

Showing with Saddletree Step by Step from wanting to Show to participating!

Showing is a great way to define goals for your riding and showcase them in a welcoming environment. They are low cost and low time commitment (compared to offsite shows).

Step 1 – Talk to your instructor about what division would be appropriate for you/ your child*.

Remember just because you/ your child can canter on Piper one time around the arena doesn't mean they are ready to compete in a cantering class. It is recommended to show one level below what you are working on.

* Saddletree students using a Saddletree horse can only enter into one division, however you do not have to enter in all the classes in that division.

Step 2 – Sign up to get a horse assignment. **This can be done by your instructor or yourself. Your instructor will provide you with the Google form link.** Students leasing a horse get first priority on that horse*. Everyone else will be randomly assigned a horse from a pool of appropriate horses in that division. *If your instructor hasn't already, make sure you are getting to ride a variety of horses in your lessons so you are prepared.*

*If two people leasing a horse are entered in the same division then a coin toss will be done to break the tie and the loser will be assigned a horse.

Step 3 – Once you know what horse you will be riding you will enter/pre-register for the show. **This can only be done by the student or the parent (if the student is under 18).** There will be a link to register on the Saddletree website on the “Show series – Hunter/Jumper” page.

Step 4 – You will get one lesson on that horse as a show prep the week before the show. If the horse is leased during your lesson time you will have to find another time for the lesson.

Step 5- Make sure you have the necessary equipment for the show – see attachment for horse showing with Saddletree attachment for more information. Tack for the horse will be provided but you may not get your favorite saddle.

Step 6- Payment. You will need to have cash or write two separate checks. Both made out to Saddletree. 1st check will be for the horse show office to pay for entry into the show. Its \$15 a class.

2nd check will be for horse use and coaching and be given to your instructor. Its \$20 a class.

For example: Jane Doe is showing in 4 classes, she will have two checks made out to Saddletree Stables and give them to her instructor before the show. One will be for \$60 ($\$15 \times 4 = \60) and one will be for \$80 ($\$20 \times 4 = \80)

Her best friend Sally Smith is showing in 3 classes, she will have two checks made out to Saddletree Stables and give them both to her instructor before the show. One will be for \$45 ($\$15 \times 3 = \45) and one will be for \$60 ($\$20 \times 3 = \60)

Step 7 – Day of the show, be prepared to hurry up and wait. Listen to your instructor on when you should warm up and be on your horse. Keep warmup to a minimum, clean up after yourself – Put tack away, take out braids, groom your horse, etc. **and above all HAVE FUN!** You can follow along with updates on our shows on the Saddletree Horse Shows Facebook Group.

SADDLETREE STABLES

HORSE SHOW INFORMATION

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At Saddletree, we offer students two types of horse showing opportunities. On-site horse shows are held at the barn and are open to students with approval of their instructor. These are a good way to learn the ropes of showing without the added stress of leaving the familiarity of the farm. Off-site shows are held at other farms or facilities. They involve hauling the horses to a show, showing against riders from other farms and often have a different class list and different requirements to show.

On-Site Horse Shows

Saddletree has their own hunter schooling show series. These are open to riders outside Saddletree as well as home riders. They are very low-key shows and offer many classes at low levels as well as classes for more experienced riders.

The Costs:

Class fees: \$15/class + optional \$5 jump schooling round **Horse use and Coaching fee (combined):** \$20/class

Attire: *all attire should be clean and well fitting, including boots!*

Light colored breeches (13 & up) or jodhpurs (12 & under)

Light colored show shirt or white/black/navy polo shirt (no patterns or bright colors)

Tall riding boots or paddock boots with half chaps (13 & up) or paddock boots with garters (12 & under)

Belt

Gloves

Helmet

Hair should be neat and in a hair net if long

Requirements to Show at On-Site Horse Shows

- Riders must ride in weekly lessons at least 3 weeks prior to the show.
- Dependent on your instructor's preference, riders are responsible for assisting in cleaning tack and bathing/clipping their horse the day before the show.
- Rider arrives at the barn by the instructor's determined time, and may leave after their horse is taken care of after their last class.

Off-Site Horse Shows

The Costs:

Class fees: vary by show; these are the responsibility of the rider

Stabling fees: only necessary for multi-day shows, these are the responsibility of the rider and will be discussed prior to signing up for these shows.

Horse use: \$75 per horse per day. Riders may not split horse use if they are sharing a horse

Coaching fee: \$150 per day for 1 student, \$80 per day for 2-3 students, \$60 per day for 4+ students (including warm up day if multi-day show)

Hauling fee: dependent upon mileage and number of horses going. Riders may split the cost of trailer fee if they are sharing a horse.

Attire: *all attire should be clean and well fitting, including boots!*

Light colored breeches (13 & up) or jodhpurs (12 & under)

Light colored show shirt

Tall riding boots (13 & up) or paddock boots with garters (12 & under)

Hunt coat in a dark or neutral color

Belt

Gloves in black or brown

Crop or Bat – no sparkles or bright colors

Helmet in black

Hair should be neat and in a hair net

Must own or borrow a fitted white saddle pad for off-site shows

Requirements to Show at Off-Site Horse Shows

- Riders must ride at least twice per week (including a weekly lesson) for 1 month prior to the show. The other ride may be a lesson, catch ride, or lease ride.
- The day before the show, riders are responsible for cleaning tack, packing the trailer, bathing/clipping horses.
- Rider arrives at the barn in the early morning to assist in loading the horses in the trailer, caravans or carpools to the horse show, and may leave after the horses return to the farm and are taken care of.
- **NOTE: Riders are responsible for the care and handling of their horse while off-site. This includes handwalking, tacking/untacking, maintaining clean drinking water, cleaning their stall and feeding if stabled, etc.**