

# Horse Show Checklist

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- ☐ Before the Horse Show
  - ☐ Make a list of everything you need to bring - grooming and tack - and check it off as you load the trailer.
  - ☐ Attend as a spectator to see what is expected of you and your horse.
  - ☐ Polish your boots, saddle and any other leather.
  - ☐ Clip your horse.
  - ☐ Give your horse a bath before the show to remove any dust and debris.
  - ☐ Apply a coat conditioner to help repel dust and to make it shine.
  - ☐ Take an extra shirt in case you get dirt on yours.
  - ☐ Wrap your horse legs to avoid them from getting stains overnight.
  - ☐ Put a light-weight sheet to keep your horse clean.
- ☐ The Day of the Show
  - ☐ Spend some time with your horse the day before, and that morning.
  - ☐ Leave earlier than you think you need to.
  - ☐ Have time to spare if your horse decides to give you grief about getting in the trailer.
  - ☐ If you are traveling a long distance to the show, 4+ hours, stop and offer your horse water or a carrot.
  - ☐ Do not let your horse out of the trailer during the stop.
  - ☐ Bring chairs and snacks.
  - ☐ Keep baby wipes on hand to clean your horse's nose, ears, around the eyes, and to wipe the dust off your horse's hooves.
  - ☐ If your horse has white socks use baby powder to help whiten them if needed.
  - ☐ Accustom your horse to required class maneuvers.
  - ☐ Don't compare yourself to the competition.
  - ☐ Establish your own goals and strive for them.
  - ☐ Look confident.
  - ☐ Have all tack cleaned.
  - ☐ Look well put together, and professional.
  - ☐ Warm up your horse and walk him around the grounds before you actually come into a class.

- ☐ Concentrate on your horse and your riding.
- ☐ Wear proper attire.
- ☐ Be polite to other riders.