

So You Want to go Show?

Kismet Farm attends many horse shows throughout the year. We regularly compete on the Greater Houston Hunter Jumper Association, Texas Hunter Jumper Association, and United States Equestrian Federation shows in and around the state. Occasionally we will attend smaller schooling shows to give riding academy students an introduction to the horse show world.

Competitions vary in length and ratings. Local one-day horse shows can be considered to be "C". Two-day horse shows are to be considered a "B" rating. While four and five day shows are either "A" or "AA" rated horse shows.

We encourage riders to participate at the level they feel comfortable and/or prepared for. The Kismet Farm school horses can easily handle the small divisions at many of the different rated horse shows, however once a rider is ready to compete beyond the beginner ring horse ownership/ leasing is necessary. We are happy to provide services to help riders acquire an appropriate mount that suits the riders ability, goals, and budget. This needs to be discussed extensively with Meri. WE have a large network statewide, nationally, and internationally to find the best mount. For more information on purchasing and/or leasing please see our sales and leasing page.

Horse Show Attire

- ASTM approved helmet, preferably all black, GPA, Charles Owen, or IRH.
- Hair Nets for riders over the age of 12, braids and bows 12 and under.
- Black Gloves
- Show coat, navy.
- Show shirt, white or light pastel.
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- Breaches tan or khaki for riders 12 and up, jodhpurs and garters for riders 12 and under.
- Well fitted leather field boots for riders 12 and up. Paddock boots that match the garters for riders 12 and under.
- Matching belt.
- Black Jumping hat, size appropriate to age, and a small nubby spur.

All horse shows Kismet Farm attends will be written on the big white board in the office and we will also have the show schedule posted here as well. When you are interested in attending the show please sign up in the office on the horse show sign up sheet with instructor approval. There will be a \$50 deposit for a one for a one-day show, a \$100 deposit for a two-day show, and a \$150 deposit on a four or more day show. For a one or two day show a two week notification of cancellation is required to receive a refund. For larger "A" or "AA" rated horse shows the deposit required for entry to be sent, once entries are mailed there will be no refunds given.

Different horse shows require a membership to different organizations.

- One- day schooling show requires a membership to South Texas Hunter Jumper Association (STHJA), or San Jacinto Horse Show Association (SJHSA).
- Two-day horse shows requires a membership to Greater Houston Hunter Jumper Association (GHHJA).
- Four or five day shows requires a membership to United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA), Texas Hunter Jumper Association (THJA).

Once registered, registration numbers must be given to the Kismet office for entries to be filled out appropriately.

Fees and Expenses Associated With Showing

- Yearly Association memberships.
- Entry fees:
 - One-day schooling shows <\$100;
 - Two-day "B" rated show <\$400;
 - four to five day weeklong shows typically < \$600.
 - (These monies are directly payed to horse show management for hosting the event.)
- Barn Fees
 - Horse Rental (for non-owner/ leaser): \$50 per day.
 - Transportation: \$75 dollar minimum. Anything 42 miles away or over \$1.85 per mile there after.
 - Schooling/ Day care fees:
 - One-day show/ \$55
 - Two-day show/ \$65 per day
 - Four to Five day show/ \$75 per day
 - Per- diem Fees: \$25 per day, divided by the number of clients attending the show.
 - Trainer Hotel Fees: Divided by number of clients at the horse show.
 - Grooming and Tack stalls will be split by the number of clients at the show also, however these fees show up on your entries.
 - Medication Fees: Between \$10 - \$40 per day (All medicines are given and administered at legal doses and within the constraints of the United States Equestrian Federation.)
 - Extended stay Fees: May or may not include laundry, additional hay and feed, ice, and golf cart split, etc...

What to Expect the Day of the Show

Locations and maps can be found to horse show facilities

on the associations web page. Your trainer will tell you when to arrive for schooling and give you her best approximations for show times. It is encouraged that Kismet riders support their fellow teammates and cheer them on from the side lines. The support is appreciated by all.

When first arriving at the horse show, check in with your instructor and let them know you are here. Find out what ring you are riding in. For riders 10 and under it is appropriate for parents to help riders acquire a schedule from the horse show office and know where in the schedule they ride. Approximate times can be gotten from the ring master who works at the arena gate. Riders 10 and over should be able to do this on their own. riders are also responsible for learning their courses which will be posted at the in-gate at riders ring.

When it is time for the rider to prepare himself and his horse it is important for the rider to be left virtually alone. It will be asked that parents find a comfortable place away from the students to sit and watch on the sidelines. Parental coaching will not be tolerated on any level. Riders 10 and over should be able to dress themselves and allow grooms and/ or working students to assist with tacking of the horse. This time before competition is important for the rider to start to calm their nerves and focus and concentrate on the task at hand. As little distraction as possible in the barn alleyways and in and around the trailer is a must.

Riders will be allowed ample warm up time depending upon their individual needs which will be assessed and modified by the trainer. Trainers have a working knowledge of horse show management and will do their best to get your rider to the ring on time. Many times in competition trainers may have conflicts between riders. In these situations trainers confer with horse show

management and horse management usually decides which rider should be done first. Please do not be alarmed if it seems that they are waiting solely on your trainer. As this happens quite frequently and your rider will not be penalized for this.

Ultimately horse showing is an excellent way to gauge the progression of your riding skills and knowledge. We are here to help your rider set goals and learn how to achieve them. Whether it is trying to attain year end championship or simply master memorizing a course of fences, we at Kismet Farm enjoy nothing more than seeing your rider be successful. But most of all, we want everyone to enjoy this fantastic sport, and foster a love and respect for these magnificent animals which have drawn us all together!