

'A' SHOW INFORMATION

Congratulations on starting to show the 'A' circuit!!! This information outlines the new things you will need and the new skills you will need to have.

ATTIRE

Schooling:

- Collared shirt
- Breeches in a conservative color
- Belt
- Boots
- Helmet

Showing: Plan on having one set of show clothes for EACH day you are competing. If this is not possible, make sure you arrange access to a laundry facility and wash your attire for each show day.

- Show coat (either black or navy, a washable one is easiest)
- Show shirt – white, long sleeves, with a wrap collar
- Gloves – black leather (Roeckl preferred)
- Belt
- Pants – tan with belt loops (Tailored Sportsman preferred)
 - Jodhpurs if you wear paddock boots
 - Breeches if you wear tall boots
- Boots - The kind of boots you should show in will depend on your age and what classes you are entered in. Your trainer can tell you what is appropriate for you.
- Garter straps - Only if you wear paddock boots
- Helmet – black only, must be approved by your trainer
- Hairnet or hair bows – your age and the classes you are entered in will determine what is appropriate. Your trainer will tell you which is correct.

SUPPLIES

In ADDITION to everything from the Schooling Show Information list you will need to add the following to your tack trunk:

- A set of standing wraps
- Seam ripper
- Backpack that you can take to the ring containing:
 - Spurs
 - Crop
 - Hoof dressing
 - Ear plugs
 - 2 towels
 - Hard brush
 - Hoof pick
 - Polo wraps (if needed)
 - Spot cleaner (for any white on your horse)

TACK

You must now have all your own tack. This includes but is not limited to:

- Saddle
- Bridle
- Bit(s)
- Martingale
- Grooming brushes
- Half pad (if needed)
- Boots for the horse (if needed)
- Wraps for the horse (if needed)
- Show pads (1 per show day)
- Schooling pads

NECESSARY SKILLS

You MUST know how to do the following things. If you don't know it is YOUR responsibility to learn. ASK.

- Wrap your horse
- Pull manes
- Unbraid
- Lunge your horse
- Know what medications your horse takes and WHY
- Load / unload horses safely from the trailer
- Properly clean a stall
- Add/scratch classes
- Make grain
- Scrub water buckets
- Order shavings from the office (Claire may have done this prior to your arrival at the show. Ask.)
- Check in at the office (Claire may have done this for you. Ask.)
- Check on your ring (Many 'A' shows are run electronically and this can be done from your phone. We avoid bothering the in-gate as much as possible.)

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Since we are taking our horses away from home we will not have a barn staff to care for them. Therefore, it is up to us to fully care for our horses. **You will share in this responsibility as much as you are able.****

Before Leaving:

- Be at the barn at whatever day and time is necessary to load the trailer.
- Make sure ALL of your belongings are loaded into the trailer or that you have arranged to transport them yourself.

Arriving at the show grounds:

- Setup stalls. We will unload the horse trailer and set up our home away from home. This involves spreading shavings in the stalls, hanging and filling water buckets and setting up our temporary tack and feed rooms. If you are not sure how to help please ask! We will find a job for you.
- CHECK IN WITH THE SHOW OFFICE. You will need to leave a check with the show office to cover your class fees before you can receive your number. KEEP TRACK OF YOUR NUMBER.

During the show:

- Arrive at the barn with enough time to complete your chores before the start of the horse show. This could be as early as 6am!!!
- The following chores MUST be done before the show starts:
 - Make sure your horse has been fed.
 - Make sure your horse has clean water
 - Brush your horse completely
 - Take the horse for a hand walk
 - Clean your horse's stall
 - Make sure you have all of your tack and clothing accounted for
- Your horse will need to be hand-walked at least 3 times a day since we are away from home for a few days and he will not be able to be turned out.
- Everyone will share responsibilities for feeding and making grain. Check with Claire to see which day will be your responsibility.
- Keep an eye on your ring as you watch and support your friends. Claire will tell you how to appropriately check with the ring steward to make sure things are running on time.
- If you have any downtime the following activities are always ok:
 - Sweep the aisle
 - Muck your stall
 - Check the water for all the horses
 - Make sure our area looks neat and tidy
 - Ask Claire if you can help with anything
 - Ask your friends who are getting ready to show if they need any help
 - Watch other HaddenLoch riders competing and support them

When the show is over:

- Help loading the trailer.
- Once back at HaddenLoch unload all of your own belongings from the trailer.
- Feed your horse and turn him out when he is done eating
- Make sure your horse is sound and healthy before you head home.

Your responsibilities are not over until your horse is safely in his paddock back at HaddenLoch.**

**** HaddenLoch understands that school and family commitments may get in the way of being available for the entire duration of the show. If you are unable to participate in setup/teardown or horse care your show bill will reflect charges to compensate our staff for the additional work.**

You will have 2 separate bills for the horse show. Your class fees and charges for the stall and shavings will be paid directly to the horse show at the show office. HaddenLoch will bill you separately for trailering (if applicable), lease of the horse (if applicable) and training at the show.