



MORNINGSIDE STABLES SHOW TEAM HANDBOOK

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2024 Show Dates

4-H @ Andover: May 19, June 9, June 23, Sep 29
Hunter/Jumper @ Columbia: April 14, May 18, June 8, September 21, October 5, October 20
CT @ Columbia: April 6, June 22, September 7, November 9
Colonial Classic Date & Location TBD
MHSA Regionals @ PG Equestrian Center: November 1-3
TIP Championships @ Stable View in Aiken, SC: October 3-8 *Thoroughbreds Only*

Show Team Rules

1. Overview

The Morningside Stables Show Team provides students with an opportunity to put their riding skills to use through competition at 4-H schooling shows, Morningside Hunter/Jumper Shows, Morningside CT's, and off property eventing competitions. The show season begins in April and ends in November, with some winter shows added to prepare for the next season. Participants will develop stronger riding, horsemanship, and sportsmanship skills in addition to learning more about the equine world. The team will meet for group clinics to prep for participation in competitions, as well as participating in their normal lessons. MSS schooling shows will hold an end of year banquet where prizes will be awarded to riders who have accumulate enough points through-out the show year at our MSS shows. Our first three MSS schooling shows will allow students to have a chance at qualifying for the Colonial Classic, while all of our shows qualify toward MHS regional championships which is held at the end of the season. MHS also hosts a banquet for their members. For our eventing team there will be a banquet for the MSS CT series and other year end qualifications for the horse trials we choose to attend.

2. Participation Requirements For MSS Show Team

- Must be a current MSS student.
- Must take weekly lessons.
 - ▶ Riders are encouraged to take 2 lessons per week and/or participate in our leasing program as more time in the saddle accelerates improvement.
- Must be up to date on all payments.
- Expectation to participate in at least 4 shows through-out the year.
- Show team clinics will occur twice per month and will focus on skills important for the level of showing that you or your child is competing in. Each clinic will have a different theme pertaining to topics important to competing, you can ask your instructor which clinics would benefit you the most. Team clinics will run March through November. Practices are \$60 per practice for leasers and \$65 for non leasers. Students are required to participate in at least **five** clinics per season but it is always more productive to participate in as many as possible.
- It is not required to be a working student but doing so is a good way to learn more skills that will help at shows while also gaining credit toward more ride time and show team practices.
- Horse show parents are required to volunteer at two shows throughout the season. Without our volunteers we wouldn't be able to have such amazing shows for our kids. Please sign up for volunteering through Kristy Hoke, columbiahc@morningsidestables.horse.

3. Training

- Instructors will decide on the level of competition you can participate in based on your riding level
- Barn management will have final say as to which school horses will be used for competition.
- Barn management has prerogative to make adjustments to horse/rider combinations as well as the show schedule and arrangements. Notice will be given to all participants affected by any changes that are made.

4. Off-site Shows (not at MSS)

Various local facilities hold shows similar to those held at MSS. These provide a great opportunity for students to compete off property and add to their riding experience.

5. Participant Requirements for Off-Property Shows

The highest level of competition offered to MSS students. In addition to the participant requirements listed above, those who wish to show at these shows must:

- Must be an active member of the show team.
- Have shown the horse they plan to compete off property at a MSS schooling show first.
- Must attend annual Show Team meeting or review show team manual.
- Must go through yearly instructor evaluation.
- Must compete or have competed in MSS schooling shows in addition to planned participation of off-property events.

6. Assessment

An annual meeting will be held prior to the start of the show season to gauge interest in participation. To apply to participate on our show team please speak with your instructor. They will then select a date (one of your upcoming lessons) to evaluate which team, classes, and horse you will be best suited for this season. Instructors will then turn in their roster for the season and management will approve placements.

7. Attire

Schooling attire:

- MSS polo or sun shirt
- MSS jacket or vest
- Riding Gloves
- Neutral colored breeches
- Belt
- Tall boots or paddock boots with half chaps
- Safety approved helmet

For Hunter/Jumper Shows, proper, approved show attire is required. (provided by participant) (must be approved by instructor and management before shows begin):

- Tan breeches
- Tall boots or Short boots with garters (depending on age)
- Black riding gloves
- Hair net or Bows (depending on age)
- Leather or other neutral colored belt
- Show jacket (navy or black is preferred but other neutral colors are acceptable)
- Long sleeve white show shirt
- Safety approved show helmet
- Black riding crop

For eventing or CT competitions:

- White breeches
- Tall boots or short boots with garters (depending on age)
- Belt
- White long sleeve show shirt
- Show jacket (black is preferred but other colors acceptable)
- Riding gloves
- Safety approved show helmet
- Hair net or bows (age dependent)
- Long sleeve sun shirt
- Pinny holder
- Medical armband
- Safety Vest (approved for competition)
- Short riding crop
- Dressage whip

For all shows: ***REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE***

- Basic grooming supplies
- Basic bathing supplies
- Boot cleaning kit
- Basic tack cleaning supplies
- Show pad (square for eventing/dressage/jumpers, fitted for hunters)

8. Conduct

Appropriate behavior is expected from all patrons, participants, and observers in programs and in facilities to protect the enjoyment and safety of all patrons. Behaviors that will not be acceptable include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Endangering the health and safety of other participants, patrons, observers, staff, or volunteers.
- Disrupting a program or creating a disturbance at a facility.
- Continuous refusal to follow program and/or facility rules and guidelines.
- Use of verbal harassment, profanity, vulgarity, obscenity or racial slurs.
- Blatant disrespect of staff, volunteers and program or facility rules and guidelines.
- Damage, vandalism, or theft of private or Columbia association facilities, equipment or supplies.
- Possession or use of illegal substances or medication, including the use of alcohol or smoking where prohibited.
- Inappropriate or offensive dress, including, but not limited to dress which is too revealing and clothing which displays obscene or offensive words or pictures.
- Possession or threat of a weapon.
- Intimidating or threatening any individual, wearing or displaying colors or items of dress, etc.

- Inappropriate display of affection, including but not limited to prolonged kissing and touching on any private area of the body.

MSS Show Team Behavioral Expectations

- Participants will be respectful to instructors, parents, horses, and each other.
- Treat fellow competitors with utmost respect and tolerance even if you do not get the same respect in return. A good rule of thumb is to treat competitors as you would like to be treated.
- Show respect for the judges and their decisions even if you do not agree with them.
- Admit when you make a mistake.
- Acknowledge victories humbly without humiliating opponents.
- Compliment opponents.
- Accept the outcome of the show without complaints or excuses.
- Understand that in sports as in life, you may not always win but you can learn from every experience
- Participants must show a commitment to the horses they show by providing excellent care before, during, and after competitions.
- Riders who treat their horses poorly will not be tolerated.

9. Team Rules

- School horses may not compete in classes with jumps higher than 2'6" unless it is a special case.
- Number of riders per horse, per show, will depend on the division heights and class numbers. Horse usage conflicts will be resolved by the Instructors and/or the Management.
- **Participants are required to help prepare the horses and tack before the show. This includes but is not limited to: bathing the horse, cleaning tack, and loading the trailer.**
- **Must attend schooling the day before the show.**
- Failure to participate in show preparation and schooling will result in not being able to participate at the event.
- MSS does not provide participant transportation to and from events.

10. Parent Commitment

Congrats on providing your children with the amazing and unique opportunity to be involved with horses! It has been proven that working with horses helps develop lifelong traits such as responsibility, respect, compassion, sportsmanship, and confidence. With that being said, there are also some things that need to be understood about this sport:

1. It requires a financial commitment. Horses require a lot of maintenance and there are many expenses involved in caring for and showing them such as: food, shavings, veterinary care, riding and showing equipment, truck, trailer, and the labor for daily care. All of these things go into the cost of riding, owning, and showing. There are also extra expenses to enter competitions.
2. It involves hard work and sacrifices. Horses require a lot of time. This means at some point activities will have to be prioritized and a decision will need to be made if there is a desire to improve and be more competitive.
3. It is humbling. Horses have their own mind so they will not always be cooperative. No matter how hard you practice there will be times your horse has a bad day and things don't go as planned. There will be many highs and lows, but also many valuable experiences and life lessons.
4. It can be one of the most rewarding experiences. There are no words to explain the incredible bond that forms between horse and rider. A state of co-being is often developed after logging hours in and out of the saddle. The journey of creating this bond and seeing progress is unique to the sport.
5. **MSS will require a parent or guardian to commit volunteer hours during 2 MSS stables schooling shows. Dates and a sign-up will be posted. Contact Kristy Hoke, columbiahc@morningsidestables.horse.**
6. Parents and students will be expected to help on Show Team nights to prepare the barn for an upcoming show. Duties will consist of things such as cleaning around arenas, moving jumps and organizing for show.

The Four 'Team' Options

'Red' Team: These are our most advanced riders. They can walk, trot, canter, do intermediate to advanced level dressage/flatwork, have been jumping courses of 2' or higher for a couple years, have shown for several years, and know upper level horsemanship and showing techniques. This team is urged to compete at our Morningside Hunter/Jumper shows with goals of qualifying for Colonial Classic, MHSA Regional Finals, and TIP Championships. There are at least 6 Columbia shows available, three finals shows, and the potential for other off property outings for this team. Our CT series would also be a good option for this team if anyone has green horses as it is laid back and fun, if you're interested speak to your instructor.

'Blue' Team: This team is for our intermediate riders. They can walk, trot, canter, do lower level dressage/flatwork, can jump around small 12"-18" courses, have shown a couple times or have a knowledge of showing, and know basic horsemanship and showing techniques. This team is urged to either do our 4-H series, or our Columbia Hunter/Jumper series based on level and confidence. They could still qualify for year end awards, the colonial classic, MHSA regionals, or TIP Championships. There are 4 shows at Andover, 6 shows at Columbia, and three finals shows (would have to qualify for throughout the season). Our CT series would also be a good option for this team as it is laid back and fun, if you're interested speak to your instructor.

'Green' Team: This team is for our beginner riders or those that are new to showing or need some more confidence in the show ring. They will compete at the 4-H shows at Andover Equestrian Center and will have 4 show opportunities. They will be working to get points toward the 4-H year end banquet. Our CT series would also be a good option for this team as it is laid back and fun, if you're interested speak to your instructor.

Eventing Team: This team is for those who are interested in learning about the world of eventing or who have evented with us in prior years. This team will compete in our CT series at Columbia Horse Center which provides the chance to work on dressage tests and stadium courses in a more laid back environment and also offers cross country schooling opportunities. They will also compete in horse trials that are local to us. There will be 4 CT's and at least 3 horse trials to participate in. Riders are required to participate in all CT's to be able to be on the team, except for extenuating circumstances.

Rider's who are on an MSS owned horse can participate in one show series unless approval is given from management. Rider's can participate on the eventing team even if they are on a lettered show team as well. Teams will be decided based on instructor recommendation and management involvement.

Show Team Fees

Morningside Stables Fees for Off-Property (non-finals) Shows

Horse Usage (per show & schooling day)	\$100 for non leasers, \$75 for quarter leasers, \$50 for half leasers, \$0 for full and privately owned (eventing shows \$75 flat rate)
Trainer Fee (per day)	\$110 for one division, \$160 for two (eventing shows \$160 flat rate)
Schooling Day Coaching (for overnight shows, if applicable)	\$85 per day not showing
Trailer (split among riders of horse)	\$2.00 per mile *\$100 minimum per horse to trailer
Training Ride (case by case basis)	\$50 per ride
Trainer Hotel (if applicable)	Split among participants
Trainer Food (If Applicable)	Split among participants
MSS Polo Shirt (required)	\$40 (one time fee)
MSS Sun shirt (pick polo or sun shirt)	\$80 (one time fee)
MSS Jacket (required)	\$75-85 (one time fee)
Team Yearly Dues	\$30 (one time fee per rider)

- Horse usage fees are for anyone showing a MSS owned horse off property and are charged per day. This fee is not split among riders sharing a horse.
- Trainer fees are for the instruction and assistance received from MSS staff at the shows. These are charged on schooling and show days. The fee is per person per day and is not split among riders sharing a horse.
- Trailering fees cover transportation of the horses to and from the show. The fee will be charged per loaded mile.
- Training rides are for those who lease or own a horse that needs training to be competitive for show season. The amount of rides needed depends on the horse.
- Administrative fees are a one-time occurrence paid at the beginning of each show season.
- The polo/sun shirt and jacket are required by anyone traveling to shows off property.
- The above fees are remitted to MSS. The show facilities charge additional fees payable to the particular show
- If you want to compete in MHSA recognized shows there is a one time membership fee for rider and horse, rider fees are \$40-\$50 and horse fee is \$50. This must be done before competing in a MHSA show if you want points to count.
- ***Prices are subject to change based on certain circumstances. Weekend shows will be case by case depending on which show we are attending and how long we will be gone.***

4-H Shows

These shows are held at Andover equestrian center and are available to our 'C' show team.

Fees to 4-H

- \$10 per class
- \$10 office fee

Fees to Morningside

- \$80 for one division, \$130 for two divisions Trainer Fee
- \$5 per class horse usage fee
- \$100 hauling fee if coming from Andy Smith

Columbia Hunter Jumper Shows

These shows are held at Columbia Horse Center and available to our 'B' show team.

Fees to Morningside

- \$18 per class
- \$5 per class Horse Usage
- \$25 Office Fee
- \$36 Stall fee
- \$25 membership fee (one time fee)
- \$80 for one division, \$130 for two divisions Trainer Fee
- \$100 Trailering fee

Columbia CT Shows

Fees to Morningside

- \$90 for combined test
- \$25 for extra stadium round (optional)
- \$30 for cross country schooling (optional)
- \$35 per dressage test if only doing dressage
- \$36 Stall fee
- \$15 office fee
- \$25 membership fee (one time fee)
- \$80 Trainer fee
- \$100 Trailering fee

Off Property Shows

Hunter/Jumper Shows

Typical Fees to Show *based on BEST pricing but can vary*

- \$75-\$115 stall fee (as needed)
- \$10 per bag of shavings (generally 3-4 needed)
- \$20-30 Per Class (depending on class)
- \$25 Office Fee per day showing
- \$20 grounds fee if stalls aren't needed
- \$35 BEST membership fee (if going for series points) (*MHSA membership prices listed earlier, some other shows don't have their own memberships but MHSA is recommended*)

Fees to Morningside

Follow pricing shown in table under Fees for Off Property Shows

Pricing subject to change based on each individual show (things that can affect pricing include mileage, days spent away, caliber of show and what goes into preparing for a successful experience)

Horse Trials

Fees to the event host *vary based on location*

- \$150 for a horse trial
- \$90 for a CT
- \$30 for a single dressage test for those only doing dressage

Fees to Morningside

Follow pricing shown in table under Fees for Off Property Shows

Pricing subject to change based on each individual show (things that can affect pricing include mileage, days spent away, caliber of show and what goes into preparing for a successful experience)

MSS Lease Options:

MSS has a limited number of horses available for lease. The MSS management will determine which horses are available. Full leases are available on a case by case basis. Leases are month to month and priced as follows:

Option 1 Quarter Lease

- \$200-\$225 per month
- Reserves horse for 1 weekly lesson.
- Reserves horse for 1 weekly lease ride.

Option 2 Half Lease

- \$350-400 per month
 - Reserves horse for 1 weekly lesson.
 - Reserves horse for 2 lease rides a week.
- Specific details are outlined in the leasing agreement.

Prices are subject to change*

Prices are dependent on each horse*

Colonial Classic, MHSA Regionals, & TIP Championship 'Approximate' Pricing

For those of you interested in these big finals shows please read over this approximate pricing sheet now. Now is the time to start saving, making payment plans, and deciding if this is something you want to work toward or not

pricing subject to slight changes based on how many people go, right now we are estimating around 20-30 riders

Paid to Horse Show:

Stall=\$225 per horse to be split amongst all riders on horse

Shavings=\$40 per horse to be split amongst all riders on horse

Entry Fees=\$200 per division, \$100 for a classic round (Hunters only), \$20 office fee per rider

Ticketed Schooling Thursday=\$30 for indoor, \$20 for outdoor + covered (no jumpers)

Fees Paid to Morningside:

Hauling:\$200 per person

Horse Care:\$15 per person per day

Grooming:\$25 per person per day (only paid on days rider is competing)

Coaching:\$250 per show day, \$100 per non show day (riders will not pay coaching for days at the show that are after when they've competed. example: rider shows on Saturday only, they would pay \$100 on Thursday and Friday, \$250 on Saturday, nothing on Sunday)

Horse Usage:\$100 for non leasers, \$75 for quarter leasers, \$50 for half leasers, \$25 for 3/4 leasers, \$0 for full leasers and privately owned (all per person per day)

Food:\$15 per person per day (covers instructor and staff meals while at the show)

Hotel:\$100-\$120 per person (covers instructor and staff hotel rooms for the week)

Tack Stalls:\$25-\$35 per person (covers three stalls to be used for storing tack, feed, and a changing room for riders)

Braiding:\$60-\$150 per horse to be split amongst all riders on horse (varies depending on hunter vs jumper braids, hunters must have manes and tails done, jumpers only manes, all horses must be braided, sometimes touchups are needed and cost extra)

Miscellaneous Fees Paid to Outside Sources:

Hotel: Trainers and staff will be staying at a nearby hotel, you can choose to stay in the same hotel or find other lodging if needed nearby.

Food: Food will be available at most show venues but is more expensive, pack food if you wish or you can drive off site. There are several fast food locations and convenience stores around the area.

Next Steps:

We are super excited to be able to offer these show opportunities to Morningside students. We understand it is a big financial and time commitment so take a bit to look this over and then let your instructor know you're plans for the season as far as finals shows are relevant. After you give your instructor your decision they will assist you in starting to get you prepped for the season with a focus on qualifying for one of these big finals. It's going to be a lot of fun but also a lot of work and time and preparation, so be ready to work hard and get excited for the biggest shows of the year! We can't wait!

Show Team Contract

By signing this contract I agree that I understand and will abide by all that was listed throughout this handbook. I understand that if I don't follow the rules I will be given two warnings and if I still persist to break the rules I will be asked to leave the show team and will not be allowed to compete under Morningside. Once you've completed this contract please return it to your instructor to put in our files, thanks!

Coach Name:

Coach Signature

Owner Name:

Owner Signature

Rider Name:

Rider Signature:

Parent Name (if rider is under 18):

Parent Signature (if rider is under 18):

Date: