

GHJA TRAINERS' THOUGHTS

*please check with your trainer as these are only suggestions. Every trainer and barn has their own routines.

*was this helpful? We'd love to hear anything that helped or you would like to add. Please email jamie.r.bice@gmail.com

What do I do in the office?

First thing is checking into the office- don't forget your blanket check. This check "opens your tab" for showing. Pick up your number for the whole weekend. Keep it in a safe spot! When you are completely finished showing, go back into the office and check out. Some shows allow credit cards to pay. Please check with show manager.

What is a division?

- A division consists of 3 classes. Most divisions for hunters have 2 over fences (jumping courses one at a time) and a under saddle (a flat class with everyone together). You can earn Champion (horse with the most points from placing a in the division) or Reserve Champion (horse with 2nd most points)
- The jumper ring consist of 3 or 4 jumping classes at the same fence height and has a weekend Champion and Reserve.

What do I do when my kid is showing?

-This is ultimately up to your rider and trainer. Remember you pay your trainer so let them do their job at the arena. It is not the time to talk with your child but to support in the background with a smile, some water, and maybe an extra jacket.

Can I take video and pictures?

Of course!! Please remember to stand away from the fence line. Make sure you are still. NO FLASH!!

What time will my rider show?

We get this asked a lot. We can give you a guess and that's all it is. Things happen, horses happen, riders happen, and well life happens, so we can't tell you an exact time. Be ready to hurry up and wait to hurry again.

Who can come watch?

Everyone is welcome. We do love extra family and friends, but please remember to let your rider focus. This is a sport and they need to prepare correctly. Also, remember to keep dog on a leash and do not let them bark. Also keep pets and kids away from ring side. No sudden movements of chairs, Blankets, toys, balls, humans, signs, cameras ... well you get the point.

Why do I have to pay so much?

Yes this is an expensive sport. A lot goes on behind the show. The facility, manager, gate crew, jump crew, judges, jumps, care for the horse, extra time spent by your trainer to prep your horse, and much more to list here. It is worth the life lessons, sportsmanship, community, work skills and passion the riders share with their equine partners and fellow equestrians.