

SPRING FLING GENERAL RULES and REGULATIONS

- 1) All trainers, exhibitors, and guardians are responsible for adhering to the Spring Fling Horse Show Rules and Regulations
- 2) All horses on show grounds are required to have a current negative Coggins test and pay either a Stall Fee or Grounds Fee.
- 3) Non-compete horses are welcome but must comply with Rule #2. Non-competing horses will be issued a competition number and must wear it when being ridden on show grounds.
- 4) Liability Release Forms required from all riders, parent, or guardian of rider under 18yo. Youth rider - under 18 years as of January 1, 2026.
- 5) Proper show attire is required.
- 6) An open and signed check is required for all entries if additional classes are added to prepaid entries.
- 7) Hunter/Jumper and Dressage classes will be judged following USEF rules. Western & Ranch classes will be judged following AQHA rules. Exhibitors are encouraged to read the USEF and AQHA rule books for judging specifications.
- 8) All patterns will be posted the day of the show.
- 9) Stallions must be handled and shown by adults only.
- 10) No lunging in any of the show arenas at any time.
- 11) Dogs must be on leash and under control at all times.
- 12) Classes will be called promptly. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be at the gate on time. Every effort will be made to maintain a working PA system but barn/paddock calls must be considered a courtesy.
- 13) Please check in with the Paddock Master before each class. Two-minute gate call will be enforced.
- 14) Any class conflict/holds must be arranged with the Paddock Master or show office at least 2 classes prior to conflict.
- 15) Hunter/Jumper horses may show in two (2) consecutive divisions per day for the welfare of the horse
- 16) For Class Fee Refunds – scratches must be done at the show office two classes prior.
- 17) Payback Classes: Prize monies will be credited to show bill balance; any monies won exceeding the show bill will be awarded as a check.
- 18) ASTM approved helmet with harness secured must be worn for all Hunter/Jumper, Dressage, Combined Training and “Special Friends” classes, and when mounted at any time on show grounds. Western and Ranch classes at rider’s discretion.
- 19) All Dressage and Combined Training tests must be pre-entered. **Closing date – Thursday, April 16th at 4 PM.** Contact the show secretary (SpringFlingHorseShow@gmail.com) to confirm if late entries can be accepted. Ride times will be posted on our website (www.springflinghorseshow.com) and on the FaceBook page (South Carolina Upstate Equine Council), Friday, April 17th by 9pm.
- 20) Any person deemed dangerous, abusive or disruptive by show management will be asked to leave the show grounds.
- 21) Show management reserves the right to combine classes, make changes to schedule, move classes to different areas, eliminate or add breaks if timing, weather or safety concerns dictate.
- 22) Judges decision is FINAL.
- 23) T. Ed Garrison Livestock Arena or SCUEC will NOT be responsible for any losses, accidents or injury.

CLASS DISCRIPTIONS

OPEN SHOW DIVISIONS

- a) **Division Awards:** Open Show awards are available for those who complete all classes in a given division. Points: 1st = 10 pts, 2nd = 6 pts, 3rd = 4 pts, 4th = 2 pts, 5th = 1 pt, 6th = 0.5pt.
- b) **Halter classes:** Judged on movement and confirmation specific to the breed. Stallions may only be shown by an adult.
- c) **“Special Friends”:** No entry fee. Offered for special needs riders, who may have physical, developmental, or emotional difficulties. These classes will be walk only. Participants must wear approved ASTM helmet with neck strap. Attire to be according to exhibiting discipline. Saddles may be adapted for rider’s needs. Leader and side walkers allowed. Horse must wear halter under bridle for leader to help in control if needed.
- d) **Western Division:** To be shown at walk, jog and lope unless otherwise indicated by the judge.
- e) **Ranch Division:** To be shown at a walk, trot and lope on both leads; extended gaits may be required in at least one direction. Horses may be required to back. A natural appearance turnout of horse is required.
- f) **GAYP (Go As You Please):** A pleasure class, to be shown both ways of the ring at a walk and “go as you please”. Your choice to trot, canter, pace, running walk or whichever gait your horse does best.
- g) **Faith Connelly Team Trail Challenge:** Class will be run in two parts: first round - standard judge trail pattern class with no time limit. All riders who successfully complete the first round will be eligible for the second. Second round - a timed pattern judged on speed with penalties adding to your time (For Information on penalties: <https://www.aqha.com/-/trail-penalties>). The individual's placings for each round will be totaled using the following point system: 1st - 6 pts, 2nd - 5 pts, 3rd - 4 pts, 4th - 3, 5th - 2, 6th - 1. Team placings will be based on average points per person. Teams can consist of up to 4 people.

HUNTER/JUMPER SHOW DIVISIONS

- a) **Division Awards:** Hunter/Jumper awards are available for those who complete all classes in a given division. Competitors must show **BOTH** days. Points: 1st =10 pts, 2nd= 6 pts, 3rd =4 pts, 4th =2 pts, 5th =1 pt, 6th =0.5pt.
- b) **Ground Poles & Crossrail Divisions:** No age limit. Open to riders or horses in their first year of showing over fence. Riders may not cross enter into 2' or above divisions.
- c) **Green Horse Division:** First year of showing. Horses are limited to two years of showing in this division.
- d) **All Hunter Derbies:** A two-round format with fences. First round, a standard hunter round; second round is a "handy" options and tests. Scores will be combined to reach overall placing. Hand walking and course walk is permitted. Horse & rider must have competed in a minimum of one (1) other division at 2' or higher to qualify.
- e) **Gambler's Choice:** A 1 minute timed class with point values assigned to each fence. Higher point values will be assigned to difficult jumps and lower point values to easier jumps. A fence can be jumped in either direction but jumped no more than twice. Fences must be jumped successfully for points. A bonus 'Joker Fence' will be assigned and can only be jumped after the timed portion of the course completed. It is set 6 inches over the height of the highest jump in the regular course and has an inflated value. If that jump is knocked down or refused, that value is subtracted from the score of the regular course.
- f) **Jumpers:** The 2(b) format has a jump off. If the rider is clear, they stay in the ring after finishing the first course. The combination waits for the buzzer to start your jump-off. Table II.1 is a speed round. Fastest clear round wins.

DRESSAGE and COMBINED TRAINING TESTS

- a) **Division Awards:** Dressage - "small arena" and a "large arena" awards will be based on highest and second highest scores of the day.
- b) **All Dressage and Combined Training Tests** will have an assigned ride time and will be posted to the SCUEC website and FaceBook page Friday evening before the show. Ride scores with ribbons will be placed on a table outside the Show Office after each class has been completed and tabulated.
- c) Callers are allowed for ALL Dressage Tests.
- d) **Dennis Claramunt Memorial Combined Tests:** Run in two parts, a dressage test and a timed jumper class where a set course is ridden under the allotted time with no faults. Scores for each part will be judged as any USEA show. Final scores will be totaled and lowest score wins.
- e) **See the SCUEC website (<http://scupstateequine.com/events/springfling/>) for links to Dressage tests**