

Want to Start a Stock Horse Team (or compete as an individual) at Your School?

Where to Start?

As an individual, a student can compete for their College/University; they just need to be a full time student in good academic standing.

Starting a Student Club or Team

First, you need a group of individuals with an interest in Stock Horse Events and becoming better Horsemen.

Second, you will need a Faculty Advisor for your new club or organization. Depending on your institutions, this advisor may or may not need to be affiliated with a specific college or department.

Third, talk to your College or University Student Affairs Office to see what you need to do to start a new club or organization.

Fourth, find a coach. This person can be your Faculty Advisor but does not necessarily need to be employed at the College or University; they could be a trainer or individual in your area who is willing to help. If you cannot find a coach, no problem, you can still compete as an individual or a team (may or may not need a College/University representative to sign paperwork).

Fifth, Start Practicing!

Have a group of students but not yet ready to compete.

Most Stock Horse organizations host clinics the day before the competition. Sign up for the clinic to get familiar with the organization and its rules, build confidence and skill, and then enter up when the individual or team is ready.

Where to Compete?

Find a Stock Horse Organization in your area and see if they have a collegiate division. Even if they do not, you can still compete as a team or an individual within the regular classes.

Stock Horse of Texas and American Stock Horse Association host a Collegiate Championship Show each year.

How to gain funding or raise \$\$\$?

Check with the Student Organization office at your College/University to see what might be available. If your school has an Agriculture or Animal Science Department, contact the department and see what possibilities are there.

Most Stock Horse Teams receive minimal funding from the school. Therefore, the most important matter any Stock Horse Club will perform is fund raising! This will be something the students involved within the organization must accomplish.

The following are a couple of ideas that have worked successfully for schools in developing their Stock Horse Teams:

- Require each competitive team member raise a certain dollar amount (this amount can be determined by how much it cost for one individual to show). The starting dollar amount may not cover the total costs but it will get the ball rolling. Start out with a reasonable amount then it can be increased as the team grows. EXAMPLE: Before the show year starts require each team member to raise \$500 to go towards entry fees for the year. Depending on how that goes, the next year it can be increased to \$750.
 - If there are members not ready to compete use their money raised to go towards the clinic fees at the shows during the competitive year.
- Develop a sponsorship packet and seek out team or individual sponsorships
- Set up fund raising events; i.e. silent auction, parking cars at College/University sporting events, host a clinic.

If I have more questions or need some advice, who can I contact?

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