

**Presenting as Part of the Tri-State Classic Horse Show and
Benefiting UPHA Chapter 8/17**



October 10-11, 2026

**Tri-State Exhibition Center
McDonald, Tennessee
Entry Deadline: September 16, 2026**

Affiliated With

ASHBA (American Saddlebred & Horse Breeders Association)
The East Tennessee Saddlebred Association
The American Saddle Horse Association of Alabama
American Saddlebred Association of the Carolinas



Equine Sports Council Commission at the Tri-State Classic:

Janet Crampton
Janie Hamilton
Molly Nessinger

OFFICIALS

Manager

Janet Crampton.....Cleveland, TN

Judge

John Field.....College Station, TX

Secretary

Janie Hamilton.....Hixson, TN

Announcer

Wyatt Lilly.....Princeton, WV

Ringmaster

Greg O'Kelly.....Versailles, KY

Organist

Dewayne Cartee.....Pulaski, TN

Photographer

Terry Young.....Lexington, KY

Farrier

Taulby Runyon.....423-718-1121

Official Veterinarian

Equine Medical Center of Cleveland (Drs. Scott Williams and Arlynn Blazer).....423-559-9690

LOCATION

The Tri-State Exhibition Center is located at 200 Natures Trail SW in McDonald, Tennessee. It is one-half mile west of Exit 20 off of I-75. If you are traveling north from Chattanooga to Cleveland, take Exit 20 (the 1st Cleveland exit) which is nine miles north of the Ooltewah exit. If you are traveling south from Knoxville to Cleveland, take Exit 20 (the 3rd Cleveland exit).

Entry Fee: \$20.00 Qualifying Classes (8 Ribbons) Entry Fee: \$40.00 Championship Classes (8 Ribbons) Entry Fee: \$50.00 Grand Championship Classes (Top Ten Ribbons)

HORSE SHOW OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours will be posted on the office door.

AREA HOTELS

Exit 25

Fairfield by Marriott--423-664-2501
Hampton Inn--423-458-1222
La Quinta Inn and Suites--423-813-7300
Douglas Inn--423-559-5579
Best Western plus Magnolia Inn--423-339-1000
Holiday Inn--423-478-1212

Exit 27

Holiday Inn Express--423-790-1199
Baymont Inn & Suites--423-614-5583
TownePlace Suites--423-790-7799

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Entries: Entries close September 16, 2026 and must be postmarked by that date. Any entries received after this date will be considered post entries and pay a \$10.00 per rider post entry fee. The entry office will close one hour before each session. Anyone making an entry after the office has closed will be assessed a \$25.00 emergency entry fee plus normal entry fees and post entry fees if applicable.

Open Checks: The Horse Show requires a signed open check be left with the entry office for all tab accounts. No back numbers will be issued without an open check. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor or agent to settle his/her account by the end of the show. Upon failure to do so, the horse show secretary will fill in the correct amount on the open check and the exhibitor or agent relinquishes the right for adjustment after leaving the show.

Stalls and Stall Reservations: Stalls and tack stalls are \$130.00 each. No stalls will be assigned until the stall payment is received. If coming for the Southeast Academy Regional Championship only, stalls will be available on Friday, October 9. Arrivals before Friday need to notify Janet Crampton (423-284-3677) or Janie Hamilton (214-478-0897) in advance.

Stall Assignment Policy: Stalls will be assigned by the show management to most efficiently use available stalls.

Refunding of Fees: A full refund will be given to anyone who cancels their entries before the closing date of September 16, 2026. After the closing date, stall refunds will be given only if the stalls are able to be resold. Entry fees will be refunded to anyone who cancels up to one hour prior to the start of the session in which they are showing. Once the office has closed for the session, no entry fees will be refunded. Entry fees will not be refunded when an entry misses their class.

Returned Checks: All returned checks will be charged a \$50.00 returned check fee.

Bedding: Bedding will be available for purchase from the Tri-State Exhibition Center for \$10.00 per bag. An open check or payment will be required for orders placed during the show. Bedding may also be ordered for pre-arrival delivery on the enclosed entry form. Payment must accompany pre-arrival orders. No outside bedding deliveries allowed.

Box Seats: Contact Janie Hamilton at 214-478-0897 to reserve a Box Seat. Box Seats (6 seats) cost \$150.00.

Campers: Camper hookups are available for \$45.00 per night. For reservations, please call Janet Crampton (423-284-3677) or Janie Hamilton (214-478-0897). A KOA Campground is located 1/2 mile from the show grounds. Call 423-472-8928 for more information.

Trailer and Vehicle Parking: All trailers and vehicles must be parked in designated areas. Absolutely no trailer or vehicle parking will be permitted in the barn area. The fire code dictates that fire lanes must be left open on all sides of the barns in case of emergency.

Vandalism: Vandalism of the stalls, facilities, or grounds owned by the Tri-State Exhibition Center will result in the assessment of a \$500.00 fee for each incident of vandalism and any additional cost.

Pets: All pets on the grounds must be on a leash and under control at all times.

Golf Cart Use: Operators of motorized vehicles must possess a valid driver's license from the state in which they reside. Violations of this rule will result in the confiscation of the vehicle and a fine of \$50.00. Exception: wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices. Remember, horses have the right-of way!

Exhibitors: Please assist in maintaining clean facilities and grounds by placing litter in trash receptacles. Please place manure and used shavings from the stalls and trailers in designated areas. Do not turn horses loose in any ring on the show grounds

Discipline: Exhibitors are notified that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the judge or officials, on the part of the owner, manager, rider, driver, or groom shall be grounds to disqualify the horse, and the owner shall forfeit all fees. In the case of any horse being disqualified, the winner of the next succeeding prize in that class shall take the prize that had been awarded to the disqualified horse.

Protest: If you wish to file a protest, please see horse show management (whose decision shall be final). There will be a charge of \$100.00 until the protest is resolved. If the protest is in your favor, you will be refunded the \$100.00. If the protest is not in your favor, you forfeit the \$100.00. The horse that is being protested may be asked for registration papers.

Show Committee: The Show Committee reserves the right to decline to receive any entry and to return any entry fee and/or stall fee before or during the show, without being liable for compensation. Should any questions arise that are not provided for in the foregoing rules, the same shall be referred to the show committee whose decision shall be final.

Liability: The Tri-State Classic Horse Show and the Tri-State Exhibition Center, Inc. will not be responsible for any accident, theft, damage, or injury occurring at the facility. The show committee of the Tri-State Classic Horse Show, the Tri-State Exhibition Center, Inc., the Equine Sports Council, nor any volunteer or sponsor will be responsible for any accident which may occur to any owner, vendor, spectator, driver, rider, groom, attendant, animal, or equipment at the show. Each rider exhibits at their own risk. *Warning: Under Tennessee law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, title 44, chapter 20, part 1.*

Equine Sports Council Rules: The Tri-State Classic Horse Show will be governed by the Equine Sports Council. A copy of the most current rulebook is available at equinesportscouncil.org.

CLASS RULES

Riders

- Riders must be enrolled in a professionally-run lesson program. Once riders show in regular performance-riding classes, they are no longer eligible to show in Academy Classes. However, returning riders are eligible for WTC Academy classes after a Ten-Year absence from the show ring.
- Riders who have previously shown in western, hunt seat, or dressage and who are transitioning to the saddle seat discipline are allowed to show, provided they have not shown at the regional or national level in their previous breed or discipline.
- The age of the rider is determined by their age as of December 1st of the previous year. If the rider's age is questioned, proof of age must be submitted to show management.
- Riders who have shown/been judged in WTC classes in any discipline are no longer eligible to return to WT classes.
- Riders who have shown/been judged in WT classes are no longer eligible to show in Lead Line classes.

Horses

- Horses must be regularly used as lesson horses: while it is preferred that horses are owned by instructors, horses may be owned or leased by riders if they are used and shown regularly by other riders as a lesson/school horse.
- Horses shown in Academy classes cannot be in any type of show training with a professional. This includes horses on consignment.
- Horses should not have been professionally trained within Four Months of show, and not have shown at the National Level show, or any national level competition or finals, within 12 Months.
- Horses previously in training must show in a minimum of Three Separate Academy shows (barn shows are ineligible) prior to showing at the Southeast Academy Regional Championships.
- Classes are open to mares and geldings of any breed. No stallions are allowed.
- Horses must be neatly presented with clean coat and clipped bridlepath, face, ears, and legs.
- Shoes are not to exceed 18 oz. No show packages are allowed. One pad and/or wedge for comfort of the horse is permitted. The official Show Farrier will make the final decision.
- Hoof black is acceptable and encouraged; ribbon braiding is prohibited.

Judging

- Exhibitors are to be judged on their skill to effectively control the horse and to show the horse to its best advantage. The horse is not to be judged.
- Equitation classes are to be judged on a rider's basic equitation skills: the rider demonstrating correct leads and diagonals, conveying the impression of effective and easy control.
- Showmanship classes are judged on the rider's performance ability: the rider is to be judged on how well they show their horse and utilized the ring, including correct diagonals and leads. Diagonals will count. No backing. The rider's ability to show the horse they are on is paramount.

- Walk/Trot (WT) riders are to be judged both ways of the ring at a walk and trot only. Riders who have cantered at a recognized or unrecognized show are not eligible for this division.
- Walk/Trot/Canter (WTC) riders are to be judged both ways of the ring at all three gaits.
- Students may not cross enter between Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot/Canter divisions at the same show. Once they have shown in WTC, they may not return to the WT division.
- Every rider must qualify in a preliminary class in order to compete in a Regional Championship.
- Classes will be split by age. The age of the individual on December 1 will be maintained throughout the entire competition year.
- Excessively circling center ring or riding too close to the judges will be penalized.

Tack and Attire

- Riders must be enrolled in a professionally-run lesson program. The horse is to be tacked as if giving a lesson; snaffle and martingale are encouraged on young riders, however, full bridles are acceptable. Any leverage bit rein placed through a martingale is Prohibited. The saddle must be consistent with the style of riding being judged.
- Prohibited tack includes overchecks, blinkers, curb-bit or leverage reins through martingales in under saddle classes.
- Academy attire consists of jodhpurs, breeches, dark pants, long sleeve shirt, with collar, tie, gloves, and vests. Riding suits and jackets are prohibited.
- The rider's hair must be neatly pulled back in a bun or braid as to not obstruct the view of the rider's number.
- Whips are optional; however, spurs are prohibited.
- No barn logos or identifying marks of any kind may be visible on any student or horse while showing.
- Headgear: ASTM/SEI certified safety helmets are the Only acceptable headgear. Riders under 17 are Required to wear helmets. Adult riders are strongly encouraged to wear helmets.
- Riders not complying with the above rules will simply not be judged and may be excused from competition at Show Management's discretion.

Note to Instructors

- We must remember the purpose of these classes is to create an enjoyable and affordable division for the beginning rider. We also need to remember our ethics and follow the rules of these classes.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Entry Fee (Qualifying Classes)	\$20.00
Entry Fee (Championship Classes)	\$40.00
Entry Fee (Grand Championship Classes)	\$50.00
Office Fee (per Academy Rider)	\$15.00
Equine Sports Council Network Fee (per Academy Rider)	\$5.00
Late Fee (per Rider after September 16)	\$10.00
Horse Stalls (per Horse)	\$130.00
Tack Stalls	\$130.00
Shavings (per Bag)	\$10.00
Box Seats (per Box)	\$150.00
RV Space (per Night) (Must Pre-Order by calling Janet Crampton (423-284-3677) or Janie Hamilton (214-478-0897))	\$45.00

CLASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Morning, October 10th, 10:00 A.M.

1. Academy Driving—Any Age Rider
2. Academy Driving Reinsmanship—Any Age Rider
3. Exceptional Rider WT Showmanship—Any Age Rider
4. Exceptional Rider WT Equitation—Any Age Rider
5. Academy Lead Line WT Showmanship—Riders 8 and Under
6. Academy Lead Line WT Equitation—Riders 8 and Under
7. Academy WTC Showmanship—Adult Amateur
8. Academy WTC Equitation—Adult Amateur
9. Academy WTC Showmanship—Riders 14 through 17
10. Academy WTC Equitation—Riders 14 through 17
11. Academy WTC Showmanship—Riders 13 and Under
12. Academy WTC Equitation—Riders 13 and Under
13. Academy WT Showmanship—Adult Amateur
14. Academy WT Equitation—Adult Amateur
15. Academy WT Showmanship—Riders 14 through 17
16. Academy WT Equitation—Riders 14 through 17
17. Academy WT Showmanship—Riders 11 through 13
18. Academy WT Equitation—Riders 11 through 13
19. Academy WT Showmanship—Riders 9 through 10
20. Academy WT Equitation—Riders 9 through 10
21. Academy WT Showmanship—Riders 7 through 8
22. Academy WT Equitation—Riders 7 through 8
23. Academy WT Showmanship—Riders 6 and Under
24. Academy WT Equitation—Riders 6 and Under

Sunday Morning, October 11th, 10:00 A.M.

25. Academy Driving—Any Age Rider Regional Championship
26. Academy Driving Reinsmanship—Any Age Rider Regional Championship
27. Exceptional Rider WT Showmanship—Any Age Rider Regional Championship
28. Exceptional Rider WT Equitation—Any Age Rider Regional Championship
29. Academy Lead Line WT Showmanship—Riders 8 and Under Regional Championship
30. Academy Lead Line WT Equitation—Riders 8 and Under Regional Championship
31. Academy WTC Showmanship—Adult Amateur Regional Championship
32. Academy WTC Equitation—Adult Amateur Regional Championship
33. Academy WTC Showmanship—Riders 14 through 17 Regional Championship
34. Academy WTC Equitation—Riders 14 through 17 Regional Championship
35. Academy WTC Showmanship—Riders 13 and Under Regional Championship
36. Academy WTC Equitation—Riders 13 and Under Regional Championship
37. Academy WTC Showmanship—Any Age Rider Regional Grand Championship
38. Academy WT Showmanship—Adult Amateur Regional Championship
39. Academy WT Equitation—Adult Amateur Regional Championship
40. Academy WT Showmanship—Riders 14 through 17 Regional Championship
41. Academy WT Equitation—Riders 14 through 17 Regional Championship
42. Academy WT Showmanship—Riders 11 through 13 Regional Championship
43. Academy WT Equitation—Riders 11 through 13 Regional Championship
44. Academy WT Showmanship—Riders 11 and Over Regional Grand Championship
45. Academy WT Showmanship—Riders 9 through 10 Regional Championship
46. Academy WT Equitation—Riders 9 through 10 Regional Championship
47. Academy WT Showmanship—Riders 7 through 8 Regional Championship
48. Academy WT Equitation—Riders 7 through 8 Regional Championship
49. Academy WT Showmanship—Riders 6 and Under Regional Championship
50. Academy WT Equitation—Riders 6 and Under Regional Championship
51. Academy WT Showmanship—Riders 10 and Under Regional Grand Championship

Southeastern Regional Academy Championship

October 10-11, 2026

Entries Postmarked after September 16 Pay Post Entry Fees

Make checks payable to:

UPHA Chapter 8/17

Non-US checks must be marked "Payable in US Funds"

Mail To: Janie Hamilton

839 Ferry Road

Hixson, TN 37343

Phone 214-478-0897

E-Mail: dkhoss@aol.com

ONE HORSE PER ENTRY BLANK PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE (Fill out completely)

TRAINER _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER _____

DOB (If Jr. Exhibitor) _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Office use	Horse Name					Registration #	
Color		Sex		Age		Height	
Class #							Total Fees
Entry Fee							

	Total Entry Fees	\$	Stable With: (must appear on both entry forms)
#	Post Entry Fee (\$10.00 per Rider after September 16)	\$	
#	Horse Stalls (\$130.00 per Stall)	\$	
#	Tack Stalls (\$130.00 per Stall)	\$	
#	Office Fee (\$15.00 per Academy Rider)	\$	
#	Equine Sports Council Network Fee (\$5.00 per Academy Rider)	\$	
#	Shavings (\$10.00 per Bag)	\$	
#	Box Seat (\$150.00 per Box)	\$	
#	RV Space (\$45.00 per Day/Night (MUST PRE-ORDER by calling Janet Crampton (423-284-3677) or Janie Hamilton (214-478-0897))	\$	
			Stalls Available Friday, October 9, (for earlier arrival, call Janie Hamilton at 214-478-0897)
			Arrival Date:
			Hotel while at Southeast Academy Regional Championship:
			Emergency #

ENTRY AGREEMENT ON THE BACK MUST BE SIGNED Signed: Yes No

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL ACADEMY CHAMPIONSHIP RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I AGREE that neither the Tri-State Classic Horse Show, the Southeastern Regional Academy Championship, the Tri-State Exhibition Center, Bradley County, the State of Tennessee, Equine Sports Council, the show management nor the officials of the show, nor any affiliated or participating organizations, will be responsible for any accident, damage, loss or injury to mount, owner, rider or other persons or property. It will be the condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the horse show and its management blameless for any loss or accident to any animal, person or property that may occur at the show. *Under Tennessee law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, title 44, chapter 20, part 1.* Limitation on liability for injury or death of participant except as provided in 44-20-104, an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, or any other person, which shall include a corporation or partnership, shall not be liable for an injury to or the death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. Except as provided in 44-20-104, no participant or participant's representative shall make any claim against, maintain an action against, or recover from an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, or any other person for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting from any of the inherent risks of equine activities.

Every entry at a show that pays the Equine Sports Council Exhibition and/or Drug Fees and is exhibited and judged according to the ESC Rules and guidelines shall constitute an agreement and affirmation that: (1) the owner, agent, lessee, trainer, manager, coach, driver and rider and any of his/her representatives are bound by the show rules; (2) that every horse, rider, and/or driver is eligible as entered, including amateur or professional status; (3) they agree to accept as final the decision of show management on any question arising under said rules, and agree to hold the show, Equine Sports Council, their officials, directors, and employees harmless for any action taken; (4) that the owner, rider/driver and any of their agents or representatives agree to hold the show, Equine Sports Council, and their officials, directors, employees and agents harmless for any injury or loss suffered during or in conjunction with the show, whether or not such injury or loss resulted directly or indirectly from the negligent acts or omissions of said officials, directors, employees or agents of the show or Equine Sports Council.

TRAINER (Mandatory)

Signature Required (Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER (Mandatory)

Signature Required (Parent/Guardian if under 18)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler is a Minor)

Minor's Name: _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____