

JNAFHC

Finals Weekend Letter 2025

Welcome from the Moore County Hounds to all JNAFHC Finals participants! We are excited that you will be coming to beautiful Southern Pines to share some foxhunting camaraderie, meet other Junior Foxhunters, and enjoy the JNAFHC competition. This letter is full of all the details for the Finals. Here is an overview of JNAFHC Finals weekend:

SCHEDULE

Nov. 13 – Thursday

- 9:00 AM - Hunt with MCH - juniors no cap, adults \$60 cap (may be waived if participating in Sunday's Hunter Pace) **Vass North Country, Vass NC 28394**
- Noon – Arrive & receive packets and stable & parking assignments (may arrive Weds.11/12 if hunting on Thurs. 11/13)
- 6:00 PM - Welcome Dinner - **The Shed - 946 Sheldon Rd, Southern Pines, NC 28387**
- 8:00 PM – Judges' Meeting

Nov. 14 – Friday - Comp. Day 1 - 225 Mile Away Lane, Vass NC 28394

- 7:30-8:00 AM – stirrup cup
- 8:30 AM - Mounted - juniors, judges, outriders only
- 9:00 AM - Live Hunt – juniors, judges, outriders only
- Noon - Hunt Tea - everyone - Finalists in each division will be announced - The Shed
- 1:00 PM - Whip Cracking, Horn Blowing contests & Hound clinic
- Dinner is on your own in one of the many restaurants in the area.

Nov. 15 – Saturday - Comp. Day 2 - Hunter Trials Field - 251 Old Mail Rd., Southern Pines NC 28387

- 9:00 AM – Individual Test - HT 10 & under 7
- 10:00 AM - Individual Test - HT 11 - 18
- 11:00 AM - Individual Test - FF 13 & under
- Noon - Individual Test - FF 14-18
- 5:30 - PM Dinner followed by Awards (no alcohol will be served)
The Shed - 946 Sheldon Rd, Southern Pines, NC 28387

Nov. 16 – Sunday

- 8:00 AM - Hunter Pace - info on the Moore County Hounds website

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rule Change in 2023: please read carefully - A rider who falls from his or her horse in this competition will not be permitted to continue with the competition. The rule is consistent with the U.S. Eventing Assoc Rule Book, p. 43, Rule EV123, and will be enforced without exception.

Address for equine health papers - Carolina Horse Park - 2814 Montrose Rd, Raeford, NC 28376

Coggins - required, within 12 months

Cell Reception/directions - Be prepared - WiFi can sometimes be sketchy in hunt territory. It is recommended that you print out directions rather than rely solely on GPS navigation.

Food:

- Welcome dinner Thursday evening
- Friday – After hunt Tea, dinner on your own
- Saturday morning – Stirrup cup
- Saturday Lunch – Food truck in the works or you may bring a picnic
- Saturday Awards Dinner/Catered – \$40 - adults, \$20 – kids 10 & under (competitors are covered)

Vet and Farrier will be on site and on call - you must contact if needed, on your own

VETERINARIAN - Dr. Jim Hamilton, (910) 692-8640

FARRIER - Chad Dement - (262) 358-0683

Stabling - \$85/stall/weekend - juniors have 1st priority

Stalls will be pre-assigned, and you will be met with the barn crew upon your arrival for your designated stall and parking area...do not unload your horse until you have been checked in.

There are shower sites and manure pits near each barn. You will not need to strip your stall upon leaving, that is included in the stall price.

Shavings - \$12/bag - bring your own or place order on the entry form.

What to Bring - Your own hay & grain, feed tubs & water buckets (w/straps if you wish to hang them), muck tub & pitchfork, medical kit, grooming supplies, fly spray, spare pair of horse shoes, spare tack, along with other items on your packing list.

NO hacking/riding on the grounds at the stabling - You may hand walk your horse in an area to stretch its legs, but there is no riding unless you are competing. Extra horses not ridden by juniors, judges or outriders must remain at stabling.

No private pets allowed on any of the weekend locations.

Hunt Territory - keep in mind that territory, terrain and hounds vary from hunt to hunt....some hunts may have lots of jumps, gates, etc. while others may not. Some hunts have wooded trails, and some may have wide open spaces. While the FF usually jumps while hunting, there is no set height for divisions...this is not a horse show.

Accommodations for humans - hotels, Air BnB's and VRBO's are available in Raeford, Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines (below is a list of possible sites).

Living Quarter Trailers - contact the Carolina Horsepark directly for arrangements - Gay Stevens (919) 264-6501 or gay@carolinahorsepark.com

Vendors - There may be some vendors on site Saturday

REQUIREMENTS FOR FINALS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. AGE - 18 & younger as of August 1, 2024
2. Be a junior MEMBER OF A HUNT or PONY CLUB affiliated with a Hunt.
3. SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE 1 Qualifier, 5 hunts, 3 hound/kennel activities (mounted or unmounted)...see activity log below (PDF). Your log should have hunt/hound related activities listed from Aug. 1, 2024 to Oct. 20, 2025. ***** Make as many copies of the log as you need to keep track of your progress throughout the season. . .there will be a Sportsmanship award for the most active junior!**
4. Complete a QUALIFIER ENTRY FORM, and if you attend more than one qualifier, you will need an entry for each. Turn them in at the Qualifier to the person in charge.

5. There are 4 divisions: Hilltopper 10 & under First field 13 & under
 Hilltopper 11 to 18 First field 14 to 18

***You should be riding in the Division in which you qualified, however, there are times when moving to an easier division may be in the best interest of you and your horse on competition day, for a variety of reasons. You may move to HT if you qualified in FF, but you may not move up to FF if you qualified in HT.*

6. Complete the requirements on the horse/pony which you plan to ride in the Championship.
7. ATTIRE (see specifics below) - turnout is important!

JNAFHC/Junior proper attire

- Overall horse and rider "neat & tidy"
- Color coordinated conservative attire is always nice
- No jewelry
- Boots - polished, buffed and shined - half chaps acceptable, boots preferred, wax & polish - protects boots especially if they get wet.
- Whips - optional
- Polished hardware - stirrups, bit, buckles etc.
- Horse - meticulously clean & tidy - no braiding (this not a horse show)
- Pad - shaped/not square - white or brown
- Helmet - certified with chin strap, plain in color (black, brown or navy are acceptable), no decorative cover/hat silk, pom-pom or adornment of any kind. Bows are worn up - only staff wears bows down...a dab of hot glue will remedy the situation if necessary.
- Gloves brown or beige string with leather palm.
- Breeches - tan, rust, buff
- Ties conservative neck ties or stock ties - not gaudy
- Vest optional - conservative
- Tack - cleaned, well maintained, flat bridle & breastplate, not rubber
- Jacket - tweed or dark color
- Girth - coordinated with tack
- Hairnets - no strands of hair hanging out of helmet - male riders also.
- Horse boots (if necessary) - black or brown - no colors
- No cell phones. photo/video equipment

Criteria for judging during the live hunt, to determine 10 finalists in each division:

- Riding Skills/Judgement - Safety, off the horse's back at a gallop/going up hills; handles a refusal or sticky situation well. Knows what to do with staff coming through; can execute a walking reverse if necessary.
- Suitability - Size and behavior of horse relative to size and ability of rider; not "over-mounted"
- Etiquette/Manners - Not passing others; no talking; no tailgating
- Gates - if asked to open a gate; efficiency of opening and closing gates; catch up to field quickly without disruption.
- Hounds - Quiet while hounds are working; gives way to hounds; mount respects hounds.
- Neat/Tidy - No braiding or formal "show" attire. Ratcatcher - well turned-out; mount appears well cared for.

Horn Blowing - judges looking for crisp clear notes - prepare to blow two calls - Going Home & Tally Ho.

Whip Cracking - will be judged on efficient execution/use of the whip, with distinct loud "crack."

Hound Judging - judging a group of hounds based on good condition, confirmation and alertness

BASIC SKILLS

Below is a list of basic skills important to have in your wheelhouse for foxhunting, and definitely worth spending time practicing:

Jumping & Non-Jumping Options for Final Individual Test

- Walking over a log, pole, branch
- Walking through water
- Ride uphill and downhill
- Creek/ditch/stream crossing
- Open a gate
- Walk safely through a gate
- Close a gate
- Drop a rail
- Remove and lay a jacket over a rail
- Walking reverse
- Staff coming through - turn hind end off trail
- Hand gallop
- Hold hard
- Proper distance between horses - ideally you should be able to see the hocks of the horse in front of you when looking between your horse's ears
- Pony another horse
- Mount from the ground; log or rock or ditch
- What speed for downhill travel?
- Knowledge of hand signals
- Tallyho/Holloa!
- Dismount and lead your horse over a log, branch, pole, cross rail, or lead a hound

Jumping Options for Final Individual Test (in addition to those above)

- log
- in and out
- stone wall
- hedge
- coop
- rails
- Proper distance between your horse and the horse in front of you
- Circle and go to the back of the field if your horse refuses

*****Sample Individual test*****

- *Open/close a gate*
- *Pony a horse*
- *Accept a stirrup cup off of a tray, offered to them by a person on the ground*
- *Put rain gear on and off*
- *Drop the top rail off of a fence and trot/walk over the remaining pole. (The rail does not need to be replaced, for the sake of time.)*
- *The jumping division will jump additional fence(s)*
- *The hilltopper division hold hard at a designated spot.*
- *A fox may be hidden somewhere, and the rider will be expected to spot it & announce Tallyho*
- *Dismount and lead a hound*

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel	Location	Dist to stable	Dist to kennel	Avg price	Phone
Talamore Golf Villas	Southern Pines, NC	13 miles	10 miles	\$200 /night	(800) 552-6292
Quality Inn Raeford	Raeford, NC	8 miles	17 miles	\$81/night	(910) 904-1050
Carolina Pine Inn Near Southern Pines-Pinehurst	Pinebluff, NC	8 miles	9 miles	\$82 /night	(910) 281-1621
Hilton Garden Inn Southern Pines/Pinehurst	Aberdeen, NC	10 miles	10 miles	\$140/night	(910) 692-0801
Hampton Inn & Suites Southern Pines-Pinehurst	Aberdeen, NC	10 miles	10 miles	\$135/night	(910) 693-4330
SureStay Plus Hotel by Best Western Southern Pines Pinehurst	Southern Pines, NC	10 miles	9 miles	\$72 /night	(910) 692-0640
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Southern Pines-Pinehurst Area	Southern Pines, NC	11 miles	10 miles	\$122 /night	(910) 693-2280
Comfort Inn Pinehurst - Southern Pines	Pinehurst, NC	13 miles	10 miles	\$112/night	(910) 215-5500

Also numerous options on Airbnb and VRBO - recommend booking your stay well in advance - this is a tourist destination and can book up quickly!