



Exhibitor Information 2017 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships



Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter
Perry, Georgia, August 2-6, 2017

1. Health Regulations:

All equine crossing state lines to travel to Southern Regionals must have an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI; "Health Certificate") with a general description. All equine shall be tested for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) in a recognized laboratory with twelve (12) months prior to importation and must be negative to an official test. Negative EIA test results shall be recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection as well as the date of the test, the name and address of the testing laboratory and accession number. All equine must be negative to a test approved by the State Veterinarian for equine piroplasmiasis if they originate from an area determined by the State veterinarian to pose a risk for introduction of piroplasmiasis. The test results and test dates must be recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. These horses must enter on a special permit. Equine from quarantined herds or areas may not move under permit obtained from the office of the Georgia State veterinarian. **You must enclose a copy of your horse's Coggins test with your entry form.**

Any further questions, please contact the Georgia State Veterinarian, Dr. Robert M. Cobb, at 404-656-3671.

2. Stalls Assignments and check-in:

For directions to the Agricenter please go to www.gnfa.com and hover on "Learn More" and click on "Location." All trailers and vehicles should use the **East gate** and follow signs directing you to the horse entrance.

All horses being shown in the 2017 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships must be in a stall. Stalls at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter should be checked for safety before stabling of your horse. Stalls will be available beginning **8:00AM Wednesday, August 2nd**. No trailers are permitted on the grounds prior to 8:00AM. All stalls must be vacated by 12 PM, Monday, August 7th. State delegations will be stabled together. Stall assignments will be posted at the Show Office and on the bulletin boards in the center aisle of each barn. All stall assignments must be arranged by your State Extension Horse Specialist.

The Show Office will be located adjacent to the Covered Arena (near the Reaves Arena) and will open at 8AM on Wednesday, August 2nd. On show days, the office will be open one hour before the show begins until either 8PM or at least ½ hour after the last class ends, whichever is latest.

3. Bedding:

Please be advised that the stalls have concrete floors. Exhibitors may bring mats to place under the shavings. Stalls for the Southern Regional Horse Show will NOT be pre-bedded. Shavings will be available for purchase. Exhibitors may bring their own shavings if they prefer, so long as they follow the specifications listed below (per grounds management). **The normal shavings office hours are from 8:00 AM until 9:00 PM.** The shavings office is located at the east end of the horse barn.

Accepted forms of payment are cash and credit card only; checks will not be accepted. All shavings that are used in the horse barn must meet the following specifications and standards:

1. Only bagged shavings allowed.
 - a. Shavings must be compressed and in plastic bags.
 - b. Plastic bags must be heat sealed, no external closures of bags allowed, such as staples, string, glue, wire, etc.
2. Only pure pine flake shavings allowed, no other treatment allowed.
3. All bagged shavings must be heat dried (kiln process).
4. No lumber mill waste or by-products of any type.
5. All bags must have company name, address, & phone num. printed on bag.
6. All bags must have compressed and expanded volumes printed on the bag.

4. Stall Decorations:

Staples, pins, nails, stickers, masking tape and duct tape are NOT allowed on walls, floors, doors, stall doors, posts, drapes or railing. Nylon tie straps, zip ties, Gaffers tape and 3M Command Adhesive Strips have been approved for use.

5. Hotel Reservations:

A list of hotels is available from your respective Extension Horse Specialist providing leadership to this event. When reserving hotel rooms, please make sure to mention block or rate reference given in the hotel list to receive the 4-H blocked room rate. Also, be sure to check out the 'Blocked Room Drop Date'. Drop dates vary depending on hotel. Not all Perry Hotels are blocked for this event. A complete list of hotels can be found at www.perryga.com.

6. Camper and RV Hookups:

For camper and RV information and reservations please contact the Agricenter at 478-988-6557, or visit www.gnfa.com to make your reservations online. **The Show Office does not handle RV reservations.**

7. Motorized Vehicles:

All motorized vehicles and golf carts driven on the grounds, MUST be operated by a licensed driver. There will be a golf cart rental vendor on the grounds.

8. Skateboards, Scooters, Roller Skates, Hover Boards, and Roller Blades:

Skateboards, scooters, roller skates, hover boards, roller blades, and other similar mechanical equipment are prohibited within all property known as the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter unless approved by the Office of Public Safety as part of a scheduled program or demonstration registered through an appropriate administration office.

9. Feed/Hay

There will NOT be a vendor on the Grounds. There are local feed suppliers in the area.

*Big Indian Feed and Tack (478) 988-1347 (located close to fairgrounds)

*Tractor Supply (478) 953-3344 (located in Warner Robins)

10. Riding in the Arena(s):

Riding in all arenas will be available Wednesday, August 2nd (exact riding hours to be determined). The Reaves Arena will open at 7:00AM from Thursday, August 3rd until Sunday, August 6th for riding until the Arenas must be closed in preparation for that day's classes. The Sutherland Arena will be open for Schooling Over Fences. Thursday, August 3rd from 12PM-5PM, for all participants, and from 5PM-6:30PM, for educational event contestants ONLY. See all schooling over fences details below in section 11. Schooling over Fences will also be held on Friday August 4th from 7AM-10AM. The Sutherland Arena will not be open between or after schooling classes. All other covered arenas will be available for full schooling when not being used to conduct the show until 9PM each day.

11. Schooling Over Fences:

Sutherland will be open for schooling upon check-in on Wednesday until 9PM (no fences).

Riders competing in any of the three over fences classes must pay a mandatory \$15 schooling fee. This entitles these riders to the two schooling opportunities listed below on Thursday and Friday. If a rider chooses not to take advantage of these schooling opportunities, they will not be refunded their schooling fee.

Sutherland will be available for over fences schooling on Thursday afternoon from 12PM to 5PM. Riders will take their direction from the schooling supervisor as to availability of the schooling at any given time. A maximum of 6 horses will be allowed in the ring at one time, and trainers must be courteous of others in the ring when setting jumps. Riders should check in with the schooling supervisor at the gate in the Sutherland to be placed in a rotation for schooling in keeping with their pony or horse height during this open schooling. Riders and trainers who are monopolizing jumps, jump heights or practicing unsafe techniques will be excused from the ring by the steward. A maximum of 20 minutes per individual horse/rider combination will be allowed in their jumping session on Thursday. For competitors involved in educational contests on Thursday morning, this over fences schooling will be available to these individuals only from 5PM- 6:30PM.

An unjudged warm-up class will be offered on Friday morning beginning at 7AM, and will use a published order of go and specific course. Riders with three refusals will be excused from the warm-up class. Riders missing their order of go will not be moved down in the order and forfeit their warm-up class opportunity on Friday morning.

Following the warm-up class, an order of go will be used for the working hunter, equitation over fences and open jumping classes; there will not be an open card maintained for these over fences classes.

12. Photographer:

Mr. Harold Campton will serve as the official photographer for the 2017 Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships, <http://camptonphotography.photorelect.com/>.

Exhibitors placing in the top three are requested to report to the photography area immediately following each class. These prints will be provided only to State Extension Horse Specialist for promotional use. Additional photographs can be purchased directly from Harold Campton photography.

13. Opening Ceremony:

The Ceremony will be held in the Reaves Arena at 7:00PM Thursday, August 3rd. State Delegations are requested to check in with the paddock crew by 6:30PM. No animals are permitted in the arena during opening ceremonies.

14. Hippology and Horse Bowl Contests:

Both of these contests will be held at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter (401 Larry Walker Parkway, Perry, Georgia 31069). These events will take place on Wednesday, August 2nd. Check in for Hippology and Horse Bowl will start at 8:00AM and 2:00PM, respectively, in the lobby of Roquemore Conference Center. Snacks will not be provided during these contests on Wednesday, but contestants will be allowed to bring snacks with them to these contests. The judging phase of Hippology will be held on Thursday, August 3rd during the Horse Judging Contest at the Reaves Arena. Check-in for the judging phase will begin at 8:30AM in the office area of Reaves Arena. For a map of the facility, please go to www.gnfa.com and hover on "Learn More" and click on "GNFA Map."

15. Horse Judging & Communications contest:

The Horse Judging contest will be held in the Reaves Arena at the Agricenter. Check in for the judging contest will be at 8:30AM in the office area of Reaves on Thursday, August 3rd.

The Communications events will take place at the Agricenter in the Roquemore building. Check in for Public Speaking, Individual & Team Presentations will begin at 7AM on Thursday, August 3rd in the lobby of Roquemore.

For a map of the facility, please go to www.gnfa.com and hover on "Learn More" and click on "GNFA Map."

16. Veterinarians:

A veterinarian will be on call during show hours. Dr. Charlene Cook, Central Georgia Equine Services: (478) 825-1981.

17. Farrier:

A farrier will be on the grounds during show hours. Hannah Simms: (912) 531-5977

18. Emergency Medical Service (EMS):

EMS Service will be available on the grounds during all classes.

19. Dogs on show grounds:

The Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter requires dogs to be on a leash at all times. In addition, no dogs are allowed in the show arenas or other buildings.

20. Helmet Use:

All youth are required to wear a properly fastened American Standard for Testing Materials (ASTM) / Safety Equipment Institutes (SEI) approved protective headgear when mounted on a horse. Helmet use is required when mounted AT ALL TIMES on the show grounds, including all performance classes and divisions. Additionally, this policy is in effect in the show pen as well as ALL warm-up/practice pens and on the show grounds when mounted. Violation of this policy may result in disqualification from the show and/or removal from show grounds.

21. Emergency Telephone Numbers:

The Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter phone number is (478) 988-6523 (Brittini Dees) or 1-800-987-3247 (GA Only). This number is for last resort back-up only, but may be utilized beginning August 2nd. Prior to August 2nd, contact your State Specialist concerning show information.