



Frenchtown Riding Club

Saturday, November 23rd
SCHOOLING SHOW



We're excited for our seventh schooling show of 2024 and look forward to a fun-filled day of riding, competing and, most importantly, learning and enjoying. While we know that some of our members have participated in horse shows and other similar events previously, we also recognize that some of our members have never had the opportunity to take part in this type of event and may have some questions. We're here to answer those questions and help in any way we can! FRC's Schooling Show is a relaxed and low-key way for riders to explore the world of showing in a safe and supportive environment.

Here are some FAQ, please feel free to ask us if you have a question that is covered below:

Q: What is a schooling show?

A: A schooling show is generally a low-key riding competition hosted by a local horse facility. Besides being fun, schooling shows can help interested riders prepare to compete in rated shows. (Rated/recognized shows are shows run in accordance with USEF or other [depending upon the discipline] rules and regulations and at which winners' points are tallied and accumulated towards end-of-year high score awards. Shows are rated from AAA to C depending on the number of points that are given.)

Q: How do I know if I'm ready to begin showing?

A: Ask your instructor.

Q: What is the required attire to ride at the show?

A: The purpose of our schooling shows is, in order of importance, (1) to have fun and (2) to learn what it's like to compete in horse shows. Riders who decide to continue competing will want to begin acquiring the necessary attire as they move forward. At Hunter/Jumper shows, this generally includes:

- Tan breeches/jodhpurs

- A show jacket

- A white, blue, or pink button-up shirt with a collar

- Tall boots, or paddock boots with garters (the latter only for riders under 13)

- Long hair must be braided (ribbons are encouraged but not required)

As this is a members- and Show Campers-only schooling show, the rules for attire are much more relaxed, particularly for our younger and/or newer riders, riders with sensory issues, and those for whom purchasing riding attire may be a financial strain. Riders are invited to use their own discretion.

NOTE: Shirts and breeches are available new or used at Horsemen's Outlet in Lebanon, NJ, and new at Dover Saddlery in Branchburg, NJ, and Warrington, PA, as well as a number of smaller tack shops throughout the area.

Frenchtown Riding Club now also offers a limited selection of both new and pre-owned show attire and other riding gear via our self-serve Tack Shop in the indoor arena. Please let us know if you need help finding anything.

Q: What time do the doors open?

A: The doors open at 8:00, at which time riders are welcome to begin arriving and preparing for the show.

Q: What time does the show begin?

A: The first class will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m., preceded by an 8:50 warmup. The show will continue from there, with schooling breaks / warmups between each. See the attached show schedule, however, please note that the schedule is a rough guideline only, so riders should listen for the announcements.

Q: Will the show still be held if it rains?

A: Yes, the show will be held rain or shine. In case of severe storms or weather, an alternate date will be announced.

Q: What are the show fees?

A: There is a \$60 trainer fee for the day, plus \$15 per class, plus tax. Please check the Rider Registration form for more info.

Q: When and how do I pay for my show fees?

A: Entries may be paid at any time up until the morning of the show, either by Venmo (@FrenchtownRidingClub), check (to Frenchtown Riding Club, credit card (via phone at 908-628-9441), Zelle (FrenchtownRidingClub@gmail.com/845-222-8633), or cash. If you have a credit card on file with us with written instructions to charge that card for "lessons, training, boarding and/or other services, as due," we will automatically charge the show fees to that card unless you instruct us to do otherwise. If you have a credit card on file with us, but without that provision, and you wish us to charge the show fees to your credit card, please send us an email.

NOTE: Entries that are paid the same day will be charged a \$10 late fee.

Q: Does my horse need to be braided to show?

A: Schooling shows vary wildly on their rules regarding braiding. FRC's schooling show does not require braids, although they are encouraged and welcomed.

Q: What is expected of riders?

A: Except for our very youngest members, riders are expected to show up before their scheduled class time to assist in the grooming, tacking, braiding etc. of their horse. In addition, all riders are expected to display good sportsmanship, show up ready to ride, and have fun!

NOTE: Involvement in grooming and tacking based on rider's skill level and age.

Q: Can I pick my horse?

A: Horses are reserved on a first come, first served basis, with special consideration given to leasers. Horses will ultimately be assigned by trainers, Please see your Instructor for your assigned horse(s), and feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Q: Should I be warmed up and on before my class?

A: Yes! One of the trainers will make sure that you have had a chance to warm up, and that you're ready to go at the start of your class. Your class time is when you're expected to be ON and READY to go!

Q: What is the show schedule?

A: Please see the attached show schedule.

NOTE: All times shown on the schedule are tentative. While we'll do our best, schooling shows are notorious for running ahead of or behind schedule, due to the many unpredictable variables. Riders should listen for the announcements and be ready fifteen minutes before their warmup / schooling break.

Q: Where will the show be held?

A: The show will be held in the indoor arena.

Q: Where will schooling breaks and warmups take place?

A: Scheduled schooling breaks will take place in the indoor arena. The outdoor arena will be also available throughout the event for warmups and additional schooling, weather permitting.

Q: Will ribbons be awarded?

A: Yes, ribbons will be awarded from first through sixth place.

NOTE: Blue ribbon winners may be eligible to receive a commemorative pin and a \$20 gift card from Dover Saddlery via their First Blue Ribbon program. See <https://www.doversaddlery.com/first-blue-ribbon/a/fbr/> for details.

Q: Will anyone be taking pictures?

A: Yes, [Jenna O'Connor Photography](#) will be at the show and will make the event photos available for viewing and/or purchase a few days afterward. The album link will be emailed to all participants. Family and friends are also welcome to take photos and video during the event.

Q: Will food and drink be available during the show?

A: Yes, food and drink will be available throughout the show, via the self-serve concession area in the indoor arena, and may be purchased via cash, check (to Frenchtown Riding Club), Zelle (FrenchtownRidingClub@gmail.com/845-222-8633), or Venmo (@FrenchtownRidingClub).

NOTE: Riders are highly encouraged to bring water bottles. Water bottles may be refilled via the dispensers in the tack room of the small barn, the Clubhouse, or the viewing area of the indoor arena.

Q: Can I invite family or friends?

A: Absolutely! Invite them all. The more, the merrier.

Q: Which entrance should I use and where should I park?

A: If you're trailering in, you may use our main entrance at 39 Warsaw Road or our unmarked service entrance from Barbertown Idell Road. Please call us in advance for parking directions. If you're not trailering in, **please use our main entrance at 39 Warsaw Road** and park anywhere you're not blocking a driveway, building, or other vehicle. **All drivers are cautioned to drive SLOWLY, so as not to startle the horses, please.**

Q: What if I have more questions?

A: Call us at 908-628-9441, email us at FrenchtownRidingClub@gmail.com or text Shelby at 845-323-0062.

