

2026 | **NRHA**  | **IHSA** 

WESTERN SEMI-FINALS

Hosted by: Zone 5 Region 1

Murray State University Equine Center

2215 College Farm Rd
Murray, Ky 4207



Welcome to Murray, KY

Travel Information

Located on the west side of town, the university is easily accessible from **U.S. Highway 641**, making travel to and from campus convenient. The nearest airport is Nashville International Airport (129 miles), offering the most direct and accessible route. Alternative options include Evansville Regional Airport (146 miles) and Louisville International Airport (224 miles).

Airports:

- ❖ (BNA) Nashville International Airport (129 miles), ~2 hr drive from Murray
 - Aer Lingus, Air Canada, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant, American Airlines, Avelo Airlines, British Airways, Contour Airlines, Delta Air lines, Frontier Airlines, Icelandair, jetBlue Airlines, Porter Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, Sun Country Airlines, United Airlines, Vacation Express, Viva Aerobus, Westjet Airlines
- ❖ (ERA) Evansville Regional Airport (146 miles), ~2.5 hr drive from Murray
 - Allegiant, Breeze, American, Delta
- ❖ (SDF) Louisville International Airport (222 miles), ~3.5 hr drive from Murray
 - Allegiant, American Airlines, Breeze, Delta Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, United Airlines, Sun Country Airlines

Murray offers a welcoming small-town atmosphere with a blend of natural beauty, community spirit, and relaxed Southern charm. Just minutes from town, visitors can explore Kentucky Lake and the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, which provide opportunities for boating, hiking, wildlife viewing, and scenic outdoor experiences. Murray State University brings energy to the community through athletic events, performances, and educational opportunities, helping create a lively yet close-knit environment. Downtown Murray features locally owned shops, cafés, and restaurants that reflect the town's friendly character and strong local pride. A fun fact about Murray is that it has been recognized as one of America's friendliest small towns, a reputation that highlights its welcoming atmosphere for both visitors and residents.

Address: 2215 College Farm Rd, Murray, Ky 42071 (to access the farm)

Directions: From Hwy 641 (12th street), turn onto Chestnut street, you will drive through campus and under the Murray State foot bridge up to a light, at the light continue straight, this will put you onto College Farm Rd, about a mile down the road you will pass by the Bill Cherry Expo Center on the left, continue straight, you will quickly pass a brick house on the left, the Murray State Equine Center will then be visible on the left and the next driveway will allow you access to the facility.



Available Lodging:

SpringHill Suites by Marriott Murray

1512 North 12th Street Murray, KY 42071

Phone: (270)-917-8000

Room Block \$134 plus tax/night

Group Name: IHSA Semi Finals

Link: [Book your group rate for IHSA Semi Finals](#)

Holiday Inn Express and Suites Murray by IHG

1504 North 12th St Murray, KY 42071

(270)-759-4449

Room block: 2 Queen room - \$169/night, 2 Queen Studio - \$174/night

Group: IHSA Western Semi-finals

Must book by March 6th to get block rate

Hampton Inn

1415 Lowes Dr Murray, KY 42071

(270)-767-2226

Murray Inn and Art Gallery

The cutest motel in Murray

506 South 12th St Murray, KY 42071

(270)-753-2682

Best Western University Inn

1503 N 12th St Murray, KY 42071

(270)-873-8167

Other nearby towns with hotel options

Benton, Kentucky (20 min drive)

Paris, Tennessee (30 min drive)

Mayfield, Kentucky (30 min drive)

Show Information

Show Managers:

- ❖ Travis Fortune - 812-598-8369 - tfortune@murraystate.edu
- ❖ McKenna Debus - mdebus@murraystate.edu

Show Stewards:

- ❖ To be announced

Horse Selection:

- ❖ Paige Smith
- ❖ Nichole McColley
- ❖ Ashley Glenn

Scoring: Rebecca Huddleston

Judges:

- ❖ David Denniston - Fort Collins, CO
- ❖ Lynda Danielson - Streator, IL

Facility:

- 100' x 200' indoor arena with metal bleacher seating
- Porta Potties will be set up outside
- No Dogs allowed at the facility
- No concessions on site

Local Restaurants we recommend

Fast Food: Cookout, Culvers, Qdoba, Zaxby's, Fazoli's, The Burrito Shack and all the normal fast food options.

Great Dinner Options: The Big Apple (American/bar food), Los Portales (Mexican), Jasmine's (Thai), Bad Bob's (BBQ), Shogun (Hibachi). Murray is also home to lots of franchise restaurants like Buffalo Wild Wings, Cracker Barrel, Applebees/Ihop, Texas Roadhouse.

Entry Fees:

Checks made out to IHSA, Inc.

\$100/Individual Class

\$125/High Point Rider Class

\$700/Team

Entries are to be submitted ONLY by the Regional President

Any individual rider not able to attend should notify your Regional President

Saturday

7:00 am	Office opens
7:30 am	Ranch horse warm-ups begin
8:00 am	Coaches Meeting (<i>draw will begin after coaches meeting</i>)
9:00 am	Show begins

Class 1	Individual Ranch Riding	Finals
Horsemanship horse warm up		
Class 2	Individual Open Horsemanship	Section A
Class 3	Individual Rookie Horsemanship	Section A
Class 4	Individual Open Horsemanship	Section B
Class 5	Individual Rookie Horsemanship	Section B
Class 6	Individual Open Horsemanship	Finals
Class 7	Individual Rookie Horsemanship	Finals
Class 8	Individual Level II Horsemanship	Section A
Class 9	Individual Beginner Horsemanship	Section A
Class 10	High Point Rider— Horsemanship Phase	
Class 11	Individual Beginner Horsemanship	Section B
Class 12	Individual Level II Horsemanship	Section B
Class 13	Individual Beginner Horsemanship	Finals

Class 14	Individual Level II Horsemanship	Finals
*** Reining Horse Warm Up***		
Class 15	Individual Reining	Finals

Sunday

7:00 am	Office opens
7:30 am	Horse warm-ups begin *Reining only*
8:00 am	Coaches Meeting (draw will begin after coaches meeting)

9:00 am	Show begins	
Class 16	Team Open Reining	
	Horsemanship Warm Up	
Class 17	Team Level II Horsemanship	
Class 18	Individual Level I Horsemanship	Section A
Class 19	Team Rookie Horsemanship	
Class 20	Individual Level I Horsemanship	Section B

Lunch break/Ranch Riding and Reining Schooling

Class 20	Team Ranch Riding	
Class 21	High Point Rider– Reining Phase	
Class 22	Individual Level I Horsemanship	Finals
Class 23	Team Beginner Horsemanship	
Class 24	Team Level I Horsemanship	
Class 25	Team Open Horsemanship	
	Awards	