

GMHA Sleighing

Location: Green Mountain Horse Association

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Entry Information: Entries close at 10am on the Friday before the event. No charge to scratch before 12pm on Friday prior to the event. If a driver fails to cancel before this deadline, there is a \$15 scratch fee.

Entries: Mail entries to GMHA, PO Box 8, South Woodstock, VT 05071. Fax entries to 802-457-4471.

Cancellation of Event: GMHA reserves the right to cancel the event due to weather/footing conditions. GMHA will make the call by Thursday at noon before the event. In the event GMHA cancels the event, competitors will receive a full refund.

Food: A potluck lunch to be held each day. Please contribute a dish.

General Info: Sleigh storage is at your own risk. Stabling availability is subject to weather; contact the office if you require overnight stabling. Member/Non-Member stabling rates apply.

Directions to Show: GMHA is on Rte 106 - 6 miles south of Woodstock, VT; From West NY Thruway: To I-87 Northway to exit 20. Take Rte 149 to Fort Ann, then Rt. 4 to Rutland & Woodstock. Take Rt. 106 south 6 miles to GMHA. From South: I-91 to Ascutney, exit 8, Rt. 131 west 7 miles to Rte 106 north, 11 miles to GMHA. From North & East: I-89 to exit 1 in VT. Take Rt. 4 into Woodstock. Then Rt.106 south to GMHA.

General Rules

1. All classes will be conducted and judged under the rules of the American Driving Society and the General Rules set forth in this Omnibus.
2. Proof of negative Coggins and proof of current rabies vaccination (titers not acceptable) within one year are required to be on GMHA grounds. PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR ENTRY.
3. Management reserves the right to combine, cancel or add classes as entries warrant the day of the show. Any class with fewer than 3 entries will be combined or cancelled.
4. Rules are subject to change by management due to footing/weather conditions.
5. Junior drivers under 14 must be accompanied by an adult and wear a helmet.
6. Standard track width for cones. NO CANTERING.
7. Multiple entries/twice arounds are encouraged. Scheduling is tight due to limited entries. Please keep this in mind and plan accordingly for quick horse/sleigh changes.
8. Points are accumulated on the horse. Horses will be assigned one number for the sleighing series unless the horse is competing in the Open and Novice divisions with different drivers.
9. If a horse is driven more than once in a class, points will only count on the first go.
10. A Novice horse or driver has not won three first place ribbons in an ADS or USEF sanctioned driving competition.
11. No sleigh bells. Only permitted for Currier & Ives.
12. Removal of the bridle while the horse is still hitched is elimination from the competition.

Combined Tests

Saturday

January 12 & February 16

Dressage Tests: Indicate on your entry form the test class number (1-6). Dressage tests can be found on the ADS website. Tentative dressage times will be assigned and posted the evening before the event on the GMHA website. Warm-up space is limited.

1. Training Level- Test 2 & Test 4
2. Preliminary Level- Test 2 & Test 4
3. Intermediate Level- Test 4 & Test 5

Schedule: Dressage will be held in the morning. Start time TBA. Cones to be held after lunch break.

Awards: Ribbons for placings 1st through 6th overall. Champion and Reserve Champion by division (Training, Preliminary & Intermediate).

Sleigh Rally

Sunday

January 13 & February 17

Pleasure Classes: Indicate class numbers on your entry form and be sure to indicate your division.

1. Obstacles Single Horse
2. Obstacles Single Pony
3. Obstacles Multiples
4. Obstacles Novice
5. Cross Country Pace: Conditions contingent. To be judged on optimum time set by non-participant. There will be hazards due to natural terrain and man-made turns. This is not a race.
6. Carrier & Ives
7. Sleigh Dog
8. Open Single Horse
9. Open Single Pony
10. Open Multiples
11. Working Novice: To be shown at the walk, collected trot, working trot and trot on (weather permitting). To be judged on way of going, apparent ability to give a pleasure drive and manners. Sleigh and harness to be safe and well-fitted.
12. Ladies to Drive
13. Gentlemen to Drive
14. Novice/Juniors to Drive
15. Seniors to Drive: To be shown at the walk, collected trot, working trot and trot on (weather permitting). To be judged of the drivers ability to gain the best possible performance for the horse. Clear changes of gait, manners and general impression to count.

Schedule: Obstacles and pace to be held in the morning before lunch break. Afternoon classes will begin with Currier & Ives.

Awards: Placings 1st through 6th. Division Champion and Reserve for Single Horse, Single Pony, Multiples and Novice. Point per ADS Rules. Award ceremony to take place after Senior to Drive.

Divisions:

Single Horse Points from Class 1, 5, 6, 8 & (12, 13 or 14)

Single Pony Points from Class 2, 5, 6, 9, (12, 13 or 14)

Multiple Horses/Ponies Points from Class 3, 5, 6, 10 (12, 13, 14)

Novice Horse/Pony Points from Class 4, 5, 6, 11 (12, 13 or 14)

*The driver must declare before the start of class 12 which class to count for points.