

The Thoroughbred Incentive Program

We are very excited to announce that this year the Tri-Valley Classic Horse Shows will be supporting the Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP). The Jockey Club as well as Harris Farms will be some of our new sponsors this year to help us along with our endeavor.

What Is TIP?

So...what exactly is the **Thoroughbred Incentive Program**? The Jockey Club created TIP to promote second careers for retired racehorses. The Jockey Club sponsors shows to incentivize the retraining of OTTB's in a variety of disciplines, everything from jumping and dressage to western and polo.

The first TIP event took place in 2012 at Red Hills International Horse Trial in Florida. From that first event through the end of 2018, there were over 4,490 horse events that participated in TIP with over 41,500 Thoroughbred participants. In 2019, the Jockey Club sponsored over 1,300 horse shows in 42 states and 6 Canadian provinces. By participating in a TIP event, you are also eligible for the **TIP Championships at the Kentucky Horse Park** (learn more at <https://tjctip.com/About/CSI>).

How Do I Participate?

Now that you are caught up on what TIP is, you are probably wondering how you can enter your Thoroughbred in a TIP event. Here are the **eligibility requirements** for your OTTB:

- ✓ The horse must be **registered** with The Jockey Club or in an approved stud book from another country
- ✓ Riders and owners must apply for a **TIP number** online (<https://tjctip.com/MEMBERLOGIN>)
- ✓ At the TIP show, turn in:
 - The horse's registered name, show name, rider name and TIP number
 - OR a completed TIP number request form
- ✓ Sign up for a (FREE!) **Interactive Registration** account at www.registry.jockeyclub.com to look up pedigrees and tattoo numbers

TIP at the Tri-Valley Classic Horse Shows

Starting this year, the Tri-Valley Classics will be working with The Jockey Club to incorporate TIP into our shows. We will be running the TIP classes concurrently with our regular classes. Therefore, for now, we will not be offering separate TIP-specific classes. The judge and the show office will be aware of which horses are participating in TIP in order to keep track of TIP point standings.

Furthermore, at each of our three shows, we will be offering one TIP hunter high point award and one TIP jumper high point award, all of which will be provided by The Jockey Club. Any TIP high point award-winners will, of course, still be eligible to win one of the regular class ribbons and class prizes.

Harris Farms' Triple Crown Challenge

In addition to our Jockey Club TIP awards, Harris Farms will be sponsoring a Triple Crown Challenge. The aim of the Triple Crown Challenge is to demonstrate the versatility of this athletic breed. In order to participate in the Triple Crown Challenge, eligible TIP Thoroughbreds must compete in a hunter division at our first show and then in jumper classes at our second and third shows. We will keep track of the TIP hunter point standings at the first show and then the TIP jumper point standings at the other two shows to rank the Triple Crown Challenge participants. At the end of the Tri-Valley Classics show season, the champion will win a trophy cooler and prize money, reserve champion will win a saddle pad and prize money, and third place will win an ear bonnet and prize money.

If you have any questions, please contact show manager Luciana Diz via email at lidiz@ucdavis.edu or via phone at 281-686-8710.

Make sure to also check out the Thoroughbred Incentive Program website at <https://tjctip.com/default> for more information.

Happy Showing!



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