



Equine Affaire's Versatile Horse & Rider Competition "Home Edition," sponsored by Nutrena

November 13, 2020 | Virtual Event

WHAT IS THE VERSATILE HORSE & RIDER "HOME EDITION" COMPETITION?

The Versatile Horse & Rider Competition "Home Edition," sponsored by Nutrena, will be a judged virtual competition through an obstacle course created to test communication between horse and rider as well as each competitor's horsemanship skills. The competition will be suitable for riders of any discipline and horses of all breeds. As the horse and rider teams work through each obstacle they will be judged on several criteria as well as overall performance. The judge for this year's competition will be announced in the near future. Contestants will compete for \$2,500 in cash as well as other prizes.

THE VERSATILE HORSE & RIDER COMPETITION AT EQUINE AFFAIRE

The Versatile Horse & Rider Competition "Home Edition" will accept entries until October 15, 2020, with the winner and placings announced via social media on Friday, November 13, 2020. The top 10 contestants' video performances will be featured during Equine Affaire's virtual event in the digital event program.

THE COMPETITION COURSE

Constructed within a 60' x 120' arena, the course will feature numerous trail obstacles and riding challenges, including activities such as: jumping over obstacles, backing up through a pattern, pole bending or roll backs, various gymkhana games, riding over or through "spooky objects," etc.

OBJECTIVES AND JUDGING

The Versatile Horse & Rider Competition "Home Edition" will be a virtual event during which the performance of each horse and rider team will be judged on each obstacle for quality of horsemanship. For each obstacle, the judge will award performance points on a scale of 0-5 based on the horse's attitude, the rider's horsemanship, efficiency, and the team's overall performance. Horses and riders will be required to complete each obstacle within a given time to receive points. If an obstacle is not completed within the given timeframe, the contestant will not receive any points for that obstacle and must move on to the next obstacle. An overall horsemanship score will be awarded to each contestant with the weight of two obstacles. The horse and rider team with the highest total point score wins.

THE PRIZES

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four contestants. The first place team will receive \$1,200 and the title of "2020 Equine Affaire Versatile Horse & Rider Home Edition Champion"; the second place team will receive \$700; the third place team will receive \$400; and the fourth place team will receive \$200. Any additional prizes will be announced prior to the event, and all prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the competition on Friday.

HOW TO ENTER

The Versatile Horse & Rider Competition will be open to riders age 18 and over and horses of all breeds. All riders and horses will compete against each other; there will be no age or gender divisions. Interested riders may enter by downloading an entry form at equineaffaire.com or by contacting Equine Affaire at clong@equineaffaire.com or (740) 845-0085 to receive an entry form by mail.

To enter the virtual competition, you must submit the following:

- 1) **Completed Versatile Horse & Rider "Home Edition" Entry form**
- 2) Signed **Versatile Horse & Rider Rules**
- 3) Signed **Equine Affaire liability waivers**
- 4) **Video:** The entry video must be one continuous video of the contestant performing the entire obstacle course and may not be edited clips. Background music is permitted as long as it is appropriate for all audiences. The top 10 contestant videos will be featured in Equine Affaire's digital event program in November 2020. By submitting an entry, contestant consents to the use of his/her video in the digital event program and in Equine Affaire marketing materials. All videos must be uploaded to Youtube.com or submitted in MP4 format.

- 5) **Entry Fee:** The entry fee for each horse/rider team is \$100.00 (made payable to Equine Affaire, Inc.) Checks or credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) are accepted for payment of application fees. If submitting check(s), please send one check for each horse with which you have applied. If paying via credit card, an electronic invoice will be emailed to the email address supplied on the application once your entry has been received. Competitor will provide payment online upon receipt of invoice. A 2% convenience fee will be added for credit card charges. Checks and credit cards will be deposited/processed upon receipt of a complete entry.

Individual riders may compete with more than one horse, but they must submit a separate entry, fee, and video for each horse they wish to enter.

Deadline: Entry forms, videos, a signed copy of the Versatile Horse & Rider Home Edition Rules, and signed liability forms must be received by Equine Affaire, Inc. by October 15, 2020. Entry fees and support materials will be accepted until this deadline. ***Entry fees are nonrefundable.***

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VERSATILE HORSE & RIDER COMPETITION “HOME EDITION”?

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