

JUNIOR CLASSES

- **Class 1 Juniors – Carolinas' Performance Hunter Hilltoppers**
Riders to follow a field master at a walk, trot, canter and slow pace over a log on the ground. Judged on suitability as a junior hilltopper mount. Martingales allowed.
- **Class 2 Juniors – Carolinas' Performance Hunter Over Fences**
Riders to follow a field master at a walk, trot, canter / gallop, jumping, reverse field and / or hold hard. Judged on suitability as a junior first flight mount.
- **Class 3 Juniors – Under Saddle**
Show at the walk, trot and canter. Judged on manners, way of going and suitability as a fox hunting mount. Riders may be asked to back up. Martingales allowed.
- **Class 4 Juniors – Handy Hunter**
Show over a course of jumps, and judged on manners and promptness. Riders may be asked to open and close a gate, changes of pace, and potentially halt or back up.
- **Class 5 Juniors – Champion Junior Hunter**
1st and 2nd place winners in junior classes (class numbers 2 – 4) will be asked to follow a field master appointed by the committee. The judges will pick the horse or pony most suitable to hounds. No entry fee.
- **Other Junior Awards**
Best turned out Junior (for the day, open to all riders who competed in at least 1 class)
Junior American Sportsman Award (for the season)
Junior Field Hunter Award (for the season)
- **Class 6 Leadline (scheduled 11am)**
Open to riders 6 years old and under. To be shown in hand (led) at the walk by a competent handler of any age. No entry fee.
- **Class 7 Future (First Season) Fox Hunter**
Pony, Horse or rider applies. Over a course of low fences. . Riders or the mounts in this class must either be in their first year of hunting, showing at hunter trials, horse shows or events. Open to juniors & adults

ADULT CLASSES

- **Class 8 STRICTLY FOR FOX HUNTERS**
Open to ladies and gentlemen who belong to and hunt regularly with a recognized or registered hunt. This class is for riders who do not normally compete in horse shows or events.
- **Class 9 Carolinas' Performance Hunter Hilltoppers (amateur to ride)**
The horses and riders should be qualified in the Hilltopper Field. Horses will go in a group following a designated Field Master. Small log on the ground may be included in this class. Horses and riders in this class not eligible for other classes except 10, 11 & 12.
- **Class 10 Hilltoppers Hack**
No Jumps. Shown at the walk, trot & canter. Riders may be asked to hold hard and back up. Horses in this class not eligible for other classes except 9 & 11, 12.
- **Class 11 Hilltopper Handy Hunter**
Course to be ridden in tandem, with 2 riders on course at one time. Tests may include opening and closing a gate, mounting and dismounting, and navigating a small log, changing position so that each horse gets to demonstrate leading and following. Horses in this class not eligible for other classes except 9 & 10, 12.
- **CHAMPION HILLTOPPER (for the show)**
Awarded to the horse and rider combination with the most points in classes 9,10, &11
- **Other Adult Awards**
- Best Turned Out Award (1 lady and 1 gent for the day, open to all riders who competed in at least 1 class)
- Unsung Hero Award
- Best Field Hunter Hilltopper (Annual)
- **Class 12 Pairs Hack (May include 1 professional)**
Shown at the walk, trot & canter. Riders may be asked to hold hard and back up.
- **Class 13 Pairs Over Fences (May include 1 professional)**
Pairs to ride and take each jump abreast. Juniors may make up their own team or ride with an adult. Riding and jumping in pairs has greater risk than riding singly. Only teams that have schooled together should enter. May jump high or low side of jump.
- **Class 14 Lady's Hunter Over Fences (Amateur to ride)**
- **Class 15 Gentleman's Hunter Over Fences (Amateur to ride)**
- **Class 16 Handy Hunter Over Fences (Amateur to ride)**
Over the Hunter trial course with handy hunter tests. Tests may include trotting a fence, opening and closing a gate, dropping a rail, mounting and dismounting, and backing up, with an emphasis on manners and promptness.
- **Class 17 Hunt Teams Over Fences (May include 1 professional)**
Teams of 3 to ride at a safe hunting distance taking the last jump abreast. Juniors may make up their own teams or ride with an adult. Judged on manners, consistency of spacing, pace and general appearance. May take high or low side of the jumps.
- **Class 18 Carolinas' Performance Hunters Over Fences**
Jumps 3'0 or less may be asked to trot or canter fences, open and close gates, dismount and remount, or other fox hunting tasks.
- **Class 19 Fox Hunter Hack**
entries may not enter hilltopper hack, class 10.
- **Best Field Hunter Award (for the season)**
- **Class 20 Champion Hunter**
1st and 2nd place winners in each class other than Pairs, Hunt Teams and Hilltoppers will be asked to follow a field master appointed by the committee over a course of his or her own choosing. No Entry Fee.

GENERAL CONDITIONS & INFORMATION

- We strongly encourage all entries to be made online. A \$20 processing fee will be issued for all paper entries
- Entries received after the closing date will be considered post entries and will be **DOUBLE ENTRY FEES**
- Eligibility – Members and guests of recognized hunts are invited to participate. Horses and ponies primary use should be as a field hunter, and have hunted regularly during the season with MCH Or another MFHA recognized hunt. Eligibility questions will be decided by the Masters.
- Amateur Status- Please note that Amateur status is defined by those guidelines set forth by The United States Equestrian Federation. Amateurs as defined by USEF cannot have accepted payment for riding horses, or training / coaching.
- Two entries will go in tandem, at a safe distance, in most classes, except for hack classes and where otherwise noted.
- Juniors are 18 and under.
- Current negative coggins required
- Please park at the top of the hill at the hunter trials course, water is not available on the grounds.
- The committee has the right to combine, cancel or split any class.
- Formal attire please, and braiding is appreciated, but optional
- Schooling is available for the entire week, starting on Sunday prior to the event. (probably need to include Friday for our visitors) Course will be closed Saturday 3/11 for repairs.
- Entry Deadline: March 3rd, 2023 **Entries received after will be considered Post Entries and will be double entry fees**
- *Proof of Negative Coggins Required (within past 12 months)*
- \$15 / Junior Class (or Juniors riding as Adults)
- \$20 / Adult Class

CAROLINAS' PERFORMANCE HUNTER SERIES

Carolinas' Performance Hunter Series is offered at 3 Carolina based hunter trials. The horse/ pony & rider combo with the most points after all 3 trials will win a Championship ribbon, prize, and \$500 for their hunt. Prize money is not given to any individual. Reserve Champion will receive a ribbon. Grand prizes will be given at the Carolinas' Hound Show in Southern Pines, on April 29th. Horse or pony and rider combination must have hunted at least 5 times during the current hunt season (to be confirmed with the MFH) in the same field that they compete in.

MFHA Field Hunter Championship District Qualifier

- 8:00 a.m. Start Time
- Qualifier Details and entry form can be found online
@moorecountyhounds.com/events
- Entry Fee is \$15/Juniors and \$20/Adults
- Open only to current members in good standing with Carolinas' district MFHA recognized hunts
- A total of 4 people will be sent to the finals. 2 from first flight and 2 from hilltoppers

Enter online at MooreCountyHounds.com/events

Checks payable to MCH and mailed to:

Mary Phillips
c/o MCH

946-A Sheldon Rd., Southern Pines NC 28387
774-571-7406 E-Mail: mchhuntertrials@gmail.com

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Moore County Hounds 90th Annual Hunter Trials March 12th, 2023

To be held at The Hunter Trials Course
Old Mail Rd Southern Pines NC

ATTIRE

All classes to be ridden in formal hunting attire. Braiding of manes or tails is optional.

PROGRAMS

Programs listing all classes, presentations and competitors will be provided on the day of the Trials.

- MFHA Qualifier 8:00 a.m.
- Lead Line Class – Promptly at 11:00
- Junior Classes – Immediately following Lead Line Class
- Adult Classes -12:30 p.m.

Entry Deadline: March 3rd, 2023

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Proof of Negative Coggins Required (within past 12 months) To be included and uploaded with entry. Horses without will not be allowed to compete. A signed release is also required.

SPONSOR OPTIONS:

- Patron @ \$225. Includes Reserved Priority Parking and dinner for 2
- Sponsor @ \$175. Includes Reserved Priority Parking
- Reserved Parking @ \$100 Limited Number Available



MFHA Field Hunter Championship District Qualifier And Hunter Trials Dinner Information

A Casual dinner will be held Saturday March 11th, 2023 at 7:00pm at The Kennels Clubhouse. It is a casual pig pickin'. Adults \$50.00, Juniors \$25.00, 6 and under free. Please RSVP online on the MCH website under events and hunter trials. Paypal is accepted. If you need to mail a check please mail to Mary Phillips C/O MCH 946-A Sheldon Rd Southern Pines NC 28387. Please note on check what it is for. Thank you!

MFHA District Qualifier Competition Format

Most of the Qualifiers are formatted like the Finals in four phases as follows:

- Turnout: 8:00 am The competitors, divided into two sections (Adults and Juniors), will first be judged on turnout, including appointments. This phase has its own award which will not count toward placings in a qualifier or in the Finals. It is independent of and judged separately from the performance phases of the competition and, as noted, is divided between adults and juniors unlike the performance phases. The Best Turned Out phase does not count toward the selection of the qualifying competitors. Once the judging is completed, the competitors, if not wearing safety headgear, must change into safety headgear before the riding phases begin. Please note that the performance phases, though not judged on appointments, are to be ridden in proper hunting attire and tack. Any substantial deviation from traditional attire and tack during the performance phases may incur penalties at the judges' discretion.
- Under Saddle: 8:40 am Competitors in the two divisions (first jumping, then hilltopping) will be asked to walk, trot, canter, hand gallop, halt, back or stand at the judges' discretion allowing the judges to see the horses' way of going and get an overall view of the competitors.
- Cross Country: 9:15 am This phase (the highest weighted of the three performance phases) consists of a mock hunt or possibly a short drag hunt, depending on the feasibility of using hounds. Competitors will follow a field master for approximately 2.5

to 3.5 miles over fair hunting country with obstacles and typical hunting situations, including checks, a ware staff, queuing up in front of a fence (not applicable to hilltoppers), etc.

- Individual Test: 10:00/10:30 am The judges will then pick 8 or 10 horses to perform an individual test. For the jumping division, it will consist of a handy hunter course of about 8 fences, possibly including a trot over fence, a gate to be opened and closed, a rail to be dropped, a lead over fence and a horse to be ponied. The test for the non-jumping division may include a hand gallop and halt, a gate to be opened and closed, a rail to be dropped, a lead over fence and a horse to be ponied. From each of these groups of 8 or 10 horses, a champion and reserve will be pinned for each of the two divisions.

The number of participants in a qualifier is not limited. If there are more than 50 participants, two divisions (with as equal numbers as possible) of under saddle and cross country will be run. Four or five individuals will then be chosen from each division and the individual test will be run with the top horses from each division combined.

All information and forms can be found on the MCH website under events and Hunter Trials