# MEET THE TEAMS

Chattahoochee Hills Horse Trials | May 21-22



## **AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

Fun fact: Auburn University is the only school to ever win the Championship title two years in a row (2018 and 2019).

- Suzanne Hillhouse grew up riding Saddleseat and has the most school spirit.
- Alayna Backel competes a horse with only 1 eye and is the class clown.
- Jennifer Mulholland grew up in Switzerland and has the best horse show turnout.
- Gabrielle Yashinksky has ridden horses in 9 different countries and is most likely to forget her helmet.
- Grace Montgomery is an aviation major who flies airplanes and is most likely to finish on her dressage score.
- Katarina Midgely has Canadian citizenship and is most likely to go pro.
- Stephanie Lambert lived in Abu Dhabi and is the most organized.
- Emma Suess knows French and is most likely to lose her horse.
- Chloe Bonnaure is a certified personal trainer and is most likely to do sketchy things for horse show money.
- Isabel Franklin is the only person in her family that is not allergic to horses and is most likely to forget her dressage test.
- Barbara Brogan was a vegetarian for 3 years and is most likely to fall off before the last fence
- Winter Thorington is left-handed and is most likely to become a bull rider.
- Emma Bush's horse won 1 race and Emma is most likely to join the circus.
- Emma Lynn Potts has two horses that are 20 years apart in age and she spends more time at the barn than at class.
- Sophie Seabrook learned how to ride a horse before she learned how to ride a bike, and is most likely to go to class in riding clothes.
- Ella Dredean is a singer and is most likely to bedazzle their horse.
- Ella Rosenblatt has her C2 ranking in Pony Club and is most likely to become Tik Tok famous.
- Sabrina Yashinsky has lived in 7 states and 2 countries and is most likely to wing
  it
- Katelyn Finch is allergic to giraffes and is most likely to always be in Fairfax and Favor gear.
- Ava Vojnovic has been riding for 15 years and is most likely to win the lottery but lose the ticket.
- Emily Kuras rides Arabian horses and is most likely to spend more money on Starbucks than horses.

### **CLEMSON UNIVERSITY**

Team motto: We don't put championship rings on smooth hands.



- Emily Thomas has a Tiger paw tattoo and is most likely to be smiling even if she falls off in the water.
- Kaley Crosby knows how to sail and is most likely to be late.
- Elle Choate will procrastinate until the last second then panic and rush to finish and is most likely to have AirPods in.
- Elli Palenbaum has swum with horses in the Caribbean and is most likely to be covered in glitter by the end of the weekend.

#### TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Fun fact: Tallahassee Community College will be making their Championship debut.

- Paige Myers, the class clown, can squat twice her weight and is also obsessed with camo crocs in "sport mode."
- Lexa Weaver, the loudest, watches a lot of Netflix.



#### TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Team Motto: Aggie Fearless - on every fence.



- Rita Nedrow aka the trailer ninja, puts beans in her chili and her horse's nickname is Rorybadger.
- Katy Vasquez is most likely to be found studying at a horse show and she has had her horse, Apollo for 8 years.

**Texas A&M Groom's Superlatives:** 

- Aynsleigh Fettig is most likely to skip class for horses and she dabbles in both eventing and dressage.
- Isabella Faulkner has the most school spirit and she has 3 horses.

## FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Team Motto: Unconquered .

- Chloe Breed, the procrastinator, is obsessed with camo crocs in "sport mode."
- Ali Mazzucco is most likely to survive The Hunger Games and took a horseback riding tour of Peru.
- Taylor Reynolds, the nerdiest, lived in London for a month while studying abroad.
- Rebecca 'Becky' Lawrence, the most athletic, has never flown on an airplane.



### UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Team Motto: Go Gators!

- Emma Vallely will be riding Monte Carlo in the Beginner Novice Rider division.
- Mia Naoumoff will be riding Nijinsky in the Beginner Novice Rider division.
- Ashley Ferrato is a Senior and will be riding Princess Padme in the Novice Rider division.
- Nicole Brake will be riding Minnie in the Beginner Novice Rider division.





## UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Team Motto: Decide. Commit. Act. Succeed.

- Rebecca Coffee is little miss sunshine of the team and has an irrational fear of fish. If her horse was a fictional character, he would be part of the Dumb and Dumber duo.
- Alexis Clark is the life of the party. If her horse, Penny, was a celebrity, she would be Kim Kardashian.
- Lauren Myers travels back and forth from Aiken to attend the University of Georgia and is the most competitive on the team. If her horse was a fictional character, he would be in a fraternity at UGA.
- Carson Birdsong is the secret weapon of the team. Her government name is the same as the state she was born in Virginia.
- Bennett Smith is a Biology major and is most likely to save a life.
- Lindsey Sperrey is the toughest cookie on the team. She sustained some injuries this season but always comes back for more.
- Hannah Ledford can quote entire Star Wars and Marvel Movies and is most likely to quote a Tik Tok. If her horse was a celebrity, he would be Joey Tribbiani.
- Alaina Carroll enjoys drawing and painting. As fundraising chair of the team, she helped raise over \$5,000 for the team to go to Intercollegiate Championships.
- Destiny Adams is the worker bee of the team. If her horse was a celebrity, he would be Ashtray from Euphoria.
- Katlyn Parker won the 100% effort award voted on by the team (her karaoke skills are living proof of that). If her horse, Banks, was a celebrity he would be Kevin Hart.
- Charlotte Merrill is the most calm, cool, and collected teammate, and she started eventing when she came to college in the fall. If her horse was a celebrity, she would be Beyonce because she's the definition of a Queen.
- Nina Braun is the All-Star of the team. If her horse was a fictional character, he would be the other half of the Dumb and Dumber duo.
- Sierra Shurtz has an irrational fear of wasps and is most likely to go to the Kentucky Three-Day Event. If her horse, Brooks, was a fictional character, he would be Manny from Ice Age because he has a big poof and is massive.

# UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Team Motto: Cats by 901



- Sophie Coorssen eats salads with no dressing and is most likely to win the lottery and lose the ticket.
- Ivie Cullen Dean has 3 minors and is most likely to sell a kidney to compete her horses.
- Caroline Dannemiller has 10 cats and is most likely to graduate college in 3 years.
- Callia Englund has competed in 8 different areas and is most likely to go to Ocala and never come back.
- Colin Gaffney is a ginger and is most likely to get sunburnt.
- Claire Gamlin was an Irish dancer growing up and is most likely to be a break dancer.
- Cosby Green really likes gingers and is most likely to plan out every minute of this entire weekend with color coordination.
- Lauren Hall can quote all of the movie Elf from memory and is most likely to stalk Boyd Martin.
- Emma Hilt has had her horse since she was 13 years old and is most likely to be on a work call while riding.
- Hayden Klemanski used to show in classical dressage and is most likely to join a cult by accident.
- Kate McGown can eat an entire watermelon in 1 sitting and is most likely to win Cupcake Wars.
- McKenna Miller used to raise service dogs and is most likely to train your dog.
- Danielle Northrup has a twin brother and is most likely to quietly take over the world.
- Lidia Olyha has dual citizenship with the U.S. and Brazil and is most likely to wear a cape.
- Alexandra Penland events Chincoteague ponies and is most likely to oversleep at a horse show.
- Ajay (McKenzie) Ryan also shows poodles and is most likely to have a 5.0 GPA.
- Elliana Sanchez's horse has been with her since 7th grade and she is most likely to know if something is gluten-free or not.
- Cora Severs has been 6 feet tall since she was 13 years old and is most likely to have the biggest horse.
- Alex Sharp works at Hallway Feeds and is most likely to be Tik Tok famous for falling off.
- Catherine Shu taught her horse how to play fetch and is most likely to kill you with kindness.
- Gillian Stover is a junior and is competing for the first time at Championships. She is most likely to beat you in Guitar Hero.
- Claire Strethlow was the first person at her high school to receive an athletic letter in equestrian and is most likely to tell a cheese-y joke.
- Ellie Teasley has had her horse for 8 years and is most likely to drop her phone in a toilet.
- Hannah Warner has 11 tattoos and is most likely to be in charge of Championships and forget about it.

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- Aubrey Whalen broke her clavicle turning out horses and and is most likely to ask if there are snacks.
- Lauren Yeagy's first eventing horse was a full Belgian and is most likely to throw up before show jumping.
- Lia Van Der Wal will beat you in bowling and is most likely to ride her horse down the aisle at her wedding.



#### UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

Fun fact: The Sewanee Eventing team was founded in 2016 under the direction of coach Karine Gordy.

 Sissy Sugarman will be making her Championship debut and will be riding Carmani in the Preliminary Rider division.

### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Fun Fact: UVA is one of the few schools that have competed in Championships every year.

- Megan Loughnane is the best turned out and has been on 109 different roller coasters.
- Lily Ervin is most likely to know everyone's ride times before they do and has figure skated in the 1980s Olympic hockey rink.





#### **USC AIKEN**

Fun Fact: USC Aiken placed third in 2018 and fifth in 2019 and will be looking for a strong finish this year.

 Heidi Gyselinck is considered the team chef and an expert in baking cheesecake.

## **VIRGINIA TECH**

Team Motto: Hoo's Ready to Event the Future.

 Mandolin Whitten is most likely to use Google Maps to find her house and has taught a dog to do 1 tempis.





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