



Schooling Arena Etiquette

Here are NIHJA's guidelines to encourage a safe environment in the schooling arena.

- Only mounted riders and trainers should be in the schooling ring.
- Leave plenty of space between yourself and other horses. A minimum of one horse length should be kept when passing.
- Don't ride double-wide in the warm up arena. Hang out outside the arena like this!
- If the show arena is busy during schooling, complete your warmup in the schooling arena. Reserve a busy show arena for jumping riders.
- When schooling over jumps, try to take turns so only a few riders are jumping at a time. If riders are more inexperienced, 1 – 2 riders should be jumping. More experienced riders may be able to handle 3 – 4 jumping riders. Make good decisions based on the environment.
- If your horse is having a tough time in the schooling arena (bucking, rearing, running, spooking) be mindful of other riders in the arena and take a break until the ring is quiet.
- If you are walking, utilize the rail. Yield the inside rail to others going at a faster gait
- Let the person in front of you know you will pass. Use common Language like "passing on the outside" or "passing on the inside." If there are jumps in the warm-up area, call the jumps before you approach. Call loudly enough for other riders/trainers to hear your voice.
- Watch out for riders who are jumping. Don't cross a jump line in the Ring while others are jumping.
- Avoid blocking gates to the warm-up.
- Horse handlers who lunge horses should have plenty of lunging experience. For the safety of everyone, don't lunge in busy warm-up areas, even if allowed.
- Sometimes, jumps are flagged. Jump in the direction where the red flag is on the right.
- Leave the warm-up area to touch-up grooming, hoof polish or to grab a sip of water.
- More experienced riders should look out for the less experienced riders.



invites you to attend their
NIHJA Horse Shows

February 20—22, 2026
March 13—15, 2026

Help us help you! Get your entries in by the closing dates, **February 12th and March 5th**, and we will prepare a schedule showing approximate start times of each class! No more hurry up and wait!!!! Remember, the schedule is only as good as the information we receive so enter online now (www.HorseShowing.com) and avoid the \$30 post entry fee! Completed entries **RECEIVED** by the closing date get a **\$25 stall discount!**

www.FieldsandFences.com
36550 N Hunt Club Road
Gurnee, IL 60031
847-244-4121

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Attire

- Proper show attire is required for all classes. Collared shirt required for jumpers.
- Helmets must be worn while mounted. **The USEF requires all riders to wear USEF approved head gear.**

Classes

- Show will be conducted under NIHJA and USEF rules.
- Management reserves the right to cancel or combine classes if necessary.
- Horses shown in classes not entered or entered at the gate will be charged a \$15 penalty fee in addition to the regular class fee.
- Trophy and six ribbons awarded in each class. Championship and reserve awarded in all divisions. You must be entered in the entire division to be eligible for championship and reserve points.
- Exhibitors are expected to be prompt for their classes. Multiple rides will be given consideration. **A one minute call will be placed on an open gate.**
- In order to add or scratch classes, **an official add/scratch form** must be filled out and **delivered to the show secretary's office.**
- Please observe the dotted line on course when making courtesy circles.

Stalls

- Stalls are vinyl 10' x 10' with doors. Because of the cost of manure removal, first bedding is **not** included. Shavings must be purchased from horse show management at \$10 per compressed bale (**nonrefundable**).
- Stalls will be available after Noon on Thursday.
- All stalls cancelled after 9 a.m. on Monday before the show will be charged to trainers.

Schooling

- Thursday noon to 7 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday to 1 hour before start time. No schooling in Ring Sunday.
- A warm-up area is available during the show. In addition, a warm-up class will remain open all day. Fence heights will change as show progresses through each day.

Miscellaneous

- **No smoking** in or near any building!
- A charge of \$50 will be made for returned checks.
- All dogs must be on a leash. Please leave dogs at home if possible.
- Current, negative coggins & proof of Flu/Rhino vaccine required with all entries.

Directions to Fields & Fences, 36550 N. Hunt Club Road, Gurnee, IL 60031

Exit the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) at Route 132 (Grand Avenue) west. Pass Gurnee Mills Mall and go north on Hunt Club Road. Fields & Fences is on the west side of Hunt Club Road just south of Stearns School Road.

Closest Accommodations		Nightly Rate	For special rate, mention:	Rate Includes:
Hotel Name	Phone Number			
Hampton Inn	847-662-1100	Call	Corp. ID #2687085	Breakfast
Country Inn & Suites	847-625-9700	Call		
Wingate by Wyndham	847-855-8868	15% off	Corp ID #1000033361	Breakfast
Former Holiday Inn	847-336-6300	Call		
La Quinta Inn	847-662-7600	Call		Dog friendly
Comfort Inn	847-855-8866	Call	Fields & Fences Rate	Dog friendly

Fields & Fences Equestrian Center 2026 Events Schedule

Please visit our Events page at FieldsandFences.com for the most current schedule.

NIHJA Shows

February 20—22

March 13—15

June 26—28

PTS (Place to Start) Open H/J Shows

May 10

July 12

September 6



100' x 300' Heated Show Arena



60' x 271' Heated Warm-up Arena featuring a 60' round pen for lunging

Fields & Fences NIHJA Shows (check one) Feb. 20—22 March 13—15
 ONE HORSE PER ENTRY FORM

Stable with: _____ Horse #: _____

Horse's Name _____
 Sex _____ Color _____ Age _____ Height _____

Owner _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone # _____ Classes _____
 Signature _____ Age _____

Rider (if other than owner) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone # _____ Classes _____
 Signature _____ Age _____

Rider (if other than owner) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone # _____ Classes _____
 Signature _____ Age _____

WARNING: Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities. (Senate Bill 240-IL)

ENTRY AGREEMENT - Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification. This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing. I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition to the following: I AGREE that the "Competition" as used herein includes NIHJA and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and affiliates. I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, handler, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm"). I AGREE to hold harmless and release the NIHJA and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the NIHJA or the Competition. I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the NIHJA or the Competition. I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the NIHJA and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at the Competition. I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the NIHJA strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition BY SIGNING ABOVE, I AGREE to be bound by the terms and provisions of this entry blank and all terms submitting this Agreement.

Signature of Parent/Guardian for minor _____

ALL entries should be submitted online at www.HorseShowing.com

**PROOF OF FLU/RHINO VACCINATION WITHIN 6 MONTHS AND
 NEGATIVE COGGINS WITHIN 1 YEAR OF SHOW DATE REQUIRED:
 Email to Show Secretary BEFORE ARRIVAL: MMichaels80.mm@gmail.com**

Divisions	Height	Circle Class Numbers			Total \$
		O/F	WT	WTC	
EQUITATION					
Ground Pole	pole	1	2		
Crossrails	1'6"	3	4		
Short Stirrup 12 & under	1'6"	5	6	7	
Long Stirrup 13—35	1'6"	8	9	10	
Rusty Stirrup 36 & >	1'6"	11	12	13	
Beginner Children's	2'0"	14		15	
Beginner Adult	2'0"	16		17	
Limit Children's	2'3"	18		19	
Limit Adult	2'3"	20		21	
Pony	2' - 2'6"	22		23	
Modified Children's	2'6"	24		25	
Modified Adult	2'6"	26		27	
Low Junior	2'9"	28		29	
High Junior	3'0"	30		31	
Amateur Adult	2'9"	32		33	
Children's Mini Medal 17 & <	2'3"	34			
Adult Mini Medal 18 & over	2'6"	35			
NIHJA Children's Medal	2'9"	36			
NIHJA Senior Medal	3'0"	37			
NIHJA Junior Medal	3'0"	38			
Lead Line		39			
Warm-ups	Varies	204 (Sun. 2'3" & >)	205 (Sun. P/C/S/L/R Str Eq W/U)	206 (Sun. 2')	
JUMPER		O/F	O/F	O/F	
Puddle	2'3"	40	41	42	
Schooling	2'6"	43	44	45	
Low	2'9"	46	47	48	
Training	3'0"	49	50	51	
High Training	3'3"	52	53	54	
Combined	3'6" or 3'9"	55	56	57	
HUNTER		O/F	O/F	U/S	
Ground Pole	pole	58	59	60	
Crossrails	1'6"	61	62	63	
Short Stirrup 12 & under	1'6"	64	65	66	
Long Stirrup 13—35	1'6"	67	68	69	
Rusty Stirrup 36 & >	1'6"	70	71	72	
Beginner Children's	2'0"	73	74	75	
Beginner Adult	2'0"	76	77	78	
Schooling Hunter	2'0"	79	80	81	
Novice (open to any horse/pony)	2'3"	142	143	144	
Limit Children's	2'3"	82	83	84	
Limit Adult	2'3"	85	86	87	
Pony	2' - 2'6"	88	89	90	
Modified Children's	2'6"	91	92	93	
Modified Adult	2'6"	94	95	96	
Maiden (Blue ribbon restriction)	2'6"	97	98	99	
Training	2'6"	100	101	102	
Pre-Green	2'6"	103	104	105	
Low Working	2'9"	106	107	108	
Non-Thoroughbred	2'9"	109	110	111	
Thoroughbred	2'9"	112	113	114	
Non-Pro Working	2'9" or 3'	115	116	117	
Adult	2'9"	118	119	120	
Low Junior	2'9"	121	122	123	
High Junior	3'0"	124	125	126	
Amateur Adult	3'0"	127	128	129	
Open	3'0"	130	131	132	
Small	3'0"	133	134	135	
Large	3'3"	136	137	138	
Regular Working	3'6"	139	140	141	
Warm-ups	varies	201 (Fri.)	203 (Sat.)	202 (Sat. P/C/S/L/R Str W/U)	

Entry Fee (\$30 per class) \$ _____
 Stall Fee \$190 (\$165 if entry RECEIVED by closing) (Trailer-in Fee \$75/day/horse) \$ _____
 Shavings x \$10 per compressed bale = \$ _____
 Office and Medic Fee \$ 60.00
 Post Entry Fee (for entries after the closing date) \$30 \$ _____
 NIHJA Non-Member Fee \$50 \$ _____
 Total Due \$ _____



WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian ("USEF") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, vaulter, longeur, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and Fields & Fences Horse Show ("**USEF Event**" or "**USEF Events**"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors,, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "**Agreement**"):

A. **RULES AND REGULATIONS:** I hereby agree to be bound and abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of USEF as published in the USEF Rule Book and on the website at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time.

B. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK:** I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any USEF Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the USEF Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("**Risks**").

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C. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the USEF Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any USEF Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any USEF Event.

D. **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY:** In conjunction with my participation in any USEF Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: USEF, USEF Recognized Affiliate Associations, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USEF clubs, members, Event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, judges/officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any USEF Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the USEF Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where a USEF Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties (**Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"**), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("**Liability**") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the USEF Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. **COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:** This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any USEF Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR OWNER TRAINER OFFICIAL STAFF VOLUNTEER COACH (IF APPLICABLE)

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) _____ Date: _____

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____