

Annual Meeting and Awards Zooming to Your Home This Month

To help make sure the way WDCTA is structured as an organization to provide the flexibility to operate with or without chapters while maintaining a Board of Directors that represents our entire membership, the State Board has reviewed and approved changes to our bylaws. Our bylaws require that notice be given to our total membership and that all of our members vote on these changes. The opportunity to do this will occur during the Zoom Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation Saturday March 26th at 4 pm. For a summary of the changes, see the end of this article.

In addition, the meeting will celebrate our members' accomplishments with the presentation of our year-end awards.

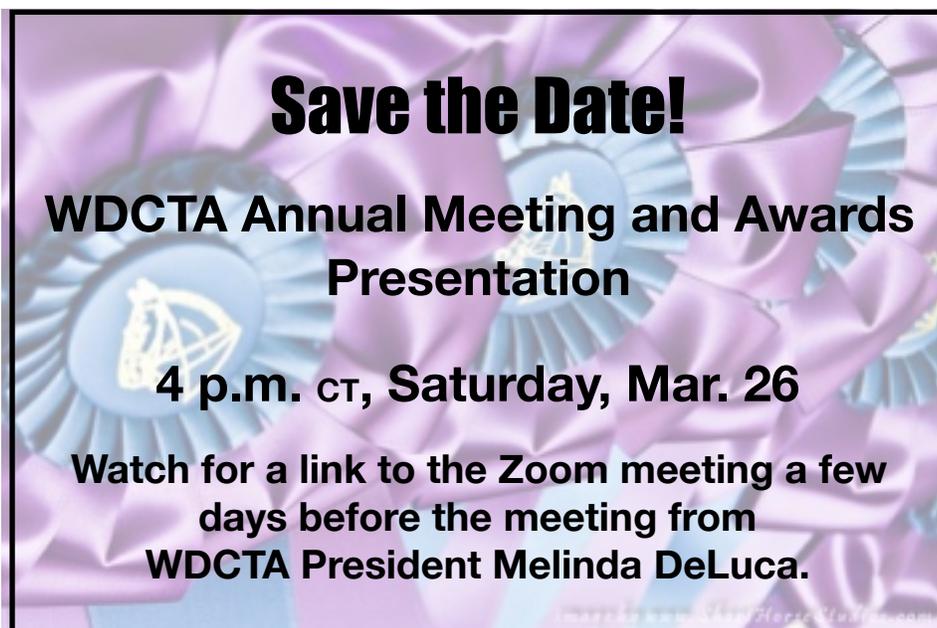
Hopefully our 223 Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation can occur in person. In the meantime, we'll have one more year of conducting business and recognizing our members accomplishments with their horses virtually.

Hope you can join us for this meeting, which we anticipate will take approximately one hour.

Summary of ByLaws Changes

1. Revised Vision, Mission and Purpose Statements Vision

To be a member-driven organization, providing inspirational and educational opportunities in the disciplines of dressage and eventing, that encourages and supports our members and their riding dreams.



Mission

Inspire and support our members' dressage and eventing dreams.

Purpose

WDCTA, as a GMO of the USDF, is an educational non-profit organization that promotes systematic and correct dressage and eventing training; fair and humane horsemanship and care; and a valued partnership with our horses.

We focus on educational events centering on time-honored training systems, promote member educational opportunities through our scholarship program, electronic publications and online social media, recognize member accomplishments, and foster camaraderie through our equine social events.

We work closely with our national dressage and eventing federations to support their efforts to promote dressage and eventing and ensure the welfare of our horses in these disciplines to the public throughout Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (the "Region")

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Bylaws Changes continued

2. The total number of members-at-large will vary from 3 up to a total of 7, depending on the number of chapters. If a chapter dissolves a chapter may nominate a member-at-large within 15 days. The board will accept the nominee if the member is in good standing with the Association. If no nomination is made, the Executive Committee President will make a call for nominations followed up with total association membership voting.

3. If a chapter dissolves the chapter funds will be sent to the state treasurer not to another non-profit.

4. "General membership" will now be the term used for anyone joining WDCTA who is not a member of a chapter, instead of Member-At-Large. The term "total membership" will be used, instead of general membership when referring to voting by all members.

5. The scholarship committee currently includes the VP as committee chair and the chapter presidents on the committee. The VP will remain the committee chair and committee members will be the members-at-large.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let WDCTA President, Melinda DeLuca know and please plan on attending the Zoom Annual meeting and Award presentation Mar. 26 at 4 pm CST. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to your email closer to the date of the meeting.

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 Caryn Vesperman if interested at newsletter@wdcta.org



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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Always Learning

One of the things I like about being in Wellington, FL for the winter season, besides the training, is all the free educational opportunities. Some are in person, and some are by Zoom and hosted by businesses located here.

Following are a couple of nuggets on prepurchase exams, presented by Palm Beach Equine Services of Wellington.

What to Expect in a Prepurchase Exam

“Your veterinarian doesn’t have an agenda. Your trainer might (he/she gets to ride the horse), and the seller does. Your vet’s responsibility is to educate you.” *Dr. Scott Swerdlin, DVM, MRCVS*

“The purpose of a prepurchase is ‘risk mitigation’—the hope is that the horse you buy can do the job you intend.” *Dr. Bryan Dubynsky, DVM*

Dr. Dubynsky stated the most important aspect of a prepurchase is the interview with the buyer. The veterinarian needs to understand the buyer’s dreams, expectations and aspirations. When dealing with unrealistic expectations or a horse that clearly isn’t suitable, Dr. Dubynsky says, “The prepurchase is simply a snapshot in time of the horse’s health and soundness. Suitability is the trainer’s job.”

The number one litigation against veterinarians is prepurchase exams. “Almost always, lawsuits are based on a lack of communication,” says Dr. Swerdlin.

When asked how much should one do in a prepurchase exam, the answer is do everything you can, but keep in mind the cost. Using videos during a repurchase are becoming more common, especially with Covid, as many buyers haven’t seen the horse in person.

Specifics about findings during a prepurchase:

- 35-40% of horses have heart murmurs. If it seems more serious, it’s always good to have a specialist double-check.
- Conformation flaws are more concerning with young horses vs. a horse in his teens that has been doing his job.
- The horse should be observed in the stall to assess whether it’s a cribber, weaver or has some other behavioral issue .
- Draw blood for two reasons: (1) Coggins—don’t assume the owner/trainer has a recent one, and (2) drug panel—too often horses show significant behavior changes when it arrives at the buyers’.
- Conduct a lameness and neurologic exam.
- Do flexion tests before the horse is ridden during the exam.
- Lunge on soft ground and then hard ground.
- Xrays are important, especially for resale reasons.

Sellers are not obligated to provide medical records. However, if they don’t provide them, question why. Sellers should be transparent. It’s up to the buyer to request these records, not the veterinarian.

So until next month, educate yourself, be safe, and ride on!

Caryn

Tip to Keep Your Boot Zippers Zipping Along

By Caryn Vesperman

This tip for keeping your riding boot zippers working smoothly was given to me by the long-time owner of a Madison cobbler shop. It has worked for me. I've never had zippers split on my boots, following this simple system (although they've worn out in other places!).

Step 1



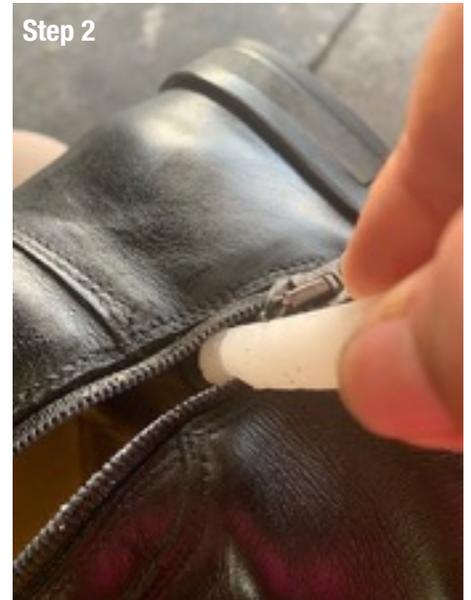
1. Wipe the dirt and mud off your boot zippers and open your boots their full length.

Step 2



2. Take a wax candle and rub it up and down each side of the zipper, leaving an obvious trail of wax.

Step 2



Step 3



3. At the bottom, zip the zipper up slightly, exposing the area that was covered by the zipper pull tab.

Step 4



4. Rub the wax candle over that lower area.

5. Repeat once a month or so, depending upon use.

Step 4



Rider Makeover Clinic with Physical Therapist, Emily Rose

Sponsored by WDCTA Southwest Chapter

Licensed Physical Therapist and Certified Equine Rehabilitation Practitioner, Emily Rose, will work with eight riders over the two-day clinic. The clinic includes lectures with discussion, observation and evaluation of each rider in the saddle, creation of a customized treatment plan, and recommendations on the treatment table, on the horse both before and after the treatment.

Rider slots are full, but plenty of room for auditors.

Non-WDCTA members: \$25/day

WDCTA members audit for FREE!



Daily Schedule

SATURDAY

9-10 a.m. Welcome/introduction, goal-setting and lecture/theory

10 - 11 a.m. Preparation and Ride

11- 12 p.m. Pair 1 Rider Treatment and Ride

12 - 1 p.m. Pair 2 Rider Treatment and Ride

1 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Preparation and Ride

2:30 - 3:30 pm. Pair 3 Rider Treatment and Ride

3:30 - 4:30 Pair 4 Treatment and Ride

SUNDAY

9-10 a.m. Welcome/introduction, goal-setting and lecture/theory

10 - 11 a.m. Preparation and Ride

11- 12 p.m. Pair 5 Rider Treatment and Ride

12 - 1 p.m. Pair 6 Rider Treatment and Ride

1 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Preparation and Ride

2:30 - 3:30 pm. Pair 7 Rider Treatment and Ride

3:30 - 4:30 Pair 8 Treatment and Ride

Location:

Lindinhof Equine Sports

Zentrum

4246 Schneider Drive

Oregon, WI 53575

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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.

Becky Bebber-Wells

State Board Position:
Board Member as the Southwest Chapter President

Why do you volunteer for WDCTA?

Because I enjoy working with other horse-minded people. And frankly, someone has to!

City you live in:
Brooklyn

Horses:

I have three horses that I keep at home. Amelia, a gray, 33-year-old, retired Trakehner mare. She had two foals and previously did dressage. Cheyenne, a gray, 26-year-old Quarter horse gelding. He is my husband's horse and they enjoy trail riding. Androkles ("Andy"), a 16-year-old, chestnut Trakehner gelding. He is a son of Amelias' and participates in dressage, clinics and trail rides.

Discipline:

I'm an amateur who participates in dressage and trail riding, and am a former breeder. I have not competed for a long time.

Current trainer and or clinician:

I ride weekly with Jackie Zimmerman and clinic monthly in the summer with Patti. Becker. I also

enjoy riding with Janet Foy when she comes to town. All three of these ladies have helped me progress in different ways. I appreciate all of their talents.



Becky and Brandon

Most fun thing that has happened while riding:

One time I was taking a dressage lesson on a recently deceased horse named Brandon. My teacher instructed me to cross the diagonal, FXH. As we were going across, Brandon came to the letter H and stopped dead at the letter on the arena wall, looking right at H and then sniffed the letter! We laughed so hard. It was like Brandon was telling me, "This is the letter H!"

Riding advice that really helped:

Perfect practice makes perfection!

Something people don't know about me:

I kayaked around the Napali coast in Hawaii on my honeymoon.

Something I always have in my refrigerator:

Carrots and a bottle of wine!

Favorite book or movie:

Currently it is a book I just finished, "This Tender Land," by William Kent Krueger.

Pet Peeve:

People who don't follow through on commitments.

“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.

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 form when they send it in.
3. We 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.

Heated barn and tack room. 12x12 matted stalls with automatic waterers. Grain AM and PM, hay fed 4 times daily. Daily turnout in spacious dry lots and attached pastures are used weather permitting.

Warm 60'x150' indoor arena with well maintained footing. 2 outdoor arenas, one sand and one grass standard dressage arena.

This 30 acre farm has trails surrounding the property and hay field, also with in a short distance of the Kettle Moraine trail system.

Training and lessons provided by Andrea Schten. Andrea is a USDF Gold, Silver and Bronze medalist on self- trained horses. Multiple students have also obtained their USDF medals under her tutelage.

Please contact Andrea Schten for more information. Call or text 262-470-4557, email: aschten@hotmail.com

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Calendar of Events

WDCTA Events

Mar. 26

WDCTA Virtual Annual Meeting
& Awards Presentation
Tentative Start Time: 4 p.m. CT
*Watch for an email with the
Zoom meeting link a few days
prior to the meeting date.*

April 30-May 1

Rider Makeover Clinic w/
Physical Therapist, Emily Rose
Sponsored by SW Chapter
Clinic includes lectures,
discussion, rider evaluation and
treatment plan.
Location: Lindinhof Equine
Sports Zentrum, Oregon, WI
Rider slots full, but room for
auditors. Non-WDCTA members
audit fee: \$25/day. Members
audit for free.

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

STABLES

Grand Prix Farm
Jackie Luebke-Puetz
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Indoor arena w/ mirrors, heated barn and bathroom, H/C wash stall, screened facility, all turnout in PVC fencing—no bugs! Limited openings for boarders. Trails. Lessons available. No drama queens.

Lindinhof Equine Sports Zentrum
Megan McIsaac
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80x200' heated indoor w/ mirrors. New stalls and client tack room w/ individual lockers. Individual and group turnout. Wash stall. Solarium. Theraplate. Numerous trails. Individual training programs. Lessons and leasing options on FEI school horses, month training for horses and riders. FEI trainer on site.

Tailwind Farm
Andrea Schten
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www.andreaschten.com

Heated barn and tack room, dry lots and large pastures. H/C wash stall, 10 x 12' stalls, Theraplate, indoor and outdoor arenas.

BREEDERS

Jackie Luebke-Puetz
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(920) 693-3367

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.

Tracey Dikkers - USEF/USDF "r" Judge
W4835 Aspen Court
Wild Rose, WI 54984
(608) 220-2628

USDF Silver & Bronze medals. USDF/USEF licensed dressage "r" judge. Available to judge USEF/USDF dressage shows, clinics and lessons.

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Caryn Vesperman - USEF/USDF "r" Judge
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USDF Gold, Silver and Bronze medalist. Shown through Grand Prix. Available for USEF/USDF-recognized dressage and eventing shows and schooling shows.

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Member Listings

INSTRUCTORS

Tracey Dikkers

**W4835 Aspen Court
Wild Rose, WI 54984
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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.

Jackie Luebke-Puetz

**15034 Co. Rd. X
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(920) 693-3367**

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

**Lindinhof Equine Sports Zentrum
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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.

Andrea Schten

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USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medalist, regional championships: Training through Grand Prix on self-trained horses. Multiple students have earned Bronze and Silver medals. Schoolmasters available. Trailering in for lessons welcome. Available for clinics; travel for lessons.

Kate Van Sicklen

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40+ years of teaching experience. British Horse Society instructor certification. USDF "L" graduate with distinction. USDF Associate Certified Instructor. USDF Silver Medal. Shown through Prix St. George. Will teach through 4th Level. Specialize in teaching horses and riders correct basics. Will travel.



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 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



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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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)'s name, show secretary's name and contact information) to newsletter@wdcta.org.



2022 WDCTA EVENTING 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 Eventing 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)	
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 _____	

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