

# Rules and Regulations

## USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$45 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot (exception: Friesian performance FR222) and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

**Fox Lea Farm, Inc., their officials and their employees will not be responsible for any accident or any loss that may occur to any exhibitor, spectators, guests, rider, groom, attendant, other employees, animals, or equipment at any of the competitions. All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third persons caused by themselves, their employees, their agents, their horses, or their dogs. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events, and to keep that policy up to date. Fox Lea Farm, Inc., d.b.a. Fox Lea Farm, its officials, its owners, its employees, its agents, and its guests will not be held responsible for accidents or loss which may occur to an exhibitor, spectator, guest, rider, groom, other employee, animal or equipment at the competition. All exhibitors, spectators, guests, riders, grooms, or other employees are subject to the rules and regulations of Fox Lea Farm, Inc. Show Management Reserves The Right To Change Prize Money Should Conditions Warrant On Any Class. Show Management Also Reserves The Right To Combine Any Previous Split Sections If There Are Less Than 4 Entries In Any Of The Classes Within A Section. While every effort has been made to avoid mistakes in this publication, the USEF, Fox Lea Farm, Inc. and its management assume no liability to anyone for errors. Any significant errors or changes will be disclosed to competitors whose entries are accepted upon their acceptance, and otherwise in accordance with USEF rules.**

## **EQUINE ZERO LIABILITY FLORIDA SENATE BILL 1658 EQUINE ZERO LIABILITY STATUE:**

Warning-Under Florida Law an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities.

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## **FOX LEA FARM BIOSECURITY PROTOCOLS**

**Fox Lea Farm is dedicated to the health, welfare and safety of all exhibitors both equine and human. To protect our equine partners, we will be enforcing the following protocols:**

- Provide a Statement of Health from your vet on veterinary letterhead that said horse has received regular and consistent vaccination against Equine Influenza and EHV 1 & 4 with most recent booster being within 180 days and not within 7 days. This will be in accordance with GR845.

**In addition please follow these protocols:**

- Not shown symptoms of or been treated for EHV-4/1 within the past 28 days
- Not been at a facility under quarantine for EHV-4/1 or exposed to any horses showing symptoms of EHV-4/1 within the past 28 days
- Any horse on the show grounds with a fever of unknown origin or of suspicious origin must be reported to Show Management and to the Show Veterinarian. It is always better to err on the side of safety. Isolation stalls will either be available on the grounds or at a local veterinary practice if the need arises.
- Please take the time to review equine good hygiene practices. Please convey the importance of this to your equine caretakers for their daily routines.

*Fox Lea Farm strives to provide a safe and enjoyable show experience. An important part of that experience is maintaining healthy horses. Please continue to check our website at [www.FoxLeaFarm.com](http://www.FoxLeaFarm.com) for any additional and possibly mandatory requirements. If you have questions, please call the horse show office at 941-809-6361.*

### **USEF EQUINE VACCINATION RULE**

GR 845 Equine Vaccination Rule 1. At Federation licensed competitions, horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers' or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian. 2. In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration. 3. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine; and date of vaccine administration. 4. In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested. 5. Competition Management may not amend or enhance vaccination requirements without prior approval of the Veterinary Committee. BOD 1/17/15 Effective 12/1/15.

### **ENTRIES CLOSING DATE**

Entries & stall reservations close 10 days prior to the start of the competition. Stall(s) not guaranteed after closing date. Exhibitors shall be held responsible for stabling and service fees of all horses entered by them or their authorized agent(s) even if payment of these fees is not submitted with the entry form. Faxed entry forms are considered a contract which binds the exhibitor to be financially responsible for the stall fee. To guarantee stall reservations stall fees must be sent in by closing date. Please call 3 to 4 days in advance to your arrival date to verify whether we have received your entries and stall reservations that you have sent or faxed.

### **TACK STALL & SHAVINGS SPLITS**

The Horse Show Office does split the tack stalls and shavings at the Shows. This must be done in the show office by 6 p.m on Friday or a barn account will be set up and all Tack Stalls and shavings will then be billed to that barn account.

### **STABLING**

254 permanent stalls with doors are available. Stall/tack fees are on individual fee pages for each show. Stalls are available at noon of day preceding Show and must be vacated by noon of day following the Show's close. Stalls are 10X12 and 12X12 or the dimensions of temporary stabling. No first bedding is provided. Straw bedding is not permitted. Stall assignments at discretion of management.

## **HORSE RECORDING & I.D**

All horses competing in Federation non-breed restricted licensed competitions with hunter, hunter breeding, jumper and hunter seat equitation classes (except those activities enumerated in GR901.9, items 1-9) must be properly identified and must obtain a Registration Number from USHJA. A registration number for each horse must be entered on all entry forms for licensed competitions. Only one Registration Number will be issued per horse, and must remain with the horse throughout its career. Anyone knowingly applying for a duplicate Registration Number for an individual horse may be subject to disciplinary action. The Federation and/or USHJA as applicable must be notified of any change of ownership and/or competition name of the horse. Owners are requested to notify the Federation and/or USHJA as applicable of corrections to previously submitted information, e.g., names, addresses, breed registration, pedigree, or markings. b. Applications for Registration Numbers can be completed online at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) or [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) using the Horse Registration application form. The Horse application form is also available from the USHJA or Federation office, or it can be downloaded from the USHJA or Federation website or from competition management. Competition management is responsible for notifying exhibitors of this requirement in their prize list. *EC 8/18/08 Effective 12/1/08 HU101.1* (Also see GR 1101.1- GR 1101.4) Horses must be recorded in order to be eligible for National, Regional, or Zone Horse of the Year Awards (see GR1110) - (GR1102.2) and to have point accrue in the For USEF Computer Ranking List, Citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, GR901.9, item 9.

## **CREDENTIALS**

ALL EXHIBITORS IN THE PONY, JUNIOR HUNTER MUST PRESENT THEIR USEF MEASUREMENT CARD (or Copy thereof) at the show office before their numbers can be released. To speed processing send a photocopy of your card with your entry blank. All ponies or horses that do not have a current measurement card will be measured at a time and place to be announced. All owners, senior, junior, amateur, adult amateur riders and trainers/coaches are required to present to the Show Secretary their membership card(or copy thereof) of their USEF and USHJA membership card(s). Failure to do so will result in a \$45 per USEF and \$30 USHJA fee (charged by USEF for non member fees). This fee is non refundable. All exhibitors with Amateur status participating in an amateur section must present their Amateur certifications, or an additional \$30 fee will be assessed. All non-members will be charged a fee by USEF.

## **NON-STALLED/ TRAILER IN HORSES**

A \$100 per day trailer in fee will be charged for all horse(s) trailering in fee. Non-showing-Non-stalled/trailer-in horses for just schooling purposes are required to inform show management, before their arrival, by calling (941) 809-6365 Kim Aldrich-Farrell. Vet and farrier fees will be applicable to any non-showing/non-stalled horse utilizing those services. Measurements reserved for only showing horses/ponies.

## **BACK NUMBERS**

Numbers will be issued only when entries have all necessary signatures, information is complete with proper credentials provided and when an open check has been left. No schooling without a back number. Non- showing horse(s) must also have a show back number.

## **ENTRY FORM SIGNATURES**

Presentation of signed entry blanks shall be deemed acceptance of all rules, and in the event of failure to sign the entry blank, the first entry into the show ring or schooling as an exhibitor shall be deemed to be an acceptance of said rules. Show entries will be processed and assigned a show number only when signed by every exhibitor, rider, coach, agent and trainer. If the rider or owner is a minor, the signature of the parent, guardian or trainer must be provided. Upon failure to sign an entry blank as required, such person(s) shall be subject to an automatic fine of \$250. By signing the entry form, exhibitors acknowledge and understand the following warning as provided in Florida Senate bill 1658, Chapter 773, "Equine Zero Liability Statute": WARNING- Under Florida Law, an Equine Activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities. Exhibitors are responsible for any errors on the entry blanks. Parent(s) or guardian(s) of minor exhibitors shall hold the Horse Show Management and the Facility harmless for any injury to such minor. If parent or guardian is not available, the trainer, must sign an entry blank on a minor's behalf. [Per USEF GR908.2]. Unless specifically provided otherwise by law, any of the above persons may alternatively sign an entry blank in electronic form which shall have the same validity, force and effect as a signature affixed by hand. USEF GR908

## **ADDS/SCRATCHES**

Show scratches for the entire show will be accepted, if submitted to the show office no later than the day before the first class of the show. No class fee refunds after an order of go is drawn. All show scratched entries will be charged a \$25 scratch fee and a non refunded stall fee. Scratches to individual classes in rated divisions will not be refunded. Scratches must be completed in the show office before the beginning of the added or scratched class. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to take their copy of the scratch to the paddock master to complete the scratch process. All adds will be on a stand by basis and will be accepted after all class entries are calculated.

## **MINOR EXHIBITORS**

Parent(s) or guardian(s) of minor exhibitors shall hold the Horse Show Management and the Facility harmless for any injury to such minor. No child's entry will be accepted or number issued unless entry is signed by a parent or LEGAL guardian. If parent or guardian is not available, the trainer, must sign an entry blank on a minor's behalf. [Per USEF GR908.2].

## **RETURNED CHECKS**

A \$50 fee will be charged for returned checks, for each time deposited, WITH NO EXCEPTIONS. All returned checks not honored within 21 days will be turned over to the USEF. See also USEF GR913 for Unpaid Entries.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

The office will be opened at 9:00 AM the day prior to the first Show day and will remain opened to 5:00 PM. Each Show day, the office will open one hour prior to the first class and close at 5 pm. Please complete all declarations (adds & scratches) by 4 pm each day.

## **REFUSAL OF ENTRY**

Show Management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, and to cancel any entries, disqualify Exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries and cancel awards or prizes, without claim for damages. Show management reserves the right to combine or cancel classes, reschedule classes after due notice to exhibitors; to change rings or rotate judges; use dotted line; and to change the specification in jumper classes as competition warrants.

## **REFUND POLICY**

Nomination, Stall (NO STALL FEES WILL BE REFUNDED), Paddock, Grounds, Camper Parking, & Schooling Will Not Be Refunded Under Any Circumstances. Entry fees will not be refunded unless a certificate of illness or injury prepared by an accredited veterinarian is presented to the secretary before the start of the show. Once the show has started, horses that are not shown in classes which they have entered forfeit their entry fees, except if a horse is injured or becomes ill prior to the class or classes entered. Proper notification of the scratch must be made in the show office BEFORE the start of the class or classes being scratched. This must be accompanied by a certificate from the official horse show veterinarian. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to bring the yellow copy of the scratch form to the show ring, to finalize the scratch process. In either case above the entry fees will be refunded less a scratch fee of \$25.00. Refunds of entry fees will not be given in the event a class or classes, or all or part of the competition is cancelled due to severe weather, an accident, an emergency or some other act of god. Refunds of stall fees, service fees, schooling, office fees, or paddock fees will not be given, however class fees will be refunded in the event of cancellation of all or part of the competition due to severe weather, an accident, an emergency or some other act of god. [Per GR832.1][GR912] Refunds under \$50 will be credited to your next show bill.

## **CHECK OUT**

Any disputes found on your printed invoice, must be resolved within 24 hours. Please review your bills carefully. If disputes are not negotiated within this time period, the invoice will stand. If you do not close out your invoice(s) in the office a \$50 fee will be assessed, unless you fill out an express check out form giving written consent for office to close out your invoice. Any open invoices left in office after the end of the show will be closed out with the method of payment holding the entry.

## **RV HOOK-UP SPACE**

RV hook-ups provide water and electric. No septic provided. May need adapter (not provided). Permits must be received at the show office upon arrival.

## **RV PUMP OUT**

\$65 Per Pump Out, Please sign up in show office. The pump out fee will be added to your account in the show office.

## **TRASH**

All trash must be put in trash cans provided. DO NOT put any trash in the manure bins. All MANURE must be put into provided manure bins.

## **MEDICAL WASTE**

Dispose of medical waste in labeled containers at wash racks. Please use aseptic techniques for safety. Competition Management shall place at least one sharps container per fifty occupied stalls for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments in convenient locations in barns housing show horses. It is the competition management's responsibility to replace such containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments. Competition Management will place a notice of this in their prize list or on a specific handout given to trainers on check in at show office. (Containers can be found at every wash rack, please notify management if one needs to be attended.) [GR 1210.4]

### DISPUTES:

In all classes Show Management will settle any dispute(s), conflict(s) or question(s) that may arise and this decision shall be final.

### SAFETY ISSUES:

No campfires or barbecues are allowed. NO SMOKING IS ALLOWED IN OR NEAR ANY BARN! Ample room must be left around the barns for emergency vehicles to pass. Please use areas around barns for unloading and loading purposes only. Parking is available away from the barns. Do not block passage for everyone's safety! Upon entering Main Barn please dismount for everyone's safety. No household appliances may be used in or around any stalls including tack rooms or on hay piles. This includes but not limited to i.e hot plates, coffee makers, crock pots, refrigerators, toasters, fondue pots, s'mores makers or microwave ovens, etc..

## **POST ENTRIES**

Post Entries will be accepted. Entries must be received two classes prior to showing. This includes transferring a non showing horse to a showing horse status. Grand Prix horses must abide by the rule of being on the show grounds 24 Hours before the start of the class and entered into the Competition with required classes.

## **HAY AND FEED SALES**

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR FEED & HAY SALES INFORMATION. [WWW.FOXLEAFARM.COM](http://WWW.FOXLEAFARM.COM)

## **POLING AND OFFSETS**

Manual poling and use of bamboo offsets are prohibited for all horses competing on the Fox Lea Farm show grounds.

## **HUNTER & EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Hunter and Equitation Championships are awarded to the top two of the four horses in the section. A minimum of 3 entries in at least 60% of the division required. The under saddle/flat class of a division must be held In order to award a championship.

## **JUMPER TIES**

In Jumper classes offering money, horses tied for other than first shall remain tied and divide the prize money. [JP141]

## **SCHOOLING**

There will be a flat schooling fee accessed to all showing horses but the Grand Prix horses. Tuesday both hunter rings will be open from 8:30-4:00 and Wednesday Hunter 2 all day until 3:00pm. If time permits after showing as been completed and preparations for next day are complete we will then open up rings for schooling. Only flatting will be allowed in rings in the Morning. (NO JUMPING) JUMPER RING - Flatting only TUESDAYS until 2:30 in Jumper ring. Ring will be CLOSED all other days for flatting. All horses or ponies entering the property must have prior reservations for either a stall or a trailer in fee. Please call Kim Aldrich-Farrell at (941) 809-6365 to make reservations for a stall or to notify that you will be a "trailer in" for the horse show. All riders must be wearing a back number to school and show. All horses or ponies must be checked in with the show office.

## **GOLF CARTS AND MOPEDS**

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, scooters, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent(s), guardian(s), and/or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

## **ORDER OF GO**

Show Management may assign an order of go which must be followed at any time during a competition. This will be posted at least ½ hour before the start of the class. Any conflict due to classes in more than one show ring running concurrently must be worked out with the paddock master of the hunter ring. Courtesy circle may be restricted. There will be a drawn and posted order of go for all classics. Scratches after an order of go is posted will receive no refund. If entered after order of go is established, the new entry will be placed at the top of the order. No exceptions!!! There may be no scratches after the order of go has been drawn or after first round has started. A dotted line may be used in the show rings at management's discretion. Management reserves the right to post a random drawn order of go for the first class of the day and have it posted an hour before the class. If an order of go is needed, management will inform the exhibitors by the P.A. system the night before. No ring will hold for any conflict for more than 3 minutes. Please see USEF Rule HU158.

## **PET RESTRICTIONS**

No dogs (pets) are allowed at the show rings at any time. [USEF GR1301.6] Pets must be controlled by leashes or kenneled at all times. A \$25 fine may be charged to owners of pets not controlled in such manners. Additionally, owners of pets who interfere with the performance of a competitor will be charged the entry fee of the Class in question. NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN STALLS FOR FLEA CONTROL. A \$25 CHARGE MAY BE ASSESSED TO PET OWNERS.

## **VETERINARIAN**

GR1211.4.g. At competitions where the official veterinarian is on call, the prize list must include the time period when the veterinarian will be available to conduct measurements. If the veterinarian is required to measure at any time other than as stated in the prize list, the owner is responsible for paying veterinarian fees.

## **FOOD CONCESSION**

Concession is open on the show grounds during the horse show hours.

## **HARD HAT/ PROPER ATTIRE**

It is compulsory for all persons at Federation licensed hunter, jumper or hunter/jumper competitions when mounted anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. [USEF GR801] For all exhibitors competing in the hunter or hunter seat equitation section, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop, re-fasten the chin strap and continue his/her round without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required to stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap which has become unfastened, again without penalty to the rider. [USEF GR801]

## **RIBBONS AND AWARDS**

Ribbons will be given second through eighth place for all hunter and hunt seat equitation classes at ring in-gate. Ribbons will be given second through sixth place for all jumper classes at ring in-gate. All first place and classic ribbons can be acquired at the show office. An award will be given to first place in all classes not offering prize money with at least three competitors in the class. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be given in all sections with the exception of classes with the terms "Warm-Up" and "Pleasure" in their names; also exempt are Lead-line classes.

## **PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION:**

Distribution of prize monies will be carried out in the show office only and will be credited to show fees owed after the class winnings are posted or a prize money check will be mailed to the address provided on the entry blank or express check out form within 30 days of the last day of the show. If not waiting to personally close out your account after your last class, please fill out an express check out form in the show office; along with a W-9 for any prize monies. For accounts that receive a prize money check, checks must be cashed within 60 days. A W-9 must be filled out at time of receipt of check/prize money, with all tax payer information included for the individual or corporation taking tax paying responsibility. Any one not able to fill out W-9 completely will be able to fax/mail copy of W-9 to Fox Lea Farm Inc. Then prize monies will be mailed back to them upon receipt of this information. IRS, 1099 Miscellaneous Income Forms will be issued to the 1099 designee listed on the entry form. All refunds under \$50 will be credited to your next show bill.

## **PRIZE MONEY TO FOREIGN EXHIBITORS**

Foreign exhibitors are advised that US Internal Revenue Service requires sporting events to withhold 30% of the prize money won in the United States. Foreign exhibitors should apply for a US Social Security number and will be asked to complete FORM W-8- BEN Prior to prize money being issued.

## **PAYOUT OF PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION**

See Class Offerings section.

## **COMBINING OF RATED HUNTER DIVISIONS**

Please see the show office for the current guidelines.

## **JUMPER DIVISION RULES**

Courses in all jumper classes may consist of any combinations of the following: brush, gate, oxers, post and rails, water, wall, liverpool, panels and coops. In all classes in this division, ties other than first place shall be determined by time. All ties for first place shall remain tied. Ties involving Championships must remain tied, with tied horses receiving equal legs on any trophy (JP110.3). Ribbons have the same value even if less than the specified eight places are awarded due to lack of entries. First Place=10 Points, Second place=6 Points, Third Place=4 Points, Forth Place=2 Points, Fifth Place= 1 Point, Sixth Place=1/2 point (JP110.2.a) . Fox Lea Farm reserves the right to change the height of non-rated jumper class if it is run with permission of all competitors. Manual poling is prohibited. (JP103.1) Martingales. a. Classes offering less than \$1000- No martingales restrictions. b. Classes offering \$1000-\$4999- Only standard or running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted. c. Classes offering \$5000 or more (and all classes restricted to young horses) -Only running martingales used in the conventional manner are permitted. (JP 111.1.a.b.c.) For all Non Rated Prize Money Jumper classes that do not meet required number of entries per class specification may be held as a 33% add-back, entry fee \$60 if all competitors agree. Please see show schedules for jumper class tables.

## **JUMPER NOMINATIONS**

A Jumper Nomination fee of \$125 will be collected for the 1.25m Division, Jr/AO Jumper Divisions, Jumper Welcome and 1.25m Jumper Prix.



**The One-Minute Horse  
Show Entry Service**