

**HOUGHTON COLLEGE HORSE TRIAL, COMBINED TEST & DRESSAGE SHOW**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

Opening date August 6, 2018

Closing date September 13, 2018

**Dressage Competition – 2015 Dressage Tests** entry fee \$15 per test, after 9/13/18 \$20

\_\_\_ Intro Level A

\_\_\_ Intro Level B

\_\_\_ Intro Level C

\_\_\_ Training Level 1

\_\_\_ Training Level 2

\_\_\_ Training Level 3

\_\_\_ First Level 1

\_\_\_ First Level 2

\_\_\_ First Level 3

\_\_\_ Second Level 1 or higher {specify test(s)}

\_\_\_ Musical Freestyle {specify Level}

**Horse Trial** entry fee \$75, after 9/13/18 \$85

**Combined Test** entry fee \$25, 9/13/18 \$35  
Same Dressage and Stadium as Horse Trial

**Divisions for Horse Trial and Combined Test Levels:**

**Introductory:** Dressage Test 2015 Intro Level Test B, Cross Country phase not timed. Cross Country and Stadium obstacles are cross rails and step over height logs, etc. (max height 18’)

- Combined Test no XC

**Beginner Novice:** Dressage 2018 BN Test B, Cross Country and Stadium obstacles maximum height 2’7”

- Combined Test no XC

**Novice:** Dressage 2018 Novice Test B, Cross Country and Stadium obstacles maximum height 2’11”

- Combined Test no XC

**Information:**

- Six ribbons awarded in each division. Refunds for entries withdrawn prior to closing date with Vet/Medical certificate, less \$20. No refunds after closing date.
- Limited stabling available @ \$30 per stall. No bedding provided. Stabling fee must accompany entry fee in order to reserve a stall. Bedding available for purchase on grounds, \$10/bag. Please indicate if you would like to purchase bedding on your entry form.
- Attire: ASTM Helmets required. Proper attire recommended, Safety vest required on X-Country. Medical armbands required for X-Country.
- Cross country course open to walk Friday September 21st from 4:00 pm until dark. Cross Country Course open to school horses on Friday starting at 4:00 for \$25. Email [Larissa.ries@houghton.edu](mailto:Larissa.ries@houghton.edu) to find out details and register to school the course.
- Ride times will be emailed to you by 9/19/18. **Must include email on entry form.** Ride times will also be posted on our Facebook Page, *Houghton College Equestrian Program*.

**Send entries, fees (checks made out to Houghton College) and 2017/18 Coggins test to:**

**Larissa Ries**

**9823 School Farm Road, Houghton, NY 14744**

**HOUGHTON COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM**  
**OFFICIAL COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**  
 ONE HORSE/RIDER COMBINATION PER FORM

Horse's name \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_ markings \_\_\_\_\_ sex \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ height \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Dressage classes entered: \_\_\_\_\_ Combined Test (Circle appropriate level)  
 (\$15/class, \$20 after closing) (\$25/entry, \$35 after closing date)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Introductory Beginner Novice  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Novice Training

Horse Trial divisions (circle appropriate division and section):  
 (\$75/entry, \$85 after closing date if space available) (horse never competed higher division)

**INTRODUCTORY**      **Junior Rider**      **Senior Rider**      **Horse**

**BEGINNER NOVICE**      **Junior Rider**      **Senior Rider**      **Horse**

**NOVICE**      **Junior Rider**      **Senior Rider**      **Horse**

**Stabling \$30:** please indicate Friday after 4:00 p.m. or Saturday morning arrival time and if you will be purchasing bags of shavings for \$10. \_\_\_\_\_

This entry constitutes an agreement that the party making it and each of the riders, owners, trainers or agents connected hereto shall accept and abide by the rules of the competition, that each rider is eligible as entered, that they will accept as final any ruling of the competition management with respect to their conduct, and that each entry agrees to defend and hold Houghton College, its competition management, agents, students, and employees harmless for any illness, loss or accident which may occur, whether or not such injury or loss resulted directly from the negligent acts or omissions of said competition management, agents, students or employees. This entry further acknowledges that equestrian sports are high-risk activities and that the rider, owners, trainers, and/or agents willingly and knowingly assume any associated risk.

**Signatures:**

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Ride times will be emailed out by 9/19/18 – Must provide a valid email address to receive ride times.**

## An Introduction to Eventing!

**An event** involves three distinct phases or tests, with varying degrees of difficulty, depending on the level the competitor signs up for. Taken as a whole, these three phases test the ability, versatility, and preparation of the horse and rider, hence one of the names for the sport: **horse trial**. Penalty points are recorded for the three tests. In **eventing** the horse and rider combination with the lowest score wins.

**Dressage** is the first test and involves a series of prescribed classical movements performed on the flat in an enclosed arena of either, 20 meters by 40 meters or 20 meters by 60 meters. The judge looks for a supple, balanced, obedient and lively ride. As the levels go up, and the riders will be asked to do more difficult movements that match their level of ability. The test is memorized and the riders are not allowed to be coached during their test. **Cross Country** is the second test of the horse trial, and is the heart of the sport. Horse and rider gallop over natural terrain, jumping a variety of fixed obstacles along the way. The riders inspect the course prior to riding. However, the horses are seeing the fences for the first time when the test begins, demanding the highest level of trust between horse and rider. **Stadium jumping** is the third and last test done during the course of the horse trial. Horse and rider negotiate a course made of brightly colored obstacles in an enclosed arena. This last test checks obedience and suppleness as well as the horse's stamina and fitness after the rigors of the cross country phase. The stadium jumping test is followed by an awards ceremony. Scoring is based on penalty points accumulated through 3 phases, and lowest total score wins (like golf).

Eventing offer levels suitable to the skills of all competitors, from the recreational rider to the expert with Olympic goals in sight. Over 75% of USEA members compete at beginner novice, novice, and training levels. These levels are straightforward, moderate, and designed for the horse and rider team to have a very positive experience. At the preliminary level the challenge broadens. From the intricate movements in the dressage test, to the combinations of obstacles and much faster speeds in cross country and stadium jumping phases, the horse and rider teams must work very hard to achieve success at the preliminary or higher levels. Local horse trials often also offer the introductory level, for inexperienced riders and very young horses just getting started.

**Introductory:** The dressage test asks for a walk-trot pattern of straight lines and generous 20 meter circles, and may be called (read). The cross country course is not timed, to encourage developing control before adding speed. Obstacles are smaller versions of those that challenge the beginner novice division. Young riders may be accompanied by a coach. The stadium course is cross rails and 18" obstacles that gently introduce the team to the demands of this test. Cheering and clapping by spectators after the team crosses the finish line is encouraged!

**Beginner Novice:** Beginner novice level is designed to encourage the green horse or rider in the sport. The dressage test is very basic, cross country is straight forward and does not include combinations, bullfinches, or banks, and water is optional. The length of the course is shortened and the speed run is between 300 and 350 meters per minute. The maximum height of the cross country and stadium obstacles is 2'7".

**Novice:** Novice is a very straightforward level, with a dressage test that includes walk, trot and canter and some demonstration of suppleness. The cross country test is inviting, with a touch more challenge done at a speed of 350 to 400 meters per minute. Obstacles max out at 2'11", and may include banks, water, ditches, and combinations. This level is designed to give the horse and rider a positive experience.

A **Combined Test** has two phases: Dressage and Stadium Jumping - a nice way for those with experience only in the hunter/jumper ring or with dressage to expand their skills and have even more fun!