

# FAIRFIELD COUNTY HUNT CLUB



## RIDING PROGRAM



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The riding program at The Fairfield County Hunt Club (FCHC) has a rich history of developing successful riders in the hunter, jumper and equitation disciplines. Our riders compete at the local, regional and national levels. The program and all of our facilities offer a wide array of services at all levels of participation for the English style horseman.

Our program offers competitively priced memberships for riders of all levels from beginners to high-level competitive jumpers and hunters. The program is dedicated to providing a comprehensive nurturing environment for horse and rider to develop the skills necessary to perform to the best of their ability.

### Lessons and Training

At FCHC, lessons are taught seven days a week and are scheduled by appointment with your trainers. New riders are carefully evaluated and matched with an appropriate club-owned school horse or pony, then placed into an appropriate lesson group with two or three other riders. Lesson groups are tailored to establish a strong foundation in a comfortable and safe environment. The Club also offers private lessons.

Riders who own or lease a horse will work closely with our trainers to develop a customized training program to meet the goals of both horse and rider. This includes lessons, professional schooling by our trainers, and establishing horse show schedules that fit into long and short term competition goals.



### Boarding & Care

An extensive staff of devoted trainers, professional groomers and Stable Manager customize an optimal feeding, veterinary and training program specifically for each horse to maximize its performance potential.

### Equestrian Facilities

- 34 Acres of Open Space
- 120 Box Stalls in 6 Barns
- 100'x200' Heated Indoor Ring with TravelRight Footing
- 90'x250' Heated Indoor Ring with TravelRight Footing
- 260'x150' Outdoor Ring with All-weather Footing
- 240'x160' Outdoor Ring with All-weather Footing
- Additional Ring maintained Sand Footing
- Regulation Polo Field
- Four Place Horse Walker
- 9 All-Weather Sand Paddocks
- 5 Covered Outdoor Wash Stalls
- 2 Indoor Wash Stalls with Heat Lamps
- Heated Tack Room in Each Barn

### Horse Shows at FCHC

Each year the Club is home to a number of nationally and regionally recognized horse shows. They accommodate equitation, hunter and jumper classes for all skill levels, and are held throughout the year in both the Indoor and Outdoor Rings, and on the Grass Polo Field.

The largest and most celebrated event is the June Benefit Horse Show, which is rated a "Premiere" show by the United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA). It's also been voted as the "Member's Choice" Horse Show for Zone 1 for the last three years...and recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) as a Heritage Competition, the highest honor that can be bestowed on a horse show—a distinction reserved for horse shows not only dedicated to technical excellence but also philanthropy and community involvement. The June Show provides a wonderful opportunity to watch world class riders who are some of the best in sport.

The Club has been the host site of numerous National and Regional

finals over the years - dating back to the first United States Pony Finals in 1967, and a number of subsequent years. The Hunt Club has been the host site of the Connecticut Hunter Jumper Association (CHJA) Medal Finals since 1984. And has often hosted the Fairfield-Westchester Professional Horsemen's Association (FWPHA) Year-End Finals. The Hunt Club also had the honor of hosting the prestigious Zone 1 ASPCA Maclay Regional Finals from 2013-2015.

The August Horse Show is a "National" rated show, and we hold monthly "Regional II" rated shows, all of which are recognized by the USEF, NEHC, CHJA, National PHA and FWPHA.

On a smaller scale, the very popular Summer schooling shows allow riders to get valuable showing experience in a less formal atmosphere. These shows are managed by our junior riders. Throughout the summer, they work closely with our trainers to learn horsemanship, horse show management and course design.