

2025 South Mountain Light Horse Beginner Horse Show

Saturday August 16, 2025 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 website closer to fair time. Deadline for online entries is midnight Thursday August 14, 2025.

Any mailed in entries (using horse show entry form) must be received by August 4th 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: 1st = 5pts, 2nd= 3pts, 3rd = 1pt
5. Champion ribbons will be awarded in all Lead line/Assisted, Walk, Trot, Canter and the Adult Division; the top three 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.

SCHOOLING

Schooling in the main ring will be available on Friday, between 9am and 8pm– check with the chairperson. Schooling in the main arena will be available on Saturday 8am – 12pm; with the show starting at 1pm

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 = \$25
3. Third place = \$10

Beginner Horse Show Schedule – Saturday 1pm start

Bareback classes

Hobby Horse class

Equitation classes

Break

Command Classes

Bareback Classes

Drill Team Class

Break

Obstacles Classes

Cloverleaf Class

Class List and Details

Youth Classes – All Competitors under 16 years of age	
A. Lead line and/or Assisted Division	
Division Entry Fee: \$20	
Open to any age rider under the age of 16 years old, a handler will either walks 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 th in this division.	
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.
2. Obstacle Course Equitation	A group 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 two obstacles. Typical trail obstacles to prepare for are: tarp walk over, plywood walk over, mailbox, overhead ribbon gate, barrel weaving/squeeze, and water bucket
B. Youth Walk Division	
Division Fee: \$25	
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.	
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2. Command Class	A group class, where riders will be judged on their ability to execute riding commands without losing their seat or hurting the horse. Sample Commands: walk your horses, halt your horses, turn left, turn right, reverse your horses, ect
3. Bareback – Sit a Buck	A group class, where riders will ride bareback with a piece of paper under their seat, last rider to still have the paper in place is the winner. The class will operate in a similar manner of the Command class

C. Youth Trot Division
Division Fee: \$25
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.
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<p>2. Obstacle Course Equitation</p> <p>A group 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 two obstacles.</p> <p>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. Command Class</p> <p>A group class, where riders will be judged on their ability to execute riding commands without losing their seat or hurting the horse.</p> <p>Sample Commands: walk your horses, halt your horses, turn left, turn right, reverse your horses, ect</p>
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D. Youth Canter Division
Division Fee: \$25
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.
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<p>2. Obstacle Course Equitation</p> <p>A group 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 two obstacles.</p> <p>Typical trail obstacles to prepare for are: tarp walk over, plywood walk over, mailbox, overhead ribbon gate, barrel weaving/squeeze, and water bucket</p>
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4. Bareback – Sit a Buck

A group class, where riders will ride bareback with a piece of paper under their seat, last rider to still have the paper in place is the winner. The class will operate in a similar manner of the Command class

E. Beginner Adult Division – riders aged 17 and up

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

1. Equitation

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.

2. Obstacle Course Equitation

A group 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 two obstacles.

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

3. Command Class

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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

1. 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)

2. Drill Group Class

In teams of 2 or 4 – riders will ride the pattern below, pattern to be judged on correctness, symmetry, and equitation of riders

Pattern:

Enter at A in pairs

At C separate the lines, left and right

At E cross the school (left and right)

At X meet with partners

At E/B turn towards A (left/right)

At A meet up down centerline (turns left and right)

At X separate, short diagonal to H/M

At C meet up down centerline (turns left/right)

Fan out to line up at X in single line

At X halt and salute

3. Cloverleaf Barrels – at the gait the rider is comfortable with