

Your Invitation to MHA'S
MHA's Signature Horse Show

**The 46th Annual
DOWNEAST HORSE CONGRESS**



Join us for a fun filled
HAWAIIAN WEEKEND

Double MHA points for
ALL MHA members
toward Year-End Awards!

Pleasure Ring June 26 – 28, 2026
Hunt Ring June 27, 2026

Saturday Afternoon:
Horseless Games followed by Complimentary Dinner
Tack Room Judging – **HAWAIIAN** Theme

June 26, 27, 28 2026
Skowhegan Maine Fairgrounds
Pre-entries close Sunday, June 19th

MHA Downeast Horse Congress Horse Show **June 26 - 28, 2026 Skowhegan Fair Grounds, Skowhegan, Maine**

Show Affiliations and Ratings

Maine Horse Association -- Rated A, Double Pointed
New England Horsemen's Council -- Rated by Division
United States Hunter Jumper Association – Outreach Category
ASHBA STAR Rating
Maine Morgan Horse Club American Saddlebred Assoc. of Maine
Arabian Horse Assoc. of Maine Maine Hunter Jumper Association
Thoroughbred Incentive Program Maine Quarter Horse Association

Horse Show Officials & Staff

The following people have accepted an invitation to serve in an official capacity at the Downeast Horse Congress. Management reserves the right to vary or add to this list.

Judge: Steve Lampson, Lincoln, ME
Hunt Judge: Lowell Murray, Ipswich MA
Show Manager: Jo Hight, Scarborough, ME
Steward: Sylvia Corbett, Gorham, ME
Secretary: Regan Grant, Acton, ME
Hunt Ring Chairman: Samantha Beckwith
Hunt Course Designer: Diane Kane, Scarborough, ME
Announcer: Andrew Bailey, Canaan, ME
Farrier: Adam Dupont
Ringmaster: Donna Chapman, Windham, ME
Paddock Master: Karen Blaisdell, Auburn, ME
Photographer: Hanna Marie Photography
Trophies & Ribbons: Phylis Davis, Limington, ME
Food: Spotted Dog
Medical: Andrea Manousos, Harpswell, ME

Emergency: 911 OR 207-474-5121
Redington Fairview General Hospital
Fairview Ave., Skowhegan, ME, 04976

Veterinarian on Call Annabessacook Veterinary
207 933 2165

GENERAL RULES/INFORMATION 2026 DOWNEAST HORSE CONGRESS

Exhibitors are expected to read these rules and not enter any horse/pony unless they are prepared to abide by these rules, the rules of MHA, NEHC, affiliated associations and this show. Show management reserves the right to refuse any entry or request the removal of any entry or person on the grounds without being liable.

Every class offered herein which is covered by the Rules & Specifications of the current Rule Books of MHA, NEHC, MeHJA, TIP, USHJA will be conducted & judged in accordance with those rules. All classes MHA pointed UNLESS noted.

Entry Fees

*Regular Class: \$25.00

*Academy Class: \$20.00

*Championship Class: \$35.00

*Stake or Medal Class: \$35.00

Hunter Warm-up: \$15.00

DOWNEAST HALTER CHAMPIONSHIP \$35.

DOWNEAST HUNTER DERBY \$35.00

DOWNEAST CHALLENGE OFF THE BREEDS \$50

Office Fee: \$25.00 per horse

(includes MHA, NEHC USHJA Fees)

Truck-In Fee: \$25/day per horse/pony

Stabling:

Stalls: \$130.00 each Friday thru Sunday

\$45 one night or day only stall (assigned)

Entries Close: June 19th

Late Fee: \$25 per horse/pony for entries received after 6/19/26.

Make checks payable to: Downeast Horse Show

Online entries accepted via gaitkeeper.com Send Entry & Stabling Form to

Regan Grant, 1079 Foxes Ridge Rd, Acton, ME 04001

Open signed check may be left with entries. Credit Cards are accepted.

REMINDERS: Stall fees do not include bedding.

No stalls reserved without payment in full.

No smoking in the barn areas.

No refrigerators or air conditioners in the barn.

Exhibitors are responsible for stall condition.

No overnight stabling in horse trailers

No cross-tying in barn aisles.

Stall doors may not be removed.

**Stalls Available at NOON,
Friday June 26, 2026**

(Must be vacated by 6pm Sun,
6/28/2026)

Bedding, Mats, Stallion Dividers, Hay

Order & purchase directly from

McCarthy Enterprises

207-474-8950 (office) or

207-431-3160

Pre-Order Please

Camping: Campers & Trailers with living quarters & Tents:

\$130 each (grounds charges the same for Campers or Tents) Friday & Saturday nights only

Additional nights will be charged at \$40/night and need to be pre-approved by show management

REMINDERS: No fires in the camping area.

Dumping station is available.

Camper spaces by coliseum are reserved for staff.

All will be charged regardless of amenities used.

Additional Payment Information:

- All fees must be paid in full (or a signed blank check left with the office to pay for all charges) before number is issued.
- \$50.00 fee will be charged for NSF checks in addition to bank fees & original charge.
- **Refunds** for classes will only be considered upon receipt of a veterinarian's certificate (or doctor's certificate) and must be received by the Show Manager before the end of the show. No refunds on Stalls or campers.

CREDENTIALS - Including this information with your entries will greatly facilitate check in & number pick-up! ☺

- A. Vaccinations.** Please include a copy of vaccination records for your horse(s) with your entries. It is highly recommended that **all animals** on the show grounds be vaccinated for **RABIES** within one year of this show.
- B. Proof of Negative Coggins** within the last three years is required for horses stabled in the State of Maine and within the last six months is required for out of state horses. Please include Coggins date (month/year) on your entry blank.
- C. Adult Riders** in classes **restricted to Amateurs** must have a valid amateur card from USEF, NEHC or MHA available for inspection. MHA and NEHC Amateur cards may be applied for at the Show.

- D. **Registration Papers** are required for entries in classes restricted to a registered breed. Please include registration number(s) on your entry blank and include a copy of the papers with your entry form. **Saddlebred exhibitors** MUST also provide their ASHA membership numbers for owner, rider, driver & handler.
- E. **USHJA Outreach** – To be eligible for USHJA Outreach points and year-end awards, riders must be a USHJA member (Outreach level or higher). Horses wishing to accrue points toward year-end Outreach awards must be registered with USHJA and microchipped. USHJA Horse registrations are available for \$20/annual or \$75/lifetime.

GPS Address: Skowhegan Fairgrounds, 33 Constitution Avenue, Skowhegan, ME

General Information

1. Every class recognized by the Maine Horse Association will be conducted and judged under the current rules of the Maine Horse Association.
 2. Every class recognized by the New England Horseman's Council will be conducted and judged under the current rules of the New England Horseman's Council
 3. Adds/Scratches for the **Coliseum** MUST be made the session before at the Office, please be sure that the paperwork for adds/scratches has been delivered to the Main Office.
 4. **Entries for Friday Night must be in by Friday Morning.** Your compliance helps the show start promptly and is greatly appreciated. **Holds** by permission of Show Management only. Forms are available in the office.
 5. **Food** will be available on the grounds.
 6. **Length of Breaks** will be announced.
 7. Six ribbons in all classes. Prize Money indicated in class title with trophy in all other classes.
 8. **Prize Money** will be directly credited to your show bill. Checks for award money will be issued only after show bill has been paid in full.
 9. **Prize Money** distributed as follows:
 \$100 – \$50, \$25, \$15, \$10; first through fourth, respectively
 10. Arena lights will be turned off at 10:00 pm or after the show
 11. **For everyone's safety** ~
 No **strollers** in the chute area and near the in/out gate.
 All **dogs** must be tied or on a leash & kept away from the show ring rail.
 Lunging and long lining are NOT allowed in the coliseum.
 Bicycles & scooters allowed only in the camping area behind last barn.
 Fire & Emergency lanes must be kept open at all times
 12. Any person entering the ring while the show is in progress must be properly attired. No short-shorts/skirts, tank tops, torn/worn clothing. Items with stable logos are not permitted.
 13. Exhibitors wishing to speak to the judge after their last class must obtain permission of the Manager and Steward & will be allowed only if it does not delay the show.
 14. **WARNING Under Maine Law an equine professional has limited liability for an injury or death resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.**
 15. All Championship/Stake classes: To be eligible, respective horse/rider must have been entered, shown and judged in at least one class listed in parenthesis in the Classes by Division section.
 16. **ALL JUNIOR EXHIBITOR Hunter Seat Riders** are required to wear ASTM/SEI approved protective properly fastened headgear when mounted (Exception: Juniors in Morgan Hunter Pleasure). Riders of ALL seats are encouraged to wear ASTM/SEI approved headgear and shall not be penalized for doing so.
- 15. ALL HUNTER/JUMPING SEAT EQUITATION AND HUNTER PLEASURE EQUITATION RIDERS, REGARDLESS OF AGE, IN ALL SHOWS ARE REQUIRED** to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM/SEI standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. This INCLUDES Equitation Classes open to ALL seats. **ANY RIDER violating headgear rules** at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with such standards.

CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

Special Classes

38. **\$100 HAWAIIAN DOWNEAST HALTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

Must have been entered, shown and judged in any of the in hand Classes 24 – 37. Must stand quietly, and be shown at a walk and trot/jog. To be judged on confirmation, way of going and finish

105. **\$100 HAWAIIAN DOWNEAST TRAIL Horse CHALLENGE** Course will be designed for all to compete at a Walk and Trot. Must have shown in at least one of Classes 101, 102, 103, 104,

67. **\$300 PLUS HAWAIIAN DOWNEAST BATTLE OF THE BREEDS** Must have been entered shown and judged in one of the two qualifying classes #22 or #23. Call backs will be posted on the Secretary's booth.

MINIATURE HORSE DIVISION Not Rated NEHC

26. Miniature Horse in Hand, Open

Will be divided **only** if there are at least 4 mares & 4 stallion/gelding entries.

27. Miniature Horse in Hand **CHAMPIONSHIP** (26)

QUARTER HORSE DIVISION NEHC Rated AA

28. Quarter Horse Halter, Open

63. Quarter Horse Western Pleasure, Open

92. Quarter Horse Western Pleasure **CHAMPIONSHIP** (63)

5. Quarter Horse Hunter under Saddle

78. Quarter Horse Hunter under Saddle **CHAMPIONSHIP** (5)

44. Quarter Horse Walk Trot Pleasure 18 and Under (Not NEHC Rated)

48. Quarter Horse Walk Trot Pleasure 18 and Under **CHAMPIONSHIP (44)** (Not NEHC Rated)

COLOR BREED HORSE DIVISION NEHC Rated AA

Open to such as Palominos, Buckskins, Appaloosas, Paints, Pintos, etc. Papers not required.

30. Color Breed Model Horse

45. Open Color Breed Pleasure Horse

50. Open Color Breed Pleasure **CHAMPIONSHIP** (45)

MORGAN DIVISION NEHC Rated C

31. Morgan In Hand, Open (Not NEHC rated)

3. Morgan Pleasure Horse, Junior Exhibitor, Open

77. Morgan Pleasure Horse, Junior Exhibitor, Open **CHAMPIONSHIP** (3)

13. Morgan Hunter Pleasure Horse, Open

98. Morgan Hunter Pleasure Horse, Open **CHAMPIONSHIP** (13)

1. Morgan Pleasure Horse Western, Open

87. Morgan Pleasure Horse Western, Open **CHAMPIONSHIP** (1)

SADDLEBRED HORSE DIVISION NEHC Ratings Below

35. Saddlebred In Hand, Open (Not NEHC rated)

42. Saddlebred 3-Gaited Park Horse, Open (NEHC B)

91. Saddlebred 3-Gaited Park Horse Open **CHAMPIONSHIP** (42) (NEHC B)

56. Saddlebred 3-Gaited English Show Pleasure, Open (NEHC A)

79. Saddlebred 3-Gaited English Show Pleasure **CHAMPIONSHIP** (56) (NEHC A)

15. Saddlebred Country Pleasure Hunter, Open (NEHC AA)

61. Saddlebred Country Pleasure Hunter, Open **CHAMPIONSHIP** (61) (NEHC AA)

9. Saddlebred 3-Gaited Country Pleasure English, Open (NEHC AA)

66. Saddlebred 3-Gaited Country Pleasure English, **CHAMPIONSHIP** (9) (NEHC AA)

19. Saddlebred 3-Gaited Horse, Open (NEHC B)

59. Saddlebred 3-Gaited Horse Jr. Exhibitor (NEHC B)

95. Saddlebred 3-Gaited Horse Open **CHAMPIONSHIP** (19, 59) (NEHC B)

PONY DIVISIONS NEHC Ratings Below

25. Pony in Hand, Open (NEHC AA)

2. Open Pleasure Driving Pony (NEHC A)

4. Open Pleasure Driving Pony **CHAMPIONSHIP** (2) (NEHC A)

SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION DIVISION NEHC A

52. Saddle Seat Equitation, Under 18 Years of age

68. Saddle Seat Equitation, Under 18 Years of age **CHAMPIONSHIP** (52)

HUNTER SEAT PLEASURE EQUITATION NEHC RATED A

Open to riders under 18 and to amateur adults

- 54 Hunter Seat Pleasure Equitation
- 80. Hunter Seat Pleasure Equitation **CHAMPIONSHIP** (54)

ADDITIONAL EQUITATION CLASSES NEHC if indicated

- 50.5 Western Seat Equitation under 18 Years (NEHC C)
- 12. Adult Equitation, English (NEHC A)
Reminder: ASTM/SEI approved headgear required for hunter seat riders
- 82. Adult Equitation English **CHAMPIONSHIP** (66)
- 65.5 Adult Equitation, Western (NEHC B)
- 89. Adult Equitation Western **CHAMPIONSHIP** (20)

NEHC EQUITATION MEDAL CLASSES Not pointed MHA/rated NEHC

The Downeast Horse Congress will happily hold any of the following Medals that our exhibitors need. *Must be an NEHC member/may join at the show/half pts if not 3 entries*

- 86A. NEHC Junior Saddle Seat Equitation **MEDAL**
- 86B. NEHC Junior Hunter Seat Pleasure Equitation **MEDAL**
- 86C. NEHC Adult Hunter Seat Pleasure Equitation **MEDAL**
- 86D. NEHC Junior Western Seat Pleasure Equitation **MEDAL**
- 86E. NEHC Adult Western Seat Pleasure Equitation **MEDAL**

LEAD LINE DIVISION, 7 Years & Under Not NEHC Rated

- *** **Please Specify Seat on Entry Form**
- 73. Lead Line Equitation, 7 & Under Open
- 74. Lead Line Equitation, 7 & Under Open **CHAMPIONSHIP** (73)
- 69. Lead Line Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open
- 70. Lead Line Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open **CHAMPIONSHIP** (69)

WALK-TROT RIDERS 10 & UNDER DIVISIONS NEHC: Equitation: A Pleasure AA

- Please Specify Seat on Entry Form**
- 88. Walk-Trot Equitation, 10 Yrs & Under, Open
- 90. Walk-Trot Equitation, 10 Yrs & Under, Open **CHAMPIONSHIP** (88)
- 8. Walk-Trot Pleasure Horse/Pony, 10 & Under Open
- 10. Walk-Trot Pleasure Horse/Pony, 10 & Under Open **CHAMPIONSHIP** (8)

Walk-Trot EQUITATION Riders 11 years & over Not NEHC Rated

- Open to Junior & Amateur Adult riders 11 years & older who have not cantered/loped in any show or other competitive discipline, recognized or not, in the past 3 years. No person entered may compete in any class requiring entries to canter or lope during the current show year. Alternate gait allowed
- 62. Walk-Trot Equitation Riders 11 & Over
- 64. Walk-Trot Equitation Riders 11 & Over **CHAMPIONSHIPS** (62)

Walk-Trot PLEASURE Riders 11 years & over ELIGIBILITY NEHC Rated AA

- For **horse (pony)/rider combinations** who do not canter/lope in shows or other competitive disciplines. Alternate gait allowed. No limitation as to status of rider. Horse/pony may canter/lope with a different rider; rider may canter/lope on a different horse/pony. **Horse (pony)/rider combinations** in this division may not compete in any class at any show/competitive discipline (recognized or not) **during the current show season** requiring a canter or lope.
- 46. Walk-Trot Pleasure Horse/Pony, 11 Yrs & Over, Open
- 49. Walk-Trot Pleasure Horse/Pony, 11 Yrs. & Over **CHAMPIONSHIP** (46)

ACADEMY RIDER DIVISION Not pointed MHA/rated NEHC

Eligibility and dress requirements to conform to UPHA guidelines. Classes to be conducted & judged under standard UPHA Academy rules. Classes will be divided as needed to accommodate all entries.

- A1. Academy WTC Pleasure
- A2. Academy WTC Equitation
- A3. Academy WT Pleasure
- A4. Academy WT Equitation
- A5. Academy LL Pleasure (walk, short trot)
- A6. Academy LL Equitation (walk, short trot)
- A7. Academy LL Pleasure, Walk Only
- A8. Academy LL Equitation, Walk Only

YOUTH ACTIVITY DIVISION – Riders under 18 Years Not NEHC rated

- 39 Youth Activity Showmanship, Open

17. Youth Activity Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open
96. Youth Activity Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open **CHAMPIONSHIP** (17)

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR'S HACK DIVISION **NEHC Rated AA**

14. Junior Exhibitor's Hack Horse or Pony
51. Junior Exhibitor's Hack Horse/Pony **CHAMPIONSHIP** (14)

MHA PLEASURE CLASSES **Not NEHC rated**

Classes in this section are open to members & non-members with no residency restrictions.

43. MHA Pleasure Horse, Western
Winner receives The Larry Felt Challenge Trophy
55. MHA Pleasure Horse, Western **CHAMPIONSHIP** (43)
7. MHA Pleasure Horse English
47. MHA Pleasure Horse English **CHAMPIONSHIP** (7)

ADDITIONAL IN HAND CLASSES **NEHC Rated if indicated**

32. Horse Colts and Fillies Open, 2 Yrs & Under, Open (NEHC rated AA)
Winner receives the DEHC Challenge Trophy
24. Open Grooming Class
40. Adult Showmanship Open
37. English Horse in Hand (NEHC rated AA)
29. Western Horse in Hand (NEHC rated AA)
34. Open Halter Horse/Pony
36. Open Halter Horse/Pony, Junior Handler
38. \$100 DOWNEAST Open Halter **CHAMPIONSHIP**
Open to all horses/ponies who have been entered, shown & judged in a horse/pony judged halter/in hand class. (Not Showmanship or Grooming) MHA points ONLY if entered, shown and judged in Class 24.

LIMIT HORSE **Not NEHC Rated**

20. Limit Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open (Not MHA pointed)
Open to horses/ponies who have not won 6 blue ribbons at NEHC and/or MHA shows under saddle. To be shown at a walk, trot/jog/alternate gait, canter/lope both ways of the ring. To be judged on manners, performance and quality.
65. Limit Pleasure Horse/Pony Open Championship (20)

HUNTER PLEASURE DIVISION **NEHC AA**

11. Hunter Pleasure Horse, Open
83. Hunter Pleasure Horse **CHAMPIONSHIP** (11)

BRIDLE PATH HORSE DIVISION **Not Rated NEHC**

6. Bridle Path Horse
Winner receives the Arriva Jo Memorial Challenge Trophy
76. Bridle Path Horse **CHAMPIONSHIP** (6)

LADIES PLEASURE DIVISION **NEHC Rated AA**

57. Ladies Pleasure Horse, Open
84. Ladies Pleasure Horse, Open **CHAMPIONSHIP** (57)

TRAIL DIVISION **NEHC Rated if indicated**

101. Trail Horse Open (NEHC AA)
102. Walk-Trot Trail Horse/Pony, Riders All Ages
103. Ranch Horse Walk Trot Trail
104. Ranch Horse Trail, Open
105. **DOWNEAST** Trail Horse **CHAMPIONSHIP** (101-104)

ADDITIONAL CLASSES **Not NEHC Rated unless noted**

18. Family Pleasure Horse, Open
Open to two family members and/or to two "barn family" members.
93. Family Pleasure Horse Open Championship (18)
71. Forty and Over Pleasure Class, Open
52.5. NEHC Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open (Not MHA pointed) (NEHC AA)
Open to members and non-members
53. Open English Pleasure Junior Exhibitor/Amateur
97. Open English Pleasure Junior Exhibitor/Amateur Championship (53)

- 54.5. Open Horse/Pony Pleasure Driving
- 56.5 Open Horse/Pony Pleasure Driving Championship
Open to all horses and Ponies excluding VSE (Very Small Equines). A pleasure driving class for a 2 or 4 wheeled vehicle and are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse or pony to provide a pleasure drive. Must show both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot and back readily. To be judged on manners, performance and suitability.
- 60.5 Open Reinsmanship Horse/Pony
Competitors enter the ring at a walk, show at a working trot, slowing and extending the trot in both directions. Each driver individually must back their horse/pony in the line- up followed by a forward step. To be judge on turnout, attire, whip, gaits, manners and drivers skill.

RANCH HORSE CLASSES

Not NEHC Rated

- 33 Ranch Horse In Hand, Open
To be shown in a Halter. All entries will be judged at a walk, trot and extended trot. To be judged 60% on correctness, balance, way of moving and confirmation suitable for a ranch type horse and 40% on manners and disposition.
41. Ranch Showmanship
75. Ranch Horse Pleasure Class
The ideal Ranch Horse will travel with forward movement and be well-trained, relaxed, quiet, and soft at all gaits. Horse should be ridden on a relatively loose rein with light contact. The horse should be soft in the bridle and yield to contact.
60. Walk Trot Ranch Pleasure
85. Open Ranch Riding Pleasure Walk, Trot & Canter CHAMPIONSHIP (75)
21. Walk Trot Ranch/ Stock type Horses
72. Ranch Riding Pattern, Open Walk, Trot & Canter
The Ranch horse should well-trained, relaxed, quiet, soft, and cadenced at all gaits. The ideal Ranch Horse will travel with forward movement and demonstrate an obvious lengthening of stride at extended gaits. They should be ridden on light contact on a relatively loose rein. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse to make timely transitions in a smooth and correct manner as well as quality of movement are primary considerations.
- 58 Ranch Riding Pleasure Walk / Trot Pattern
- 103 – 105. Ranch Horse Trail
This class tests the horses ability to cope with everyday situations. The horse/rider team is judged on the correctness, efficiency, and pattern accuracy with which the obstacles are negotiated and the attitude and mannerisms exhibited by the horse. Judging emphasis is on identifying the well broke, responsive, well mannered horse which can correctly navigate the trail course.
104. Walk Trot Ranch Trail.

DOWNEAST Hunt Ring Information and Class Specifications

- All classes recognized by the Thoroughbred Incentive Program will be conducted and judged under the current rules of TIP. For TIP purposes, classes 232, 233 and 234 shall be considered The Jockey Club TIP Special Thoroughbred Hunter Division.
- USHJA Outreach - To be eligible for USHJA Outreach points and year-end awards, riders must be a USHJA member (Outreach level or higher). Horses wishing to accrue points toward year-end Outreach awards must be registered with USHJA and micro-chipped. USHJA Horse registrations are available for \$20/annual or \$75/lifetime.
- Championship and Reserve Championship ribbons will be awarded based on points (no entry fee) in respective divisions. Divisions considered are Puddle Jumpers, Schooling Jumpers, Easy Does It Hunter, Schooling Hunter, Pre-Green Hunter, Special Working Hunter, Thoroughbred Hunter (TIP Special Thoroughbred Hunter), and Low Working Hunter. TIP High Point Hunter, High Point Jumper, and High Point Thoroughbred (all divisions/disciplines) will be awarded.

Jumper Classes

MHA, MeHJA, Outreach Pointed

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201. Puddle Jumpers 18”
202. Outreach Jumper 0.7m/Puddle Jumpers 2’3”
203. Outreach Jumper 0.75-0.8m/Puddle Jumpers 2’6”

HUNTER BREEDING

MeHJA

204. Hunter Breeding Horses

To be judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness, and suitability. Weanlings may wear halters; yearlings and older horses must show in a bridle. Weanlings and broodmares to show at a walk, all other at the walk and trot.

205. Hunter Beeding Ponies

To be judged on conformation, way of moving, quality, substance, soundness, and suitability. Weanlings may wear halters; yearlings and older horses must show in a bridle. Weanlings and broodmares to show at a walk, all other at the walk and trot. Open to all ponies 14.2H and under.

HUNTER RING LEAD LINE CLASSES

MHA, MeHJA Pointed

Open to riders 7 years & under. Must be led by an adult.

- 206. Lead Line Hunter/Jumping Seat Pleasure Horse/Pony
- 207. Lead Line Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation
- 208. Lead Line Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation **CHAMPIONSHIP** (207)

HUNTER RING WALK-TROT (10 & Under)

MHA, MeHJA, NEHC A A & C Outreach Pointed

Open to riders 10 years & under.

- 209. Outreach Walk Trot / Walk-Trot Hunter Seat Pleasure
- 210. Outreach Walk Trot Equitation / Walk-Trot Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation on the Flat
- 211. Outreach Walk Trot Equitation / Walk-Trot Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation on the Flat **CHAMPIONSHIP** (210)

SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION DIVISION

MHA, MeHJA, NEHC A, Outreach Pointed

Open to riders 12 years and under. To be judged on seat, hands, and control of mount. Rider may not compete in any other hunter seat equitation class at any show and must not have competed in a jumping class exceeding 18" in height.

- 213. Outreach 18" Equitation / Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences
- 214. Outreach 18" Equitation / Short Stirrup Equitation **CHAMPIONSHIP** (213)
- 215. Outreach 18" Equitation / Short Stirrup Equitation on the Flat

MHA ENGLISH PLEASURE, OPEN

MHA Pointed

Open to members & non-members with no residency restrictions.

- 222 MHA Pleasure Horse/Pony

HUNTER PLEASURE DIVISION

MHA, MeHAA, NEHC AA Pointed

Open to all horses of a hunter type ordinarily used for pleasure purposed with no limitations as to status of the rider.

- 220. Hunter Pleasure Horse, Open
- 221 Hunter Pleasure Horse **CHAMPIONSHIP** (218)

DOWNEAST \$300 HUNTER DERBY

Outreach Pointed

Open to all riders with no limitations as to age/status. Horse/pony must be entered in one full hunter division at the same show to qualify. Fences 2'3"

Two rounds of competition scored using the open numerical judging system: The first round to be judged on performance, hunter pace, style, quality, substance, and movement. The top ten scorers will come back to jump a handy hunter round to be judged on style, brilliance, and handiness. The scores from both rounds will be added together to determine the winners.

Class entry fee is \$35. Six placings with prize money awarded as follows: 1st - \$150, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$50, 4th - \$25/

- 226. \$300 Outreach Hunter Derby / Hunter Derby 2'3"**

EASY DOES IT HUNTER DIVISION

MHA, NEHC A, MeHJA Outreach Pointed

Fences 18" Open to riders of any age with no restriction as to status. Horse/pony and rider combination may not enter any other class requiring horses to jump over 2'3" at the same show.

- 216 Outreach 18" Hunter / Easy Does it Hunter Over Fences
- 217 Outreach 18" Hunter / Easy Does it Hunter **STAKE** (216)
- 218 Outreach 18" Hunter / Easy Does it Hunter Under Saddle

SCHOOLING HUNTER DIVISION

MHA, MeHJA, Outreach Pointed

Fences 2' to 2'3" in height. Open to Junior and Amateur Adult exhibitors who have not competed previously in a class with fence heights greater than 2'6". The same horse/pony and rider combination cannot show in any other rated hunter or jumper division with fence heights greater than 2'6". Open to horses and ponies to show over the same course.

- 223 Outreach 2'3" Hunter / Schooling Hunter Over Fences not to exceed 2'3"
- 224. Outreach 2'3" Hunter / Schooling Hunter STAKE** (223)
- 225 Outreach 2'3" Hunter / Schooling Hunter Under Saddle

SPECIAL HUNTER DIVISION

MHA, MeHJA, Outreach Pointed

Fences not to exceed 2'6" in height. No restrictions as to age or status or horse/pony or rider. Open to horses and/or ponies.

- 229. Outreach 2'6" Hunter / Special Working Hunter Over Fences not to exceed 2'6"
- 230.** Outreach 2'6" Hunter / Special Working Hunter **STAKE** (229)
- 231. Outreach 2'6" Hunter / Special Working Hunter Under Saddle

THOROUGHBRED HUNTER DIVISION

MHA, MeHJA, TIP, Outreach Pointed

Fences not to exceed 2'6". Open to horses registered with the American Jockey Club. Proof of registration either via registration papers or TIP required.

- 232 Outreach 2'6" Hunter / Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences not to exceed 2'6" (TIP Special Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences)
- 233 Outreach 2'6" Hunter / Thoroughbred Hunter **STAKE** (TIP Special Thoroughbred Hunter Stake) (232)
- 234 Outreach 2'6" Hunter / Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle (TIP Special Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle)

LOW HUNTER DIVISION

MHA, MeHJA, Outreach Pointed

Open to horses and riders of any age with no restriction as to status. Conformation not to count. Fences not to exceed 3'.

- 237. Outreach 2'9" Hunter / Low Working Hunter Over Fences not to exceed 2'9"
- 238.** Outreach 2'9" Hunter / Low Working Hunter **STAKE** (237)
- 239. Outreach 2'9" Hunter / Low Working Hunter Under Saddle

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER DIVISION

MHA, MeHJA, Outreach Pointed

To be judged on performance, soundness, manners, way of going, size of rider to mount and suitability as an Adult Hunter.

- 240. Outreach Hunter 3'/Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle



**SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR
SATURDAY AFTERNOON
June 27, 2026**

**Hunt Ring will be held in the coliseum approximately 35-45
minutes after the morning session**

Horseless Games will be fun for all ages

**Come join us for an afternoon of Hawaiian themed fun and games
Teams are your choice of any size and any age**

Hawaiian themed dinner will be courtesy of DOWNEAST



DOWNEAST 2026 PLEASURE RING

Friday, June 26th Start Time 5pm

TRAIL HORSE CHALLENGE

101. Trail Horse, Open
102. Walk-Trot Trail Horse/Pony
103. Ranch Horse Trail, Open
104. Ranch Horse Walk Trot Trail
- 105. \$100 HAWAIIAN DOWNEAST Trail Horse Championship**

Friday Evening, June 26th Start Time TBD (following Trail)

1. Morgan Pleasure Horse Western, Open
 2. Open Pony Pleasure Driving
 3. Morgan Pleasure Horse, Junior Exhibitor, Open
 4. Open Pony Pleasure Driving CHAMPIONSHIP
 5. Quarter Horse Hunter Under Saddle
 6. Bridle Path Horse
 7. MHA Pleasure Horse English **\$100 Winner Take All**
 8. Walk Trot Pleasure 10 and under Open
 9. Saddlebred Country Pleasure English, Open
 10. Walk Trot Pleasure 10 and Under Open CHAMPIONSHIP
 11. Hunter Pleasure Horse, Open
 12. Adult Equitation English
 13. Morgan Hunter Pleasure, Open
 14. Jr Exhibitor Hack Horse/Pony
 15. Saddlebred Country Pleasure Hunter, Open
 - 16. Request a Class**
 17. Youth Activity Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open
 18. Family Pleasure Horse
 19. Saddlebred 3-Gaited Horse, Open
 20. Limit Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open
 21. Walk Trot Ranch/Stock Type Horse Pleasure
 - 22. BATTLE OF THE BREEDS QUALIFIER FOR ALL STOCK TYPE HORSES, ANY SEAT**
 - 23. BATTLE OF THE BREEDS QUALIFIER FOR ALL SADDLE TYPE HORSES, ANY SEAT**
- Entry fee \$50. No fee if you are chosen to return in the Championship. Prize money \$300 PLUS An added \$20 from each entry fee. Winner to receive ½ of the total. The remaining will be divided to 6 places.*

Saturday Morning, June 27th Start Time 8:30 am

24. Open Grooming
25. Pony in Hand, Open
26. Miniature Horse In Hand
27. Miniature Horse In Hand CHAMPIONSHIP
28. Quarter Horse Halter, Open
29. Western Horse in Hand
30. Color Breed Model, Open
31. Morgan Horse in Hand, Open
32. Horse Colts and Fillies Open, 2 & Under
33. Ranch in Hand
34. Open Halter Horse/Pony
35. Saddlebred in Hand, Open
36. Open Halter Horse/Pony, Junior Handler
37. English Horse in hand
- 38. DOWNEAST HAWAIIAN HALTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

~Break 10 Minutes~

39. Youth Activity Showmanship, Open
40. Adult Showmanship, Open
41. Ranch Showmanship
42. Saddlebred 3-Gaited Park Horse, Open
43. MHA Pleasure Horse Western
44. Walk Trot Quarter Horse Pleasure, Open
45. Open Color Breed Pleasure Horse
46. Walk-Trot Pleasure Horse/Pony, Riders 11 & Over
47. MHA Pleasure Horse English CHAMPIONSHIP
48. Walk Trot Quarter Horse Pleasure, Open CHAMPIONSHIP
49. Walk-Trot Pleasure Horse/Pony, Riders 11 & Over CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday Afternoon, June 27th Time TBA

See the *DOWNEAST* Hunt Ring Time Schedule

***Also Saturday Afternoon, June 27th Time and location to be announced.
The *DOWNEAST* Hawaiian Horseless games!!***

Saturday Evening, June 28th Time TBA

- 50. Open Color Breed Pleasure CHAMPIONSHIP
- 50.5 Western Seat Equitation under 18
- 51. Junior Exhibitor Hack Horse or Pony CHAMPIONSHIP
- 52. Saddle Seat Equitation 18 & Under
- 52.5 NEHC Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open
- 53. Open English Pleasure Jr Ex/Amateur
- 54. Hunter Seat Pleasure Equitation
- 54.5 Open Horse/Pony Pleasure Driving
- 55. MHA Pleasure Horse Western CHAMPIONSHIP
- 56. Saddlebred 3-Gaited English Show Pleasure, Open
- 56.5 Open Horse/Pony Pleasure Driving Championship
- 57. Ladies Pleasure Horse, Open **\$100 Winner Take All**
- 58. Ranch Riding Pattern, Walk Trot
- 59. Saddlebred 3-Gaited Horse, Jr Exhibitor
- 60. Walk Trot Ranch Pleasure
- 60.5 Open Reinmanship Horse/Pony
- 61. Saddlebred Country Pleasure Hunter, Open CHAMPIONSHIP
- 62. Walk Trot Equitation Riders 11 & Over
- 63. Quarter Horse Western Pleasure, Open
- 64. Walk Trot Equitation Riders 11 & Over CHAMPIONSHIP
- 65. Limit Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open CHAMPIONSHIP
- 65.5 Adult Equitation Western
- 66. Saddlebred Country Pleasure, English CHAMPIONSHIP
- 67. \$300 PLUS HAWAIIAN DOWNEAST BATTLE OF THE BREEDS CHAMPIONSHIP**

No Entry Fee, but must have been Entered, Shown and Judged in one of the two Qualifying Classes:. 22 or 23. Call Backs will be posted in the Secretary's booth

Sunday June 28th 8:30 AM

Any Academy classes requested will be held in this time slot.

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| A1. Academy WTC Pleasure | A5. Academy LL Pleasure (walk, short trot) |
| A2. Academy WTC Equitation | A6. Academy LL Equitation (walk, short trot) |
| A3. Academy WT, Pleasure | A7. Academy LL Pleasure, Walk Only |
| A4. Academy WT Equitation | A8. Academy LL Equitation, Walk Only |

Sunday Morning, June 28th Time 9:00am

- 68. Saddle Seat Equitation, 18 & Under CHAMPIONSHIP
- 69. Lead Line Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open
- 70. Lead Line Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open CHAMPIONSHIP
- 71. 40 and Over Pleasure Class, Open
- 72. Ranch Riding Pattern, Walk, Trot & Canter
- 73. Lead Line Equitation, Open 7 & Under
- 74. Lead Line Equitation, Open 7 & Under CHAMPIONSHIP
- 75. Open Ranch Riding Pleasure, Walk, Trot & Canter
- 76. Bridle Path Horse CHAMPIONSHIP
- 77. Morgan Pleasure Horse, Junior Exhibitor, Open CHAMPIONSHIP
- 78. Quarter Horse Hunter Under Saddle CHAMPIONSHIP
- 79. Saddlebred 3-Gaited English Show Pleasure CHAMPIONSHIP
- 80. Hunter Seat Pleasure Equitation CHAMPIONSHIP
- 81. ***Request Class***
- 82. Adult Equitation, English CHAMPIONSHIP
- 83. Hunter Pleasure Horse CHAMPIONSHIP
- 84. Ladies Pleasure, Open CHAMPIONSHIP
- 85. Open Ranch Riding Pleasure, Walk, Trot & Canter Championship
- 86. NEHC Medal Classes as needed (A,B,C,D or E)
- 87. Morgan Western Pleasure, Open CHAMPIONSHIP
- 88. Walk-Trot Equitation 10 and Under Open
- 89. Adult Equitation Western CHAMPIONSHIP
- 90. Walk-Trot Equitation 10 and Under Open CHAMPIONSHIP
- ~ ***20 MINUTE BREAK*** ~
- 91. Saddlebred 3-Gaited Park Horse, Open CHAMPIONSHIP
- 92. Quarter Horse Western Pleasure CHAMPIONSHIP
- 93. Family Pleasure Horse, Open CHAMPIONSHIP
- 94. ***Request a Class***
- 95. Saddlebred 3-Gaited, Open CHAMPIONSHIP
- 96. Youth Activity Pleasure Horse/Pony, Open CHAMPIONSHIP
- 97. Open English Pleasure Jr Ex/ Amateur CHAMPIONSHIP
- 98. Morgan Hunter Pleasure, Open CHAMPIONSHIP
- 99. UPHA Exceptional Riders Challenge Cup

MHA Downeast Horse Congress Horse Show Hunter/Jumper Ring 2026

MHA Class "A" Double Pointed/MeHJA/USHJA Outreach Category 1/Thoroughbred Incentive Program/ NEHC

- All classes recognized by the Thoroughbred Incentive Program will be conducted and judged under the current rules of TIP. For TIP purposes, classes 233, 234, and 235 shall be considered The Jockey Club TIP Special Thoroughbred Hunter Division.
- USHJA Outreach - To be eligible for USHJA Outreach points and year-end awards, riders must be a USHJA member (Outreach level or higher). Horses wishing to accrue points toward year-end Outreach awards must be registered with USHJA and microchipped. USHJA Horse registrations are available for \$20/annual or \$75/lifetime.
- Championship and Reserve Championship ribbons will be awarded based on points (no entry fee) in respective divisions. Divisions considered are Puddle Jumpers, Short Stirrup Equitation, Easy Does It Hunter, Schooling Hunter, Special Working Hunter, and Thoroughbred Hunter (TIP Special Thoroughbred Hunter). Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) High Point Hunter, High Point Jumper, and High Point English Pleasure Thoroughbred will be awarded.
- Pointed Classes: NEHC pointed if indicated. Outreach pointed if indicated. NOT MHA pointed if indicated (*). MEDAL classes are not pointed by either NEHC or MHA.
- To be eligible in respective Championship or Stakes class, the entry must have been entered, shown, and judged in the class in parentheses ().
- Prize Money indicated in class title.
- Prize Money will be directly credited to your show bill. Checks for award money will be issued only after the show bill has been paid in full.
- Distributed as follows:
 - \$100 - \$40, \$30, \$20, \$10; first through fourth respectively.

- 201. Raindrop Jumpers 18" / Puddle Jumpers 18" (Table II, Sec 2(b))
- 202. Outreach Jumper 0.7m / Puddle Jumpers 2'3" (Table II, Sec 2(b))
- 203. Outreach Jumper 0.75-0.8m / Puddle Jumpers 2'6" (Table II, Sec 2(b))

Puddle Jumpers Division Championship

- 204. Lead Line Hunter Seat Pleasure
- 205. Lead Line Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation
- 206. Lead Line Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation **Championship** (205)
- 207. Outreach Hunter Walk Trot / Walk-Trot Hunter Seat Pleasure (riders 10 and under) – NEHC AA
- 208. Outreach Hunter Walk Trot / Walk-Trot Hunter Seat Pleasure (riders 11 and over)
- 209. Outreach Walk Trot Equitation /Walk-Trot Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation on the Flat (riders 10 & under) – NEHC C
- 210. Outreach Walk Trot Equitation / Walk-Trot Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation on the Flat **Championship** (209) – NEHC C
- 211. Outreach Walk Trot Equitation / Walk-Trot Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation on the Flat (riders 11 & over)
- 212. Outreach Walk Trot Equitation / Walk-Trot Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation on the Flat **Championship** (211)
- 213. *Outreach Walk Trot Equitation / MeHJA Walk-Trot Poles Equitation **Medal** (riders 10 & under)
- 214. *Outreach Walk Trot Equitation / MeHJA Walk-Trot Poles Equitation **Medal** (riders 11 & over)

18" Warm Up

- 215. Outreach Equitation 18" / Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences – NEHC C
- 216. Outreach Equitation 18" / Short Stirrup Equitation **Championship** (215) – NEHC C
- 217. Outreach Equitation 18" / Short Stirrup Equitation on the Flat – NEHC C

Short Stirrup Equitation Division Championship

- 218. *Outreach 18" Equitation / MeHJA Short Stirrup Equitation **Medal** 18"
- 219. Outreach Hunter 18" / Easy Does it Hunter Over Fences
- 220. **\$100** Outreach Hunter 18" / Easy Does it Hunter **Stake** (219)
- 221. Outreach Hunter 18" / Easy Does it Hunter Under Saddle

Easy Does it Hunter Division Championship

222. Hunter Pleasure Horse – NEHC AA

223. **\$100** Hunter Pleasure Horse **Championship** (222) – NEHC AA

2'3" Warm Up

224. Hunter Hack Horse 2'3"

225. **\$100** Hunter Hack Horse **Championship** (224)

226. Outreach Hunter 2'3" / Schooling Hunter Over Fences

227. **\$100** Outreach Hunter 2'3" / Schooling Hunter **Stake** (226)

228. Outreach Hunter 2'3" / Schooling Hunter Under Saddle

Schooling Hunter Division Championship

229. *Outreach 2'3" Equitation / MeHJA Modified **Medal** 2'3"

2'6" Warm Up

230. Outreach Hunter 2'6" / Special Working Hunter Over Fences

231. **\$100** Outreach Hunter 2'6" / Special Working Hunter **Stake** (230)

232. Outreach Hunter 2'6" / Special Working Hunter Under Saddle

Special Working Hunter Division Championship

233. Outreach Hunter 2'6" / Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences

234. Outreach Hunter 2'6" / Thoroughbred Hunter **Stake** (233)

235. Outreach Hunter 2'6" / Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle

Thoroughbred Hunter Division Championship

STALL & CAMPER RESERVATION FORM

Reminder: ALL STALLS MUST BE PAID FOR WITH YOUR ENTRIES

Please reserve:

_____ Stalls

_____ Camper Hook-ups

_____ Tents

Name to Appear on this Stall/Block of Stalls:

To help us avoid confusion,

- please list owners/exhibitors included in this block of stalls:

- please describe camper(s) [Length/Color, License, Type, etc]

Anticipated Arrival Time (after 12 on Friday)

NOTES:

Name (Contact Person) _____

Complete Address _____

Signature _____

Phone () _____ - _____

STALL/CAMPING FEES:

\$130/ Stall Friday – Sunday
 \$45/ Stall 1 Night or 1 Day only (assigned)
 \$130/ Camper/Tents/Living Quarters trailer
 Fri & Sat Nights, \$40 each additional night
 \$25/Horse Truck-In Fee

DOWNEAST HORSE CONGRESS HORSE SHOW**June 26 - 28, 2026 Skowhegan, ME Fairgrounds****ENTRIES CLOSE: Thursday, June 19, 2026****LATE FEE: \$25 per horse/pony for entries****RECEIVED after June 19, 2026****ENTRY FEES:**

\$25 Regular Classes
 \$20 Academy Classes
 \$35 Championships/Stakes/Medals
 \$50 Challenge of the Breed
 \$35 Hunter Derby
 \$15 per Hunter Warm-up Round
 \$25 Office Fee (Includes MHA, NECH, USHJA Fees)

Make checks payable to **DOWNEAST HORSE SHOW** Mail entries to **Regan Grant, 1079 Foxes Ridge Rd, Acton, ME 04001**

➔ **ONE HORSE/PONY COMBINATION PER ENTRY BLANK, PLEASE** Copy as needed; available www.mainehorseassoc.com

Name of Horse/Pony & Registration #	Age	Hght	Rider's Name, (Equit Age) & Complete Mailing Address	Owner's Name & Complete Mailing Address	Fees
	Sex	(Pony)	ASB Exhibitors - Include ASHBA Membership #s for Rider, Owner, Driver, Handler		
List Classes Entered Below - One class per box, please.					

Every entry at an affiliated event shall constitute an agreement that the person making it, owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver, rider and the horse shall be subject to the Bylaws, Rules of the Association, the rules and regulations of the show, and that every horse, rider and/or driver is eligible as entered and that the owner and any of his representatives are bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Maine Horse Association, Inc., the New England Horsemen's Council, Inc., and the affiliated event, accept as final the decision of the MHA, Inc, the NEHC, Inc, or committees thereof in any question arising under said rules, and agree to hold the affiliated event, the Downeast Horse Congress Horse Show, the MHA Inc, the NEHC, Inc, their respective officials, directors and employees, harmless for any action taken, or for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the show, whether or not such injury or loss resulted, directly or indirectly from the negligent actor's omissions of said officials, directors, employees or agents of MHA, Inc, NEHC, Inc., or Downeast Horse Congress Horse Show. The constitution or application MHA, Inc. rules is governed by the Laws of the State of Maine."

Total Entry Fees

___ Office Fee @ \$ 25/h or p
 ___ Stalls @ \$130 ea
 ___ Day/1 night Stall @ \$45ea
 ___ Hunter Warm-up \$15 ea
 ___ Campers/Tents/ Trailers
 w living quarters@ \$130 ea
 ___ Truck-In /H or P @\$25 /day
 ___ Sponsorship _____
 ___ Post Entry@ \$25/horse
TOTAL

Owner's Signature _____ **Trainer's Signature** _____

(if same, please sign again)

Complete Address _____ Complete Address _____

Phone # _____ Phone # _____

Email _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian Signature if owner/exhibitor is a minor _____

Credit Card (Discover/American Express/Visa/Mastercard) Name on Card _____

Card # _____ Expiration ___ / ___ CVV# _____

Authorized Signature