

## THE BRED TO EVENT CLASSIC QUALIFIER COMPETITION ON AUGUST 17-18, 2024

This new competition is hosted by Loch Moy Farm, in combination with the Maryland International Equestrian Foundation. It is a competition dedicated to the breeding of Eventing-bred horses. This classic championship will be an opportunity for breeders and owners alike to showcase their decision making and horsemanship with the young horses they show.

With news that the Future Event Horse Program is no longer facilitated by the USEA, the Bred to Event Classic will further support the dedicated breeders and competitors that Loch Moy Farm has hosted at the East Coast Future Event Horse Championships for 10 years.

There will be qualifiers and a championships for Yearlings through Five Year Olds. Robin Walker, Chris Ryan, Susan Graham-White, Stephen Bradley, Peter Gray, and Sally Ike are among the seasoned judges of these special events. This is intended to be a competition dedicated to the young horses.

There will be special awards for Maryland Bred horses, TB horses, and US bred horses. Prize Money will be split between Breeders, Owners, and Riders. Winners of the Yearling through Three Year Old Competition will automatically be given a free entry for the 2025 Bred to Event Classic. Winning horses of the Four and Five Year Old competition will be given an annual entry for three years at the Maryland Horse Trials recognized events.

### **Things to note:**

All horses must be registered with a Breed Association or the Jockey Club—please send a copy of their papers with the entry; OR the owner must provide proof of the birthdate of their horse via a letter from their veterinarian stating the exact date of birth.

To advance to the Finals, the horse must score at least a 75% in their conformation score at one of the qualifying competitions. That score will be carried forward to the Finals competition.

Entrants will be chosen based on their time stamped entry form. If some divisions are not filled there will be the potential to take more horses in other divisions; up to a total of 45 horses per day.

The Rules and Guidelines for this competition can be found on the Loch Moy Farm Maryland Horse Trials website.

Tentative Timetable:

### **Friday August 16**

Optional Jump Chute Schooling for 3 year olds and 4 year olds. This will be in the afternoon. Start time to be announced. There will be a fee to cover the jumping leader's time. Please inform us of your intention to come for the practice of the free jumping so we know approximately how many will be jumping this day.

Stabling opens at Noon on Friday for those who want to stay overnight. Please contact Loch Moy to arrange for stabling.

### **Saturday August 17**

**No need for a professional handler—owners or their staff can easily stand the horse for the conformation and lead them for the walk. The horse will be turned loose in the chute to show the trot and canter (no jumps—just the space)**

### **Class 1)Yearlings**

To be shown in the Jump Chute for Conformation and Gaits.

These 2 sets of scores will be added to determine the Final Score for placing.

### **Class 2) Two Year Olds**

To be shown in the Jump Chute for Conformation and Gaits.

These 2 sets of scores will be added to determine the Final Score for placing.

### **Class 3) Three Year Olds**

To be shown in the Jump Chute for Conformation and Gaits. While each horse is still in the chute, after the Conformation and Gaits are finished, they will be presented for Free Jumping. The Free Jumping leader will direct this.

Their three overall scores---Gaits, Conformation, and the Free Jumping-- will be added together to determine their final score for placings.

## **Sunday August 18**

**No need for a professional handler for any of these groups—the owner or the rider can easily stand the horse for conformation after the gaits are evaluated in groups of three. This will be done in a section of the large show arena.**

### **Class 4A) The four year olds that will be doing free jumping as their third part of the test**

They will first be ridden in groups of 3 to evaluate the gaits. This is called the Materiale Class.

After the gaits have been evaluated, while still in the arena, the riders will dismount and take off the saddles, to present their horse at a standstill for conformation.

After a short rest period and time to change tack, these horses will be scheduled to compete in the Free Jumping Chute one at a time. In the chute, they will be evaluated for technique and ability.

Their three overall scores---Gaits, Conformation, and the Free Jumping-- will be added together to determine their final score for placings

### **Class 4B) The Four Year Olds who will also compete over the Derby Course**

They will first be ridden in groups of 3 to evaluate the gaits. This is called the Materiale Class.

After the gaits have been evaluated, while still in the arena, the riders will dismount and take off the saddles, to present their horse at a standstill for conformation.

After a short rest period and time to change tack, these horses will be scheduled to compete over the Derby Course in the XC field at the Four Year Old height. There will be 10 fences with show jumps mixed among the cross country fences. Over this course, their jumping ability, and technique etc. will be evaluated.

Their three overall scores—Gaits, Conformation and Derby Jumping---will be added together to determine their final score for placings.

### **Class 5) The Five Year Olds who will compete over the Derby Course**

They will first be ridden in groups of 3 to evaluate the gaits. This is called the Materiale Class.

After the gaits have been evaluated, while still in the arena, the riders will dismount and take off the saddles, to present their horse at a standstill for conformation.

After a short rest period and time to change tack, these horses will be scheduled to compete over the Derby Course in the XC field at the Five Year Old height. There will be 10 fences with show jumps mixed among the cross country fences. Over this course, their jumping ability, and technique etc. will be evaluated.

Their three overall scores—Gaits, Conformation and Derby Jumping---will be added together to determine their final score for placings.