AMIT SHOWING GUIDELINES
FOR SHOWS AT AMIT

Showing at home or away involves the same basic set of rules. The way we select our riders for our home shows is to give 1st preference to leasees and boarders. Then we rotate among the other riders. If you are selected for an activity, <u>it is important to let AMIT know if you can't do it by the Wednesday before the activity</u>. If you do not let AMIT know, we will assume you are participating. That means you rotate to the bottom of the list. However, if you let AMIT know you can't do it, then another rider will get a chance and you will be at the top of the list for the next suitable activity.

Show Prep: Each young rider (from leadline to short stirrup) must have a responsible helper (your parent is fine) to assist as needed. If you do not have a helper, you should arrange to have one of the older girls assist you. You can also check with your instructor. It is up to each rider to communicate with the other riders on your animal to coordinate preparation times and work. It is recommended that even experienced riders have ground help.

If you are in a show at AMIT, here are some guidelines for you.

Rider Attire: While all activities at AMIT require a hard hat and boots with heels, you <u>must</u> wear Formal show attire only at the Spring Frolic, Fair Warm Up and Fair. Formal show attire is a riding coat, shirt with collar/tie, black gloves, jodhpurs/paddock boots w/rider's hair braided or in hairnet for under 12 yrs, britches/tall boots w/hair in hairnet for 12 yrs. and up. You must wear a AHSA/ASTM approved hard hat. At shows, you should wear Formal attire whenever possible so you are used to performing in it and you look your best. Check the prize list for guidelines but remember that horse shows are about performance and appearance. If your horse has a good performance, then the appearance may help you to the top. Likewise, a poor appearance may distract the judge from a good performance.

For the activities that allow less formal attire (including schooling shows, hunter paces, etc.) you still need britches/jodhpurs and boots. You may wear whatever shirts/blouses you wish, but the shirt/blouse should have a collar (NO sweatshirts, T-shirts or tank tops). Be creative and colorful but tasteful!

Horse Turn-out: All ponies and horses must be nicely turned out, with manes pulled, tack cleaned, and animals clipped! Braiding is always a question mark. Braiding was done originally to keep the horse's mane and tail free from getting tangled in briars while foxhunting. It became a tradition in the show ring, as well as a way to better show off your horse. While this is still true on a rated level, on a local level it does not have the same importance it once did. AMIT expects ponies/horses to be braided for the Spring Frolic, Fair Warm Up and Fair.

If you are in:	You need to wear:	You need to come out and:
Leadline, Walk, Beginner	A nice, neat outfit as close to Formal show attire as possible, but the Judge will be very lenient.	Watch the other riders get the animal ready. Assist somewhat, but the more advanced riders have the responsibility to get the animal ready.
Walk/Trot, Green Rider	Formal attire recommended (see above), but some leniency.	You will be expected to help (along with any other riders on your animal) prepare your animal during the weeks leading up to the show. Tasks include: mane pulling, tack cleaning, clipping, and general cleanliness of the animal. If a student is unable to come during the weekend, he/she is expected to spend time before or after weekly lesson or on lease days.
All other divisions	Formal attire recommended, but required only at Spring Frolic, Fair Warm Up and Fair.	You are expected to prepare your animal for the show. You should coordinate with any other riders on the animal. If you are unable to properly prepare your animal yourself, you must arrange with another experienced rider to have the work done (you may pay a qualified individual to do the work).
Away Shows	**NOTE: FOR OFF FARM SHOWS YOU WILL NEED TO BRAID AND BE IN FORMAL ATTIRE!**	