

Guide to Show Costs.

You have seen the Olympics on the TV and seen other people's photographs. You know the shows are out there but how do you find them, what do you have to do to participate and more to the point – how much is it going to cost?

At Kaizen Farm we would like to help as much as we can. We offer our own series of introductory shows and we have groups of staff and students going to local shows. This provides camaraderie, support and coaching – all very important when putting yourself out there. Some don't like the pressure, but for most riders going to a show and finding out what they and their horse have learned to do together is one of the greatest thrills in life.

This is just an introductory guide so please ask questions. It always seems more intimidating that it actually is. We are here to help so make use of us.

Finding a show.

We will put together a list at the beginning of each year of local shows with classes suitable for our students. We will ensure that entry forms are available at the barn in plenty of time before the closing dates. However it will be your responsibility to come and look for them because we don't know who wants to go and we don't want anyone to feel pressurized.

Entry fees.

This varies enormously with the level and type of show. Schooling shows are much cheaper than the 'recognized' shows. Recognized shows are registered with the national organizations for that discipline and usually have higher qualified judges who have to be flown in and that type of thing. They are what we are aiming for eventually but we don't start there.

Examples:

Kaizen Farm schooling dressage show	\$15 for 2 tests
Idaho Dressage and Eventing	\$15 per test
Recognized dressage	\$30 per test
Kaizen Farm jumper show	\$10 for 2 rounds
Boise Pony Club jumper show	\$8 for 1 round
Recognized show	\$15 per round?
IDEA event derbies	\$50 per dressage/cross country class
Recognized full eventing	\$150 for dressage, XC and SJ

Often there are administrative charges or grounds fees on top of the entry fees (around \$10 per competitor) so you must make sure you read the whole entry form. Remember these shows are fundraisers for local organizations or trying to allow people to compete at a nationally recognized standard. It may seem expensive but these shows often only break even. It is the chance for competitors to prove themselves against others, jump shiny new jumps and most of all have a good time.

What do you need.

At the entry levels this is not much more than what you would wear for your lesson.
Properly fitting helmet. For dressage – a black cover will be needed for the more colorful helmets.

Jodhpurs or breeches – conservative color for dressage.

Black or brown riding boots – long or short.

Polo shirt or sweatshirt.

Jumper shows are generally more colorful but remember we want to see the horse in its beauty not the bling on the rider.

As the levels are moved up then jackets and shirts and ties and smarter helmets will be required.

That is the rider’s clothes – what about the horse.

Kaizen Farm horses come with correct tack so you don’t have to worry about that but if you want it extra clean that will be your responsibility.

If you need anything beyond the normal care we will have to charge you, this might be:

Extra lessons – see price list.

Shavings to keep a horse in a stall overnight - \$7 per bag plus you must clean the stall.

Extra farrier care – shoes are about \$50 every 8 weeks.

Show Day

Kaizen Farm horses will only go to shows approved by us and typically only if a member of staff will be present.

Things to consider:

- Use of horse
- Transportation of the horse
- Care of the horse
- Coaching
- Food for horse

We want to encourage our students out into the competition world and so we will be charging:

Half day - \$20

Full day - \$40

to cover all of the above. This is a very good rate as that would normally only cover a coaching fee.

All entry fees and extras will be the responsibility of the student.

What if we want to go further afield and go to shows out of the valley.

Here is an idea of the expenses involved.

Stabling (on road and at show)	\$20 per night
Health certificate (from vet)	\$25
Shavings	\$7 per bag
Feed	\$5 – 10 per day depending on the horse
Transportation	no fee but shared cost at 75 cents per mile.
Horse use fee as above.	