



MFHA FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP CENTRAL DISTRICT QUALIFIER



For the first time in many years, the Masters of Foxhounds Association is holding a Field Hunter Championship that will take place next May in Virginia. In preparation for the Championship, each

of the 15 districts within the MFHA is holding a qualifying event. We are proud to announce that Rocky Fork Headley Hunt is hosting the one for the Central District on October 15 at the beautiful Crosswind Farm!

This is a fabulous opportunity to showcase our hospitality, horses/riders, and Crosswind Farm. All seven hunts within the Central District have been invited and we are anxiously awaiting their attendance responses. We have many talented horses and riders within our RFHH hunt, so we are hoping that all of you give serious consideration to entering.

To learn more about what the day will look like and what the entry requirements are, you should start with the MFHA website: <https://mfha.com/2022/07/20/the-mfha-field-hunter-championship/>. In addition to the general information provided there, please read:

- FHC Rules & Conditions
- FHC Horse Rider Certification

Included here you will find other important information:

- **MFHA FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP** – A description of what's required, specific to our Central District Qualifier
- **2022 FHC Entry Form-updated 8-15** – This is specific to our Central District Qualifier, so do NOT use the one on the MFH website
- **2022 FHC Judging Guidelines**
- **2022 FHC Appointments Guidelines**
- **Crosswind Farm/Arcadia Waiver**—Specific to our Central District Qualifier
- **RFHH Waiver 2022** – Specific to our Central District Qualifier

We have a committee in place and it is hard at work on planning and recruiting volunteers. While we are still determining our needs due to so many unknowns at this time, Stephanie Ferris Jones has enough information to know she needs major HELP, so if you'd like to volunteer for Social, please contact her. If you have any interest in helping out in any other area, please contact the appropriate chair.

If you have general questions, please contact Kate Rigg.

Thank you!

**Chairperson and Communications
Entries/Stabling/Accommodations
Hospitality for Judges, MFHs
Competition**

**Social (Looking for a chair....)
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Central District Qualifier for the MFHA Field Hunter Championship

The top two division winners in the Central District Qualifier will be invited to compete in the MFHA Field Hunter Championships, to be held Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the Virginia Foxhounds Show.

Host Hunt – Rocky Fork Headley Hunt, Columbus, Ohio

Date – Saturday, October 15, with a rain date of October 16

Location - Crosswind Farm, 7087 Sadie Thomas Road, Alexandria, Ohio 43001

Time – To begin at 9:00 a.m. with the Appointments Class. A more detailed schedule will be provided after entries are received.

Stabling and Housing – TBD, but close by. Costs to be borne by entrants.

Classes/Divisions – Juniors to wear ratcatcher attire. Adults to wear formal wear.

See full description on the MFHA website under “Field Hunter Championships.”

<https://mfha.com/2022/07/20/the-mfha-field-hunter-championship/>

1. **Turnout** – Non-ASTM helmets will be allowed for this class only. Two ribbons will be awarded, one for the top Junior and one for the top Adult. This class does NOT count toward the placings of the performance classes.
2. **Performance classes** – There will be two divisions: Hunting (Jumping) and Hilltopping. Juniors will compete along with the Adults in both divisions. Ribbons will be awarded to the top six riders in each division. A ribbon will also be awarded to the top Junior.
 - a. **Hack – Both divisions** but will be run separately by division. In addition to the tests described on the MFHA web site, riders may be exposed to hounds (NOT underfoot) and distant whip-cracking.
 - b. **Mock hunt – Both divisions** – Will be run with both divisions, with the Hilltoppers following behind the Hunting entrants. This will be a 2 ½ -3 ½ mile course over rolling terrain and through woods and creeks. There will be eight or so jumps, up to 3’, which the Hunting division will jump and the Hilltoppers will go around. The test may include a reversal in the field or a “make way.”
 - c. **Final Test – Both divisions** – The top eight to 10 (depending on the number of entries) entrants in each division will be selected to perform a final series of tests. These tests MAY include opening/closing a gate, putting a raincoat on/off, jumping/walking up/down a small bank, accepting a drink from a tray offered to them from a person on the ground, dropping a top rail off a jump and jumping/walking over the remaining rail, ponying a horse and additional jumps for the Hunting division entrants.

Entry Requirements are described on the MFHA website for the Field Hunter Championship. The entry form for the Central Qualifier has been changed, so please use the one attached. The Entry requirements are:

1. Entry form specific to the Central District Qualifier (attached – do NOT use the one on the MFHA website.)
2. A check for \$125, made out to “Rocky Fork Headley Hunt”
3. A FHC Horse Rider Certification Form, found on the MFHA website
4. A MFHA membership card

5. A RFHH waiver of liability (attached)
6. A Crosswind Farm/Arcadia waiver of liability (below)
7. To be presented at the Qualifier: (This can also be sent in with your entry, lest you forget to bring it with you to the qualifier)
 - a. A negative Coggins report, within 12 months
 - b. A veterinary certificate showing proof of vaccination for EHV 1 and 4, within six months.
8. A copy of the entrant's current medical insurance information and emergency contacts must be on the entrant's person while competing.

******* Entries are due to Sharon Chappellear by October 1, 2022 *******

NOTE – All of this information can be emailed to Sharon and payment can be made to her via Venmo to her email address. Please see the Entry Form for her contact information.

THE BOTTOM OF THIS ENTRY FORM MUST BE SIGNED

**Masters of Foxhounds Association of America Inc. (MFHA) Field
Hunter Competition Entry Form**

Name of Horse (one per entry form): _____ Assigned Entry# _____

CHECK ONE DIVISION: Adult /Junior Hunter: _____ Adult/Junior Hilltopper: _____

Name of Rider: _____ Coggins # _____

Name of Owner: _____ Telephone # _____

Please make check for \$125 payable to: *Rocky Fork Headley Hunt*

Mail entry form, check, Horse & Rider Cert., MFHA Subscribing Membership Card, Crosswind Farm/Arcadia release and RFHH release to: *Sharon Chappellear, Willow Wood Farm, 2756 Patterson Road S.W., Pataskala, OH 43062, or email to SSChappellear@hotmail.com. Questions? Please call Sharon at 614-619-5054.*

MFHA ENTRY AGREEMENT

I have read the MFHA Entry Agreement and the Rules and Conditions for this competition and agree to all its provisions. I understand and agree that by entering this competition, I am subject to MFHA rules and conditions, MFHA Field Hunter Rules and Conditions, the Prize List, and local rules of the competition. I agree to waive the right to the use of my photos or my likeness in any form at the competition.

MFHA Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification

(This document waives important legal rights. Please read carefully.)

I agree in consideration for my participation in the MFHA Field Hunter Competition to the following: I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the competition with my horse, as a rider, handler, lessee, owner, agent, trainer, or as a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain suffering, or death ("harm").

I AGREE to release the MFHA, the competition and owner or lessee of the location of the competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any harm to me or my horse and for any harm caused by me or my horse to others, even if the harm resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the MFHA, the competition, owner or lessee.

I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of harm to me or my horse, including harm results from the negligence of the MFHA or the competition.

I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages or costs incurred by) MFHA and the competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any harm caused by me or my horse at the competition.

I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the MFHA strongly encourages me to do so while warning that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries.

If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I CONSENT to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of the Release on the child's behalf. I AGREE that the MFHA and the competition as used above includes all of their officials, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and the affiliated organizations.

I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition. **BY SIGNING THE BACK OF THIS ENTRY FORM, I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ALL APPLICABLE MFHA RULES AND ALL TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS ENTRY FORM.**
BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ALL APPLICABLE MFHA RULES AND ALL TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS ENTRY FORM.

RIDER (Mandatory) The rider is a Junior: Yes _____ No _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

MFHA# _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (Required for a Junior) _____

Birth date of Junior _____

OWNER/AGENT (Mandatory)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

MFHA# _____

TRAINER (Mandatory) (Owner or rider may sign as trainer)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

MFHA# _____

MFHA Field Hunter Championship Judging Guidelines

These guidelines augment the Rules and Conditions for this Championship. All judges should know the Rules and Conditions and should carry a copy of them while judging. (Carrying a copy of the Appointments Guidelines is also helpful.)

Horses are to be judged on performance, way of going, suitability and appearance, with special emphasis on manners.

Horses should exhibit a willing attitude and a confident way of going.

Horses should be easily controlled in, and tolerant of any situation, in company or alone. They should be safe at all times.

Characteristics to look for:

- Stands quietly
- Walks calmly
- Covers the ground well
- Well-balanced and athletic on the flat and over fences
- Safe jumper
- Waits turn at fences or at gates
- Obedient
- Suitable for rider

While the main emphasis is on the horse, don't ignore the rider. Not only does this come under the heading of suitability, but also under the heading of appearance. Does the rider add or detract from the picture?

Consider good sportsmanship. Does the rider, as well as the horse, exhibit polite manners in the field?

Competitors are advised to use appropriate hunting tack. Watch for the use of tack to alter a horse's way of going: that is, an unusually severe bit or an overly restrictive martingale.

Please don't judge a horse you have sold, trained or coached. Excuse yourself from the judging of that particular horse.

When judges disagree, the opinions of the FHC Official Judges should take precedence.

Judges should keep a record of the judging panels' decisions and give them to the District Qualifier Chairman when the competition is over. As stated in the Rules & Conditions, the decisions of the judges are final.

Hunting Appointments Guidelines for the MFHA Field Hunter Championship Best-Turned-Out Competition

(These guidelines are offered to aid judges and competitors)

The Best-Turned-Out phase of the MFHA Field Hunter Championship is optional. All competitors are welcome and encouraged to participate, but this part of the competition will be judged separately from the performance phases and will not count toward placings in a District Qualifier or the Finals.

Correct hunting attire has several versions. A version of formal attire should be worn at the District Qualifiers, not cub-hunting attire, unless you are a junior. A competitor in a suitably cut hunting coat will be as competitive as one in a shadbelly or a frock. The MFHA Field Hunter Championship Committee has put together the following information as a guideline for the **most** formal turnout. A competitor is not required to wear the most formal turnout in order to be considered. **When judging turnout, as when judging performance, judges follow some hard-and-fast rules, but are also guided by their own subjective opinions.**

In addition, each Hunt has its own colors, buttons and traditions. Each competitor should check with their individual Hunt and know what is appropriate for them.

Whatever formal attire is chosen, the competitors should be turned out to the best of their ability. All horses, tack and riders should be impeccably clean. Tack and clothes should be in good repair.

Safety headgear is acceptable in the Best-Turned-Out Competition. If competitors choose to wear non-safety headgear for the BTO, they do so at their own risk. Once the judging is completed, the competitors, if not wearing safety headgear, must change into safety headgear before the performance phases begin.

Lady Member – Formal Guidelines (not obligatory)

Hat: Silk top hat with a crown of five inches or more. A hatguard is required. Dressage hats are not appropriate. Hairnets are correct. No jewelry should be visible with the exception of small gold ear studs..

Coat: Shadbelly or frock, black, dark blue or charcoal melton or other suitable material. Colors and buttons as adopted by the Hunt represented, if the wearer has her colors.

Vest: Solid buff, canary or hunt livery color as adopted by the Hunt represented. Stock: White four-fold, properly tied with a plain horizontal stock pin.

Breeches: Buff or tan (not white) or as adopted by the Hunt represented. Breeches with four small buttons at the knee are preferred.

Boots: Regulation hunting boots of black calf. Patent leather tops are allowed if the wearer has her colors. Tabs sewn on but not sewn down to tops, tops should be sewn on boots. No Field boots and no zippers.

Bootgarters: Black if wearing black calf or black patent leather if wearing tops; worn between the two lowest buttons, the buckle against the buttons on the outside.

Spurs: Regulation hunting spurs, with plain black leather straps. The spurs should be worn high on the heel.

Gloves: Heavy wash or brown leather. Black is not appropriate. Rain gloves (white string) should be carried under the girth: left glove on left side, right glove on right side. Glove thumbs should be turned against the palm, fingers facing toward the front of the saddle.

Whip: Regulation hunting whip with a thong.

Gentleman Member – Formal Guidelines (not obligatory)

Hat: Silk top hat with a crown of six inches or more. A hatguard is required. Dressage hats are not appropriate. A silk top hat is to be worn with coats cut in the shadbelly, weasel belly or frock style.

Coat: Scarlet, shadbelly, weasel belly, frock or hunt livery with appropriate colors and buttons for the Hunt represented if the wearer has his colors. Scarlet should be worn only by members with their colors.

Vest: Solid white, buff, canary or hunt livery as adopted by the Hunt represented.

Stock: White four-fold, properly tied with a plain horizontal stock pin.

Breeches: White (buff or brown according to the livery of the individual hunt) breeches to be worn with scarlet, shadbelly, frock or weasel belly. Breeches with four small buttons at the knee preferred.

Boots: Regulation hunting boots of black calf. Brown tops if the wearer has his colors. Tops should be sewn on boots, tabs sewn on but not down. No Field boots and no zippers.

Bootgarters: Black if boots are without tops. If tops are worn must conform to the color of breeches. Worn between the two lowest buttons, the buckle against the buttons on the outside.

Spurs: Regulation hunting spurs, with plain black leather straps. The spurs should be worn high on the heel.

Gloves: Heavy wash or brown leather. Black is not appropriate. Rain gloves (white string), should be carried under the girth: left glove on the left side, right glove on the right side. Glove thumbs should be turned against the palm, fingers facing toward the front of the saddle.

Whip: Regulation hunting whip with a thong.

Juniors

It is not necessary for juniors to wear formal attire. Cub-hunting attire is appropriate and acceptable for a junior in the best turned out phase.

A shadbelly should not be worn by a junior.

A properly fitting safety helmet with the chin strap fastened is required.

Tack – General Guidelines

All tack must be flat, not raised and without decoration. It should be an appropriate hunting weight. Rubber reins are not allowed. The bridle should be a snaffle, pelham or double bridle. All cheek pieces and reins must be sewn-in.

Cavesson nosebands are required.

Breastplates or martingales are optional.

No saddle pads or stirrup pads should be used. The stirrups should be traditional, not jointed. Three-fold girths are preferred. String or web girths are permissible. No elastic should be used. Billet guards are required.

Sandwich case and/or a flask must contain the appropriate food and beverage. The sandwich should be chicken or turkey (butter is allowed) on white bread with the crust removed, wrapped in wax paper. Ladies may carry tea or sherry in their flask. Gentleman may carry brandy.

For questions concerning the turnout guidelines, competitors may contact Penny Denegre at 540-687-6069 or e-mail at rideaside1@gmail.com. If you are not competing the committee will be happy to answer questions at a later date.

CROSSWIND FARM/ARCADIA WAIVER OF LIABILITY BASED ON EQUINE ACTIVITY

I, _____(name), for myself and my heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, acknowledge that pursuant to O.R.C. 2305.321 that I am an equine activity participant on the property known as 7087 and 7453 Sadie Thomas Road, Alexandria, Ohio herein after referred to as Arcadia and other property over which I ride relative to my equine activity with Arcadia, _____(date).

As an equine activity participant, I am subject to the inherent risk of an equine activity, meaning a danger or condition that is an integral part of an equine activity, including but not limited to any of the following:

- A) the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons in or around the equine;**
- B) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals;**
- C) hazards, including but not limited to surface or subsurface conditions;**
- D) the potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death or loss to the person of the participant or other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.**

By signing this written waiver, I acknowledge that the equine participant who is the subject of this waiver, as well as the parent, guardian, custodian, or other legal representative of the equine activity participant who is the subject of the waiver does not have a claim or cause of action upon which a recovery of damages may be based against and may not recover damages in tort or other civil action against any and all equine activity sponsors, another equine activity participant including but not limited to Arcadia, David Straub, Susan Straub, Stephen Daulton, The Susan Daulton Appointment Trust, Stephen W. Daulton Appointment Trust, The William F. Daulton Appointment Trust and any third-party owners of horses boarded at Arcadia; professionals who provide equine services at Arcadia; and any and all caretakers of my horse while at Arcadia.

This waiver is being signed regardless of whether Arcadia receives anything of value for the care, training and/or board of said horses. This waiver shall apply to all circumstances set forth in O.R.C. 2305.321, including personal injuries, property damage, and other losses which are presently known, as well as those which are unknown but which may develop or be discovered in the future.

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. It is believed that an asymptomatic individual can be infected with and transmit COVID-19 without their knowledge. I have independently evaluated and reviewed the risks of being exposed to or infected with COVID-19 and have determined to participate in

equine activities with Arcadia with full knowledge and acceptance of the risk. I understand that I may (or my children may) be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in equine activities and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

_____ Equine Activity Participant Signature

_____ Print Name

_____ Print Name

_____ Signature of Parent, Guardian, Custodian
Representative of Equine Activity
Participant

ROCKY FORK-HEADLEY HUNT INC.
AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I request permission for myself and/or my children named below to participate in cross-country horseback riding, foxhunting, and other equine activities with Rocky Fork-Headley Hunt Inc. I fully understand that cross-country horseback riding, foxhunting and other equine activities (which include, but are not limited to, riding over fences, other obstacles, and steep and rough terrain), involve inherent risks that can result in injury, death, and/or property damage. The inherent risk of these equine activities means a danger or condition that is an integral part of such equine activity, including but not limited to any of the following:

- a) The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;**
- b) The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;**
- c) Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions;**
- d) Collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;**
- e) The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to person of the participant or to other persons, including, but not limited to failing to act within the ability of the participant;**
- f) Tack or equipment failure**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. It is believed that an asymptomatic individual can be infected with and transmit COVID-19 without their knowledge. I have independently evaluated and reviewed the risks of being exposed to or infected with COVID-19 and have determined to participate in equine activities with Rocky Fork-Headley Hunt Inc. with full knowledge and acceptance of the risk. I understand that I may (or my children may) be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in equine activities and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I wish for myself, and/or my children, to participate in these activities knowing they are dangerous. I accept and assume all the risks of injury, including death, to myself, my children, or my property. In exchange for being permitted to participate in these horseback riding, foxhunting or equine-related activities, on behalf of myself, my children, and/or my or their heirs, guardians and legal representatives, I release and agree not to make or bring any claim of any kind against Rocky Fork-Headley Hunt Inc. or its Masters of Foxhounds, officers, trustees, directors, members, employees, volunteers, guests, or any landowners, landholders or other persons or entities making property available to Rocky Fork-Headley Hunt, Inc., for any illness or injury (including death), to myself or my children, or any damage to my property. I agree if anyone makes any claims because of any injury to me or my children (including death), or for any

damage to my property, I will keep all those released by this agreement free of any damages or costs associated with those claims.

Signature:

Date:

Print name and address:

Telephone:

Email:

Emergency Contact name/phone:

Print names of all minor children who might ride: