



13th Annual
Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show
September 23, 2017



2nd Annual
Just Jumpers Schooling Show
September 30, 2017

HorseSense Riding Academy * Ellijay, GA

We're guessing that our last Show Series will be the biggest and best ever!

We want everyone to have a chance to participate, so this year's event will be divided into two shows: our annual **NYTSS show on Sept 23** featuring equitation classes on the flat and over a ground pole course; and a second show a week later, the **Just Jumpers Schooling Show on Sept 30**, to showcase our riders' show jumping skills. We've included our favorite HobbyHorse, Boss Mares and Green Horse classes in each show. Scores for both shows in the series will be combined to determine our 2017 HorseSense Show Series Grand Champion and Reserve Champion. **See the *Fine Print* pages for details.**

Entry forms, fees, and other pesky paperwork

PARENTS, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR COMPETITOR READS ALL OF THESE FORMS! Completed entry forms for both shows-- **one form for NYTSS and one for Just Jumpers** --should be submitted by the **closing date of Sept 16** to guarantee classes. **Please be aware that any entry received after the closing date will incur a \$10.00 late fee – and we're limiting entries for several classes.**

Entry forms, fees, and a copy of your horse's negative Coggins may be delivered to us at the farm or may be snail-mailed; you can also submit your entries via our online entry form on our website. As usual, there are no refunds after the closing date. For more information, contact Dana at 706-636-2123 or info@HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com

Approximate class times will be posted on our website on September 21 – but please remember that all times are subject to change!

Directions to our farm in Ellijay

You'll find printable directions on our website – please don't rely on GPS or online mapping services! Call or email us if you need help; on the day of the show ONLY, call Dana's cell: 706-889-6494.

Planning for the show: attire, critters, food, and stuff

- 🐾 We encourage our students to wear proper show apparel for both shows – but competitors may dress informally (polo or other shirt **with sleeves**, jodhpurs, breeches, or riding jeans). An ASTM-SEI helmet and riding boots with heels are mandatory. Long hair should be in a braid or pony tail. Stud earrings are fine, but no other jewelry, please – **except a wristwatch, which we strongly recommend!**
- 🐾 We will NOT have a concession stand; please plan to bring a picnic lunch, snacks, and plenty of beverages for your family. **We will have a GOING-OUT-OF-BUSINESS SALE, however, with HorseSense merchandise, gently used tack, barn equipment, and farmhouse stuff!**
- 🐾 Other stuff you and your guests should bring: **your own lawn chairs**, sunscreen, rain gear, cameras and sunny natures. You may bring a portable canopy to provide shade for your fan club – but canopies **MUST** be erected before 10 AM so horses aren't spooked with riders aboard.

Show day information

- 🐾 **WEATHER NOTE:** The show will go on if it rains, and classes will be canceled or postponed only during severe weather with lightning or hail.
- 🐾 Leave your dogs at home, please. Humans who understand show etiquette (no running, shouting, ball playing, etc. near the arena) and can applaud with enthusiasm are welcome.
- 🐾 Plan to arrive well before the designated warm-up period before your first class. **Supervised warm-ups will be allowed in the arena during designated periods – if you miss that warm-up opportunity you'll have to warm up in our hilly paddocks at your own risk!**
- 🐾 Follow the signs to park in areas designated either for cars or for horse trailers: cars will park in the paddock behind the farmhouse; trailer parking is behind the arena in the parking lot. **The parking spaces directly in front of the farmhouse are reserved/handicapped only!**
- 🐾 Upon arrival at the show, competitors should immediately check in at the Show Office tent (below the viewing terraces).
- 🐾 The area between the parking lot and the arena will be a "COMPETITORS AND COACHES ONLY" area for safety reasons. Spectators may set up chairs/canopies along the viewing terraces located between the arena and the farmhouse.

Help!

It takes a lot of work to run a horse show. Like most equine events, we rely on volunteers to help with various horse show jobs, which allows us to keep entry fees affordable. **Parents, please sign up to help with at least one job during the show.** No experience necessary – we will train!

Dana and Nikki Surrusco ❖ 706-636-2123 ❖ www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com

The Fine Print: Explanation of Classes and Scoring for BOTH SHOWS

Lots of new stuff here — please read it carefully!

Warm Up Ring for both shows will be in the arena ONLY during scheduled periods. Please report to one of the Warm-Up Stewards BEFORE you mount. You must be under your trainer's supervision while in the arena. Safety is ESSENTIAL -- be careful and considerate out there, watching for other riders and calling out LOUDLY before making your approach to a fence. Riders may school over individual jumps but may NOT practice the entire course. Jump poles must be returned to their original positions at the end of warm-up.





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What is "equitation"? We like this explanation by Gigi Winslett (U.S. Equestrian Judge): *"Equitation is the science – and art – of riding a horse in a manner that improves the horse's performance without in anyway interfering or inhibiting that performance. It includes security for the rider, control over the horse and no interference with the physical effort of the horse, plus puts the rider in the best position to use the aids effectively."*




Dressage Seat Equitation simply means that the rider is judged – rather than the horse – as they perform a series of dressage-based exercises in the arena. Unlike a dressage test, which is ridden by a single competitor, the Dressage Equitation classes have several riders in the ring at one time. The Judge will call out commands for the riders to change directions, to circle, to change from one gait to another. The rider is judged on a proper classical position. This includes evaluating **leg position, seat, hands, balance, and rhythm** and assessing penalty points for faults at the Judge's discretion. The rider should be relaxed and should not interfere with the horse's movement, while using riding aids correctly and efficiently. Ultimately, the rider and horse should demonstrate unity.

Show Jump Equitation Over Ground Poles classes require riders to jump a course of at least five fences. Riders may walk the course on foot (without horses!) before the classes begin. As with the dressage equitation classes, it is the rider's balanced position and the effective use of aids over and between jumps that is evaluated, rather than the horse's ability. The judge wants to see the rider present the horse to the course correctly, ask for and get the correct response, and be able to stay with the performance received from the horse. Equitation classes are judged on **hands, seat, guidance, and control** with emphasis on **style** and **execution**.

1. Major Equitation Faults -- 4 penalty points

-  Refusal
-  Loss of stirrup
-  Loss of reins
-  Knockdowns caused by rider's performance

2. Major or minor Faults -- scaled according to Judge's opinion, up to 4 penalty points

-  Getting "left"
-  Jumping into corners of obstacles
-  Position Faults: pivoting, ducking, not following, round back, heels up, sitting early, catching horse in mouth, riding behind center of balance.

Just Jumper Show Jumping Classes require riders to navigate a timed course of up to 10 large jumps, full of tight turns and tricky combinations. Points are deducted for knocking down a rail, refusing a fence, or taking too long to jump around the course. If more than one rider goes clean (jumps without any penalties), then the fastest horse wins.

Take Your Own Line Classes are a timed event in which all obstacles are jumped only once, in the order chosen by the competitor. Riders must cross through a designated Start/Finish line at the beginning and end of the course. The fastest course with the fewest penalties wins.

Green Horse Classes are generally restricted to horses that are young and/or in their first year of showing – but any horse that needs a bit more space in a low-pressure atmosphere is welcome. Classes will be judged on the horse's performance, with an emphasis on rhythmic pace, relaxation, and obedience. Major and minor faults such as refusals, knockdowns, weaving, etc. may be penalized in the Ground Pole division but the rider's form is not judged.

Boss Mares Classes are for adult riders aged 25 and up – of any gender. Most of the HorseSense Boss Mares will be volunteer helpers in this show, so please cheer LOUDLY for them when they get to ride!



HobbyHorse Classes are open to unmounted "riders" of all ages. Use the hobbyhorses on staff here at HorseSense, or bring your own favorite stick pony, and compete for ribbons and glory as you guide your "pony" over the show jumping course. These classes are timed, so speed and accuracy both count: the fastest time with correct navigation of the course will win!

NYTSS classes will be timed races over ground poles; **Just Jumpers classes** will be timed races over fences with a maximum height of 10 inches. *HobbyHorse competitors must submit an entry form by the closing date -- although the office fee will be waived if this is the only class entered -- and should pick up a competitor number at the Show Office on the morning of the show. Younger children may be assisted by parents or Ground Buddies, as required.*

NOTE: All points awarded for HobbyHorse classes will count towards the Champion and Reserve Champion awards!

Scoring and Ribbons Riders will receive ribbons, placed 1st-6th with participation ribbons for other competitors, at the end of each class.

During the show, scores will be posted on the bulletin boards in the Competitors Area and by the Show Office beneath the viewing terraces. Final show scores will also be available to download on the HorseSense website after each show.

Points are awarded for each ribbon earned as follows:

1st place = 7 points	3rd place = 4 points	5th place = 2 points	No points for participation ribbons
2nd place = 5 points	4th place = 3 points	6th place = 1 point	<i>hors de concours</i> = no ribbon



Points for both shows will be combined into a Total Score for each competitor.

We will award the 2017 Grand Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons and prizes at the end of the Just Jumpers Show on Sept 30.



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Classes = _____

Fees Due = \$ _____

Cash Paid \$ _____

Check Paid \$ _____ # _____

Entry Form

CLOSING DATE: Sept 16

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Rider's name: _____ Parent or Guardian (if under 18): _____

Address: _____ Cell: _____ Home Phone: _____

Rider's Age: ____ Email: _____

If you're bringing your own mount: Horse's Name: _____ Horse's Age: ____ Attach a current copy of your negative Coggins to this form

HORSESENSE STUDENTS ONLY: If you are currently a regular student at HorseSense Riding Academy, you may be eligible to share a school horse for the show – but old ponies can only do a limited number of classes, so get your entry forms in as early as possible!

I would like to borrow a school horse for the show. **NOTE: Do not fill in HORSE information – Nikki will assign horses according to ability and availability.**

Dressage Seat Equitation		Show Jump Equitation – Ground Poles only	
CLASS	HORSE	CLASS	HORSE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Walk/Halt with Ground Buddy		<input type="checkbox"/> 10. Ground Poles with Ground Buddy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Walk/Trot with Ground Buddy		<input type="checkbox"/> 11. Ground Poles Open	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Walk/Halt Open		<input type="checkbox"/> 12. Boss Mares Ground Poles	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Walk/Trot Open		<input type="checkbox"/> 13. Green Horse Ground Poles	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Walk/Trot/Canter Open		<input type="checkbox"/> 14. HobbyHorse Ground Poles 🦄	
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Boss Mares Walk/Trot			
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Boss Mares Walk/Trot/Canter			
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Green Horse Walk/Trot			
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Green Horse Walk/Trot/Canter			

★ ALL classes may be split or limited to the first 10 entries at our discretion.

For Ground Buddy classes #1, 2 and 10 ONLY: Ground Buddy's name: _____ (See Ground Buddy info on the Fine Print page.)

🦄 If this entry is only for class #14 Hobby Horse Ground Poles -- and no other mounted classes are entered -- the \$15 office fee may be waived.

For Boss Mares classes #6, 7 and 12: open to adults aged 25 and up – of ANY gender! :o)

How many classes entered? ____ x \$5.00 per class = \$_____ + **\$15.00 office fee** + **\$10 late fee after Sept 16** = \$_____ Amount Due

Include a check for fees with your entry form, payable to: "HorseSense".

Bring entry forms, fees, and a current copy of your horse's negative Coggins to us at the farm, or mail to:

HorseSense Riding Academy, c/o 56 Cindy Lane, Ellijay, GA 30540

An ASTM/SEI-approved HELMET and safe footwear are required at all times when mounted -- no exceptions!

No vet or farrier on premises; riders assume all risks.

By your signature, you agree as follows: "I hereby hold harmless the organizers, judges, and officials of HorseSense Riding Academy, Hy-View Farm, their officers, agents and employees, and the host and property owners from all liability for accidents, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, employees, attendants, spectators, or any person or property suffered during or in connection with this show. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. UNDER GEORGIA LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERIT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 4 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED."

Signature (parent or guardian if rider is under 18): _____ Date: _____



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First class starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.

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<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>CLASS #</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
Dressage Seat Equitation		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Walk/Halt with Ground Buddy
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Walk/Trot with Ground Buddy
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Walk/Halt Open
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<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Boss Mares Walk/Trot/Canter
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Green Horse Walk/Trot
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Green Horse Walk/Trot/Canter
Show Jump Equitation — Ground Poles only		
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	Ground Poles with Ground Buddy
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	Ground Poles Open
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Boss Mares Ground Poles
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	Green Horse Ground Poles
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	HobbyHorse Ground Poles





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POSITION	WE NEED	VOLUNTEER NAME(S)	EMAIL/PHONE
<input type="checkbox"/> GATEKEEPERS <i>Checks riders in and out of arena</i>	3 @ 2-hr shifts	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> RING CREW <i>Helps set up and take down arena equipment for each division.</i>	6 or more	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> WARM-UP RING STEWARDS <i>Monitors warm up ring to keep riders safe – some horse experience required for this one.</i>	2 @ 1-hr shifts	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> RUNNERS <i>Assist Show Secretary as required – great for siblings!</i>	3 @ 2-hour shifts	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> CLEAN-UP CREW <i>Help us take down equipment and clean up after the show.</i>	as many as possible!	_____	_____

ADS FOR SHOW PROGRAM

If you have a family business you'd like to promote, include your business card (or email us to send artwork) and we'll include it in the program at no charge!





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CLASS	HORSE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Crossrails A	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Crossrails B	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. 18" Jumpers	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. 2'0" Jumpers	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Take Your Own Line – 2'0"	
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. 2'3" Jumpers	
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. 2'6" Jumpers	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Take Your Own Line - 2'6"	
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. 2'9" Jumpers	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10. 3'0" Jumpers	
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<input type="checkbox"/> TIMEKEEPERS <i>Uses stopwatch to record rounds</i>	2 @ 2-hr shifts	_____	_____
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