

MAY 10, 2025-MAY 10, 2025  
Hitching Post Farm Horse Trials  
South Royalton, Vermont(Area1)  
EVENT COMMENT:  
RECENT OMNIBUS CHANGES:  
ENTRY PERIOD:

Open Date: 3/25/2025  
Close Date: 4/22/2025

LEVELS/DIVISIONS:

USEF/USEA Recognized: M  
USEF Endorsed/USEA Recognized: T,N,BN  
USEA Recognized Tests: Starter

SEND ENTRIES TO:

Our preferred method to enter is through StriderPro.com or mail entry to Laurie Hudson,  
Secretary, 2252 Back River Rd., South Royalton, VT 05068

Double check all entries before sending. USEF Waivers must be signed. Entry forms must be signed by rider, trainer, owner, coach and parent if applicable.

PLEASE make all inquiries via email [laurie@hitchingpostfarm.com](mailto:laurie@hitchingpostfarm.com) or by phone or text at 802-356-2874.

Please draw checks to Hitching Post Farm.

ORGANIZER:

Org: Laurie Hudson, (same as above).  
Comp Mngmnt: Laurie Hudson and Hitching Post Farm.

EVENT WEBSITE:

<http://www.hitchingpostfarm.com/>

Send Entries To(Email):

[laurie@hitchingpostfarm.com](mailto:laurie@hitchingpostfarm.com)

OFFICIALS:

TD: Katherine Cooper, NH

Judges: Pres: Rebecca Coffin-Vickery, NY Dressage Judge: Margie Hutchison, NY

SJ Judge: Rebecca Coffin-Vickery, NY

CD:X-C/SJ: Janine McClain, MI

**EVENT FEE:**

Event Fees Directory: Draw checks to Hitching Post Farm.

Entry: All divisions: \$250.00 per division before closing date, \$275.00 per division after closing date. 8 Ribbons and vouchers for future events or schooling at HPF.

Refunds: Before C.D.-Less \$25 non-refundable office fee; After C.D.-Entry/Stabling-No refund. All refunds must be requested via email. Competition cancellation-No refund. USEA Starter/D&M Fee Refund Policy: The USEA Starter/D&M fee (\$35) is not subjected to office fees and shall be returned within 30 days of the competition to any rider who does not start the dressage test.

**1)ENTRIES:**

ALL entry fees include a \$25 non-refundable office fee.

NO CHANGE FEE for the first change, \$25 thereafter, all changes must be emailed.

USEA current membership and USEF current membership if applicable (please check!) and horse registration (limited or full) are required at all levels.

REFUNDS: before c.d.-less \$25 non-refundable office fee must be submitted via secretary email; after c.d.-entry/stabling-no refund. All refunds must be requested via email. Neg. coggins required for all horses within 12 months; must accompany entry.

FARRIER: Ross Hudson 802-558-6347

VETERINARIAN: Fieldstone Equine Clinic 802-649-1110

MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT: The USEF Membership Statement has been updated. The updated version is attached for your convenience, or it can be downloaded from our website ([www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)). Please post a copy for your exhibitors, and update the USEF Membership Statement in the prize list. Thank you.

(GR902.1): " EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULEBOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH".

REMINDER: All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).

**2)TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

Fri: Cross country course open-3 pm.

Sat: Dressage (M/T)-8:30 am, (N/BN/S)-10 am; Show jumping start approx. 12 pm. Cross country to follow. Please dress for cross country. Pinney holders are necessary.

### 3)AWARDS:

Prizes & 8 ribbons per division.

### 4)STARTING TIMES:

Posted on [www.area1usea.org](http://www.area1usea.org), [www.startboxscoring.com](http://www.startboxscoring.com) and at [www.hitchingpostfarm.com](http://www.hitchingpostfarm.com).

### 5)STABLING/VETERINARIAN:

Veterinarian: Fieldstone Equine Clinic 802-649-1110

Stabling: Limited stabling onsite. \$65 per night, stalls must be cleaned and vacated by 5 pm so Sunday competitors can move in.

Stall doors provided, please bring bedding.

### 6)ACCOMMODATIONS:

Royalton B and B is 1/2 mile from Hitching Post and offers several room options. Call or Text Evelyn Saenz at 305-491-7083 ( you can check it out on air bnb to see photos/read reviews) Also search air bnb in South Royalton and look for Roma and Russell, they are a mile away and offer a private room and a yurt. The Hop House is on site, text Dorothy Rikert at 802-356-1992 or find it on Air BNB. Additionally, lots of places on AirBNB in the So Royalton area. They book fast, so book early! Quechee/White River Junction VT/Lebanon/Hanover NH within 30 minutes with hotels, restaurants and shopping.

### 7)DIRECTIONS:

Address: 2096 Back River Rd., S. Royalton, VT 05068 \*\*\*\*\*If GPS does not tell you to turn left off ramp at Exit 3 on I89, turn left and let it re-route! Exit 3 is currently preferable to Exit 2, due to need for bridge repair.

From I-89: Exit 3. Left off ramp to Rt. 107 - 1/4 mile to Rt. 14. Turn right on Rt. 14 South. Turn right onto Royalton Hill Rd. Fox Stand, downhill, cross RR tracks & bridge & immediately turn left. Go 1 mile; becomes a dirt road. Turn left onto Back River Road. Go 1 mile; HPF on left.

### 8)DRESSAGE:

Test & arena sizes: M-2022 USEF Modified Test A-Sm. T-2022 USEF Training Test A-Sm. N-2022 USEF Novice Test A-Sm. BN-2022 USEF Beginner Novice Test A-Sm. Starter 2022 USEA Starter Test Arenas: Sand Warm-Up: Grass/Sand

9)CROSS-COUNTRY:

M-2100 m @ 490mpm T-2000 m @ 420 mpm. N-1600 m @ 350 mpm. BN-1400m @ 325 mpm. Starter -1100m @ 300 mpm. All courses: Friendly early season courses at all levels, however hilly terrain does offer challenges. Jumps are varied and consist of logs, portables, new MIMs technology jumps, water and ditches at all levels but starter. Cross country course closed May 1. Schooling is permitted before May 1 weather permitting.

10)OTHER INFORMATION:

Cross-country course closed May 1.

All dogs must be on leashes.

Levels may be further divided/combined if entries warrant; state preferences under the Eligible Section and birth date on entry.

We offer delicious food on grounds! Some of the best event food ever at Farmhouse Catering. Open for breakfast half an hour before event start.

SUBCHAPTER EV-9 DRESS

1. PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR.

a. At Federation licensed and endorsed Events, Athletes must wear headgear as follows, except as may otherwise be mandated by local law (see also GR801)

b. Upon arrival, anyone riding a Horse must wear properly fitting protective headgear. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. See GR801.

“Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF rulebook will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith”.