

# **2024 South Mountain Light Horse Beginner Horse Show**

**Saturday August 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**

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## **ENTRIES**

Entries should be made online using the Assist Expo link which will be available on the [www.southmountainfair.ca](http://www.southmountainfair.ca) website closer to fair time. Deadline for online entries is midnight Thursday August 15, 2024.

Any mailed in entries (using horse show entry form) must be received by August 5<sup>th</sup> at Mountain Township Agricultural Society, P.O. Box 114, South Mountain, ON K0E 1W0. Payment should accompany mailed in entries.

Entries received the day of the show will be charged a \$50 late fee and acceptance is not guaranteed depending on the number of current registrants.

Registrants completing online registration must bring a cheque (payable to MTAS) or cash to pay registration fees prior to the start of the show.

Entries must be filled out completely including all classes and divisions entered. Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in preparation of their entry forms.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Management, the Committee, and/or South Mountain Agricultural Fairgrounds will not be responsible for any accident which may occur to any exhibitor, owner, attendant, horse or equipment at the show.
2. ASTM/SEI approved helmets must be worn (and correctly fastened at all times) while mounted on the show grounds. Harness is required when jumping for all competitors.
3. Exhibitors are required to show in the following attire: jeans (blue/black) or breeches (beige/black), t-shirt (barn logo/blank), boots (with ½" heel, black), half chaps (if desired, black), ASTM helmet (black).
4. Please use designated parking areas. You will be asked to move your vehicle if it is parked in the No Parking areas.
5. HORSE TACK – in all classes, either English or Western tack is permitted. Snaffle bits are strongly recommended. No twisted wire bits, no gags, and no shanks longer than 2.5".
6. DEFINITION OF BEGINNER RIDER: These classes and divisions are created to be open and accessible for all riders who have control of their horse in the given gait division. Riders are to be in their first season of showing and in the first three years of riding.
7. First time adult exhibitors and junior exhibitors (under 18 years) are not required to pay the \$10 MTAS membership fee.
8. Only service dogs are permitted on the fairgrounds during the fair.
9. Livestock Passes will be allocated as follows: 1 -2 animals 1 pass, 3 – 4 animals 2 passes, etc.

## CLASS CONDUCT

1. Three entries unless otherwise noted are required to be a complete class. Management reserves the right to cancel any class if the required entries have not been received, and to combine any division, if necessary, to change an obstacle or alter any course. Division classes will be split for any class over 20 entries.
2. NO person will be allowed in the ring at any time unless invited in by the management.
3. Three ribbons will be awarded in all classes, unless otherwise stated.
4. In all divisions except for the Fun Division, points are award as such: 1<sup>st</sup> = 5pts, 2<sup>nd</sup>= 3pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1pt
5. Champion ribbons will be awarded in all Lead line/Assisted, Walk, Trot, Canter and the Adult Division; the top five point earning riders in each division will be invited to ride in the championship class.
6. No cross entry into other gait-based divisions, with the exception of a rider entering a young horse in their first season, these riders will be issued a separate number (for the horse). Horse entries cannot enter a division, but may enter individual classes, and may have different riders.
7. Riders in the gait-based divisions wanting to enter the Games division, are able to – with the gait limitations in place. (i.e. – if you have a trot division rider, they will be limited to the trot during the Games Division)

## SCHOOLING

Schooling in the main ring may be available on Friday – check with the chairperson. Schooling in the main arena will be available on Saturday during pauses in the Show (prior to start in AM, Lunch break, PM break, Dinner break) – check the main board.

All riders must listen to ring stewards regarding safety, all riders must be wearing a helmet.

## STABLING

Hay and shavings are NOT available for purchase. There is a very limited number of stalls, competitors are welcomed to tie horses to their trailers or use their own portable corrals adjacent to their trailers. Competitors are encouraged to bring their own portable stall panels – as there are very limited stalls.

## AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY

Three ribbons, unless otherwise stated, will be presented in all classes. Champion will be awarded in all divisions containing three or more classes with three or more competitors that run to completion. Prize money is indicated for each class. Prize money won can be paid by cheque or deducted from each participant's account. Prize money will be payable to the owner unless written authorization, and complete. Three entries, unless otherwise stated, are necessary to fill a class, or the class may be canceled.

### Champion Prize Money

1. First place = \$50
2. Second place = \$40
3. Third place = \$30
4. Fourth place = \$20
5. Fifth place = \$10

## Class List and Details

Youth Classes – All Competitors under 16 years of age	
<b>A. Lead line and/or Assisted Division</b>	
Division Entry Fee: \$25 (for champion class fee + 4 classes)	Individual Class Fee: \$5
<p>Open to any age rider under the age of 16 years old, a handler will either walk beside with the rider or leads the horse. The handler should be an experienced horseperson. Classes to be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, basic steering abilities, and rider and mount turnout. Riders in this division cannot enter any other MOUNTED divisions. To be eligible for the Championship Class, riders must enter all four classes. Placings to 6<sup>th</sup> in this division.</p>	
<p>1. Equitation A group-based class will be judged on riders' ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, ability to halt on command without hurting pony. Class will ask for walk only.</p>	
<p>2. Trail Class An individual class, that will be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, and efficient manner of navigating five obstacles. Typical trail obstacles to prepare for are: tarp walk over, plywood walk over, mailbox, overhead ribbon gate, barrel weaving/squeeze, and water bucket</p>	
<p>3. Pattern Class An individual class, that will be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, in completing a pattern. A simple pattern with reverses, 20m circles, halts, and turns down centerline</p>	
<p>4. Pole Course, poles on the ground An individual class, that will be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control in steering to the center of the poles according to the posted pattern. This pattern is completed at the walk only.</p>	
<p>5. Lead Line/Assisted Champion Class The Top Five riders will be invited to participate in the Champion Class. This class will combine facets from the four main classes in this division – the directions will be posted at lunch.</p>	

**B. Youth Walk Division**

Division Fee: \$25 (for champion class fee + 4 classes)

Individual Class Fee: \$5

Open to any age rider under the age of 16 years old. Classes to be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, effective use of the aids, and rider and mount turnout. Riders in this division cannot enter any other lower/higher gait MOUNTED divisions. To be eligible for the Championship Class, riders must enter all four classes.

**6. Equitation**

A group-based class will be judged on riders' ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, ability to halt on command without hurting pony.

**7. Trail Class**

An individual class, that will be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, and efficient manner of navigating five obstacles.

Typical trail obstacles to prepare for are: tarp walk over, plywood walk over, mailbox, overhead ribbon gate, barrel weaving/squeeze, and water bucket

**8. Pattern Class**

An individual class, that will be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, in completing a pattern.

A. A simple pattern with reverses, 20m circles, halts, and turns down centerline

B. All figures will be called for in all gaits for the division

**9. Pole Course, poles on the ground**

An individual class, that will be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control in steering to the center of the poles according to the posted pattern. This pattern is completed at the walk only.

**10. Walk Champion Class**

The Top Five riders will be invited to participate in the Champion Class. This class will combine facets from the four main classes in this division – the directions will be posted at lunch.

<b>C. Trot Division</b>	
Division Entry Fee: \$25 (for champion class fee + 4 classes)	Individual Class Fee: \$5
<p>Open to any age rider under the age of 16 years old, a handler will either walk beside with the rider or leads the horse. The handler should be an experienced horseperson. Classes to be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, effective use of the aids, and rider and mount turnout. Riders in this division cannot enter any other lower/higher gait MOUNTED divisions. To be eligible for the Championship Class, riders must enter all four classes.</p>	
<p><b>11. Equitation</b>  A group-based class will be judged on riders' ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, ability to halt on command without hurting pony. Class will ask for both walk and trot.</p>	
<p><b>12. Trail Class</b>  An individual class, that will be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, and efficient manner of navigating five obstacles.  A. Typical trail obstacles to prepare for are: tarp walk over, plywood walk over, mailbox, overhead ribbon gate, barrel weaving/squeeze, and water bucket  Obstacles will be taken at all gaits, as well as ride time between obstacles.</p>	
<p><b>13. Pattern Class</b>  An individual class, that will be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, in completing a pattern. One calls for trot, riders may choose to walk.  A simple pattern with reverses, 20m circles, halts, and turns down centerline  All figures will be called for in all gaits for the division</p>	
<p><b>14. Cross Rail Course, 8"</b>  An individual class, that will be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control in steering to the center of the fences according to the posted pattern. This pattern is completed at the walk-trot only. This class will be judged in the Hunter fashion, excessive speed will be penalized.</p>	
<p><b>15. Trot Champion Class</b>  The Top Five riders will be invited to participate in the Champion Class. This class will combine facets from the four main classes in this division – the directions will be posted at lunch.</p>	

<b>D. Canter Division</b>	
Division Entry Fee: \$25 (for champion class fee + 4 classes)	Individual Class Fee: \$5
Open to any age rider under the age of 16 years old, a handler will either walk beside with the rider or leads the horse. The handler should be an experienced horseperson. Classes to be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, effective use of the aids, and rider and mount turnout. Riders in this division cannot enter any other lower gait MOUNTED divisions. To be eligible for the Championship Class, riders must enter all four classes.	
<p>16. Equitation  A group-based class will be judged on riders' ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, ability to halt on command without hurting pony. Class will ask for both walk thru canter.</p>	

<p>17. Trail Class  An individual class, that will be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, and efficient manner of navigating five obstacles.  A. Typical trail obstacles to prepare for are: tarp walk over, plywood walk over, mailbox, overhead ribbon gate, barrel weaving/squeeze, and water bucket  B. Obstacles will be taken at all gaits, as well as ride time between obstacles</p>	
<p>18. Pattern Class  An individual class, that will be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, in completing a pattern. One calls for trot, riders may choose to walk.  A simple pattern with reverses, 20m circles, halts, and turns down centerline  All figures will be called for in all gaits for the division</p>	
<p>19. Cross Rail Course, 12"  An individual class, that will be judged on the rider's ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control in steering to the center of the fences according to the posted pattern. This course will be judged as a Hunter course, excessive speed will be penalized.</p>	
<p>20. Trot Champion Class  The Top Five riders will be invited to participate in the Champion Class. This class will combine facets from the four main classes in this division – the directions will be posted at lunch.</p>	

<b>E. Adult Division – riders aged 17 and up</b>	
Open to any age rider over the age of 16 years old. Classes to be judged on the rider’s ability to sit in a balanced seat, effective use of the aids, and rider and mount turnout. To be eligible for the Championship Class, riders must enter all four classes. Classes will call for walk thru canter.	
Division Fee: \$25 (for champion class fee + 4 classes)	Individual Class Fee: \$5
<p><b>21. Equitation</b>  A group-based class will be judged on riders’ ability to sit in a balanced seat, effective use of aids, ability to halt on command without hurting mount.</p>	
<p><b>22. Trail Class</b>  An individual class, that will be judged on the rider’s ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, and efficient manner of navigating five obstacles.  Typical trail obstacles to prepare for are: tarp walk over, plywood walk over, mailbox, overhead ribbon gate, barrel weaving/squeeze, and water bucket  Obstacles will be taken at all gaits, as well as ride time between obstacles.</p>	
<p><b>23. Pattern Class</b>  An individual class, that will be judged on the rider’s ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control, in completing a pattern. One calls for trot, riders may choose to walk.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A simple pattern with reverses, 20m circles, halts, and turns down centerline</li> <li>b. All figures will be called for in all gaits for the division</li> </ol>	
<p><b>24. Cross Rail Course, 12”</b>  An individual class, that will be judged on the rider’s ability to sit in a balanced seat, ability to steer with control in steering to the center of the fences according to the posted pattern. This pattern is completed at the walk-trot only. This class will be judged in the Hunter fashion, excessive speed will be penalized.</p>	
<p><b>25. Adult Champion Class</b>  The Top Five riders will be invited to participate in the Champion Class. This class will combine facets from the four main classes in this division – the directions will be posted at lunch.</p>	

**F. Fun Division – Open to all, cross entering limits in place**

There is no division champ class in the Fun Division. Open to all ages, beginner riders or beginner horses only. No mounted horses in any of these classes. Horses may be led or ground driven.

Division Fee: \$20 (for all 4 classes)

Individual Class Fee: \$5

**26. In-Hand Costume**

Up to participants per horse. Winner will be chosen by judges in the following categories:

- a. Most Original Design
- b. Raging 40's
- c. Cartoon Craze

All costumes must be constructed in a safe manner, any costume deemed by the judges to be unsafe will be excused by the judge. There are no riders in this division, horses must be led or ground driven.

**27. In-Hand Turn Out Class**

The cleanliness and correctness of the grooming, saddling and dress of rider is judged. Participants will be asked to lead in-hand their mount.

**28. In-Hand Trail Class**

Handlers will lead their horses through the obstacle course, according to posted pattern. Judges will be looking for an engaged forward walk, correct halts and eagerness of horse to complete obstacles.

**29. Hobby Horse**

This is a non-horse class. Participants must create their own hobby horse, at home, and come prepared to enter an undisclosed class format (either jumping, obstacles, equitation or dressage)