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Fields & Fences and Cross Winds Farm have teamed up to present an open hunter/jumper schooling show series giving green riders or green horses "A Place to Start"! Join us on these dates.

## A Place to Start

Open Hunter/Jumper Show Series.

<i>2026 Dates</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>July 12</i>	<b>Fields &amp; Fences, Gurnee, IL</b>
<i>August 9</i>	<b>Cross Winds Farm, Marengo, IL</b>
<i>September 6</i>	<b>Fields &amp; Fences, Gurnee, IL</b>
<i>October 3&amp;4</i>	<b>FINALS @ Cross Winds Farm</b>

**SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026 at**

Fields & Fences Equestrian Center  
36550 North Hunt Club Road, Gurnee, IL 60031  
847-244-4121

**Entries due Monday, July 6, 2026**

Please enter online at [www.HorseShowing.com](http://www.HorseShowing.com)

## OFFICIALS

Judge . . . . . Sara Rhodes, USEF 'R' H/HE/J  
 Judge . . . . . TBA  
 Show Manager . . . . . Anita Schadeck  
 Secretary . . . . . Melinda Michaels  
 Announcer . . . . . Kaelyn Wilcox  
 In-Gate . . . . . Lauren Mosher & TBA  
 Photos . . . . . Swan Studios LLC (www.chuckswan.com)

## FEES

Stalls are 10'x10' vinyl with doors. All horses must have a stall as we can no longer accommodate riders showing out of their trailers.

\$100 Stall Fee  
 \$10 per bale of shavings  
 \$25 Per Class  
 \$30 Office Fee  
 \$75 Minimum class fee  
 \$15 Credit Card Convenience Fee

In order to prepare a time schedule with approximate start times for each class, **EVERYONE** must get their entries in **Monday** before the show or be subject to a **\$25 post entry fee** and no time schedule!

Please enter online at [www.HorseShowing.com](http://www.HorseShowing.com)

Stalls cancelled after Monday, July 6th will be charged to trainers.

## PRIZES AT EVERY SHOW!

Trophy and six ribbons per class. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded in each division with at least 3 riders in the first over fences class. To be eligible for champion and reserve, you must be entered in the entire division.

For the welfare of all horses competing in this one-day show and at the recommendation of USEF Judges; **the suggested maximum number of classes over fences is 4** and not more than 6 per horse per day will be permitted.

## YEAR END HIGH POINT AWARDS

Riders who accumulate the most points in each division throughout Fields & Fences' and Cross Winds Farm's six summer shows will win gigantic ribbons **Champion through 6th place!** Year End Champions of **ALL** divisions will win \$150 cash and a perpetual trophy! Must be entered in the entire division to accrue year end points.

Points will be accumulated at each show based on **THE RIDER'S** ribbon awards received in corresponding classes throughout the six summer shows of the series. A rider of multiple horses in one division will be awarded highest points from one horse per show. Professionals are not eligible for High Point Awards. Leading Trainer will be awarded based on the trainer with the most first place winners. Standings will be posted on our Facebook page, Place to Start (PTS), and at [www.FieldsandFences.com](http://www.FieldsandFences.com). Prizes will be awarded at the 17th annual PTS Ribbon Ball!

## CLASS SCHEDULE - 8 am Sharp!

Class #	Class Name	Height	
5	Introductory Equitation Walk, Trot		Flat
6	Introductory Eq. W/T/Individual Canter		Flat
3, 4	Introductory Equitation Ground Poles	Pole	O/F
If the Short/Long Stirrup divisions are <u>not</u> split, <u>all</u> Short/Long Stirrup riders will ride in classes 9, 11 & 12 and classes 900, 1100 & 1200 will <b>NOT</b> be held. If the Short/Long Stirrup divisions <u>are</u> split, the under saddle/flat classes will be ridden in the following order:			
9	Short Stirrup Hunter		U/S
11	Short Stirrup Equitation WT		Flat
12	Short Stirrup Equitation WTC		Flat
900	Long Stirrup Hunter (if Division is split)		U/S
1100	Long Stirrup Eq. WT (if Division is split)		Flat
1200	Long Stirrup Eq. WTC (if Division is split)		Flat
41	Leadline		
7, 8	Short/Long Stirrup Hunter	Xs 18"	O/F
10	Short/Long Stirrup Equitation	Xs 18"	O/F
1	Hunter Warm Up (for classes 13 — 17)	varies	O/F
13, 14	Beginner Rider Hunter	2'	O/F
16	Beginner Rider Equitation	2'	O/F
15	Beginner Rider Hunter		U/S
17	Beginner Rider Equitation		Flat
If entries warrant, 2 show arenas will be used. If 2 show arenas are used, the following part of this schedule will be held in a 2nd arena which will have a start time of 8 a.m.			
2	Hunter Warm Up (for classes 18 — 35)	varies	O/F
23, 24	Schooling Hunter	2'	O/F
25	Schooling Hunter		U/S
18, 19	Limit Rider Hunter	2'3"	O/F
21	Limit Rider Equitation	2'3"	O/F
35	Junior/Amateur Adult Equitation	2'3"	O/F
20	Limit Rider Hunter		U/S
22	Limit Rider Equitation		Flat
36	Junior/Amateur Adult Equitation		Flat
31	Medal	2'3" & 2'6"	O/F
26, 27	Low Hunter	2'6"	O/F
29	Modified Equitation	2'6"	O/F
28	Low Hunter		U/S
30	Modified Equitation		Flat
32, 33	Open Hunter	2'9"	O/F
34	Open Hunter		U/S
37, 38	Puddle Jumpers	2'3"	O/F
39, 40	Schooling Jumpers	2'6"	O/F

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Attire

- All riders are required to wear USEF approved head gear while mounted.
- Proper show attire is required for all classes (except leadline).
- Mane braiding is optional but encouraged.

### Classes

- Management reserves the right to cancel or combine classes if necessary.
- Exhibitors are expected to be prompt for their classes. Multiple rides will be given consideration. **A one minute call will be placed on an open gate.**
- Please observe the dotted line on course when making courtesy circles.
- **In order to add or scratch classes, an official add/scratch form must be filled out and delivered to the show secretary's office.**
- Horses shown in classes not entered or entered at the gate will be charged a \$15 penalty fee in addition to the regular class fee.

### Stalls

- Stalls will be available after 2 p.m. on Saturday.
- Stalls are 10'x10' temporary stalls with doors.
- Shavings are \$10 per bale. Please call in shavings order with stall count. Because of the cost of manure removal, please do not bring your own shavings or straw.

### Schooling

- The show arena will be open for schooling on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sunday morning until 7 am. Short/Long Stirrup schooling at 7:40 a.m.
- Sand warm-up arena with fences available day of show. In addition, a warm-up class will remain open all day. Fence heights will change as show progresses.

### Miscellaneous

- **No smoking** in or near any building!
- Food available for purchase on site from 10:30 am to 2 pm.
- A charge of \$50 will be made for returned checks.
- All dogs must be on a leash. Please leave dogs at home if possible.
- **Flu/Rhino vaccination within 6 months and coggins within 1 year required.**

### Directions to Fields & Fences, 36550 N. Hunt Club Road, Gurnee, IL 60031

Exit the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) at Route 132 (Grand Avenue) west. Pass Gurnee Mills Mall and go north on Hunt Club Road. Fields & Fences is on the west side of Hunt Club Road just south of Stearns School Road.

### Closest Accommodations

Hotel Name	Phone Number	Nightly Rate	For special rate, click link below:	Rate Includes:
Hampton Inn	847-662-1100	Call	<a href="#">Corp. ID #2687085</a>	Breakfast
Country Inn & Suites	847-625-9700	Call		
Wingate by Wyndham	847-855-8868	15% off	<a href="#">Corp ID #1000033361</a>	Breakfast
La Quinta Inn	847-662-7600	Call		Dog friendly
Comfort Inn	847-855-8866	15% off	<a href="#">Code LDIS15</a>	Dog friendly

## YEAR END HIGH POINT DIVISION SPONSORS

Cross Winds Farm and Fields & Fences would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of this open hunter/jumper show series, "A Place to Start". We encourage horse show participants to patronize these fine businesses who were so generous in providing a **\$150 cash prize for every Division!**

ALL Year End Ribbons 1st through 6th Place sponsored by:  
**McCullough Kubota 224-699-2200 [www.mcagplus.com](http://www.mcagplus.com)**

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**Chasing Dreams Equestrian**

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**FIELDS & FENCES SCHOOL OF HORSEMANSHIP, INC.**  
**PTS OPEN HUNTER/JUMPER HORSE SHOW SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026**

**Closing Date for Entries is Monday, July 6, 2026**

Stable with: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse #: \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ONE HORSE PER ENTRY FORM (please print)**

**Horse's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Classes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

**Rider (if other than owner)** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Classes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

**Rider (if other than owner)** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Classes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING: Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities. (Senate Bill 240-IL)**

ENTRY AGREEMENT - Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification. This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing. I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition to the following: I AGREE that the "Competition" as used herein includes the USHJA and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and affiliates. I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, handler, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm"). I AGREE to hold harmless and release the USHJA and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the USHJA or the Competition. I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the USHJA or the Competition. I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the USHJA and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at the Competition. I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the USHJA strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition BY SIGNING ABOVE, I AGREE to be bound by the terms and provisions of this entry blank and all terms submitting this Agreement.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL entries and waivers should be completed online at [www.HorseShowing.com](http://www.HorseShowing.com)**

**PROOF OF FLU/RHINO VACCINATION WITHIN 6 MONTHS AND NEGATIVE COGGINS WITHIN 1 YEAR must be emailed to the show secretary (mmichaels80.mm@gmail.com) BEFORE ARRIVING ON THE SHOW GROUNDS.**

Division Name	Open to:	Fence Height	Circle O/F	Class #s U/S
Hunter Warm Up Over Fences	Any horse or pony. Fence heights will change as show progresses through the day. For classes 13—17 use Class 1. For classes 18—35 use Class 2.	varies	1 2	
Introductory Equitation	For riders not yet comfortable in a group canter. <b>Not eligible for other classes.</b> Division consists of 1 walk, trot class; 1 class with walk, trot and individual canter; and 2 classes over ground poles. Riders may trot or canter the ground poles once around the outside lines. Martingales and simple changes of lead allowed.	Pole on Ground	3 4	5 (W/T), 6 (W/T/C)
Short/Long Stirrup Hunter	Riders may NOT enter classes with fences exceeding 2'. Martingales allowed. If there are 12 or more entries, division will be split by whatever age makes class sizes close to even.	Xs 1'6"	7 8	9
Short/Long Stirrup Equitation*		Xs 1'6"	10	11 (W/T), 12 (W/T/C)
Beginner Rider Hunter	Any rider in their first year of showing OR riders who have never won a blue ribbon over fences at <u>any</u> show. Ribbons won in Intro and Short/Long Stirrup will not affect eligibility.	2'	13 14	15
Beginner Rider Equitation*		2'	16	17
Schooling Hunter	Any horse or pony.	2'	23 24	25
Limit Rider Hunter	Riders may NOT enter classes with fences exceeding 2'6". Riders are ineligible if 3 blue ribbons were won over fences in any Division (except Intro, Short/Long Stirrup or Beginner Rider) at <u>any</u> show.	2'3"	18 19	20
Limit Rider Equitation*		2'3"	21	22
Junior/Amateur Adult Equitation*	Non-professional riders. Riders may NOT enter classes with fences exceeding 2'6"	2'3"	35	36
Medal	Non-professional riders. Select height desired on entry	2'3" OR 2'6"	31	
Low Hunter	Any horse or pony.	2'6"	26 27	28
Modified Equitation*	Non-professional riders.	2'6"	29	30
Open Hunter	Any horse or pony.	2'9"	32 33	34
Puddle Jumpers	Any horse or pony	2'3"	37 38	
Schooling Jumpers	Any horse or pony	2'6"	39 40	
Leadline	Children. Not eligible for other classes.			41

Office Use Only	
Check # or Cash	\$ Amount

**\* Each rider may compete in only one Equitation Division**

Class Entry Fees: \$25/class (\$75 minimum) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Post Entry Fee: \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Stall Fee: \$100 + \_\_\_\_\_ shavings @ \$10/bale \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Office Fee: \$30 per horse/rider combo \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian (“USEF”) allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, hauler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and Fields & Fences Horse Show (“USEF Event” or “USEF Events”); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors,, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the **“Agreement”**):

A. **RULES AND REGULATIONS:** I hereby agree to be bound and abide by the rules, regulations; and policies of USEF as published in the USEF Rule Book and on the website at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), as amended from time to time.

B. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK:** I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any USEF Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the USEF Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers (**“Risks”**).

### WARNING:

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C. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the USEF Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any USEF Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any USEF Event.

D. **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY:** In conjunction with my participation in any USEF Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: USEF, USEF Recognized Affiliate Associations, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USEF clubs, members, Event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, judges/officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any USEF Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the USEF Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where a USEF Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties (**Individually and Collectively, the “Released Parties” or “Event Organizers”**), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature (**“Liability”**) which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the USEF Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. **COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:** This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.**

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any USEF Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

**The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.**

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR  OWNER  TRAINER  OFFICIAL  STAFF  VOLUNTEER  COACH (IF APPLICABLE)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_