

BHA HORSE TRIAL DIVISIONS EXPLAINED

The BHA HORSE TRIAL is for YOU –

IF YOU EVER WANTED TO TRY EVENTING, but are intimidated by starting out in a USEA sanctioned event

IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN PONY CLUB in previous years, but haven't competed in awhile

IF YOU HAVE A GREEN HORSE to introduce to the sport

IF YOU LOVE TO HUNTER PACE but are intimidated by doing a dressage test

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD OR STUDENT who is looking to break into competition, in a low key environment

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR AN AFFORDABLE Eventing experience

For equipment, you will need an all purpose English saddle, a helmet and riding boots. For the dressage portion, you will need to ride in a smooth snaffle bit. (There are no bit restrictions for the stadium jumping and cross country phases)

Protective vests are encouraged but not required

STARTER CLASS

Walk – Trot. Maximum 18" jumps Junior Starter or Senior Starter Divisions. The Dressage test (USDF 2023 Intro Test B) for starter division is a simple walk-trot test. Stadium jumping is a straight-forward jump course of jumps 18" or less. Cross Country is approximately 1/2 mi, mostly in a small field, close to dressage and stadium. There will be 6-8 jumps, not to exceed 18" (mostly 12-15") that are simple and inviting. The field provides an excellent view area for videos, photos and encouragement. The course will be timed for walking and trotting. There is NO WATER obstacle.

BEGINNER NOVICE CLASS

Walk-Trot-Canter. Maximum height for jumps 2' – Junior A or Senior A Divisions. The dressage test will be USEA 2026 Beginner Novice Test B. Stadium jumps will be set at 2'. The Cross Country is approximately 1.25 miles, wooded, lanes and fields. There will be 14-16 jumps and the course is timed for a slow canter. There is NO WATER obstacle.

NOVICE CLASS

Walk-Trot-Canter. Maximum height for jumps 2'6" Junior B or Senior B Divisions. The dressage test will be USEA 2026 Novice Test B. Stadium jumps will not exceed 2'6". Cross Country is approximately 1.25 miles, wooded, lanes and fields. There will be 14-16 jumps and the course is timed for a medium canter pace. There is NO WATER obstacle