

Navigating the Horse Show

Before the show

- Check social media and club/show websites for the latest information, especially entry/rv/stall deadlines.
- Have photos of your membership cards and horse registration papers on your phone for quick uploading when entering.
- Read club/association rules regarding classes you are eligible to enter.
- After making reservations for rv/stalls/classes, screenshot the confirmation and store in your phone. (Album: Horse Shows 2025) The confirmation may arrive in an email, too.
- Sign up for club/association awards.
- Read the rules for your club/association. There may be requirements for year end awards or show high point awards.
- Make a copy of the show schedule to post near your stall. Highlight your classes.
- Make 2 copies of your patterns if you are in a pattern class.....post a copy near your stall.
- Check social media, or email, or organization's website for stall chart, class count, and class roster.

At the show

- Find your stall and rv spot.
- Check in at the office...leave a check, or credit card for payment—most shows don't want cash. Get your exhibitor numbers.
- Post emergency contact information on your stall.
- Listen for special announcements..*Lunch break? How long? Showing inside/outside?*
- Check social media and/or the organization's website for last minute announcements.
- Check the class counts so you have an idea how many are in the classes before you.
- Know the show's procedure for adding and scratching classes
- Go to the arena and check the draw/class order. Note where you are in the draw and who you follow, although a scratch can change that. Take a picture of the draw. Some shows will post the class order on social media.
- Let the ring steward/gate person know you are checking in and give them your number.
- Listen for special announcements.
- Check how the judges may be running the class....*mares/stallions first to enter arena in halter? How are they sequencing the gaits in a rail class?*
- Many clubs post scoresheets online...check your scores for your classes.
- Breed shows have professional horseman and amateur ambassadors. Find out who they are and utilize them.

After the show

- Check out with the show secretary.
- Strip stall of bedding, if required.
- Double check your high point standing. You will be required to sign for it.