

2025 MIHA STATE SHOW INFORMATION PACKET

CONGRATULATIONS! Your outstanding performance at the regional championship has won you the right to compete at the MIHA State Championship. Please read the information below carefully. It has all of the information you will need including instructions you will need to follow in order to have a positive experience while competing at the State Championships.

DATE & LOCATION:

The 2025 M.I.H.A. State Championship will be held Wednesday, October 8, 2025 through Sunday, October 12, 2025 at the Midland County Fairgrounds. Competition starts on Thursday October 9th 2025.

MIDLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUND RULES: These will be fully enforced.

- A. **DOGS OR COMPANION ANIMALS--**Dogs will be allowed in the **CAMPING AREA ONLY!!!** Anyone with a dog in an area other than the camping area will be expelled without refund. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! DOGS OR COMPANION ANIMALS OF ANY KIND WILL REMAIN IN CAMPING AREA ONLY !!!!! Please clean up after your dog/animals in the Campgrounds.**
- B. **ONLY SHAVINGS & MANURE ARE TO BE LEFT IN HORSE STALLS!** No straw, styrofoam, wood pellets, artificial bedding, or trash are to be left in the stalls. Violators will be fined \$75.00.
- C. **NO HORSES ON THE GRASS or IN CAMPING AREA!!** No riding, lunging, grazing or even walking your horse on any grass area. Violators will be expelled from the show.
- D. **DECORATIONS:** No staple or nails in barns. All duct tape & zip ties must be removed. **Do not alter stalls or stall configurations. Do not tie your horses to the stalls. Damage to stalls will be billed to teams occupying the stalls.**
- E. **NO LIGHTED DECORATIONS, NO ELECTRIC OR OPEN FLAME HEATERS IN THE BARNs, AND NO BLOCKING OR LOCKING ANY BARN DOORS, DUE TO FIRE HAZARDS.**
- F. **NO PARKING OF VEHICLES OR TRAILERS IN UNRENTED CAMP SITES. IF YOU PARK YOUR VEHICLES & TRAILERS IN A CAMPSITE NOT RENTED TO YOU OR YOU PARK YOUR TRAILER WITHOUT A CAMPING PERMIT IT WILL BE TOWED.**
- G. Stay away from Midland County Expo center/offices area. They have other events happening in that area. Stay off the Track. Stay away from the Airport.
- H. No segways, hoverboards, electric scooters, etc. in barns or while leading horses unless approved by show chair due to a disability.

RESERVATIONS: The Head Coach for each team must e-mail **CHAMPS@MIHA.ORG** the stall, shavings, & camping reservation as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, October 3rd by 9:00pm. **NO Reservation, NO Stalls. A late fee of \$50.00 will be charges for all reservations received after October 3rd 9:00PM.** Your team must pay for all reservations before the first coaches meeting on Thursday. Your team will not be able to compete until all reserved items are paid for. All fees are listed on the reservation form. Stalls & camping are assigned on first come first served.

STALLS: Stall assignments will be posted. **CHECK THE WEBSITE** by Monday morning before the show.

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SHAVINGS: There will be extra bags of shavings available for purchase in the show office.

CAMPSITES: Campsites will be assigned and posted. CHECK THE WEBSITE. Anyone camping without a camping permit will be charged double (or towed). You may not hook your electrical cords into *any barn or building*. Water is not guaranteed at any site (Be prepared)

GOLFCARTS: Golf carts are available for rent on a limited first come, first serve basis. If you rent a golf cart you will be responsible for all damages/liabilities and no one but licensed adult renter is allowed to drive said golfcart. Personal ATV's and UTV's will not be permitted this year without prior approval. This is due to the limited space

COACHES DUTIES: Check the **WWW.MIHA.ORG** website for your coaches slot sheets. You must download your slot sheet, print it off, complete it and e-mail back to **CHAMPS@MIHA.ORG** by Friday 9:00pm October 3rd. The office will open at 3:00pm on Wednesday, October 8th. When Coaches check in at the State Show office, you will pay for your reservations, (stalls, camping, and bedding). Upon receipt of payment; you will be given your show packet. This packet will have the rider numbers (2 each which are laminated), pattern books if ordered, team ID's, and camping permits. Your team will receive three team ID's. You will need your team ID to make a drop/add change in the office, request for a gate hold, or to file a protest. Any coach, assistant coach, adult volunteer, who has the team ID in his or her possession will be allowed to do official business for the team. Without the team ID in his or her possession, the individual will not be able to do any official team business.

COACHES MEETING: There will be coaches meetings on Thursday at 8:00AM behind the show office (by binders and trophies). Additional coaches meetings will take place Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 15 minutes after the last class of the day, in the main arena bleachers closest to the stalls. Any changes or additions will be announced.

REGIONAL CHAIRMAN DUTIES: Each Regional Chairman will e-mail your computer program winning teams by Monday, September 29th, 9:00pm following the finish of your Regional Meet the 1st, 2nd and where applicable 3rd place winners of the A, B, C, D and E Division, to **CHAMPS@MIHA.ORG**. Regional Chairs must also turn in the winning teams folders (include: Team Roster, Horse & Rider Registration with disclaimers, Coggins & Medical Treatment forms) on Wednesday Afternoon or Thursday morning by 11:00 a.m. to the State Show Office.

ARRIVAL: The Fairground gates will be open at 12:00PM, Wednesday, October 8th, 2025. We will have people there to direct you to the barns, camping spots and Trailer parking. PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE GUIDES. Going the wrong way could prevent you from getting to your barn. DURING THE ARRIVAL PROCESS PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN OR AROUND BARNs OR IN CAMPING SPOTS NEAR THE BARNs. WE WILL HAVE A TOW TRUCK ON CALL TO MOVE YOU.

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Please use the gate on the South side of fairgrounds off of Airport Road, west of Eastman Avenue,

SHOW SCHEDULE: Please keep track of how the show is running, listen for announced schedule changes or splits, and be flexible. Your help and understanding will keep your show running more smoothly. The announcers are a convenience not a requirement. Pay attention to the class order and classes prior to yours. It may be helpful to have a coach/parent posted near the arenas to pay attention to show progress.

General Information

- If a class **Order of Go** is used, **Order of go** lists will be posted at the show office and available at the gate. You **MUST GO IN ORDER**. You can switch with a fellow teammate but there are **NO other exceptions**. ***If you MISS your order, you MISS your class AND your SLOT is forfeited.***
- Riding in covered Ring 3 (between barn 39/36) arena from 5:00 am - 10:30pm
- Please be courteous to disciplines that have upcoming classes in makeup arenas
- No riding warm-ups during Showmanship classes. Speed warm-ups should be before or during their classes. Please limit your pleasure riding during that time.
- Riding in Ring 1 and Ring 2 arena's 6:00 am - 7:30 am unless asked to exit by management.
- Please no riding warm ups or riding practicing in between barns.
- Riding in Ring 1 & Ring 2 arena's after classes are done for the day unless directed by management.
- Riding in the warm up pen east of Ring 2 arena (at the end of the arena) or next Barn 24.
- Ring 1 and Ring 2 arena closed at 7:30 am for arena prep, drag & set-up
- All arena / barn lights out at 11:00pm each night
- NO RIDING DOUBLE or with just a HALTER at any time
- You are required to use of both numbers on both sides of your pad during any riding classes or 1 number unobstructed view on your back (NO HAIR COVERING YOUR NUMBER!!).
- Please use strict monitoring of golf cart use. Any bodily injury/property damage will be assessed to your parents and/or team. No youth will be allowed to drive rented golf carts.
- Clothing and equipment checks are likely to occur sporadically throughout the show. Please check the rulebook at miha.org prior to competition to ensure that you are in compliance

Lunging & Jumping Information

- Lunging in Ring 1 and Ring 2 arenas 5:00 am - 6:00 am
- Lunging in round pens all day (please 15 minute time periods)
- Warm up of jumpers will occur just prior to the class in the main arena, two sets of two straight line practice jumps per rider with coach present.

Annual Sportsmanship Award the Doyle Fenner Memorial —Sponsored by Crestview Tack Shop, Mason

This award will be given to the exhibitor that displays the greatest amount of sportsmanship at the State Finals. Each team head coach, board of director in attendance, show staff and executive board member can submit a nomination in the show office. Said head coach, BoD, Show Staff and executive board member can nominate anyone except those on your team or whom affiliation with. During the show please keep your eyes peeled for that one special MIHA young adult that truly exemplifies sportsmanship. Nominations will be collected throughout the show but are due before the coaches meeting Saturday night

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MIHA State Championship Show Schedule

WEDNESDAY	Time	Location	Event	Division/Order
	12 NOON	Gates	Gates Open	All Divisions
	6:00 PM	Indoor	Coaches Lead line – Costume class Exhibitor Activities	E, D, C, B, A

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THURSDAY	8:00AM to 9:00AM	Behind Main Office	Coaches Meeting	All Division (Mandatory)
	9:30 – 10:30AM	Ring 2	Trail Walk Thru	A,B,C,D,E
	11:00AM	Ring 2	Trail	A,B,C,D,E
	1:00	Ring 1	Warm up then Equitation over fences	A
		Ring 1	Warm up then Equitation over fences	B
		Ring 1	Warm up then Equitation over fences	C,D
		Ring 2	Arena Preparation	
		Ring 2	Western Ranch Riding	E, A,B
		Ring 1	Flags	D, C, B, A, E
	15 Min after last class	Ring 1	Coaches Meeting	All Coaches (Mandatory)

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Date	Time	Location	Event	Division/Order
FRIDAY	8:00 AM	Ring 1 Ring 2	Western Fitting & Showing	B, C A, D, E
		Ring 1 Ring 2	Huntseat Fitting & Showing	B, C A, D, E
		Ring 1 Ring 2	Saddleseat Fitting & Showing	B, C A, D, E
	45m after last F/S class ends	Ring 1/2	Lunch Break Arena's Preparation	All Divisions
		Ring 2	Saddleseat Equation Saddleseat Bareback	B, C B, C
		Ring 1	Saddleseat Equation Saddleseat Bareback	A, D, E A, D, E
		Ring 2	Western Ranch Riding	C, D
		Ring 1	Cloverleaf	A, B, C, D, E
	15 min after last class	Ring 1	Coaches Meeting	All Coaches

SATURDAY	8:00 AM	Ring 1	Western Horsemanship Western. Bareback	B, C B, C
	8:00 AM	Ring 2	Western Horsemanship Western Bareback	E, A, D E, A, D
		All Arenas	Lunch Break	All Divisions
		Ring 1	Huntseat Equitation	E, B, A, C, D
		Ring 2	Huntseat Bareback	D, C, A, B, E
		Ring 2	Saddleseat Pattern	B only
		Ring 1	Timed Event	E, D, A, C, B
	15 min after last Class	Ring 1	Coaches Meeting	All Divisions
	30 min after last Class	Indoor Arena – Saturday Night Event -		

SUNDAY				
	8:00 AM	Ring 2	Saddle Seat Pattern	A, C, D, E only
	9:00 AM	Ring 1	2-Man Relay	B, A, C, D, E
	30 min after last run	Ring 1	Closing Ceremonies	All Divisions

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HOTELS/MOTELS in Midland, MI

**The Sleep Inn
2100 W Wackerly
St
Midland, MI 48640
Ph: 989-837-1010**

**Hampton Inn
6701 Eastman Ave
Midland, MI 48640
Ph: 989-837-4000
Ph: 800-426-7866**

**Baymont Inn
220 W Wackerly St
Midland, MI 48640
Ph: 989-631-0070
Ph: 800-422-2744**

**Spring Hill By Marriot
800 Joe Mann Blvd
Midland, MI 48640
Ph: 989-837-2700**

**Holiday Inn
810 Cinema Dr
Midland, MI 48640
Ph: 989-794-8500**

**Fairview Inn
506 E Buttles
Midland, MI 48640
Ph: 989-202-1043**

**Residence Inn
850 Joe Mann Blvd
Midland, MI 48640
Ph: 989-254-6084
Ph: 833-372-8006**

**The H Hotel
111 W Main St
Midland, MI 48640
Ph: 989-839-0500**