

SHOW INFO FOR MISTY RIVER RIDERS:

SPORT LICENCES, PASSPORTS, MEMBERSHIPS AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU COULD POSSIBLY THINK OF IN ORDER TO SHOW THIS YEAR:

If you are going to compete at a show, you need to fill in one of our Medical Emergency Forms. These forms contain all the info we need to hand over to a paramedic or the emergency room at a hospital. We take the completed forms with us to the shows for every rider we have. I can email these out to anyone who has not yet filled one in.

To compete in any show, either here or elsewhere in the province or country, you must have a **MHC MEMBERSHIP**. Everyone who is in control of a horse whether it is their own or not requires this, whether you show or not. You cannot do anything without a MHC membership. Website: www.manitobahorsecouncil.ca and go to membership, print yourself off a form.

If you are competing at a show other than here at Misty you will need an **EQUINE CANADA SPORT LICENCE**: These are renewable every year and come in three levels: bronze, silver and gold. If you are planning to event, do MHJA shows, compete in dressage, you will need a sport licence. Most of the MHJA shows are silver although Heart of the Continent is gold. The Pony Club show in May is bronze. If you are only showing at bronze your horse does not need a passport. If you are showing at silver or gold, your horse WILL need an Equine Canada passport, cost approx \$90. Subsequently, every year after, you will need to renew your horse's sport licence at a cost of \$10. This can be done with your own sport licence renewal. If you purchase a new horse, don't forget to inform EC, on the appropriate form, of this change of ownership as they get very shirty if this is not done, and YOU WILL BE FINED.

Website addresses:

For your sport licence: Go to: www.equinecanada.ca website. Then click on English, then purchase/renew sport licence, then either: first time purchase or renew online or download forms. If you are over 18 you must fill in the section on amateur status and pay for your amateur status. (Under 18's do not have to fill out or pay for amateur status, over 18's do)

The different licences are:

Bronze: \$20 This is the one you need for the Pony Club shows, Dressage Shows if not choosing to go gold.

Silver: \$ 60 This is the one you need for the MHJA shows such as Summer Classics, Fall Harvest etc.

Gold: \$100 This you need if you are competing in Provincial Championships, Heart of the Continent, Brandon Winter Fair and the Gold section of a Dressage show.

There is no difference whether you are a junior or senior in the cost of your licence.

If you are not competing much, go for Bronze and get a temp upgrade at the show if you need a gold licence for that particular show.

PASSPORTS: These are for your horse, not you. Once you have one you do not need to renew it every year, just the "active in sport" licence fee (\$10)

If you want to compete in silver or gold level competition, (the old national competitions) Provincial Championships, training level or above eventing, Heart or Derby shows, your horse will need a passport. Obtainable through EC. You need forms (off the EC website) and a good side on photo of the correct size. (6"x4" I think) Post completed application forms to EC. Make sure you do this in good time as they take FOREVER. For the first year that you have your passport, the "active in sport" fee is included. It is only thereafter that you have to pay the \$10 horse licence fee and then you will receive a little sticker of the current year to stick in the passport.

DRESSAGE COMPETITORS: Dressage Winnipeg holds bronze sanctioned levels and gold sanctioned levels at the same show. As well as your DW membership www.dressagewinnipeg.ca you also need to get a Dressage Canada membership if you are competing at the gold level. If you intend to compete at the bronze level you do not need this membership. A DC membership is: \$25 senior, \$15 junior. This is compulsory for gold competitions and cannot be bought temporarily at the shows. You can do this on the same form as your EC sport licence.

HUNTER JUMPERS: For all of the hunter/jumper shows held at RRX or Birds Hill Park you will need a MHJA membership. Forms on website: www.mhja.ca then go to membership, print yourself off a form, fill it out, get a cheque and post it to the membership secretary, details on the website and on the form. Don't forget the volunteer cheque too. For normal MHJA shows, you need a silver licence and a horse passport. Amateur status for over 18's is needed. For Heart of the Continent you need a passport and a sport licence upgrade, to gold if you do not already have a gold licence.

EVENTERS: You need a MHT membership. Forms on their website. The minimum sport licence you could get is Bronze, no passport needed for levels up to and including pre training. Training level needs a silver licence and a passport, Prelim level needs gold and a passport.

All riders and **OWNERS** of horses have to be licenced AND members of Manitoba Horse Council. Owners who do not ride need Bronze level but do not have to worry about the amateur status, and all passported horses have to be registered as "active in sport" another \$10 per year.

COMPETING OUT OF PROVINCE, OR OUT OF CANADA:

Your horse will need a passport and will have to have a Coggins (blood) test and health papers obtained for the US. For inter provincial travel, no health papers required but Coggins tests usually are. The paperwork on a negative Coggins test lasts for 6 months.

TRAILERING: The cost of trailering a horse to Birds Hill Park (or surrounding areas) is \$85 and to the RRX is \$95. This is to get your horse there and back. I am willing to

transport SOME tack and equipment (included in this price) but I do not have room for loads of stuff and you may have to organize parents to do this.

A LIST IS AVAILABLE OF KIT REQUIRED TO SHOW.

COACHING: The cost of coaching at a show is \$40 per day (or part of.) This includes the warm up day too. The cost, if available, of Tom or Sarah riding your horse at a show is \$40 per day (or part of.)

HELPERS/GROOMS AT SHOWS: If you are an aspiring show rider, you are welcome to come to shows either here or away, to help or groom for a show rider and their horse. It is hard, dirty work, long hours and early mornings so be prepared!

DRESS AND ATTIRE: Correct show attire for your discipline is expected for all riders at all shows. Helpers should be neatly and suitable attired ie no hotpants, tank tops or bathing suits whilst at shows or when in the vicinity of the rings. There are rules from Equine Canada governing the dress of ANY person when in the rings. Show attire is expected of competitors when walking the course. Warm Ups: navy blue polos, tucked in, with a belt, over breeches and boots.

DRESSAGE: Helmet, dark blue or navy jacket, gloves (to be correct should be white or off white to match your breeches) but dark gloves are acceptable, white or off white breeches, white show shirt with stock and pin, long dress boots for preference but field boots are acceptable at the lower levels. Make sure your whip does not exceed 1.10m (90cm for ponies.) Spurs optional but must comply with the rules.

HUNTERS: Helmet, dark blue, navy or tweed jacket, buff or beige breeches, field boots, (black paddock boots and black leather half chaps are acceptable at the lower levels) pale coloured show shirt with collar, dark leather gloves, spurs and whips as per the rules.

JUMPERS: As for hunters. Take note: medal classes in both hunters and jumpers call for white breeches.

EVENTERS: You will need all of the above plus a body protector vest.

ALL THE ABOVE RULES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE EQUINE CANADA WEBSITE. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF COMPETITORS TO KNOW THEIR RULES FOR THE DISCIPLINE THEY ARE COMPETING IN. ALSO PLEASE READ GENERAL REGS. IF THERE ARE TWO RULES ON ONE SUBJECT, DISCIPLINE RULES OVERRIDE GENERAL REGS.

SHOW TIMETABLES:

If the show runs over a weekend, there are usually warm ups on the Friday afternoon. We usually leave for a local show late morning on Friday. **YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE THE DAY OFF SCHOOL OR WORK.** Under special circumstances, you may get someone else to get your horse ready and to the show, but permission is required. Showing requires some VERY early mornings. You may be timetabled to be in the ring, warmed up and competing by 7.30 or 8am. Please make sure you and your parents are prepared for this. **LATENESS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** You are expected to look after your horse's every need before, during and after the show. Do not expect to have

any spare time to chill, chat or disappear from the showground. When we return on a Sunday night, and when we are all very tired, we have to unload the horses and put them to bed, unpack the trailer, muck out and steam clean the trailer and put all our gear away. You are expected to be here at the ranch to do this. You cannot disappear off directly from the showground. If, for some unavoidable reason, you are not available to trailer your horse or load or unload, YOU MUST send someone to do this instead of you. Showing is tiring: get to bed early, eat well and keep hydrated, with water not sugary drinks.

FINALLY

Remember, riding and showing are supposed to be fun. BUT we also need to be well prepared, act professionally and in a courteous manner to show officials and in a sportsmanlike manner to our fellow competitors and in a compassionate way to our horses. No matter what happens in that ring, even if you leave the ring on your feet, you will always smile and pat your horse as you leave the ring. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS COMPULSORY and a smile goes a long way in this world.

Sarah