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VETERAN'S VIRTUAL HORSE SHOW: Details on the Process

Accepting Submissions: October 28, 2020 – November 29, 2020

The Veterans Virtual Horse show is the first of its kind: a show where Veterans can come together from across the globe in the comfort of their own arenas and compete for prizes!

As an added bonus, every veteran entry receives detailed scoring and feedback from a judge, making this a great opportunity to have your skills and performance assessed by a professional. It's like a virtual lesson—learn what you are doing well and where to improve, while competing for cool prizes!

Whether you are preparing for your next event, looking to enhance your skills or want to test your abilities against the competition, this is the place for you.

The steps are simple:

1. Register for the competition through BraveHearts Eventbrite page
2. Review the patterns to determine the class you would like to participate in – only one class can be chosen. Applicable patterns and class details posted on our Eventbrite page.
3. Video your performance during the given timeframe
 - o **Deadline for registration and video submission is 11:59PM CST Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020**
4. Upload your video and send us the link using wetransfer.com – see FAQ for uploading directions.
5. See the winning awards announcements on our “2020 Veterans Virtual Horse Show Zoom” **Dec 10!** Details to come!
6. Get placings and feedback via email from a judge – how cool is that!

ELIGIBILITY

We are open to all breeds or grade horses! All disciplines! All states! All programs! All branches of the military! WELCOME ALL VETERANS!

The **Para Walk/Trot class** is only open to riders with mental or physical disabilities who need sidewalkers and/or leaders to provide the opportunity to show safely and effectively. The other two classes (Advanced Walk Trot and Ranch Riding) have no rider restrictions.

No prior showing experience is necessary.



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PARTICIPATION

To participate in the Veterans Virtual Horse Show, you must register online. Once you register, each competitor will be responsible for filming and submitting their videos.

- The deadline for confirming participation and for submitting your video is **Sunday, November 29, 2020 at 11:59 pm CST.**
- Notice of cancellation may be sent at any time.

VIDEO RULES AND PROCEDURES

BraveHearts reserves the right to remove a competitor from the competition and enforce these restrictions at the time of the judging if all rules are not followed.

You don't need an expensive video camera to shoot a test or course, just a decent cell phone and these useful tips. Remember, every show is different, and the rules may vary regarding everything from courses and tests to tack and dress. Please familiarize yourself with the specific show information we have provided.

Speaking of the latter, while you are not required to wear your best show clothes and have your horse and tack sparkling clean, it can only help and indicates that you care and respect the process and organizer.

Video Requirements:

- Videos must be unedited start to finish and include sound.
- **Prior to beginning the pattern, each competitor must announce their name, their horse's name, and a 1 minute or less story of the competitor and their horse's journey together.**
- Be sure to include your name and class in the video file name.
- Send your videos to us by **November 29, 2020.** Upload utilizing: www.wetransfer.com (free uploading option). *See FAQ's for uploading directions.*

Video Recommendations:

- Hold the phone horizontally when filming
- Make sure the sound is turned ON.
- If you are outdoors, make sure the sun is behind the person taking the video.
- Film from a slightly elevated position, if you can, never from ground level.
- Do not video too close to the horse, or too far away. You need to have enough perspective that the judge can see.
- Avoid the shakes! A shaky video will be difficult to judge and may even be rejected. Use a tripod for best results.
- Make sure there are as few background distractions – dogs and kids running around, other people riding in the ring – as possible.



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Inadmissible Videos:

Videos featuring any of the following will result in an immediate disqualification. Be sure to review your video before submission to avoid these.

- Rider is not wearing an approved safety helmet
- Your horse appears lame
- Unsafe actions of the horse, rider or other participants or bystanders involved
- Unsafe surroundings
- Course or test requirements not being met
- Extremely poor-quality video

Remember, have FUN! You have absolutely nothing to lose!