**Green Savannah Open Horse Shows**

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Do I have to have a current coggins with me for every horse I bring onto the show grounds?** YES.

**Does your show start on time?** YES! We have held 7 shows recently and all of them have started on time. That isn’t to say that something won’t happen to delay us at some point in the future, but we are generally very on time.

**When is the show over?**  Each show runs differently as far as time. However, IN GENERAL, the English classes are over around 2:30-3:00 and the western starts up around 3:30 and ends around 6:30pm. However, these times are APPROXIMATE. Every show day is different based on the number of entries, tack changes, musical freestyles, etc.

**What should I do if the weather looks rainy and I want to be sure the show has not been cancelled?** Check our facebook page and our website. Both of those will show if we have had to cancel due to rain. You can also email us and we will email right back to you with an answer. greensavannahstables@gmail.com

**May we bring a big umbrella or tent to set up for shade?** Yes, but you are asked to keep it well back from the arena fence. It scares horses in the arena.

**Can I sign for classes ahead so I can save time at the registration booth on show day?** YES, YES, YES! Please go to our website and download the class registration form. You can fill it out in advance and bring it to the registration booth. This will speed up the process a great deal!!! Also, you can keep a copy of what you give us so you are SURE of what you signed up for.

**How old is “Youth”?** 18 years old as of the day of the show and under

**Who can go in “Open” Classes?** “Open” means that the class is open to any age rider from youth to adult.

**Who can go in the “Adult” classes?** Only those 19 years of age and older. Youth have to sit these classes out.

**Do you have to qualify to enter the championship classes?** No, anyone may compete for the championship ribbon.

**How do I make sure I don’t miss my next class due to a tack change?** Notify the staff when you sign up for your classes when you will need the tack change. We are glad to wait on you as long as you don’t take too long. Please be as ready as possible and have help on standby to ensure a quick change.

**Can I scratch a class and get my money back?** Only if you scratch at least two full classes ahead of time. Example: If you want to scratch class 18, you must notify the office staff before class 16 begins to get a refund.

**Can I pay with a check?** Please don’t. We REALLY prefer cash. If you insist on using a check, you will not be allowed to leave a check with us in an “open” fashion to be filled in later. You must go ahead and make it out for the classes you are signing up for. If you scratch later, you can void that check and write another one. This is why CASH works sooooo much better!

**Can I use my own rider number?** No. We have had problems with doing that in the past. We provide rider numbers at the time you sign up. Please use that number.

**What gaits are called for in “Pleasure” classes?** In English pleasure, riders are asked to walk, trot, and canter. In Western pleasure, riders are asked to walk, jog, and lope.

**What does “Go As You Please” mean?** This class will be asked to “walk” and to “go as you please.” This means you do a gait that pleases you or that you find comfortable. It is generally understood that English horses will trot and western horses will jog. However, riders are allowed to just keep walking. It is frowned upon for riders to canter/lope unless the horse has a nice, slow canter/lope that doesn’t bother the other horses in the class.

**What do you do in Hunter Hack?** You jump two jumps and work on the rail walk/trot/canter.

**Do I need to provide my own dollar for ride a buck?** Yes.

**What about Egg and Spoon?** We provide the egg and spoon.

**Can I show using a snaffle and two hands in the western classes?** We try to keep our rules as close as possible to the major breed associations’ rulebooks while still allowing as many as possible to participate and find success. Therefore, only horses 5 and under should use a snaffle and two hands during western classes. All horses over 5 years old should be in a regular western curb type bit and the rider should use one hand (neck rein). That said, we will allow ALL western riders to use a snaffle and two hands but preferential placing may be given to those using the proper bit and proper neck reining. So, yes, you can use two hands when riding in the western classes, but understand that you may be placed a bit lower than someone successfully neck reining as is proper for western classes.

**Can I take my gaited horse in the English or Western classes?** No. Your gaited horse should enter the gaited classes. We have many gaited classes on the class sheet and they are marked with a star. You are also welcome to enter the ride a buck, egg and spoon, select, and musical freestyle.

**What is the difference between “English and Western Trail” and “Trail Pleasure”?** Trail pleasure is for gaited horses. English and Western trail is a trail pattern that riders execute one at a time.

**May we bring our dogs with us to the show?** Only if they are kept on leashes and not allowed to excessively bark.

**May we bring our young children to the show?** Absolutely. However, you are asked to keep them with you at all times. Young children have a tendency to play, run, shout, and throw things near the arena. This is distracting to those showing and could possibly be dangerous to both the competitors and the children. Please keep them away from the arena fence when they are playing.

**Can we get the halter, showmanship, and trail patterns before show day?** I’m sorry, but those will be posted on the day of the show.

Definition of Classes and Appropriate Show Attire

Please email us with any questions. We will be glad to help!

All classes will be judged with an eye for a healthy, sound, well-mannered mount. While a polished horse and rider turnout is encouraged, this is an open show with the purpose of having fun with horses. However, no matter the quality of tack or attire, every horse should be well groomed, clean and neat. Rider attire and tack should be also be clean and neat and should strive to meet the standards for the classes entered.

“English” classes: Horses who walk, trot, and canter – no gaited horses. Proper attire includes tall boots, breeches, long or short sleeved English show shirt with choker, hunt jacket, helmet, gloves. Also acceptable are paddock boots and half-chaps, turtleneck or polo type shirts and no jacket. Proper tack includes an English saddle (jump, all purpose or dressage), contoured or square pad, English bridle and reins. No draw reins, martingales, side reins, etc. will be allowed.

“Western” classes: Horses who walk, jog, and lope – no gaited horses. Proper attire includes western boots, jeans, chaps, button up long sleeved western shirt, western hat or helmet, optional gloves. Also acceptable are no chaps, short sleeved shirts or polo type shirts. Proper tack includes a western saddle, western saddle pad and girth, western bridle and reins. No draw reins, martingales side reins, etc. will be allowed.

Country Pleasure: This class is for non-registered gaited horses. Horses will be asked to do a show walk and their show gait. Both walking and racking horses are accepted in this class. Riders may use Gaited Horse English or Western tack and attire.

Trail Pleasure: This class is for registered gaited horses. Horses will be asked to do a show walk and their show gait. Both walking and racking horses are accepted in this class. Riders may use Gaited Horse English or Western tack and attire.

Speed Racking: This is for racking horses, registered or non-registered. Horses will be asked to walk, show rack and then speed it up!! Riders may use Gaited Horse English or Western tack and attire. Trail riding attire is also acceptable.

“Select”: This class is for riders 50 and over. This is a fun class designed to allow our mature riders an opportunity to strut their stuff. All types of horses, tack and attire are welcome.

Plantation Pleasure: This class is for Show Walking Horses. Horses will be asked to show walk and running walk. No canter. Proper Gaited Horse English attire is strongly encouraged.

Flat Shod Racking: This class is for Show Racking Horses. Horses will be asked to show walk and show rack. No canter. Proper Gaited Horse English attire is strongly encouraged.

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