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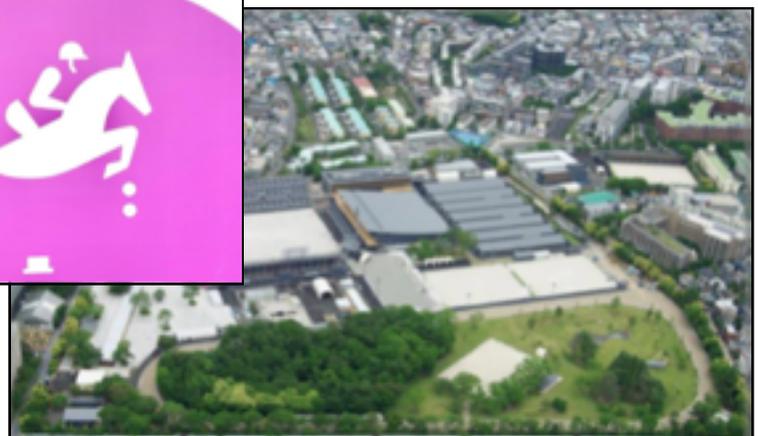
A Wisconsin Veterinarian's Perspective

Tokyo Olympics 2020

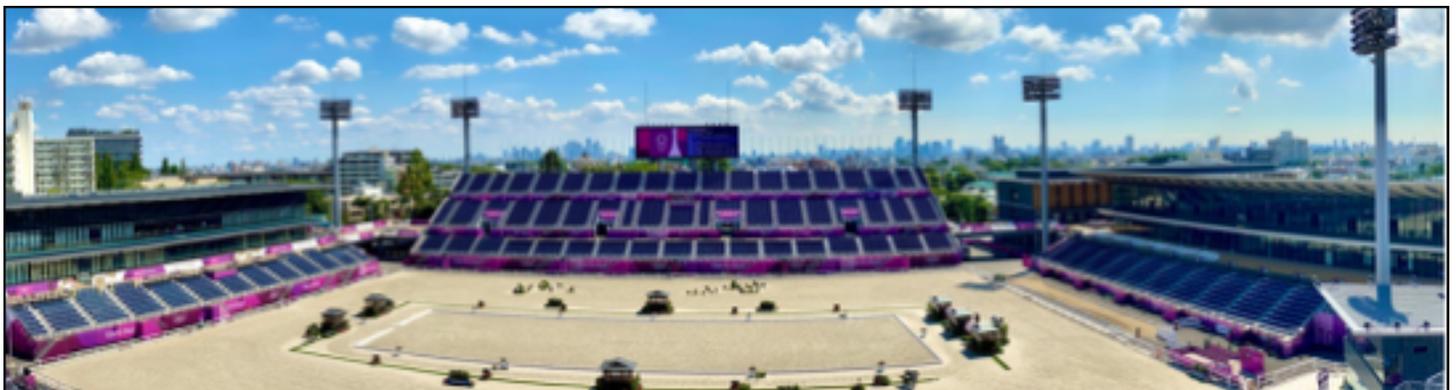
By Dr. Lisa Borzynski, DVM

After a tumultuous year, the Tokyo 2020 Olympics finally took place in 2021! I was very fortunate to be chosen as part of the FEI team of 20 veterinarians from 11 countries who ran the on-site veterinary clinic and monitored the health and welfare of the equine athletes. For 3-½ weeks, I was ringside with the best horses, riders and coaches for all of the dressage, eventing and show jumping training and competition! This was a dream come true for me and the culmination of 20 years of preparation.

So how did I get there? I grew up in Racine, WI and am a lifelong horse woman. I have been competing in eventing, hunters, jumpers and dressage for 40 years. Since graduating from the UW School of Veterinary Medicine in 1993, I have been in equine practice, specializing in sport horse medicine and lameness, including the past 16 years at Wisconsin Equine Clinic. I am also an FEI veterinarian and have been working at international competitions since 1999, including the 2010 and 2018 World Equestrian Games.



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What do FEI vets do? The FEI (Fédération Equestre Internationale) is the world governing body for jumping, dressage, para dressage, eventing, driving, para driving, endurance, vaulting and reining. The main objectives of the FEI are the health and welfare of the equine athlete and safe and fair competition at the international level.

FEI veterinarians examine and monitor the health and safety of the equine competitors from the time they arrive and throughout their preparation and competition. Horses are examined before they can enter the show facility to ensure they are healthy and free of contagious diseases. They also have their passports and vaccination records checked. They are monitored through-out their stay and examined at various points in the competition for soundness.

Nearly all of the 200 horses from 60 nations competing at the Olympics initially gathered in Aachen, Germany to quarantine for a week or more before flying to Tokyo in groups of 30-40. Baji-Koen is a 45-acre equestrian park in Setagaya, a ward of Tokyo. It was originally built for the 1940 Games, which were cancelled due to WWII, but was used for the 1964 Olympics. It is owned by the JRA (Japanese Racing Association) and used as a riding center and home for retired Thorough-bred racehorses. The JRA re-built nearly the entire facility for the 2020 Games with a 10,000 seat stadium, arenas with the best footing available, and an on-site veterinary clinic.

There were special concerns at this Olympics with the heat and humidity. Horses and humans were



advised to begin acclimatization procedures about four months in advance. Extra measures were taken throughout their time in Tokyo to help everyone stay as cool and comfort-able as possible, including beautiful state-of-the-art air-conditioned barns, misting tents at every ring, modified training and competition times, and a thermographic camera to identify at-risk horses.

One of the perks of being a veterinarian was working with the best riders, horses, coaches and support people in the world. It was interesting to observe the physio-therapists from each team perform bodywork and various physical therapy modalities to keep the horses happy, relaxed and at peak fitness.

As a rider, it was a privilege to watch and listen in on everyone's training and lessons. Although 60 countries were represented, many of the riders train

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Olympics continued

in Europe with foreign coaches and support teams, so the most common language was English. It was heartening to see the international camaraderie, since many of them travel and compete together year round. The Covid restrictions meant that there were no spectators at this Olympics, so the few hundred people that were at the equestrian park all supported each other.

The three Olympic disciplines of dressage, eventing and jumping were staggered with one per week. Instead

of the four person teams plus one alternate of the past, there were three riders per team and one alternate that travelled to Tokyo. The first week, the US dressage team had their best performance since 1948, capturing the Silver medal! Sabine Schut-Kerry finished as the 5th place individual and Steffen Peters finished 10th.

The eventing competition ran during the second week. The cross-country was held about an hour's drive from the horse park on a man-made island in the Bay of Tokyo with spectacular views of the city skyline. Our veterinary team spent several days before and during the eventing cross-country day to run through our safety plan and plans to mitigate the effects of the heat and humidity on horses and riders. Overall, they did very well with the US riders placing a respectable 6th place.

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The final week was the show jumping, beginning with the individual competition of three rounds. Unfortunately, none of the Americans qualified for the individual finals, but they came back strong to take the silver medal in the team competition.

Despite the many challenges and the year-long delay in getting to Tokyo, it was an incredible experience. That experience has carried over into the lifelong friendships made and, hopefully, a trip to Paris in 2024!

Dr. Borzynski earned her veterinary degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has been with the Wisconsin Equine Clinic and Hospital in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin since 2006.





Caryn Vesperman Editor

All advertisements, articles and photographs (with photo release) should be submitted by the 15th of the preceding month of publication, unless you make prior arrangements for additional time.

Calendar of events will appear in both the eQuester and on the WDCTA website.

Payment for advertisements should be submitted via PayPal through the WDCTA website (wdcta.org) or mailed with a check made out to WDCTA and mailed to the editor.

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A Perfect Time to....

Winter. Cold. Snow. Ice. What's a rider to do? Well, when it's too cold or the roads make it hard to get to the barn, there's always:

- Surf the internet to get inspired by videos of top riders and trainers.
- Read some training books.
- Live stream competitions being held in warmer areas.
- Make sure you've renewed your membership in your discipline's organizations or your breed registry.
- Take some time to outline goals you'd like to achieve in 2022: bump up a level, create a musical freestyle, attend your first clinic as a rider, attend your first show (or your horse's).
- Plan to try something outside your comfort zone. For example, try your hand at another discipline such as driving or a trail obstacle class.
- Look at the show schedule, contact the show manager and offer to scribe or be a gate steward. You're guaranteed to learn some new things!
- Put the WDCTA Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation on your calendar: Saturday, March 26. (More details to come.)
- Attend a WDCTA Chapter meeting or event. (Rumor has it—some outdoor activities will be organized this year.)
- Submit some photos, tips or articles to this newsletter.

Stay warm, stay healthy and stay on!

Caryn

From the 2022 Robert Dover Horsemastership Clinic:

Always praise your horse.

In Dover's initial lecture, he reminded the participants that the rewards of a good ride aren't as inherent to the horses as it is to the riders.

"For a horse, doing all of these amazing things that they do for us, there's not a huge pot of gold at the end of that rainbow for them," Dover said. "I watch it and I think, it's beautiful. It's also a little weird that we're prancing around and making them do this stuff. If they were different, they would just buck us off and come back around and stomp us into the ground. But they're such wonderful, beautiful animals that they do this stuff for us. We have to remember that with each half-halt, with each correction, the reward should be twice the correction."

For more from this clinic, go to the USEF website and read the article, "[10 Things We Learned From the 2022 Robert Dover Horsemastership Clinic Week.](#)"

State Board Profiles

Getting to Know Our Volunteers

Since WDCTA is still conducting many things virtually, it's more challenging for members to get to know the individuals who have volunteered and been elected to the WDCTA State Board. This series will introduce you to the State Board members, their role with WDCTA and a bit about them personally.

Jenna Staffaroni

Member at Large from Wausau, WI

Why do you volunteer for WDCTA?

To expand my knowledge of dressage and network within the horse community.

Horse:

Fibonacci, a 2015 Premium GOV Oldenburg colt by Festrauch (Florestan) out of Royal Diamond-DeNiro

Adult amateur: Involved with dressage and enjoys trail riding, but would also love to learn to drive.

Current trainer and/or clinician you enjoy riding with and why: It's hard to pick just one! One from our area, Nicole Perret, has been great to work with! She has a great eye on the ground and communicates so effectively!

Highest level if you've competed: In the last few years I have primarily focused on dressage clinics and trail riding, only attending one schooling show at Intro level. I hope to get to a few rated shows this year!

Most fun or oddest thing to ever happen to you when riding: Finding a little stray kitten on the trail and deciding it was going to come home with us. It fit perfectly in my water bottle holder!

Riding advice that really helped you: "Ride the horse you have that day." It helps me from getting frustrated or discouraged if there is a day when I can't seem to communicate effectively with my horse.

What's something people don't know about you?

I am an avid hiker and fisherman who loves taking any opportunity to explore a new area! My yellow lab, Moose, is always by my side in the process.

What's something you always have in your refrigerator?

Ranch dressing.

Favorite book or movie:

Book - *Water for Elephants*

Movie - *Anchorman*

Pet peeve: I hate when people litter!



WDCTA State Board Profile (continued)



Susan Walsh

Southwest Chapter State Representative from Oregon, WI

Why do you volunteer for WDCTA?

Opportunity to give back.

Horse:

True Bar Lilly, a 2008 American Paint, Bay Tobiano
Sire: True Bar Time
Dam: Skippas Lil Tipper

Adult amateur:

Does classical dressage, Western dressage, working equitation and trail obstacle courses.

Current trainer and/or clinician you enjoy riding with and why:

Jennifer Suzanne Williams is my current trainer. She knows horses and can ride extremely well. She's very helpful in fine-tuning gaits and correcting my riding position.

Highest level if you've competed: 1st Level in classical dressage and Intro Level Test 3 in Western dressage.

Most fun or oddest thing to ever happen to you when riding:

I got lost once trail riding with my Appy on the Kettle Moraine trails and told my horse, "Let's go home." My co-rider said it was in the opposite direction (that my horse was going). It was getting dark, but I trusted my horse's instincts without a doubt in my mind. I also checked where the sun looked like it was setting when going out. My horse found the way back to the trailer.

What's something people don't know about you?

I was in the Peace Corps in the 1970s in Barbados.

What's something you always have in your refrigerator?

Red Bull

Favorite book, TV program or movie:

Favorite TV series is "Yellowstone."

Pet peeve:

Tailgaiters

ATTENTION “L” GRADUATES

Jayne Ayers will be presenting sessions one and two of the program “Know the Movements” for training, first and second levels, at the Northeast Dressage Association (NEWDA) awards luncheon. She will be discussing the criteria and gymnastic benefit of the movements for the horse and rider and what can go wrong. **This is a new USDF program that counts for continuing education for “L” program graduates.**

DATE: Saturday March 12, 2022

TIME: 11:00 AM Central Time

LOCATION: Grand Meridian Conference Center; 2621 N. Oneida Street; Appleton, WI

COST: \$35 NEWDA members; \$40 Non members. Lunch included. Masks Required

Lunch choices are: Vegetable Stir Fry; Beef Pepper Steak or Poached Salmon. Please send your check, payable to “NEWDA” along with your lunch choice to: Trish Rogatzki; 7090 State Hwy 22; Oconto Falls, WI 54154.

Questions can be directed to: Owlofficesupport@gmail.com or 906/273-0931

Jayne Ayers is an FEI “I” Judge, USEF dressage judge, has served on USEF Dressage Subcommittees Freestyle, Junior, Young Horse, Rules Test Writing and Sport Horse Breeding. She has been a member of the “L” Program faculty since its inception. She is the owner and trainer at Hearthstone Farm, Dousman, Wisconsin.

Interested in Doing a Little Reporting for WDCTA?

Looking for a few members who would be interested in writing articles about our members—from their show successes to profiling their businesses, stables, or training operations. Want to write a tribute to a fabulous horse show mom or spouse?

Contact me if interested! newsletter@wdcta.org

NewUSEF Competition Dress Rules

By Caryn Vesperman

New or amended dressage rules pertaining to dress were effective this past December. The rules primarily have loosened the coat and breeches requirements in competition.

Specifically, the updates under DR 120 on coats and shirts are as follows. (You can find these changes in the USEF Rule Book in the Dressage section.)

1.2 Coats and Jackets. A short riding jacket or cutaway coat (modified tailcoat) with short tails is permitted at any level of competition. A tailcoat is permitted in all classes above Fourth level.

Any single color jacket or tailcoat is permitted and may have subtle pin striping, checks or tweeds. Striped or multi-colored jackets or coats are not permitted. Tasteful and discreet accents, such as a collar of a different hue, modest piping, or crystal

decorations, are acceptable. Riders competing in Level 1 dressage competitions or in Opportunity classes are not required to wear a riding jacket or coat.

1.4 Breeches and Jodhpurs. White, light or dark colored breeches or jodhpurs are permitted in competition. Bright colors or patterns are not permitted. Contrast piping is allowed.



(Top, middle, bottom) Some of the colors of coats and shirts at a vendor booth at the Global Dressage Festival, Wellington, FL. So far, nothing too flamboyant has appeared for sale or adorning riders in the national or international arenas.

While some judges and technical delegates (TDs) are concerned they'd see a lot of wild patterns and colors, so far, that has not come to be —

(admittedly it hasn't been very long since the rule went into effect). In Wellington, I have not seen anyone dressing much differently, nor am I seeing anything too wild for sale in local tack shops or at vendors' booths at shows.

My hope is we all stay tasteful in how we adorn ourselves— after all, it's the training of the horse that's important, not the colors, patterns, sparkles or bling on our coats and boots. When I'm in the judge's booth, I'm primarily focusing on how the horse is going and the rider's position and effectiveness, not their outfits. This is not to say judges aren't noticing if competitors are in compliance with their dress, saddle pad logos, have loose helmet straps or entered the ring with splint boots or bell boots on their horse. Fortunately those kinds of mistakes are rare.

Good luck to everyone competing this show season!

“Help GROW Our GMO!” Drawing

**WDCTA is looking for new members!
You can help, and earn a chance to be rewarded!.**

You can earn one chance to win the drawing for each new member you refer who joins WDCTA by Sept. 25, 2022. The prize for the 2021 Grow Our GMO drawing is a dressage pad with the WDCTA logo embroidered on it.



growing Together

Rules for the drawing:

1. A “new” member is defined as someone who was not a WDCTA member in 2021.
2. The new member must include your name as their Referring Person on their membership for when they send it in. We
3. will not be adding referral names retroactively, after the membership form has already been submitted.
4. Referring members must be current 2022 adult members of WDCTA to qualify for this drawing.
5. New members who joined before this announcement, who already included the name of their referring member, will automatically have their referring member’s name included in the drawing.
6. Successful referral of one Individual or Business membership will give you one chance in the drawing. Successful referral of a Junior or Young Rider (they must give their birth date on their application form!) will earn you two chances in the drawing. A successful Family membership will earn you one chance for the new adult members plus two chances for each qualifying Junior or Young Rider. (Again, birth dates are required for Juniors and Young Riders.)
7. Junior and Young Riders must include their birth dates on their application form when they send it in.
8. There is no limit to how many entries you can earn by successful referrals of new people who join WDCTA.
9. All new memberships and payments must be received *no later than Sept. 25, 2022!*

**Talk to your friends and boarding buddies who may be interested in the many benefits of being a WDCTA member.
Encourage them to join! You could be our winner!**

Dressage Horse Boarding Eagle, WI



Tailwind Farm, a premier dressage facility in Eagle, WI has one opening beginning March 1, 2021.

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Calendar of Events

WDCTA Events

Mar. 26
WDCTA Virtual Annual Meeting
& Awards Presentation
Tentative Start Time: 5 p.m.
Watch for more details.

Other Events

April 22-24, 2021
Midwest Horse Fair
Alliant Energy Center
Madison, WI
midwesthorsefair.com

Sept. 8-11
Region 4 Regional Championships
National Equestrian Center
Lake St. Louis, MO

Sept. 14-18
Region 2 Regional Championships
Waterloo Hunt Club
Grass Lake, MI

Nov. 10-13
US Dressage Finals
Kentucky Horse Park
Lexington, KY

Member Listings

INSTRUCTORS

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USEF/USDF Silver and Bronze medalist on self-trained horses, trained through FEI. 25+ years of experience training and instructing. Will teach beginners to FEI. Will travel. *

Joan Leuck Waak
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35+ years of experience. Silver medalist working toward Gold medal. Has earned year-end USDF champion and reserve in all breeds FEI level; several show high-point awards at national and FEI levels. Will teach intro through Prix St. George. School horses available. Will travel.

Jackie Luebke-Puetz
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Will teach through 2nd level, earned USDF Bronze medal, trained through 4th Level. Served in the past on USDF education committee, USEF steward. Will travel. *

Megan McIsaac
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FEI trainer, USDF-certified instructor thru 4th Level, 2014 national champion with Kingsley. USDF Gold, Silver, Bronze medalist, all USDF bars. Competed four horses at GP. Competed successfully at Dressage at Devon and West Coast Festival. Year-end USDF, USEF, WDCTA awards. 15+ years teaching experience. Students competed through GP, earned rider awards and medals. Travel for lessons and clinics. *

Katie Miller
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12 years of classical dressage experience, ridden through 4th level, earned USDF Bronze medal. Avid trail rider. Continuing education w/ Grand Prix trainer. Bachelors degree in teaching, specializing in teaching balanced riding from beginner to intermediate. School horses available. Will travel.

Abby Onsgard
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Andrea Schten
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Kate Van Sicklen
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Standing Section B Welsh stallion, Too Cute to Shoot, bay, 13.2 h, cuter than a bug's ear and several times qualified for USDF breeding championships. In 2018, was third in halter for Welsh Association. *

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2022 DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

I. Dressage Awards

- Divisions are defined as Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR), Open and Adult Amateur
- Applicants may only compete in one Division per competition season.
- A Horse of The Year award will be awarded one for each of the following divisions Training – First level; Second – Fourth level; FEI levels.
- Levels are defined as In-Hand, Musical Freestyle, Materiale, Young Horse Tests, Rider Tests and Intro through Grand Prix.
 - A. A Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR) is anyone that has not reached his/her 22nd birthday by January 1st of the award year.
 - B. Adult Amateurs must have an US Equestrian Federation (USEF) Amateur card or sign a WDCTA amateur affidavit. The card or affidavit must be included with the entry. If you enter as an Amateur but do not include the necessary proof of amateur status, you will be entered in the Open division.
 - C. A champion and reserve champion will be named for each division at each level of competition -- Introductory through FEI.
 - D. Maiden awards are only open to those HORSES in their first year of showing at Introductory (Intro) Level through Grand Prix. Only one award will be given at each level for all divisions combined.
 - E. One Champion and one Reserve Champion Musical Freestyle award will be given for First through FEI levels combined.

II. In-Hand Sport Horse Breed Awards

- A. A young horse is filly, colt or gelding 3 years of age or younger.
- B. A mature horse is a mare or stallion 4 years of age or older.
- C. Amateur Handler Award
- D. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be named for Young Horse Filly, Young Horse Colt/Gelding, Amateur Handler, Mature Horse Mare and Mature Horse Stallion.

III. Registration and Eligibility

- A. The rider and owner of the horse must be members in good standing of WDCTA at the time scores are earned.
- B. For in-hand classes, the handler does not need to be a WDCTA member, nor is it necessary to have the same handler for each class in order to qualify for year-end awards.
- C. A horse and rider combination may win an award or championship at any given level more than once. For In-hand Sport Horse Awards, Mature Horse (Mare/Stallion) may win more than once.
- D. Championship registration for each horse and rider combination must be postmarked at least 1 day prior to the first show from which they plan to submit scores.
- E. A fee of \$25.00 for each level must be paid for each horse and rider combination to be eligible for championships. If competing for a Maiden award at any level, an additional fee of \$25 must be paid. Only one award is given for all divisions at that level for maiden even if there are two riders competing the horse. There is no fee for the Horse of The Year award. (Note: if entering via PayPal, there is an additional cost.
- F. The Awards Chair must be notified in writing and fees paid if adding a level later in the year and prior to scores earned at that additional level.
- G. All registrations are for the show year December 1 through November 30.
- H. Registration is not necessary for the Horse of The Year award. Winning horses will be chosen from the eligible entries. To qualify for the Horse of The Year award, **ALL SCORES MUST BE EARNED AT USDF/USEF-RECOGNIZED SHOWS.**

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

IV. Qualification for Dressage Championships

- A. The horse/rider combination must have three qualifying scores from three different judges from two different shows. At least two of the qualifying scores submitted must come from USEF/USDF-recognized competitions. Only one may be from a schooling show. Remember, scores from "L" candidates and "r" judges are accepted through 2nd level. Scores from "R" judges are accepted through 4th level, and scores from "S" judges are accepted through Grand Prix.
- B. Scores must be: minimum of 60% at Intro through 4th level and minimum of 58% at PSG and above.
- C. Scores must be from USEF, FEI or USDF tests. The scores will be averaged.
- D. Scores must be earned at USEF/USDF-recognized shows, open to all breeds. At least one qualifying score submitted must be from a USEF/USDF-recognized show held in Wisconsin. One test score must be from the highest test for the level (e.g. Training Level Test 4).
- E. Scores for the Maiden award may be from any test for the level.
- F. If scores from a Regional Championship class are submitted, where more than one judge scored the ride, all scores must be averaged and will count as only one score.
- G. Scores from Junior or Young Rider Team Tests will be accepted as long as the Team Test exactly matches the level test for which the Team Test is being submitted.
- H. When a clinic is run in conjunction with a schooling show, using the show's judge as the clinician, the show must be held BEFORE the clinic in order for the rider's scores to qualify for year-end awards.
- I. The rider must send to the Awards Chair either the horse's USDF Score Sheet with their three chosen scores highlighted or a "GOOD QUALITY" photocopy of the original test for each qualifying score. Photocopy must clearly state the show name, horse and rider, class, date, judge, score and judges signature. Photocopy does not have to include individual movement scores and comments.
- J. Scores must be postmarked on or before November 30. Scores may be submitted via email; a reply will be sent indicating your results were received. Scores may also be sent through the U.S. Postal Service. If you want notification that the awards chair received your scores when sent through the postal service, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with your score sheets.
- K. For the Horse of the Year award, all of the above qualifications must be met, PLUS ALL SCORES MUST BE EARNED AT USDF/USEF-RECOGNIZED SHOWS.

V. Qualification For In Hand Sport Horse and Amateur Handler Championships

- A. The horse/handler must have two qualifying scores from two different judges, at two different shows. Both judges must have an USEF Sport Horse Judge license.
- B. Scores must be earned from USEF/USDF-recognized shows, open to all breeds. At least one qualifying score submitted must be from a USEF/USDF-recognized show held in Wisconsin.
- C. Scores may be from Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand classes and/or Breeding stock In-Hand classes. Scores will be averaged.
- D. The owner must send to the Awards Chair either the horse's USEF/USDF Score Sheet with their two chosen scores highlighted or a good quality photocopy of the original score sheet for each qualifying score. Photocopy must clearly state show name, horse and rider, class, date, judge, score and judge's signature. Photocopy does not have to include individual movement scores and comments.
- E. **Postmark must be on or before November 30.** Email will also be accepted.
- F. Send self-addressed stamped postcard with score sheets; Awards Chair will return postcard when results are received. This will be the only notification that results were received.

NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.

Show managers: If you want your show listed on the WDCTA website and in its monthly newsletter, please send your show information (date, name of show, show location, judge's name, show secretary's name and contact information) to newsletter@wdcta.org.



2022 WDCTA DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP APPLICATION

Championship registration open to WDCTA members in good standing.

FORM AND CHECK MUST BE POSTMARKED at least 1 DAY PRIOR TO START OF FIRST SHOW.

Please read WDCTA Dressage Championship Rules on the website, prior to competition year.

One form for each Horse and Rider combination. Please print neatly.

HORSE INFORMATION	
Name _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____	
RIDER INFORMATION	OWNER INFORMATION
Name _____	Name _____
Street Address _____	Street Address _____
City/St/Zip _____	City/St/Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Email _____	Email _____
AWARD INFORMATION	
Rider Division (circle appropriate division)	
Senior Open Adult Amateur*	JR/Young Rider: Birth Date _____
Award Level (circle all that apply)	
Intro Tr 1st 2 nd 3rd 4th PSG I-1 I-2 GP	
Other Riding Awards (circle all that apply)	
Musical Freestyle 3&4 Yr Old Materiale 4, 5, 6 YO FEI Young Horse Tests	
Highest level horse shown by any rider in any country _____	
In-Hand Awards (circle one)	
Young Horse Mare	Young Horse Colt/Gelding
Mature Horse Stallion	Amateur Handler
	Mature Horse Mare

APPLICATION FEES:

# Levels / Rider Tests / Freestyle / Horse Div ____ @ \$25 each x ____ # Rider divisions	\$
Maiden (First year showing this level. <i>Only one award per horse per level.</i>) \$25	\$
In-Hand Award ____ @ \$25 each (if applicable)	\$
NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.	\$
TOTAL PAYMENT	

Sizes for possible awards:

Horse: Blanket _____ Halter _____ Rider: Jacket _____ Belt _____

Mail to Awards Chair or email: awards@wdccta.org

Joann Williams
W3580 Scotch Bush Rd
Elkhorn, WI 53121-3302

Please enclose:

- Completed Dressage Awards Application
- Check made out to "WDCTA"
- Copy of USEF Amateur Card or WDCTA amateur affidavit
- Check that both rider AND owner are WDCTA members



2022 WDCTA Western Dressage Championship Awards

Dressage Awards:

- A. A champion, reserve champion and 3rd – 6th places will be awarded for each level.
- B. One freestyle champion, reserve champion and 3rd through 6th place will be awarded for all WDAA Freestyle test levels combined (Intro - Level 5).
- C. Open, Adult Amateur and JR/YR will be combined into one Division, defined as “Open.”
- D. Levels are defined as Intro through Level 5, using the current Western Dressage Association of America tests found at <http://westerndressageassociation.org>.
- E. The horse/rider combination must have three qualifying scores from three different judges from two different shows. WDCTA will accept scores from WDAA- or USEF-recognized shows and from schooling shows, but judges must be USDF "L" Graduates, USEF Western Dressage Licensed or USEF “r” or higher.
- F. Scores must be a minimum of 60% at Intro through Level 5.
- G. Scores must be from WDAA tests only. The scores will be averaged.
- H. Scores must be earned at schooling shows, WDAA-recognized and/or USEF/WDAA-recognized shows. Classes ridden must be open to all breeds. WDCTA does not recognize virtual shows for this awards program.
- I. One test score must be from the highest test for the level.
- J. When a clinic is run in conjunction with a schooling show, using the show's judge as the clinician, the show must be held BEFORE the clinic in order for the rider's scores to qualify for year-end awards.
- K. The rider must send to the Awards Chair a good quality photocopy of the original test for each qualifying score. Photocopy must clearly state the show name, horse and rider, class, date, judge, score and judges signature. Photocopy does not have to include individual movement scores and comments.
- L. Scores must be postmarked on or before Nov. 30. Email is accepted. No exceptions.
- M. If receipt confirmation of scores is desired, send self-addressed stamped postcard with score sheets; Awards Committee will return postcard when results are received. This will be the only notification that results were received.

Registration and Eligibility:

1. The rider and owner of the horse must be members in good standing of WDCTA at the time scores are obtained.
2. Championship registration for each horse and rider combination must be postmarked at least 1 day prior to the start of the first show from which they plan to submit scores.
3. A fee of \$25.00 for each level must be paid for **each horse and rider combination** to be eligible for championships. If applying via PayPal, an additional fee will be charged.
4. The recorder/awards chair must be notified in writing and fees paid if adding a level or division later in the year and prior to scores earned at that additional level.
5. All registrations are for the show year December 1 through November 30.
6. A champion and reserve champion will be named for each division at each level of competition.

NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.



2022 WDCTA WESTERN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP APPLICATION

Western Championship registration open to WDCTA members in good standing.

FORM AND CHECK MUST BE POSTMARKED at least 1 DAY PRIOR TO START OF FIRST SHOW.

Please read WDCTA Western Dressage Championship Rules, on the website, prior to competition year.

One form for each Horse and Rider combination. Please print neatly.

HORSE INFORMATION	
Name _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____	
RIDER INFORMATION	OWNER INFORMATION
Name _____	Name _____
Street Address _____	Street Address _____
City/St/Zip _____	City/St/Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Email _____	Email _____
AWARD INFORMATION	
Rider Division (circle appropriate division, or circle both) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> Open Freestyle </div>	
WDAA Award Level for Open Division (circle all that apply) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> Intro Basic Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Level 4 Level 5 </div>	
Highest level horse shown by any rider in any country _____	

APPLICATION FEES:

	# Levels ____ @ \$25 each	\$
	Freestyle Division @ \$25	
NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.	TOTAL	\$
PAYMENT		

Sizes for possible awards:

Horse: Blanket _____ Halter _____ Rider: Jacket _____ Belt _____

Send form with payment to:

Joann Williams
 W3580 Scotch Bush Rd
 Elkhorn, WI 53121-3302
 Email: western@wdcta.org
 Phone: 414-378-2231

Please enclose:

- Completed Western Dressage Awards Application
- Check made out to: "WDCTA"
- Check that both owner and rider are WDCTA members



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Member-hosted private riding clinics cannot be advertised in the newsletter at this time.



2022 EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

I. Awards

- A. There shall be a Champion and Reserve Champion for Junior, Rider, and Open divisions at the following levels for **USEF-recognized shows**: Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Preliminary/Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced.
- B. There shall be a Champion and Reserve Champion for Junior, Rider, and Open divisions at the following levels for WDCTA- and IDCTA-recognized **mini events**: Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice.
- C. The dressage scores from a combined test or three-phase event are eligible for the WDCTA 70% Club. WDCTA will award a certificate to the rider. Both owner and rider must be current WDCTA members. There is no fee for the 70% Club.

II. Registration and Eligibility

- A. Horse/Rider combinations must be registered with the Awards Chair, fees paid and postmarked at least 1 day before a competition for the scores to qualify for awards.
- B. There shall be a \$25 registration fee for each horse/rider combination per division for the award year for recognized events, and a \$20 registration fee for each horse/rider combination per mini event division. If applying via PayPal, additional fees will be applied.
- C. The rider of the horse must be a member in good standing of WDCTA and USEA at the time the scores are earned. (Beginner Novice, Mini-Event, and 70% Club participants may be exempt from USEA membership, but both rider and owner must still be members of WDCTA at the time the scores are earned.) The riders should submit proof of their membership to WDCTA and USEA. The owners should submit proof of their membership in WDCTA.
- D. The Awards Chair must be notified in writing and fees paid if adding a level or division later in the year and prior to scores earned at that additional level.
- E. The award year is December 1 through November 30.

III. Qualifications

- A. Only scores from USEA Events can be used to meet championship qualification (Mini-Event are exempt from this rule.) Send good quality copies of a USEA Score Print- Out/Rider Profile along with the eventing awards report form. Or send in a good quality copy of dressage test and the final standings (photograph of posted show standings is fine). For mini events, send in a quality copy of the dressage test and a photograph of posted show standings, or online link if that is applicable.

Eventing Rules continued

- B. The horse/rider combination must submit at least three qualifying scores from three different events to be eligible. ¶
- C. A WDCTA report form with appropriate documentation (found on WDCTA website) must be forwarded to the Awards Chair. Scores must be postmarked on or before November 30. Scores may be submitted via email; a reply will be sent indicating your results were received. Scores may also be sent through the U.S. Postal Service. If you want notification that the awards chair received your scores when sent through the postal service, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with your score sheets. ¶
- D. The Awards Chair will average the three lowest penalty point scores, submitted by a rider, to determine the championship. NOTE: Each score must be a maximum of 50 at Starter through Training levels or a maximum of 60 at Preliminary and above. ¶

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NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted. ¶

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2022 WDCTA EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP APPLICATION

Western Championship registration open to WDCTA members in good standing.

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One form for each Horse and Rider combination. Please print neatly.

HORSE INFORMATION	
Name _____ Breed _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____	
RIDER INFORMATION	OWNER INFORMATION
Name _____	Name _____
Street Address _____	Street Address _____
City/St/Zip _____	City/St/Zip _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Email _____	Email _____
AWARD INFORMATION	
Rider Division (circle appropriate division, or circle both)	
Open Adult Amateur JR/YG Rider	
Eventing Award Level (circle all that apply):	
Starter Beginner Novice Novice Trainer Preliminary Intermediate Advanced Combined Training Test New Event Horse Test 4 & 5 YO Event Horse Test	
Mini Event Level (circle all that apply): Starter Beginner Novice Novice	
Future Event Horse: (circle all that apply): Young Horse Mare Young Horse Colt/Gelding Amateur Handler	
Highest level horse shown by any rider in any country _____	

APPLICATION FEES

# Levels ____ @ \$25 each	\$
Freestyle Division @ \$25	
NOTE: No refunds after the awards application and payment are submitted.	
TOTAL PAYMENT	\$

Sizes for possible awards:

Horse: Blanket _____ Halter _____ Rider: Jacket _____ Belt _____

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