## Making your College video



- ❖ Keep the video length at eight to twelve minutes. If they want more footage, they will ask for it!
- ❖ Make sure to put the best and most significant video first. A lot of times opinions are formed within the first 2 minutes of the video.
- ❖ Have as many different horses on the video as possible. Don't put more than 1 or 2 trips on the same horse. Colleges need to see how kids adapt to different rides.
- ❖ It is helpful to have a title before each different horse so that whoever is watching the video knows what class is being filmed or the level of the horse the kid is riding. For example: "Accolade" Large Juniors, Junior Hunter Finals 2010. Something like that, that will flash up on the screen before every trip.
- Flatwork should be done without stirrups, show the posting trot, canter, and any other upper level flat work(counter canter, leg yield, shoulder in, etc.) Not a lot of sitting trot!!!
- Jumping without stirrups is not necessary but if you can do it well it is impressive. BUT only if you can do it well!!!!!
- Try not to use trips with missed changes, swaps, or any other fairly big error. It seems like common sense but you would be surprised how many videos get sent with giant swaps to the first jump!!!!
- It is a good idea to have your contact info at the beginning of your video.
- Always be wearing breeches and boots, nice shirt that is tucked in with a belt, hair up in your helmet, polished boots, horse nicely turned out.