



The Board of Directors of the Associated Horse Shows is pleased to sponsor two different Hunter Derby competitions this year. These classes are free of charge and are only open to AHS Members and registered Horses/Ponies that have competed this season in at least two AHS horse shows prior to the day of the event. Horse or pony/rider combinations may only compete in one of the Derby classes at each show and must be entered and compete in an AHS division the day of the Derby.

The first Hunter Derby event will be at **Fox Heath's September 27th** Show with the following classes:

- 2' Derby with 2'3" options for those competing at 2'3" and under this year
- 2'6" Derby with 2'9" options for those competing at 2'6" and higher this year

Our second event will be at **Patty Miller Stables' October 11th** show, at Hickory Run Farm:

- 2'6" Derby for those competing at 2'6" and under this year
 - 3' Derby for those competing at 2'9" and higher this year
- Instead of height options, these two classes will offer varying tracks and alternate fence options for difficulty.

These Hunter Derbies will run as two round classes. The first round is judged as a Hunter Classic with an emphasis on style and brilliance over a course of fences found typically in the hunt field. The second round is judged as a Handy Hunter with an emphasis placed on style, brilliance, and rideability. Only the top 8 competitors will be called back at the judge's discretion to ride in the second round. The Derby courses can include rollbacks, trot fences, long gallops, and option fences set at different heights with varying approaches.

Each Derby will be awarded neck sashes through eighth place with prizes awarded to First and Second place exhibitors:

- First place will be awarded an engraved silver plate and embroidered AHS scrim sheet
- Second place will be awarded an engraved silver plate and monogrammed AHS saddle pad

Please note that there will be a posted order of go for each of the Derbies, exhibitors failing to enter the ring within one minute of their call to compete will forfeit their trip.

For questions, please contact the AHS Board at board@associatedhorseshow.com