

**WETHERSFIELD ANNUAL HUNTER PACE AND TRAIL RIDE /  
WETHERSFIELD FARM IN AMENIA, NY  
Sunday October 11, 2020**



Join us for a hunt, hilltop, or untimed pleasure ride through 8.5 miles of the gorgeous trails at Wethersfield. English & Western riders welcome. All jumps will have go-arounds. This year, there will be approximately 80 jumps, including many of our cross country schooling jumps which will be part of the pace. All divisions can go out starting at 9:00 AM. The last Hunt & Hilltopper riders must be out by 12:00 noon. Any Pleasure riders that are concerned with the faster paced riders can ride later but no later than 12:30 PM. This event will be held rain or shine. Teams will go out on a **first-come first-served basis**. **There are no set start times**. Teams can be of mixed disciplines & ages, but there must be **no more** than 3 riders per team.

An average of all times will determine the winning time. First through 8th place ribbons will be given in both the hunt & hilltop divisions. **This year, first prize for the hunt division is \$250.00! First prize for the hilltopper division will be season passes to Wethersfield, valued at \$175.00 each.** Second place prizes will also be awarded, courtesy of Manning Saddle Restoration. Results will be posted on the Wethersfield website & Facebook page when they are ready.

This is the second pace of the Hudson Valley Pace Series, so come & join us & accumulate your points. Please email [HVPaceSeries@aol.com](mailto:HVPaceSeries@aol.com) if you have questions on the pace series itself.

**Due to COVID-19, the following new rules will be in place this year:**

Online registration ONLY at <https://www.wethersfield.org/event-details/wethersfield-fall-hunter-pace>

- **Cut-off date to register is October 7<sup>th</sup>.** If you miss this deadline, you will be unable to participate. Anyone that comes the day of the event that has not pre-registered online & emailed their Coggins, will be turned away.
- There will be a special COVID-19 release form online also that you must sign in addition to the Wethersfield release form.
- Please note that attached to this document are special COVID-19 guidelines for this event. Anyone that does not abide by these guidelines will be asked to leave & will not be scored.
- Lunch will **NOT** be provided this year so please bring your own food & drink. There will also be no tables & chairs.
- No spectators other than parents of riders under 18, grooms & anyone driving a trailer.
- This will be a COVID-19 safe hunter pace.
- When you arrive, 1 pace team member or 1 person per group of pleasure riders may come to the registration booth to pick up their number.

Helmets are **mandatory** when mounted. You **must** provide proof of negative Coggins within 2 years by email to [Wethersfield@optonline.net](mailto:Wethersfield@optonline.net) prior to 10/7. **Do not mail coggins**. Water is now available nearby the trailer parking.

**ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED!**

For directions to Wethersfield Farm, enter 214 Pugsley Hill Road, Amenia, NY on your GPS or any internet map program or call/email the contact listed below.

<b>PRICES:</b>	<b><u>PACE</u></b>	<b><u>PLEASURE</u></b>
<b>YOUTH (Under 18)</b>	\$60.00	\$45.00
<b>ADULT</b>	\$70.00	\$50.00

For more information, call 845-677-6730 or Email to [wethersfield@optonline.net](mailto:wethersfield@optonline.net) Forms are attached.

## WETHERSFIELD HUNTER PACE RULES

- ASTM/SEI Certified riding helmets are **REQUIRED** for **ALL** riders .
- Horses must be attended or securely tied to their trailer at all times.
- Wethersfield has a carry in/carry out policy. This includes normal garbage as well as manure in the parking and registration area.
- Stay on trails and/or edges of fields. Do not ride on lawns.
- Anyone caught going intentionally off course will be disqualified (unless you decide not to finish & return to your trailer early)
- Everyone must stop at the Checkpoint for the mandatory 3 minutes. If the Checkpoint personnel feel that your horse is in distress, you may be asked to remain there longer. It is up to their discretion.
- Stay on the marked course & follow the arrows.
- Keep ill-mannered horses behind the other horses. Tie a red ribbon in the tail of a horse that kicks. Keep your distance.
- When leading and/or riding with anyone behind you:
  - Walk
  - Ask before trotting or cantering
  - Warn other of holes, bad footing and other dangers
  - Warn when you are stopping
  - Keep track of other riders behind you
- Never run up on a rider or group of riders. Approach at a reasonable speed. Ask permission to pass and then wait until there is enough room to pass safely. Wait until you pass everyone before moving off. Move off at a reasonable speed until you are well away from another horse(s).
- If there are jumps, make sure your group knows that you intend to jump to allow those not jumping time to prepare or get out of the way. If your horse refuses, let others waiting to ride/jump through and then continue to work with your horse.
- Be aware of the condition of your horse at all times, especially in hot weather. If you feel it needs to rest, let others in the group know and ask them if they could stop until your horse is ready to go again.
- Don't spoil others fun by loud behavior.
- If you see a lost horseshoe, please report it to Kevin Malloy as soon as you can so that another horse is not injured by stepping on it.
- If you decide not to complete the course, please let the Registration Desk know as soon as you return. If one person in a team does not finish, the team is therefore disqualified.
- If there is a tie, fastest total time wins.
- All ribbons & prizes must be claimed with 6 months of the date of the event or will be forfeited. Every effort is made to mail the ribbons & prizes out within a few days of the pace. If the information on your registration form is illegible or incorrect, we will make every effort to contact you to get the right information.
- Only teams of 2 or 3 can compete in the Hunt and Hilltopper divisions.
- Teams cannot change members once they start the pace.
- There are no refunds unless the pace is cancelled by Wethersfield & not rescheduled.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS PERMITTED.**

If you notice potential hazards on trails or have an emergency, please notify Kevin Malloy (845) 464-6483 so that it can be addressed promptly.

# WETHERSFIELD PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS

**We recognize that these are extraordinary times, and ask that, in the interest of the safety of all, you observe these Protocols:**

- **Staying Home.** Any person who has had symptoms of COVID-19, tested positive for COVID-19, or been in close contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case, in each case in the 14 days prior to the Pace, or who is otherwise not feeling well on that day, must stay home and not join us.
- **Masks.** All persons must wear a mask or cloth face covering at all times when not mounted. Masks can be removed when mounted.
- **Distancing.** All Riders must keep 6' of distance on all sides when mounted.
- **Removal of Masks.** If masks are removed, they must be kept in a convenient place so that they can be put back on if distancing can no longer be maintained for any reason.
- **Limited Congregation.** Please enjoy yourself, but try to keep congregating to a minimum.

In addition, please be aware that, because Wethersfield values the health and safety of our volunteers, we are following special procedures this year to minimize the possibility, remote as it may seem, that our Pace inadvertently exposes anyone to COVID-19. We hope that these procedures will be temporary to this year only.

- 1) **Start , Finish & Checkpoint.** We have eliminated Start Cards so riders will have their number recorded & their start & finish time recorded only. There will still be a Checkpoint with water midway, with people recording your number & times in & out. There will be a mounting block for people that would like to get off their horse & get some water. No water will be handed to riders. Empty cups must be placed in the garbage can.
- 2) **No Lunch This Year.** If you brought your own lunch, please eat it in your vehicle or away from others, especially those not in your group.
- 3) **Pre-Registration and Payment Required.** Pre-registration is mandatory. Go to <https://www.wethersfield.org/event-details/wethersfield-fall-hunter-pace> to pre-register & sign the Wethersfield & COVID-19 waiver forms.