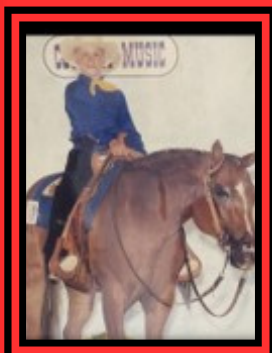


Tony Schurmann

OHSA Level 3 Judge



For the past twenty-five years, Tony Schurmann has been actively involved and dedicated to the equine industry.

As a youth, Tony worked on his family farm in Clarksville, Tennessee. He was taught to care for over 60 head of horses at the facility for boarding, training, or breeding. As his passion for competition and horses continued to grow, he started to participate in the AQHA circuit. His hard work and dedication were evident. As an emergent horseman, Tony was provided the opportunity to compete on the WTQHA Youth Congress Team for several years.

At 18, Tony accepted a position at Red Hot Quarter Horses in Alabama. moved to Alabama to further his education and experience Red Hot Quarter Horses. The facility was known for their World and Congress Champion Stallion, Red hot Impulse and providing an in-depth training program and educational experience for their interns and apprentices. Once Tony completed his time with Red Hot Quarter Horses, he took his knowledge and experience back to Tennessee, where he started his own training and lesson program.

During this time Tony was also commissioned to scribe, judge, and advise club boards in and around Tennessee. Always seen as fair, honest, and knowledgeable, Tony was hired many times through the years to judge and provide clinics to help further many exhibitors' knowledge and experience in the show ring and at home.

Later, Tony decided he needed to continue growing as a horseman for his clients and their horses; therefore, applied for the assistant trainer position at Tommy Sheets Show Horses, Once hired, Tony learned from the World and Congress Champion, Tommy Sheets. Tony studied, observed, and established a new program, opening his program to an All-Around format with a great welcome from the industry and clients.

Currently, Tony partnered with C4 Ranch Equestrian Facility in Coffee Springs, Alabama. Tony has taken his experience to establish a training program he can teach and share with horsemen and horsewomen as they strive to further develop their skills. To ensure the future of his program, Tony has two working students, volunteers with the Geneva County 4-H Club, conducts lessons, provides horse training opportunities to the community and teaches clinics.

Through the years, he learned the values and virtue of being a professional and practiced at length to have an honest and helpful program. Basing his program on "resistance free" style, Tony enable many horses deemed unworthy or low caliber otherwise. His goal was to help horses and their owners to reach maximum potential regardless of wealth, title, or registration. Through this, he gained a strong, supportive barn family and lifelong friends.

Tony knows to be successful, you must never stop learning and continues to seek clinics, webinars, certifications, seminars, educational and other professional events to cultivate his skills and understanding as a professional horseman.

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