



Houghton University Horse Trial, Combined Test & Dressage Schooling Show

September 20th, 2025

Opening date August 12th, 2025

Closing date September 10th, 2025

if show space fills prior to closing date, entries may not be able to be accepted & individuals will be notified

Dressage Competition – 2023 Dressage Tests (Dressage Only) entry fee \$15 per test, after 9/10/25 \$20

Apart of the WNYDA Challenge Show Series

Combined Test (Dressage & Stadium) entry fee \$45, 9/16/23 \$55 Same Dressage and Stadium as Horse Trial

Horse Trial (Dressage, Stadium, & XC) entry fee \$100, after 9/16/22 \$110

Divisions for Horse Trial and Combined Test Levels:

Baby Green: Dressage 2023 USDF Intro. A Test, Stadium & Cross Country phase not timed with maximum height 18".

- Combined Test no XC

Starter: Dressage 2022 USEA Starter Test, Cross Country phase not timed. Cross Country and Stadium obstacles maximum height 2'3"

- Combined Test no XC

Beginner Novice: Dressage 2022 USEA BN Test A, Cross Country and Stadium obstacles maximum height 2'7"

- Combined Test no XC

Novice: Dressage 2022 USEA Novice Test A, Cross Country and Stadium obstacles maximum height 2'11"

- Combined Test no XC

Training: Dressage 2022 USEA Training Test A, Stadium obstacles maximum height 3'3"

- No Horse Trial option, Combined Test only

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 Refunds for entries withdrawn prior to closing date with Vet/Medical certificate, less \$20.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 @ \$35 per day stall or \$60 per overnight stall. No bedding provided. Stabling fee must accompany entry fee in order to reserve a stall or email ahead to reserve stabling. Limited bedding will be available for purchase on grounds, \$12/bag. Please indicate if you would like to purchase bedding on your entry form.
- Attire: ASTM Helmets required. Proper attire recommended, Safety vest and medical armbands required on cross country.
- Cross country course open to walk Friday September 19th from 4:00 pm until dark. Cross Country Course open to school horses on Friday the 19th starting at 4:00 for \$30. Email equestrian@houghton.edu to register to school the course.
- Your entry will **not** be accepted without full payment.
- Ride times will be emailed to you by 9/17/25. **Must include email on entry form.**

Send entries, fees (checks made out to Houghton University) and 2024/25 Coggins test to:
Hannah Williamson 9823 School Farm Road, Houghton, NY 14744

HOUGHTON UNIVERSITY 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 _____

Emergency Contact & Relation _____ Phone _____ / _____ - _____

Dressage (\$15/class, \$20 after closing)

____ Intro Level A	____ Training Level 1	____ First Level 1
____ Intro Level B	____ Training Level 2	____ First Level 2
____ Intro Level C	____ Training Level 3	____ First Level 3
____ Second Level 1 or higher {specify test/s} _____		
____ Musical Freestyle {specify test/s} _____		

WNYDA Member
YES or NO

*mail in membership card or pay
additional \$15 non-member fee
(separate check made out to WNYDA)

Division - Junior Rider (21 & under) Senior Rider (22+)

Combined Test (\$45/entry, \$55 after closing date)
(Circle appropriate level & specify division)

Level - Baby Green Starter Beginner Novice Novice Training

Division - Junior Rider (17 & under) Senior Rider (18+) Horse (horse never competed higher division)

Horse Trial (\$100/entry, \$110 after closing date if space available)
(Circle appropriate level and division):

Level - Baby Green Starter Beginner Novice Novice

Division - Junior Rider (17 & under) Senior Rider (18+) Horse (horse never competed higher division)

Stabling \$35 (day stall) or \$60 (overnight stall): please indicate Friday after 4:00 p.m. or Saturday morning arrival time and if you will be purchasing bags of shavings for \$12/bag. Bedding not included.

***Limited Stabling available, make sure to register early to help ensure stabling.**

Arrival Date/Time _____ Shavings needed x _____ XC Schooling Fri.-\$30 YES or NO

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 _____

Parent or Guardian (if rider under 18) _____

***Ride times will be emailed out by 9/15/25 – 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. 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.

Stadium jumping is the second 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 test checks obedience and suppleness as well as the horse's stamina and fitness after the rigors of the cross-country phase.

Cross Country is the third test of the horse trial, and is the heart of the sport. Horse and rider will trot, canter and gallop over natural terrain, jumping a variety of fixed obstacles along the way. The riders are able to 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.

Baby Green: Baby green level is designed to be a great first time horse trial experience for riders and horses wanting to test it out. The dressage test is a very basic and asks for a simple pattern consisting of walk & trot. The stadium course is cross rails and low verticals of no more than 18" in height. Cross country is very straight forward and focuses more on the terrain versus the amount of obstacles (logs only) that are 18" or under in height and isn't timed. The cross-country course is not timed, to encourage developing control before adding speed. Young riders may be accompanied by a coach.

Starter: Starter level is designed to be a fun and easy experience for horse or rider new to the sport. The dressage test is very basic and asks for a simple pattern consisting of walk, trot, and canter. The stadium course is cross rails and low verticals of no more than 2'3" in height. Cross country is straight forward and focuses more on the terrain versus the amount of obstacles and is not times to encourage developing control versus speed. The maximum height of the cross country and stadium obstacles is 2'3". The cross-country course is not timed, to encourage developing control before adding speed. Obstacles are logs and smaller versions of those that challenge the beginner novice division. Young riders may be accompanied by a coach.

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!