

## Wyn Farm Horse Show Preparation Checklist

### The week prior

- Determine which classes you will be riding in
- Get a copy of the show schedule
- Work on organizing items needed on the checklist
- Clarify any questions on the checklist in case there are items you need to purchase
- Book hotel if needed
- Organize weekend chaperone schedule if a minor
- Practice, practice, practice!

### The Thursday prior

- Usually an easy riding day because horses are working hard the following day. Be sure manes are pulled and horses have been "show clipped" (ears, muzzle, bridle path, fetlocks, white socks, coronet bands). Horses must also be bathed.
- Bring gallon ziplock bags and prepare the horse's AM and PM feeds, including all supplements. Please ask for help when reading the feed board.
- Fill hay bags and load into trailer
- Be sure extra hay is loaded for hay bag refills at the show – 1 bale per day of showing per horse
- Have 3-4 bags of shavings labeled with your name per 2 days of showing
- Load Tack trunks. Make sure they are not too heavy for 2 people to carry!! You may need to bring a separate plastic storage tub to put some things in to lighten the load.
- Clean tack and load into trailer - do not take tack home if your horse is to be schooled at the show. Have leather halter on stall and white no bows and green standing wraps set out and ready for morning loading
- Be sure you know when/where you are expected to be the next morning
- Get a good night's sleep!

### Schooling Day

- If working off set up fee, student must arrive at Wyn at designated time to help with trailer loading and must arrive to show grounds at the same time as the trailer to help unload.
- If not working off set up fee, student must arrive in time to tack and prepare horse for scheduled schooling lesson
- Bathe horses - walk them/ hand graze in sun until dry
- DO NOT put Show Sheen on the saddle area or your saddle will slip!
- Put on a light sheet and wrap legs to prevent them from getting too dirty again
- If you have a grey/white tail - use a tail bag (ask for help if you've never done it)
- Braid
- Feed horse dinner, throw evening hay, top off waters
- Eat a good dinner and get a good night's sleep!

### Show Morning

- If not paying for day care, arrive no later than 7:30am to feed horses breakfast and clean stalls

- If paying for day care, arrive at the show grounds at least 2 hours prior to scheduled ride time
- Regardless of day care or not, the horse is your responsibility all day until it gets back home. They need hay & water throughout the day, stalls picked, and it is the student's job to make sure that their needs are covered.
- Feel free to take the horses for frequent walks and hand grazing throughout the day.
- Know what time you are expected to be on for warm ups - be on and be ready. You may feel like you are waiting around for your turn, and that may be true - but be patient, when it is your turn you will get the attention you need too.
- Parents, entries will be done for you. When you arrive, please go to the secretary's stand, sign the liability release form and be prepared to give the horse show a blank check. Yes, this is common practice - it'll be ok!
- When you are done warming up, follow the trainer's directions. If you ride in the morning you will likely need to go get ready right away. If you are not sure - please ask!
- Take a deep breath - have fun, take lots of pictures & video!

### **General Pointers**

- Practice good sportsmanship - win or not, we are good sports and we are here to learn and have fun!
- When you are done, the needs of your horse come first. Do not tie them up hot & sweaty and go eat lunch. Certainly, have a drink - it will be hot, but they worked harder than you - so take care of them first.
- Parents, when your child is finished for the day, you will go back to the secretary's tent and "close out" your bill. They will give you your check back to fill in with the amount and will give you a receipt. If you are not sure of something - feel free to call me over to help you out when I have a chance.
- Be sure everything is taken care of before you leave at the end of the show day and when coming back to Wyn. All Wyn tack/equipment must CLEANED before being returned to the lesson tack room!
- Most importantly - have fun!!! :)