA Children's Hunter Horse Over Fences (3')
105 Sat	MHSA Children's Hunter Horse Over Fences (3')
253 Sun	MHSA Children's Hunter Horse Over Fences (3') **
254 Sun	MHSA Children's Hunter Horse Under Saddle

\* These classes count as the first round of the Pony Hunter Classic

\*\* These classes count as the first round of the Junior Horse Hunter Classic