



INTERCOLLEGIATE CORNER - SPIRIT CONTEST



Photo by Liz Crawley Photography

There will be six elements to the spirit contest for both the coveted Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Spirit competitions. Each Interscholastic and Intercollegiate school/club will act as one. This year's spirit contest will consist of the Barn Decorating Contest, College Fair, Hobby Horse Show Jumping Competition, Hobby Horse XC Jumping Competition, Sending team decorations for an XC jump, and Overall Spirit.

The barn decorating contest will be run with the same rules as last year. As a reminder please no stapling to the barns. The college fair will allow students to market their schools not only to impress the spirit award judges but also Interscholastic riders. Each college will be given one table that will be covered with a plain tablecloth. There are few restrictions except students are asked to avoid taping or adhering anything to the tables. Colleges will be judged on their table design and Interscholastic students will be scored on their attendance.

The Hobby Horse Combined Trial will have two segments: a show jumping portion and a cross-country portion. Rules will be similar to real show jumping and cross country. The cross country track will be designed by course designer Mogie Bearden-Muller. The Hobby Horse competition will take place on Saturday Evening.

Both Intercollegiate and Interscholastic teams are encouraged to send 1 box of decorations to Stable View. These will be used by Stable View's Cross Country Course Decorator to decorate a jump on the XC course. Students will be judged solely on if decorations are sent, as students won't be allowed to decorate the jump themselves. Please mail decorations to Emma Young at 117 Stable Drive, Aiken, SC 29801. Decorations must arrive at least one week prior to the show.

The final element of the spirit contest is overall spirit. How does your team interact with fellow competitors from different schools or clubs? How do you treat the volunteers on-site helping with the Championships? How would you react if an opposing competitor asked for help? All of these concepts come into play in the assessment of groups' overall spirit, sportsmanship, and camaraderie at the event.