



Frying Pan Farm Park Dressage Schooling Show Tips and Rules



At Frying Pan Farm Park we strive to provide a friendly, welcoming environment to all Equestrians and park visitors. We would like our schooling shows to be a nurturing experience to young or inexperienced horses and riders, while helping to prepare more advanced teams for a recognized event. With that in mind please note the following rules:

Entry and Show Tips –

1. Entry forms are available at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/equest.htm>
2. Entries must be sent in with payment before any rider receives their number and ride time. It is suggested that you send in your entries well in advance as our shows tend to fill up fast.
3. Please e-mail or send your coggins to the show secretary in advance to:
Jessica.Zarudzki@fairfaxcounty.gov or mail to Attn: Jessica Zarudzki
2709 West Ox Rd
Herndon, VA 20171

We will keep your coggins on file for the duration of the season. The name of the horse **must** match the name on the coggins. The coggins must be current.

4. Stalls are available on the grounds overnight for \$25.00 or day stalls for \$20.00. Bedding can be purchased for \$7.00 a bag.
5. Refunds will be granted if classes are cancelled within 10 days of the show. After that, all fees are due and payable. Shows are often oversubscribed. Please be considerate and call the show secretary if you are unable to ride. A refund **will** be granted if we are able to fill your spot.
6. Ride times will be emailed by Thursday morning before the show.
7. Entries are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. If we become full we will then start a waitlist and contact riders if anyone drops.
8. If you are trailering with another horse or rider this should be noted on **BOTH** entry forms.
9. Schooling horses will be allowed to compete with different riders in the same class. Given this, ride times may be back to back, with little to no warm up time for the second rider. We will attempt to schedule them at least thirty minutes apart to allow for equipment and rider change.
10. ****Show management will work to accommodate special requests but does not guarantee the request can be met****

SEE GENERAL RULES ON NEXT PAGE...

General Rules –

1. In general, Show management will use the USDF/USEF rulebook for guidance and reserves the right to manage shows as the Park deems appropriate. Decisions by Show management are final and may deviate from the USDF/USEF rulebook.
2. Hard hats or protective headgear is strongly encouraged for all riders while mounted.
3. All classes will be held in a standard 20x60 meter dressage ring unless otherwise noted. All current USDF, USEF, and USEA tests may be ridden in the standard 20x60m ring.
4. Riders are encouraged to wear traditional turnout and coats, weather permitting. Shirts with collars and polo's are acceptable and braiding is encouraged but not required.
5. No rider may enter more than two horses riding two tests maximum. Tests will likely be scheduled throughout the day as our shows tend to be oversubscribed. Plan to be on the grounds for the day.
6. All equipment, bits, spurs, whips, should comply with USEF rules. Bits and whips may be checked. Draw reins, bungees, neck stretchers etc. that attach between the horse's front legs are strictly prohibited at all times.
7. If you are riding a Freestyle test, please present your CD or iPod to the show secretary. This will be amplified over the sound system when available.
8. Lunging areas are available in the outdoor rings or on the grassy spaces behind the indoor arena (cross country course). Absolutely **NO LUNGING** in the warm-up ring.
9. Schooling before the show or during the lunch break is permissible on the outside of the dressage ring. Take this opportunity to show a new or young horse the arena or ring before riding your test. Be courteous of others and share the space.
10. Inhumane treatment of any animal and unsportsmanlike like conduct from any competitor will not be tolerated. Management reserves the right to dismiss any competitor breaking this rule immediately.
11. All competitors are expected to behave in a polite, sportsmanlike manner. If you see an issue or have a problem with another competitor please notify management immediately.
12. Riding is supposed to be fun! Please enjoy your time at the park, and let show management know if you need any assistance.
13. In case of inclement weather and we have to cancel, we will try to notify riders 24 hours in advance. Emails will be sent, phone calls will be made and we will post to our social networking sites.

*****A note on special accommodations: All attempts will be made to fulfill any special requests or accommodations, but this is not a guarantee *****