



As the world returns to normal (we hope!), we remain grateful to our equine community. Our staff and boarders have worked tirelessly to keep our barn running smoothly these past two years, through all the ups and downs.

We are excited to move forward, celebrating the return to the pre-COVID ways of showing, all the while embracing the changes that we've made.

As always, we are beyond thrilled to welcome riders from all over to our Horse Trials-- whether you're new to the sport or have been competing for decades, whether you've been here dozens of times or this is your first FMF HT or we haven't seen you since pre-COVID! We welcome you to our farm and we hope we do not disappoint!

Finally, a huge thank you to both our sponsors and our volunteers. We absolutely cannot pull this off without you.

Stay safe, have fun, and have a great ride!

The Fultons

# Event Calendar

Sunday 4/24	FMF Spring Thing Horse Trials (Unrecognized)
Sunday 5/15	FMF Farm Family Insurance/Jackalope Enterprises (FFIJE) Schooling Show #1
Sunday 5/22	FMF Adult Equitation Team Invitational
Sunday 6/5	FMF FFIJE Schooling Show #2
Monday 6/20-Friday 6/24	FMF Summer Camp (Week 1)
Monday 6/27-Friday 7/1	FMF Quarter Star 3-Day Event & Clinics
Monday 7/11-Friday 7/15	FMF Summer Camp (Week 2)
Sunday 7/24	FMF Aloha Horse Trials (Recognized)
Sunday 7/31	FMF FFIJE Schooling Show #3
Monday 8/8-Friday 8/12	FMF Summer Camp (Week 3)
Sunday 8/14	FMF FFIJE Schooling Show #4
Sunday 9/18	FMF FFIJE Schooling Show #5
Sunday 10/30	FMF Fall Horse Trials (Recognized)





# ATTENTION

#### General Conditions

Neither the organizers nor the land owners accept any responsibility for any accident, injury, or illness to horses, riders, owners, employees, spectators, or any person or property whatsoever.

The organizers reserve the right to make any changes deemed necessary with respect to this event.

The starting order as listed herein applies through the trial. Any competitor not present in time for his or her scheduled start may be eliminated. A competitor who starts a test before being given the signal to start is eliminated.

Riders are expected to go cross country within 20 minutes of their stadium time.

Competitors may exercise their horses only in the areas provided. They may not ride on, over or near any part of the cross country course. They may not enter or practice in any dressage or stadium jumping arenas.

Please stay in the mowed areas. Respect our hay-to-be. Only the owners or riders of horses are entitled to lodge objections. Objections must be made not later than one half hour after the happening that gave rise to them, or one half hour after the points have been posted. We require a \$50 deposit for objections-which is only refunded to you if your objection is successful.

### **VERY IMPORTANT- REMEMBER**

All riders MUST wear ASTM/SEI approved riding helmets with fastened attached harness at all times when mounted.

All riders MUST wear medical armbands. A limited number will be available for purchase from vendors.

All riders MUST wear body protection vests during the cross country phase.

### Eventing Rules- An Introduction

Thank you for joining us at Full Moon Farm's Horse Trials. We hope you have a safe and fun day. Our Horse Trials will be run under United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and USEA rules with one exception- Horses may be used in more than one rider division in an unrecognized class. Violation of any of the rules will result in mandatory elimination.

We recognize that many of our competitors today are new to the sport of Eventing, and might not have access to a USEF rule book, and therefor are unaware of rules governing the sport of Eventing.

In line with our belief that today's event should be first and foremost a learning opportunity for all, we have compiled a short list of some key Eventing rules. While we would like to think our list is good, it's no substitute for the rule book. A good rule of thumb for today should be, if in doubt, ask one of our officials if what you want to do is ok. For those who want to go straight to the source, a rule book is available at the secretary's stand.

#### General Rules

The following rules apply throughout the day:

- Only the competitor is allowed to warm up their horse
- Proper dress is required for all three phases
- Unauthorized assistance during actual competition is grounds for elimination.
   Unauthorized assistance includes calling directions to the competitor while on course and encouraging the competitor's horse.
- While mounted, all riders must wear ASTM/SEI helmets with attached, fastened, harness and proper riding boots
- If you are eliminated in any phase, you must receive the permission of the Technical Delegate to continue.
- . Do not enter any arena without permission of the ring steward.
- If you disagree with an official ruling, please see the Technical Delegate. You may go
  to the office to ask to have the Technical Delegate paged.
- Pressing a tired horse, or cruelty to a horse anywhere on the grounds will result in immediate elimination. (We recognize that it might be necessary to "remind" one's horse that his job is to jump. To avoid charges of cruelty to a horse, a good rule of thumb is not to "remind" your horse more than three times.)

#### Dressage Phase

- Horses must compete in approved bits. (If you are not sure, ask. A plain jointed snaffle is always acceptable at this level.)
- Prior to entering the dressage arena, riders must report to the dressage ring steward for a bit and spur check. The dressage ring steward will be located near the entrance to the dressage rings from dressage warm up.
- Whips no longer than 43.3"/110 cm are allowed in the dressage ring.
- Horses may not wear bell boots, splint boots, or support wraps in the dressage ring.

 Riders have 45 seconds to start their test after the dressage judge rings the bell or blows the whistle. If you are circling outside the arena, you have 45 seconds to enter at A. If your test is in an indoor arena and you are allowed to do your warmup there, then you have 45 seconds to start down the center line form A.

#### Stadium Phase

- · Riders must wear an approved helmet with attached, fastened, harness
- Riders must wear a medical armband when jumping, both schooling and on course.
- Stadium warm up fences may only be jumped in one direction, with the red flag on the right.
- · Standing martingales are not allowed.
- Running martingales must have rein stops.
- Whips must not exceed 30 inches in length.
- Three stops result in mandatory elimination. Once eliminated, riders must leave the ring, and under no circumstances attempt to jump another fence.
- · One fall of the horse results in mandatory elimination.
- · Fall of rider-we will defer to the current year's USEA ruling
- · After going through the start flags, there is no circling on course.

#### Cross Country Phase

The United States Equestrian Federation's number one priority is the safety of horses and riders.

- Riders must wear an approved helmet with an attached, fastened harness.
- Riders must wear a medical armband when jumping both schooling and on course.
- To enhance rider safety, the USEF requires all riders to wear a safety vest during the cross country phase. If you do not own one, borrow one, or share one.
- Cross Country warm up fences can only be jumped in one direction (with the red flag to the right.)
- Standing martingales are not allowed.
- Running martingales must have rein stops.
- Whips cannot exceed 30" in length.
- Three stops at any one fence, or four stops on course, result in mandatory elimination.
   Once eliminated, riders must leave the course, and under no circumstances attempt to jump another fence.
- One fall of the horse or rider results in mandatory elimination.
- Riders being overtaken by another rider must yield unless they are in the process of jumping a fence, in which case, overtaking riders must yield.
- Omission of a fence on course results in elimination.
- It may be necessary, although we hope not, to put a hold on course to help an injured horse or rider, or to fix a fence. If this does happen, an official will stop riders at designated fences. Failure to stop when directed will result in elimination.
- Pressing a tired horse or cruelty to a horse will result in elimination. (We recognize
  that it might be necessary to "remind" one's horse that his job is to jump. To avoid
  charges of cruelty to a horse, a good rule of thumb is not to "remind" your horse more
  than three times.)

## Scoring for Horse Trials- A Brief Overview

#### **S**coring

Horse Trials are scored in penalty points, so a perfect score is 0. Since no one is perfect, the lowest score wins.

- Dressage judges score in plus points so the scorer will convert your dressage test score to penalty points- the percent less than perfect. Additional penalty pointswill be added for errors(think "off course".)
- 2 points for the first error.
- 4 more for the second error.
- 8 more for the third error.
- 4 errors is elimination.

### Stadium jumping is scored in faults:

- Knockdown-4 points
- First disobedience-4 points
- · Second disobedience on the whole course- 8 more points
- Third disobedience on the whole course- elimination
- Fall of competitor-mandatory retirement
- Fall of horse- mandatory retirement
- For timed divisions- 1 point/ second or partial second for exceeding the optimum time

#### Cross Country is scored in faults:

- First refusal, run out or circle- 20 points
- Second refusal, run out or circle at the same obstacle- 40 points
- Third refusal, run out or circle on the entire course- elimination
- · Fall of competitor- mandatory retirement
- · Fall of horse-mandatory retirement
- For timed divisions-.4 points for each second or partial second either over the optimun time or under the speed fault time

Remember that these are only a few of the many well thought out rules governing the sport of Eventing. If you have any question on these or other rules, feel free to seek out our Technical Delegate.





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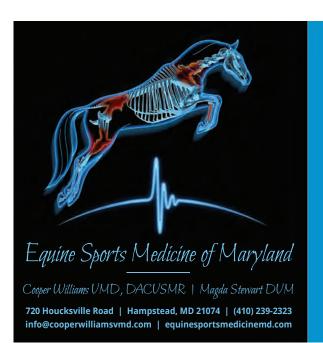
- Base price is \$200 (includes 10 guests); additional guests are \$20 each.
- \$60 non-refundable booking fee, due to reserve your party date/time. This fee will be applied towards the total cost of your party. (Remaining balance is due the day of your party— cash or check only.)
- You may bring your own cake, light snacks, and soft drinks.
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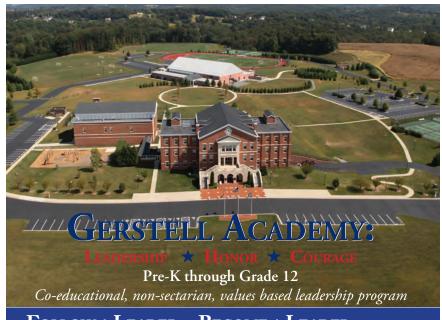
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Please turn in your entry early if you require stabling

For entry information: http://www.fullmoonfarm.com/

# Congratulations to the FMF competition teams for a terrific season!



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Sign up for one, two, or all three weeks!

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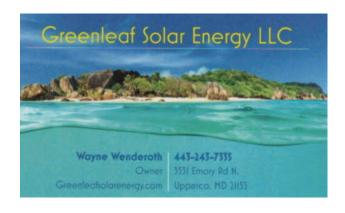
June 20th-24th, July 11th-15th, August 8th-12th

Early Bird Cost: \$450 per week

Please note that the full cost (\$485) will go into effect for all weeks on June 1, 2022.

for more information https://fullmoonfarm.com/services/summer-camp/

We find that campers who have not previously ridden independently often enjoy their camp riding experience even more if they complete a few private lessons before camp begins, but this is not required. We are prepared for all riding abilities! Call the farm line to schedule private lessons before camp starts, if interested.



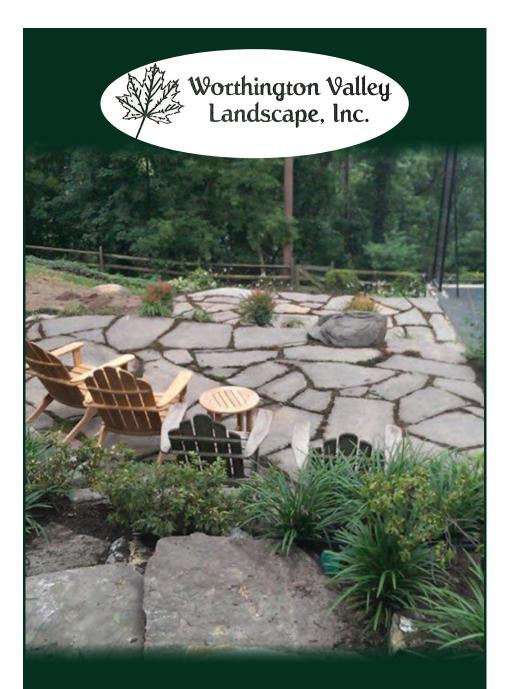


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Thank you to all our volunteers! We couldn't do it without you.

Good luck to all our competitions! Have fun and safe riding.



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