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## 2025 WDAA Shows Newsletter



The Online International Challenge was a big hit again this year. Being the pinnacle of online showing makes participating in this show the most challenging it can be. Rules are strictly enforced, and the quality of rides are as good as it gets. Congratulations to all exhibitors who made it through judging!

### 2025 WDAA Online International Challenge statistics

Total rides - 1013  
Total entries - 370  
Countries competing - 4  
Versatility horses - 17  
Breeds - 60  
States - 36  
Military Veterans - 8  
Junior riders - 43  
Amateur riders - 218  
Open riders - 116





The online award ceremony was held via Zoom on July 6th, all Division, Overall and Special Awards were presented. To watch the Division and Special Awards presentation please visit: [WDAA Western Dressage Online International Challenge](#)

**Congratulations to our Overall High Score winners!**

Exceptional Rider - CAROLINE VANCE  
Junior 13 and under - EDITH MIELKE  
Junior 14 - 17 - STACEY JOHNSON  
Open 39 and Under 29- SARA LOHBAUER  
Open 40 and Up - GERLINDE BECKERS  
Amateur 60 and Up 66 - ADA KEEN  
Amateur 40 - 59 - ASHLEY HERRMANN  
Amateur 18 - 39 - SARA LOHBAUER

The lucky winner of the Pivo technology set door prize was Brianna DeBlasi. [Special thanks go to our partner Pivo for donating this prize.](#) Use this coupon code when you purchase your new Pivo and get 10% off, plus help support WDAA! WDAAPivo



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## WDAA Harmony Award sponsored by Skyline Vaquero

83 entries qualified for the Harmony award during the Online International Challenge.

Next step: Earn at least one 8 (or higher), in harmony at the World Show to be entered in the drawing for the custom-made Silver Buckle generously donated by Skyline Vaquero Silversmiths, the official buckle supplier of the Western Dressage Association of America. For a full list of qualified riders visit [WDAA Harmony Award](#)

## WDAA World Championship Show

The world show is upon us! Entries are pouring in. All Freestyles and Upper Level Classes are filled and a waiting list has been started!

[www.wdaaworldshow.org](http://www.wdaaworldshow.org)



- The best advice any of us can give to exhibitors particularly new exhibitors is to READ THE PRIZE LIST!  
<https://www.showsecretary.com/2025PL/2025WDAWorld.pdf>
- Know the Western Dressage rules located on the USEF website.  
[wd-western-dressage](http://wd-western-dressage) <https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/NpmAWxkXY6M/wd-western-dressag>
- We have many new members attending the show for the first time every year. This year we are working hard to mentor the "newbies" as well as we can. Quite a bit of valuable information is being shared on the WDAA Members only Facebook page "Social Corral". A Zoom call was held answering questions and discussing the Lazy E grounds the recording link is posted on Social Corral and on the WDAA YouTube page. [WesternDressageWDAA - YouTube](#)
- A new group is being formed "Know it All's and Newbies", pairing up World Show experienced exhibitors and new exhibitors, if you would like to be paired up please email, [dini@westerndressageassociation.org](mailto:dini@westerndressageassociation.org)



Celebrate with us Friday Night at the **Founders Freestyle Fiesta Exhibitors Party** honoring Ellen DiBella, past president and founder of WDAA which is 15 years old this year!



## We Need Volunteers!

**We need World Show Volunteers!!!** Please visit this link now to volunteer. We can't put on the greatest show without your help! If you need to wait until ride times are posted that is fine there are plenty of spots available.



[WDAA: 2025 Western Dressage World Championship Show - WDAA](#)



**Youth at the World Show** - We will be having several youth activities this year, a new scavenger hunt experience and a few more surprises. Stay tuned!

- Attention junior rider parents! WDAA can provide a school absence letter. Just email [dini@westerndressageassociation.org](mailto:dini@westerndressageassociation.org) to request one.
- We are adding a lead line class for kids 6 and under. It will be held before the Wednesday evening Freestyle classes. The entry fee is \$10 and you can sign up during the show at the WDAA Awards office in the covered arena.

## Wish your family and friends luck with a World Show Sponsorship!

The best way to wish someone luck is by sponsoring their class! Please visit [Sponsor the World Show - WDAA World Championship Show](#). Plenty of sponsorship remain unclaimed. Remember sponsorships go a long way, besides supporting the World Show this is how we fund new programs and improve ones we have.



### LYNN PALM FUTURE STAR AWARDS

At the Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) Championship Show.

- \$500 awards will be for the highest-scoring junior rider (with a score of 65 percent or higher) in the Intro, Basic, Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 classes.
- The Lynn Palm Future Star Award's goal is to enable promising youth riders to continue their Western dressage training and education.

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## The Dressage Foundation's Lynn Palm Future Star Awards are back!

The Dressage Foundation is pleased to present the Lynn Palm Future Star Awards at the Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) Championship Show. These \$500 awards will be for the highest-scoring junior rider (with a score of 65 percent or higher) in the Intro, Basic, Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 classes. The Lynn Palm Future Star Award's goal is to enable promising youth riders to continue their Western dressage training and education.



These Awards are presented through TDF's Western Dressage Fund, which was established by Lynn Palm in 2019 to give back to the sport she loves. TDF's Western Dressage Fund also provides grants to amateur, youth, and professional riders who need financial support for training, and to groups that are hosting Western Dressage educational events. TDF's Lynn Palm Future Star Awards will be announced at the WDAA World Championship Show's Awards Celebration.

**Don't forget! Help support WDAA and our Mission**

It is time to renew your Stronger Together membership, if you participate in the program for 5 years you will receive a very special gift! You can also join this very esteemed group of WDAA members by visiting this link and completing the tasks <https://wdaa.memberclicks.net/stronger-together>

Thanks go to the following Stronger Together members for always being in front of the pack supporting WDAA, its mission and the World Show:

Candace A Carlson  
Cindy Butler  
Amanda Kopak  
Mark Hiser  
DEBORAH HAUSMAN  
Shannean Fields  
Madeline Erce  
Holly Clanahan  
Riley Whittaker  
Alison MacDonald  
Joanne Coy



**STRONGER TOGETHER**



**We are excited to announce that the WDAA Horse Lifetime Points and Award Program has its first SUPER HORSE!**

Congratulations to Gallod Ffantastic and owner Joann Williams!

This TOP WDAA award along with many others will be presented at the WHLPAP Awards Banquet on Tuesday evening during the World Show. All those eligible should have received their invitation from the WHLPAP team.

#### **THE MAKING OF A SUPER HORSE by Joann Williams**

I am deeply honored and beyond thrilled that Gallod Ffantastic and I are the first recipients of the new Super Horse award in the WHLPAP program. I really appreciate all of the hard work that continues to organize this complicated program. WHLPAP is, without a doubt, a well thought out and comprehensive program.

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## WDAA Test Revisions to Date

- Level 1 Freestyle: 4/5/2022 Total points correction on cover page only.
- Level 2 Test 2: 3/30/2022 Movement 15 clarification that the collect jog begins at V. Changed sidepass from 4 steps to 4 strides.
- Level 2 Test 2: 5/23/2022 Changed sidepass from # of strides to go to the first quarter line.
- Level 2 Test 4: 2/15/2022 Changed sidepass from 4 steps to 4 strides.
- Level 2 Test 4: 5/23/2022 Changed sidepass from # of strides to go to the first quarter line.
- Level 2 Freestyle: 1/7/2022 Movement 10 has had the verbiage "through the jog" removed. And now states only "Simple change of lead".
- Level 3 Freestyle: 4/26/2022 Total points correction on cover page only.
- Level 4 Freestyle: 4/26/2022 Added L|R to movements 9 & 10. Removed L|R from box 11. Corrected total points on cover page.
- Level 5 Test 1: 12/10/2021 Added "Left Lead" to movement #1 to clarify the lead to take from the halt.

UPDATE

- Level 5 Test 3: 12/10/2021 Added "Left Lead" to movement #1 to clarify the lead to take from the halt.
- 2022 Western Dressage Equitation Tests: 11/30/2022 Tests Retired.
- 2023 Western Dressage Equitation Tests: 12/1/2022 Added using the new Walk-Jog, Intermediate, and Advanced categories.
- 2023 Western Dressage Equitation Patterns: 02/22/2023 Changed the word "test" to "pattern".
- 2024 Western Dressage Equitation patterns: 01/18/2024 Movement #4 Lope to Halt movement changed to "Halt through the Jog."



Join WDAA or renew your membership today so you don't miss out on exclusive member benefits!

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WDAA has some very exciting events, be sure to check the calendar regularly so you don't miss out!

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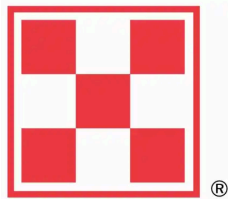
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