

# Hanover Heritage Equestrian Center

## 2026 VHSA/BHSA/\*\*GRHSA Hunter Show Series

### Dates & Judges

Jan-11, Edee McGregor

Feb-21, Carla Butler Frances

Mar-21, Mary Upshur

Apr-18, Beth Linton

May-16, Diana Cappellanti

\*\*Jun-09, Kimberlea Gilbertson

\*\*Jul-07, Dana Kiser

Aug-15, Robin Wood

Sep-12, Kimberlea Gilbertson

\*\*Oct-03, Beth Linton

Saturday/Sunday Shows start at 8:30am – Schooling 7:00am-8:25am

Tuesday Summer Shows Start at 12noon – Schooling 11:00-11:55am

### **Entry Fees:**

Division - \$55

Class - \$25

Medal Class - \$30

Equitation Classes - \$30

*FUN CLASS- \$15*

Cal. Warm-up - \$20

Admin. Fee \$10

#### **New in 2026**

Day of Entries + \$10

Day of Scratches \$20 fee

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### Show Rules

1. *No dogs or alcoholic beverages allowed.*
2. *Negative coggins within last 12 months (copy required)*
3. *Proper tack attire is required for all classes; jackets may be excused by the judge.*
4. *ASTM approved helmets must be worn at all times while mounted.*

5. *Class specification – Every class offered herein, which is covered by the rules and regulation of the current BHSA and VHSA rule book, will be conducted and judged accordingly. The judge decision is always final.*
6. *There will be 6 ribbons given per class with champion and reserve champion for every division. Points will be counted 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, .5, champion 10, reserve champion 6. Point system is subject to change per VHSA/BHSA/GRHSA rule change.*
7. *All exhibitors must be checked in at the in-gate when the class is called.*
8. *Show management reserves the right to refuse entries, cancel and/or combine classes if necessary.*
9. *Exhibitors show at their own risk. A limited liability waiver must be signed in order to participate.*
10. *Any rider/spectator may be asked to leave at any time for misconduct.*
11. *\$25.00 fee for all returned checks.*
12. *Limited day stalls are available for a fee of \$25.00 per day. Call ahead to manager to reserve. Cancellations must be called in prior to show date or you will be charged in full.*
13. *Participants and spectators alike understand that horses are inherently unpredictable and dangerous, and that equipment and ground conditions are equally unpredictable; and knowingly choose to participate and/or spectate, taking full responsibility for this choice. Entry onto grounds constitutes knowledge and agreement with this policy.*

## Judging Criteria:

*-All pleasure classes are judged on manners, suitability, soundness and way of going.*

*-All hunter classes will be judged on performance; including way of going, jumping style and soundness. Manners and suitability will be emphasized in pony, children's and adult amateur classes.*

*-All equitation classes will be judged on hands, seat, guidance and control.*

*-Year-end awards – horse/rider must compete in at least 5 shows to receive a year end award. Divisions must be held four times or it will be dropped from year end awards. Lead line points will be combined as a division for year end awards. Year end division champion and reserve ribbons to be presented at the last show and the exhibitor must be present to claim year end awards and ribbons.*

Ties for year-end awards will be broken as follows:

1. Number of shows attended
2. Number of Champions received
3. Number of Reserve Champions received
4. Number of first place ribbons received

## Directions:

**7414 River Road, Hanover, VA 23069**

From 295, go north on US Route 301 approximately 11.5 miles, go past Signal Hill Cemetery then take the next right onto River Road, then first left into facility.

From 95, take exit 92A, to Rt. 54 toward Hanover Courthouse go 5.5 miles, then turn right on 301, and travel approx. 1.5 miles and turn left onto River Road. Take the first left into the facility.

## Class List

1. Leadline(^)
2. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation Walk(^)
3. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation W/T(^)
4. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation W/T, Jump Position(^)
- FUN CLASS- Hunter pairs 6/9*
5. Short Stirrup Equitation W/T(^)
6. Short Stirrup Equitation W/T/C(^)
7. Short Stirrup Equitation O/F 18''(^)
8. Short Stirrup Hunter O/F 18''\*(^)
9. Short Stirrup Hunter O/F 18''\*(^)
10. Short Stirrup Hunter W/T/C\*(^)
11. Long Stirrup Equitation W/T(^)
12. Long Stirrup Equitation W/T/C(^)
13. Long Stirrup Equitation O/F 18''(^)
14. Student Equitation W/T(^)
15. Student Equitation W/T/C(^)
16. Student Equitation O/F(^)
17. Pleasure Pony W/T\*(^)

18. Pleasure Pony (Go As You Please) \*(^)
19. Pleasure Pony W/T/C\*(^)  
*FUN CLASS- Bareback Equitation W/T*
20. Maiden Hunter O/F(^)
21. Maiden Hunter O/F(^)
22. Maiden Hunter U/S(^)
23. Low Hunter O/F(^)
24. Low Hunter O/F(^)
25. Low Hunter U/S(^)
26. Limited Rider Hunter O/F(^)
27. Limited Rider Hunter O/F(^)
28. Limited Rider Hunter U/S(^)
29. Green Pony/Green Hunter O/F\*(^)
30. Green Pony/Green Hunter O/F\*(^)
31. Green Pony/Green Hunter U/S\*(^)
32. Pony Hunter O/F\*(^)
33. Pony Hunter O/F\*(^)
34. Pony Hunter U/S\*(^)
35. Pony Equitation\*(^)
36. VHSA Children's Pony Medal Class\*
37. VHSA Pony Equitation on the Flat\*
38. Equitation on the Flat\*(^)  
  - A) Equitation on the Flat 14 & under\*(^)
  - B) Equitation on the Flat 15-17\*(^)
  - C) Amateur Equitation on the Flat\*(^)
39. VHSA Junior Championship Equitation on the Flat\*
40. VHSA/EMO Amateur Equitation on the Flat Class
41. Pleasure Horse W/T\*(^)
42. Pleasure Horse (Go As You Please) \*(^)
43. Pleasure Horse W/T/C\*(^)
44. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter O/F\*(^)
45. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter O/F\*(^)
46. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter U/S\*(^)
47. Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation\*(^)
48. VHSA Children's Medal Class\*
49. VHSA Adult Amateur Medal Class\*
50. Thoroughbred Hunter O/F\*(^)
51. Thoroughbred Hunter O/F\*(^)
52. Thoroughbred Hunter U/S\*(^)
53. Working Hunter O/F\*(^)
54. Working Hunter O/F\*(^)
55. Working Hunter U/S\*(^)
56. California Warm-up (One trip per horse/rider combination, run all day)

**Key-**

BHSA: (^)

VHSA: \*

GRHSA: Underlined

## Hanover Heritage Equestrian Center- Description/Specifications

**Short Stirrup Equitation-** Open to riders age 12 & under by 12/01/25. Jumps may not exceed 18" and trotting is allowed. Riders may not cross enter into classes where they jump higher than 18".

**Short Stirrup Hunter-** Open to horses and ponies ridden by children age 12 and under by 12/01/25. Four fences at 18". No rider may show more than two mounts. Riders and mounts may not cross enter into classes where they jump higher than 18".

**Leadline-** Open to riders age 7 & under by 12/01/25. Judged 50% equitation, 50% suitability of mount. Riders are not allowed to cross enter classes that they would be asked to trot. Points go to the rider.

**Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation-** Open to riders 10 years and under as of 12/01/25. Riders may be asked to walk, trot & preform simple equitation tasks. Riders may not cross enter into classes where they would be asked to canter or jump.

**Long-Stirrup Equitation-** Open to riders 13 years and older as of December 1 of the current show year. Jumps may not exceed 18". Riders not allowed to cross enter into classes where they would jump higher than 18". Courses may be trotted.

**Student Equitation-** Open to riders in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of showing 2' or higher. Jumps to be set at 2' and trotting is allowed. To be judged as an equitation division. Points go to the rider. Riders are limited to 2 years only.

**Pleasure Pony-** Open to ponies ridden by juniors. To be judged on manners, suitability, soundness and way of going.

**Green Pony-** Open to ponies in their first two years of showing at regulation heights ridden by juniors. Small 2', Medium 2'3", Large 2'6". Ponies are limited to two years only. May Split if entries warrant.

**Green Hunter-** Open to Horses in their first two years of showing fences at or above 2'6". Fences to be set at 2'6".

**Pony Hunter-** Open to ponies ridden by juniors. May be split if entries warrant. Small 2', medium 2'3", large 2'6".

**Pony Equitation-** Open to juniors on ponies. Judged on hands, seat & control. ¼ of the class may return to flat phase. Small 2', medium 2'3", large 2'6".

**VHSA Children's Pony Medal Class-** Open to ponies and junior members of the VHSA who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current competition year. Testing must be included in the course. Small and medium ponies to jump 2'. Large ponies to jump 2'6". Riders may not compete in any class where the fences exceed 2'6" at the same show. Rider must be a member of VHSA prior to entry in the class.

**VHSA Pony Equitation on the Flat-** Open to junior members mounted on ponies of the VHSA, who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current competition year. Rider must be a member of the VHSA prior to entry in the class.

**Equitation on the Flat-** Open to juniors and adult amateurs. May be split into 14 and under, 15 to 17 and Adult Amateurs. May be combined if any or all sections have less than three entries. To be shown at walk, trot, and canter of both ways of going. Judged on position, control and guidance.

**VHSA Junior Championship Equitation on the Flat-** Open to junior members of the VHSA who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Rider must be a member of the VHSA before the class.

**Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat-** Open to all adult amateurs mounted on horses.

**Pleasure Horse-** Open to horses. (Hunter tack required) To be judged on manners, suitability, soundness and way of going. To be split Junior/Adult if entries warrant.

**Maiden Hunter-** Open to horses and ponies in their 1<sup>st</sup> year of showing 2' and higher. No restrictions on riders. Fences 2', courses may be trotted. May be combined with Low Hunter but not to be combined with Limited rider Hunter.

**Low Hunter-** Open to horses and ponies. No restriction on riders. Fences at 2' or 2'3". May be combined with Maiden Hunter OR Limited Rider Hunter.

**Limited Rider Hunter-** Open to horses and ponies ridden by junior/adult amateurs who are not entered in classes jumping higher than 2'3". Riders are not eligible for AA Equitation, Pony Equitation and Jr/Children's Equitation. Ponies must be ridden by juniors. Horses may cross enter into other divisions not jumping higher than 2'3". Courses to be a minimum of six fences at 2'3".

**Thoroughbred Hunter-** Open to all thoroughbreds registered/eligible to register with the Jockey Club. Shown over fences at a minimum of 2'6". Points awarded per show rating. May only with Working and Green Hunter divisions.

**Working Hunter-** Open to horses, and ponies not showing in any pony divisions at the same show. May be combined with Green Hunter and Thoroughbred Hunter division. In order to accrue VHSA points the height shall be no lower than 2'6". In order to accrue BHSA points the jump height shall be no lower than 2'9".

**Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter-** Open juniors and adult amateurs on horses or ponies not entered in a pony division. Fences 2'6" not to exceed 3'. May be split if entries warrant.

**Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation-** Open to juniors and adult amateurs on horses. Judged on hands, seat & control. ¼ of the class may return for the flat phase. Fences 2'6" not to exceed 3'. May be split if entries warrant.

**VHSA Children's Medal Class-** Open to junior members of VHSA who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Riders may not compete in any class where the fence height exceeds 3'3". Riders must be a member of the VHSA prior to entry in the class according to Article II.3peom to horses only.

**VHSA Adult Amateur Medal Class-** Open to horses only. Rider must be a member of VHSA prior to entry of class and must hold a current amateur card issued by USEF.

**VHSA/EMO Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat Open to senior members of the VHSA.**

**California Warm-Up-** Unjudged, only one trip per horse/rider combination.

