



2026 Making Strides Show Series



April 19 *

May 30 *

June 20

July 25 *

August 22 *

September 26 *

October 24*

MHSA Regional Rated *



Breezy Run Farm

526 Price Station Road, Church Hill, MD

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FB: MakingStridesShowSeries

Registration: Horseshowing.com

General Rules and information

All classes are open to MHSA members and non-members, but all riders must comply with MHSA/USEF rules. All of the 6 MHSA shows qualify for year end points and the MHSA shows through September will qualify for MHSA regional finals.

All 7 shows qualify for Making Strides end of series awards. To be eligible for Making Strides end of series ribbons and prizes, horses (hunter and jumper) and riders (equitation) must show in the same division for **4 out of the 7 shows**. There is no membership fee for tracking points.

USHJA and MHSA require at least 3 riders in a class to award points. If a class is run with fewer than 3, Making Strides will award half-points toward series end tracking.

To be awarded champion or reserve champion for a division, the rider must enter all classes in that division, and all classes must have at least three riders.

All classes will be scored to 8 places with scores 1st through 8th as follows respectively: 10- 6- 4- 3- 2- 1.5- 1- .5 Making Strides will utilize the same system for tracking series end points, but for those riders in USHJA Outreach, points will be converted by USHJA to their six point system. Ribbons will be awarded by Making Strides through sixth place.

Ties are to be broken as follows:

For flat classes- the most blue ribbons, and if still tied, the best score on the last class of the division.

For divisions with over fence classes, the horse with the most points over fences will break the tie.

Points are final as of the next show.

Every horse entering the show grounds, whether competing or not, must show a current Coggins and proof of a rhino/flu vaccine documented within 6 months. If self administered, documentation is to include date administered, vaccine serial number, manufacturer and expiration date.

The age of each competitor is December 1st of the prior year and this is effective for the entire show season.

Proper show attire is required for the hunter ring. ASTM/SEI approved helmet must be worn at all times while mounted.

Owners of all ponies showing in an MHSA class must possess a valid measurement card to be presented to the show secretary.

All dogs must be leashed and under control of owner.

No smoking around gate areas or barns.

Obey parking signs- horse trailers ONLY enter through the second entrance and park in the large parking lot. Cars park in the designated area via the main entrance.

Riding activities shall not commence until the EMT is present.

Schooling will be available all day in ring three. Jumpers are encouraged to walk their courses, but no schooling is allowed in the jumper ring (ring 2) except for afternoon hunters once jumpers are finished.

Ads and scratches must be made at the secretary booth prior to the class. Ad and scratch forms will be utilized.

A three minute gate call will be enforced.



TIP awards will be given at each show for TBs with a TIP number in at least the following categories:

- High point adult rider
- High point young rider
- High point hunter horse
- High point jumper horse



USHJA Outreach

Placings will be uploaded to USHJA after each show but it is the rider/parent’s responsibility to check for accuracy and notify management immediately if there is a discrepancy. It takes 2-3 weeks for the scores to appear on the USHJA website. Each Outreach member who competes in at least one Making Strides show is eligible to attend one of the annual festivals typically held at Swann Lake and the New Jersey Horse Park.



Colonial Classic

The first 4 shows are qualifiers for Colonial Classic and eligibility will be based on point totals only. The names of the top three riders (or horses in the case of hunters and jumpers) from each qualifying division will be submitted from Making Strides after first determining interest in attending.



MSA Regional Championships

To be eligible to compete at the regional championships, a rider must have shown in at least two MHS regional horse shows prior to the end of the qualifying period after which the top riders/horses (approximately 20) in each division will be invited to attend. The same horse/pony and rider combination that competes at any of the fall indoor shows such as Pennsylvania National, Washington International (exception local hunters) or the National Horse Show is not eligible to compete at the MHS Regional Championship Horse Show.

Veterinarian group on call: Choptank Equine

Note: 6/20 is a schooling show which counts toward the 4 required for Making Strides End of series awards.

Date	USEF/MHSA Hunter & Equitation Judge	MHSA Steward	Jumper Judge
4/19	Bradley Caine	Kathryn Meadows	Jane Osborne
5/30	Nancy Ashway	Rand Thaw	Jane Osborne
6/20	Kathy Tobin-Grier	N/A	Cathy Bradley
7/25	Erica Kurtz	Milly Welsh	Jane Osborne
8/22	Gina Hall	Milly Welsh	Jane Osborne
9/26	Bradley Caine	Rand Thaw	Jane Osborne
10/24	Evan Crierie	Rand Thaw	Jane Osborne

Class List

HUNTERS--/Equitation Ring one- 0830 start time Note: start times may be adjusted due to weather conditions, but will be posted prior to show date.
0700 -0800 Open schooling xrails and 18”

1. Leadline 7&U walk
2. Leadline 7&U Walk-trot
3. Leadline 7&U walk off lead
4. MHSA/OR Mini stirrup 10&U-Walk
5. MHSA/OR Mini stirrup 10&U-Walk/trot
6. MHSA/OR Mini stirrup 10&U-Over ground poles
7. OR Pre-short stirrup 12 &U-Walk
8. OR Pre-short stirrup 12 &U-Walk/trot
9. OR Pre-short stirrup 12 &U-Individual canter
10. OR Casual-open to all riders-Walk/trot
11. OR Casual-open to all riders-Walk/trot/canter
12. OR Casual-open to all riders-Command
13. OR Beginner Equitation-Juniors & AA-Walk/trot
14. OR Beginner Equitation-Juniors & AA-Walk/trot/canter
15. OR Beginner Equitation-Juniors & AA-O/F 18” XRails
16. OR Crossrail Hunter- open to all riders-O/F
17. OR Crossrail Hunter- open to all riders-O/F
18. OR Crossrail Hunter- open to all riders-Walk/trot/canter
19. MHSA/OR Short Stirrup Equitation 10&U-Walk/trot
20. MHSA/OR Short Stirrup Equitation 10&U-Walk/trot/canter
21. MHSA/OR Short Stirrup Equitation 10&U-O/F 18”
22. MHSA/OR Short Stirrup Hunter 10&U-O/F 18”
23. MHSA/OR Short Stirrup Hunter 10&U-O/F 18”
24. MHSA/OR Short Stirrup Hunter 10&U-U/S
25. MHSA/OR Long Stirrup Equitation 11-17 & AA- Walk/trot
26. MHSA/OR Long Stirrup Equitation 11-17 & AA-Walk/trot/canter
27. MHSA/OR Long Stirrup Equitation 11-17 & AA-O/F 18” to 2’

Break for watering/dragging if needed-open schooling over 2’ (10min)

28. MHSA/OR Pleasure horse & Pony riders -US
29. MHSA/OR Pleasure horse & Pony riders -Park Mount
30. MHSA/OR Pleasure horse & Pony riders -O/F 2’
31. MHSA/OR Pre-Children’s/Pre-Adult Hunter 11-17 & AA- O/F 2’
32. MHSA/OR Pre-Children’s/Pre-Adult Hunter 11-17 & AA- O/F 2’
33. MHSA/OR Pre-Children’s/Pre-Adult Hunter 11-17 & AA-Walk/trot/canter

34. OR Baby green horse & pony OF 2’
35. OR Baby green horse & pony OF 2’
36. OR Baby green horse & pony – Walk/trot/canter

37. MHSA/OR Jr. Equitation-U/S
39. MHSA/OR Adult Equitation-U/S

The remaining hunter/eq classes may be run open card by height as needed:

38. MHSA /OR Jr. Equitation -O/F 2’, 2’6”, 3’
40. MHSA/OR Adult Equitation- O/F 2’, 2’6”, 3’
41. MHSA/OR Low Children’s/Low Adult Hunter- O/F 2’6”
42. MHSA/OR Low Children’s/Low Adult Hunter- O/F 2’6”
43. MHSA/OR Low Children’s/Low Adult Hunter-U/S
44. MHSA/OR TB Hunter-O/F 2’6”, 3’
45. MHSA/OR TB Hunter-O/F 2’6”, 3’
46. MHSA/OR TB Hunter- U/S
47. MHSA/OR Child/Adult Amateur Horse-O/F 3’
48. MHSA/OR Child/Adult Amateur Horse-O/F 3’
49. MHSA/OR Child/Adult Amateur Horse-U/S

JUMPERS- Ring two

start time one-half hour after HUNTERS

50. OR Puddle Jumpers .6m (18’) Optimum Time
51. OR Puddle Jumpers .6m (18’) Power & Speed
52. OR Puddle Jumpers .6m (18’) Time First Jump Off

53. OR Itty Bitty Jumpers .7m (2’-2’3”) Optimum Time
54. OR Itty Bitty Jumpers .7m (2’-2’3”) Power & Speed
55. OR Itty Bitty Jumpers .7m (2’-2’3”) Time First Jump Off

56. OR Preliminary Jumpers .75-.8m (2’6”-2’9”) Optimum Time
57. OR Preliminary Jumpers .75-.8m (2’6”-2’9”) Power & Speed
58. OR Preliminary Jumpers .75-.8m (2’6”-2’9”) Time First Jump Off

Class Descriptions (OR= USHJA Outreach eligible)

Leadline

For children 7 years of age and under on a pony or horse.

To be judged on equitation and suitability of mount. No martingales.

Riders may only cross enter into pre-short stirrup walk.

1. Leadline Walk
2. Leadline Walk/Trot
3. Leadline Walk off Lead

MHSA/OR Mini-Stirrup

Qualifies for USHJA Outreach points and MHSA points.

Open to ponies ridden by junior exhibitors who have not reached their 11th birthday by December 1st of the current competition year. A rider may not cross enter into any other division that involves cantering and/or jumping. No martingales allowed.

To be judged on hands, seat, guidance, control and suitability of mount.

4. Mini stirrup walk-to be judged at the walk both ways of the ring.
5. Walk-trot- to be shown at WT both ways
6. Over ground poles- to be shown over a course of 4 Ground poles at the trot.

OR Pre- Short Stirrup

Counts toward USHJA Outreach

12 & U for those unable to canter in a group. Riders may not cross enter into any class with group canter

7. Walk both ways of the ring
8. Walk/trot
9. Walk/trot/individual canter

OR Open Casual

This is a flat hunter division **open to all riders and mounts.** To be shown both ways of the ring, judged on performance, manners, way of going. May cross into Crossrail hunter

10. Walk/trot
11. Walk/trot/canter
12. Command

OR Beginner Equitation

Counts toward USHJA Outreach

Open to juniors and adult amateurs on horses

or ponies in their first or second year of showing over fences. No oxers.

Simple changes of lead will not be penalized. May cross into crossrail hunter and casual divisions. Splits will be by age if indicated.

13. Walk/trot
14. Walk/trot/canter
15. Over 4 cross rails both directions

OR Open Crossrail Hunter

Counts toward USHJA Outreach

Open to all riders. May cross into MHSA 18"-2' divisions if age restrictions and amateur status are met. May cross into Casual and Beginner Equitation.

16. Cross rails- 8 fences around outside of ring
17. Cross rails- simple course
18. Walk/trot/canter

MHSA/OR Short Stirrup Equitation

Open to PONIES ridden by a junior who has not reached his/her 11th birthday by December 1st of the current competition year. Riders may ONLY cross enter into Short Stirrup Hunter. They also may not enter any jumper classes. No martingales are allowed. To be judged equally on hands, seat, control of mount, and suitability of purpose.

- 19. Walk/trot
- 20. Walk/trot/canter
- 21. OF: 4 to 8 18" fences

MHSA/OR Short Stirrup Hunter

Open to PONIES ridden by juniors who have not reached their 11th birthday by December of the current competition year. Courses include 4-8 fences 18" In height with no oxers. Judging will be based on performance, soundness, and suitability of mount. Riders may not cross into any other MHSA hunter, pleasure or equitation division except for Short Stirrup Equitation. Additionally riders may not compete in any jumper classes.

- 22. OF
- 23. OF
- 24. Walk/trot/canter

MHSA/OR Long Stirrup

Open to horses and ponies ridden by junior exhibitors who have not reached their 18th Birthday as of December 1st of the current competition year and adult amateur exhibitors. Senior amateur riders must meet the requirement of USEF Rule GR1306. Your signature as rider on the entry blank and annual membership form will verify that you understand and are in compliance with the rule. A rider may not cross enter into any other MHSA regional hunter or equitation division or class except Pleasure Horse and Pony. In addition, riders may not compete in any jumper classes or classes where the height exceeds 2'. Stallions are barred from all classes. No martingales allowed in flat classes. A course consists of 4 to 8 fences with no oxers. Fences shall be 18" to 2' with spreads not to exceed the height of the fence. To be judged on hands, seat, control of mount, and suitability of purpose.

- 25. Walk/trot
- 26. Walk/trot/canter
- 27. OF 18" to 2'

MHSA/OR Pleasure Horse/Pony

Horses and ponies shall be of any breed or combination of breeds suitable for English Riding and normally used for pleasure. To be shown under English tack. Martingales are prohibited. Good manners are essential both in executing the gaits and while lined up in the ring. All horses and ponies must be serviceably sound. All animals over 14.2 hands are horses and all animals 14.2 hands and under are ponies. Ponies must have a current MHSA measurement card on file with MHSA office prior to showing in this division. Ponies must be ridden by and handled by juniors in all phases of a class. Junior exhibitors shall not have reached their 18th birthday. Stallions are barred from all classes. For purposes of the pleasure division, the term "suitability" shall mean suitability to purpose as a pleasure mount. Jump height 2'. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter. To be judged on suitability of horse or pony to purpose, manners, and ability to give a safe, comfortable ride. May be asked to perform an extended trot or similar gait, asked to readily back and stand quietly, but may not be asked to hand gallop. No oxers

- 28. Under saddle
- 29. Park Mount
- 30. O/F 2'

MHSA/OR Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Hunter

Open to horses and ponies ridden exclusively by juniors and adult amateurs. Pre-adult riders competing in amateur-restricted classes must comply with USEF Rule GR1306. By signing the entry form, riders confirm their understanding and compliance with this rule. Adults may ride ponies but suitability will be taken into account. Suitability of a pony for a rider is determined by height of the rider as related to the height of the pony. Judging will be based on performance, soundness, and suitability of the mount. Fence height will be 2' with no oxers permitted. Riders may not cross-enter into any hunter division with fences exceeding 2'3". If the rider competes in another division where multiple heights are offered, they may not jump higher than 2'3". Riders are ineligible for this division if they have competed at 3' or higher on any horse at any show during the current season.

- 31. OF
- 32. OF
- 33. walk/trot/canter

Open OR Baby Green pony and horse

Counts for Outreach points only

Open to all riders and mounts in their first or second year showing over fences. Simple course of six to eight 2' fences with no oxers.

Simple changes of lead will not be penalized.

- 34. OF
- 35. OF
- 36. Walk/trot/canter

MHSA Junior and Adult Equitation OF to be shown open card by height:

MHSA/OR Junior Equitation

Open to horses and ponies ridden by junior exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the current competition year. Junior equitation may be split by age or by horse/pony. If split by age, it shall be split 13 & under and 14-17. To be judged equally on hands, seat, and control/suitability of mount. The over fences class fence heights shall be 2', 2'6" and 3'. The flat class to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. At the judge's discretion, other tests may be performed. May be combined with Adult Equitation if there are less than 4 entries.

- 37. Junior Equitation Under Saddle
- 39. Junior Equitation OF 2', 2'6", 3"

MHSA/OR Adult Equitation

Open to horses and ponies ridden by amateur exhibitors who have reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of the current competition year and who are senior amateur members. If split by age, it shall be split 18-35 and 36 and older. May be combined with junior equitation if fewer than 4 entries. To be judged equally on hands, seat, control, and suitability of mount. The fence heights for the over fence class shall be 2', 2'6', and 3'. The flat class to be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter. Additional tests may be required.

- 38. Adult Equitation Under Saddle
- 40. Adult Equitation OF 2', 2'6", 3'

MHSA/OR Low Children's/Low Adult Hunter.

Open to junior exhibitors who have not reached their 18th birthday and adult amateurs. Members competing in classes restricted to amateurs must meet the requirements of USEF Rule GR 1306. Your signature as rider on the entry blank and annual membership form will verify that you understand and are in compliance with the rule. A rider in the Low children's/Adult Hunter is not eligible to cross enter into any other divisions where the fences exceed 2'6" at the same show. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fence height shall be 2'6". Spreads not to exceed the height of the fence. To be judged on performance, soundness, and suitability of mount. If a rider in Low Child/Adult hunter cross enters into other divisions where multiple heights are offered, the rider may not jump higher than 2'6".

- 41. Low Children's/Low Adult Hunter OF 2'6"
- 42. Low Children's/Low Adult Hunter O/F 2'6"
- 43. Low Children's/Low Adult Hunter Under Saddle

MHSA/OR TB Hunter

Open to all riders and horses that are registered with or are eligible to be registered with the Jockey Club. To be judged on performance and soundness. Course shall consist of no less than eight fences. Fences to be 2'6" and 3'. Spreads not to exceed fence height.

- 44. TB Hunter O/F 2'6" & 3'
- 45. TB Hunter O/F 2'6" & 3'
- 46. TB Hunter under saddle

MHSA/OR Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter Horse

Open to horses ridden by children who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December of the current competition year and adult amateurs. Competitors in amateur-restricted classes must comply with USEF Rule GR1306. By signing the entry form and annual membership form, riders confirm their understanding and compliance with this rule. Judging will be based on performance, soundness, and suitability of mount. Fence height will be 3 feet, with spreads not exceeding fence height.

- 47. Child/Adult Hunter Horse O/F 3'
- 48. Child/Adult Hunter Horse O/F 3'
- 49. Child/Adult Hunter Horse Under Saddle

Jumper Classes-

These are open to all horses, ponies and riders. These divisions accumulate points for Making Strides end of series and USHJA Outreach. For those members of USHJA Outreach, the first three classes ridden accumulate points. The divisions are identical in height to those at Colonial Classic. Horses may only enter into the next jump height and if also riding in hunter classes, riders need to follow any restrictions for MHSA divisions. Jumpers may enter those hunter divisions which are NOT MHSA as appropriate.

Course Descriptions:

Optimum time Table IV Sec 1. Scores are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. In the case of equality of faults, the horse with the time on course closest to the Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail. The optimum time is defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed.

Power & Speed-Table II Sec 2 (c) - This is a two phase class. Scores are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clear in the first phase, they will, upon crossing the finish line, commence the second phase course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line of the first phase. If there are no clear rounds and a tie exists for first place, the results will be determined by the scores and time from the first phase.

Time first jump off- Table II Sec 2 (b) The first round and first jump-off, if any are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clear in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course. The competitor is responsible to adhering to the 45 second rule as per JP 137.3. In case of a fall of a rider and/or horse after crossing the finish line of the first round, the rider/horse combination may not continue to the jump-off, and will be placed according to their score in the first round. A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round before or after the tone will be considered to have withdrawn from the jump-off. If there are no clear rounds and a tie exists for first place, the results will be determined by the scores and time from that round.

OR Puddle Jumpers

The course will consist of at least eight 18” crossrails and verticals with no oxers. This division is open to all riders, ponies and horses.

- 50. Optimum Time
- 51. Power & Speed
- 52. Time First Jump Off

OR Itty Bitty Jumpers

The course includes at least eight standards placed at 2’ and 2’3” with at least one oxer.

- 53. Optimum Time
- 54. Power & Speed
- 55. Time First Jump Off

OR Preliminary Jumpers

The course typically includes ten jumps at 2’6” and some at 2’9” with one to two oxers.

- 56. Optimum Time
- 57. Power & Speed
- 58. Time First Jump Off

Making Strides Show Series

Is operated in accordance with the rules of

The Maryland Horse Shows Association, Inc

Maryland Regional Show

MHSA Regional Rated in the following divisions:

Mini Stirrup | Short Stirrup Equitation | Short Stirrup Hunter
Long Stirrup Equitation | Pleasure Horse/Pony | Pre-Children's/Pre-Adult Hunter
Junior Equitation | Adult Equitation | Low Child/Adult Hunter | TB Hunter | Child/Adult Amateur Hunter

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I hereby apply for membership for the year: _____ and enclose payment of _____ (membership expires 11/30).

To be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, dues must be paid in accordance with Rule II, Part 1, Sec 5.

New Member: _____

Life Dues \$450

Renewing Member: _____

Senior Dues \$50

Name: _____

Sr Amateur Dues \$50

Address: _____

Junior Dues \$40

City/State/Zip _____

Farm Dues \$60

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

**Note: To qualify for High Score Awards an animal must be registered with the Association and the Owner must be a member of the Association.
Contact the MHSA for a Horse/Pony recording form or go online at www.mdhsa.org**

