

Showing With Hopkins Spring Farm

Policy: Instructors are responsible for deciding when students are ready to go to horse shows. An instructor must accompany all Hopkins Spring Farm horses to any and all away events. It is the instructor's responsibility to assign appropriate horses to students for horse shows (at home and away). It is the instructor's responsibility to choose the level/class/division at the show for each of the students. All entries must be acceptable to the instructor.

The instructor may disallow the student from competing at any time during any portion of the horse show (warm-up or during competition), if she feels that the conditions (of the horses temperament, the students temperament, ground conditions, weather conditions etc.) are not safe for showing without any form of refund of money.

Students are expected to show their mounts "show ready", clean horses and tack. Any mount not show ready may, at the instructors discretion be disallowed to attend, with no refund of any kind.

Fees: *All fees must be paid on the day of the show.*

Coaching fee: \$50 per student (minimum)

These rates apply for 1 day shows within a 25 mile radius of Hopkins spring Farm. Check with the instructor on exact costs, which may vary depending on length of stay and number of students traveling to the show.

Trailer: \$1.50 per loaded mile per horse with a minimum of \$25 per horse (All horses owned by Hopkins Spring Farm must be trailered by an approved transporter.)

Horse Usage: Hopkins Spring Farm horses may be, with an instructor's permission used at home and away horse shows for a fee of \$25 per horse per occurrence, fee does not apply to students leasing Hopkins Spring Farm horses. While using a Hopkins Spring Farm horse, students are responsible for its care for the entire time it is away from home. The horse must be cared for in accordance with standards set up by the accompanying coach. The student must accompany horse back to the farm after show and make sure the horse's needs are all met, ie. If horse has missed a feed time or needs to be turned out.

Any abuse of horses whatsoever will not be tolerated by Hopkins Spring Farm and will ban the abuser from further shows, abuse consists of repeatedly applying a crop or spur in anger (except in correction), using a whip or crop in front of a horse's shoulder. Striking a horse anywhere on or about their face or head or any other unkind treatment.

While Hopkins Spring Farm horses are safe and competent all horses have free will and have the potential to be dangerous. While riding or handling horses there is always an inherent risk of injury, although staff uses all appropriate safe guards injury may still occur.

Parent Involvement: When at horse show parent involvement should be contained to help before and after show, help at trailer area with tack and dressing. While mounted and competing parents should be spectators, photographers and cheerleaders. Let the instructors encourage the students to be strong independent competitors.

Tack usage: Students borrowing Hopkins Spring Farm horses for a show are solely responsible for the tack which accompanies

the horse. Any and all tack including but not limited to saddles, bridles, girths, protective boots, saddle pads, martingales, grazing reins, halters, lead ropes must be returned in the same condition in which they left (ie. Show ready). Students must return all tack and equipment to tack room with in 24hours of the event/show. Any missing, broken or damaged tack must be brought to the attention of a Hopkins Spring Farm staff member immediately.

Name of student _____, date _____

Name of parent/guardian _____, date _____

I have read the policies, fees and rules regarding showing at Hopkins Spring Farm and agree to abide by them.

Student signature _____, date _____

Parent/ guardian signature _____, date _____