

Glenmore Hunt Club

HUNTER PACE - RIDER - Q&A

1. **What can I do to help expedite the entry process at Hunter Paces and other events?**

Here are some great tips, courtesy of Cindy Morton. In advance of arrival, PLEASE:

Check your Coggins papers. Make sure they're not out of date and that you have them with you. Consider: Making CLEAR and LEGIBLE copies of your Coggins papers to submit with your entry paperwork. Much faster! Having **PRE_PRINTED stick-on address labels** to affix to forms would also be much faster AND it's legible! You could have one label with your name and address information to affix to your entry forms and/or waivers and another label with Coggins information including the horse's name, date of test, state where test was administered, and lab accession number. Also, for those with computers, **PRE-PRINT entry forms, waivers**, etc. on line, affix your labels or fill them out in advance along with your payment check. Paper clip everything together and you're set. Event secretaries everywhere will thank you!

2. **Should I be in the Hilltopper or Trail Rider Division?**

In general, if you ride with western tack or mainly trail ride, you should enter the Trail Riders Division. If you're using English tack and/or riding a horse of a breed that is generally considered a hunter or jumper you probably will want to enter the Hilltopper Division. You may choose to walk, trot, canter, take a few jumps or use the jump go-arounds. It's your choice.

3. **Do the Junior and Hunter "Optimum" Division riders have to jump ALL jumps?**

No. It's the riders' choice to jump or use the go-around option - - just like in foxhunting. However, jumping most jumps is expected in Optimum, otherwise, select the Hilltopper division.

4. **Can 3 ride together as a team or only 2?**

Yes, BUT only pairs (2 riders per team) will be eligible for ribbons & awards. Having a team of (3) or more that want to ride together is a common situation. Alternately to a threesome, tell the entry people so they can help match your extra rider up with someone with a similar situation in the same division. And then, the pairs (after clocking out separately) can all ride together once on course. It's a great way to meet and make new friends and be able to show up at a hunter pace as a single person and end up having people to ride with. It's a win win for everyone and lots of fun.

5. **Riders must wear approved safety helmets for jumping**

6. **When do we start?**

After you enter and get your pair number, prepare yourself and horse, go to the start area.

7. **On Course**

The course is flagged in Blaze Orange and Blue with multi-colored arrows. Jumpers follow the Orange and Non-Jumpers follow Blue. There may be a course crossover so be alert to flagging.

8. **How fast should a pair go?**

It's the rider's choice. Ideally the ride should be at a "hunter pace" which is as if following foxhounds on a normal foxhunting day with good scenting. Some walking, trotting, cantering, and some standing and resting typically done while waiting for hounds to pick up scent or while gathering up hounds after a good chase. It's a judgment call. Consider the length of the course and the condition of your mount. Winners are determined on the average time to complete the course within each division.

9. **Can we pass other pairs in front of us?**

Yes, with permission of the riders you are passing and being careful not to spook their horses.

10. **Be alert for normal field hazards such as rocks, holes, wire, low branches and livestock.**

11. **Be thoughtful of livestock and don't race through the herds. WALK, please.**

12. **Report any problems to gatekeepers or call Jewell 540-290-7033 or Cindy 540-255-2208**

13. **Remember to turn in your token from the checkpoint and have fun!!!**

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Interested in trying foxhunting? Contact us, we have a slower walk trot "Hilltopper" flight for newcomers.