Best-Ever Show-Day Checklist

Use this all-inclusive checklist to keep you sane and organized on show day. (Note: This list will get you ready for a multi-day show. To keep it current and customized, input it into your computer, personalize it for your own needs and update it after each show.)

**PAPERWORK**

* Original or photocopy of registration papers (*Tip:* Keep these and all papers/certificates in a binder with your horse's name on it.)
* Coggins certificate, if needed
* Health certificate, if needed
* Association membership and amateur/youth cards
* Show bill
* Rule book
* Paper and pens/pencils
* Horse insurance card
* Map/directions to the show facility; phone number to call in case you get lost
* Emergency equine roadside service phone number
* Cash/checkbook/credit cards

**GEAR**

* Saddle (Western/English/or both)
* Saddle pads or blankets (schooling and show)
* Cinch or girth
* Bridles (schooling and show)
* Bit
* Show halter/lead
* Draw reins, if you use them
* Extra pair of reins
* Extra stirrup leathers and stirrup-iron pads (English)
* Spurs (Western and/or English)
* Whip/crops
* Protective boots/wraps
* Spare bridle screws and screwdriver
* Leather hole puncher
* Tack trunk
* Saddle covers

**HORSE CARE ITEMS**

* Feed
* Feed bucket or tub
* Supplements
* Hay
* Hay net
* Water buckets (two per stall)
* Bucket hooks and/or snaps
* Stall fans
* Extension cords
* Duct tape and bungee cords
* Tools
* Molasses, cider vinegar, Jell-O, or Kool-Aid (if needed to flavor water so your horse will drink)
* Electrolyte paste or powder (if it's hot consult your vet)
* Manure fork and bucket or wheelbarrow
* Broom
* Bedding shavings or straw (if you're not required to buy it on-site)
* Horse blanket and hood, if needed
* Sheet or fly net/fly mask
* Cooler, if needed
* Shipping boots
* Halter and lead rope (two of each)
* Tail/leg wraps
* Longe line and whip
* Treats for a good horse

**TACK CARE**

* Saddle soap/leather cleaner
* Saddle oil
* Sponges/cloths
* Roll of paper towels
* Silver polish
* Small bucket
* Bit wipes
* Old toothbrush for cleaning saddle stitching and tooling

**FIRST AID (FOR YOU AND YOUR HORSE)**

* Complete vet kit (Consult with your vet for suggested items.)
* Equine first-aid book
* Your vet's phone number/phone number of vet near the show facility
* Iodine-based antiseptic solution (Betadine)
* Triple antibiotic ointment
* Nonstick gauze pads
* Self-conforming gauze rolls
* Stretch bandaging tape
* Elastic adhesive tape
* Scissors
* Cotton/disposable diaper or sanitary pad (to use under wraps as an emergency bandage)
* Chemical ice pack
* Liniment
* Sunscreen (for you and your horses, if needed)
* Bute and Banamine (if needed and your show association permits)
* Eye flush
* Advil or Tylenol (for you)
* Human first-aid kit

**GROOMING SUPPLIES**

* Currycomb
* Brushes
* Towels
* Sponges
* Hoof pick
* Sweat scraper
* Bucket
* Shampoo/conditioner
* Spray-on coat conditioner
* Mane/tail detangler
* Fly spray/insect repellent
* Hose, if needed
* Baby powder or corn starch (for brightening white markings)
* Baby oil or commercial highlighter (to dress eyes and muzzle)
* Hoof sealer or hoof black (if your association permits)
* Electric and/or battery-operated clippers
* Plastic razor (for last-minute whisker clipping)
* Mane/tail comb
* Hair brush
* Rubber bands for banding
* Yarn for braiding
* Scissors
* Tail wrap

**RIDER ATTIRE/PERSONAL GROOMING**

* Pants (jeans/Western show pants and/or appropriate color of breeches)
* Chaps (schooling or show)
* Shirt (Western shirt/slinky and/or English show shirt)
* Neck scarf
* Tie, pin, or choker
* Coat or vest (hunt jacket, etc.)
* Boots (schooling and show)/socks
* Boot pulls
* Gloves
* Belt and buckle, if needed
* Sports bras
* Hat (Western, helmet, or hunt cap); make sure you check with your breed/sport association's rules regarding helmets
* Baseball cap/sunglasses for sun protection
* Hair nets (bring several and make sure they match your hair color)
* Bobby pins
* Safety pins
* Grooming apron/coveralls
* Schooling clothes
* Hair comb/brush
* Hair spray/gel
* Mirror
* Appropriate jewelry, if needed
* Rain jacket
* Rubber rain boots
* Extra towels
* Boot polish and rags
* Hat brush
* Stain remover
* Sewing kit and scissors

**MISCELLANEOUS**

* Emergency cash
* Jacks/spare tire/tools for vehicle and trailer
* Jumper cables/spare fuses
* Flashlight/batteries/emergency flares
* Camera and/or video recorder
* Folding chairs
* Plastic bags
* Extra clothes
* Extra paper towels
* Wet Ones (or other antibacterial wipes)
* Umbrella/sun shade
* Trailer block
* Shade awning/rain canopy
* Insect repellent for you
* Ice chest
* Cold drinks/bottled water/Gatorade
* Nutritious snacks: fruit, sandwiches, granola bars, energy bars, nuts
* Paper cups
* Reading material for downtime: books, newspapers, crossword puzzles, horse-related reading material
* Box for putting ribbons in (to protect them)
* Cell phone

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