



We're in the midst of show season and I have been impressed by the numbers of exhibitors showing in Western Dressage as well as by the quality of the performances I have seen this year.

If you are new to showing and considering giving it a go, be sure to check out all the helpful tips and links on the WDAA website www.wdaa.org.

Also, know the rules before entering a show.

The USEF Rulebook is available as an app you can keep on your phone.

I have noticed an increase in new exhibitors showing up with illegal equipment lately. So, be sure to consult the rules and the [WDAA Equipment Guide](#) which is a wonderful resource with many pictures of tack allowed and not allowed.

Entries are now open for the WDAA World Championship Show! If you plan to attend the WDAA World Championship Show this year, please enter early, especially if you want to perform a freestyle. There are a limited number of slots available for those classes and the slots are awarded on a first come basis. If you plan to enter the new [USEF Medal Equitation Class](#), you need to sign up with USEF as well as enter it on your World Show Entries application.

I wish you all the best of luck every time you head down Center Line. Have fun and be grateful for how far you have come on your journey with your horse.

I am so proud of you!

Enjoy the Journey,
Cindy Butler, Your President
Western Dressage Association of America

Online International Challenge



Congratulations to all the winners and participants in the 2026 WDAA Online International Challenge! We couldn't do this sport without you and appreciate your commitment to Western Dressage.

Watch the 2026 Online International Challenge Awards Ceremony:



HORSE LIFETIME POINTS & AWARDS PROGRAM

The WDAA Online International Challenge awards
1.5X POINTS
for eligible results in the

WDAA Horse Lifetime Points and Awards Program

[View the 2026 Online International Awards Presentation Here](#)

[View the 2026 Online International Awards Team Results Here](#)

Division Buckles and Overall High Score stall bags will be shipped this week!



Last date to order jackets is tomorrow, July 28th!

Once you order your jacket on your OIC portal, you will see "JACKET HAS BEEN ORDERED" if you don't see those words your order did not go through. If someone else submitted your entries they will have to order your jacket.

OIC STATS:

Total Rides - 1229

Total Entries - 413

66 Breeds

3 Countries

36 States

9 Veterans

13 Versatility

2026 WDAA World Championship Show Entries are OPEN



The countdown to the WDAA World Championship Show is on! Entries are **OPEN**, so be sure to submit yours and start preparing!

 Entries Opened: July 27

 Entries Close: August 25

View the prize list here: <https://www.showsecretary.com/2026PL/2026WDAAWorld.pdf>

Please be sure to read the prize list thoroughly, as it includes all the important information you need for entering and showing at the 2026 WDAA World Championship Show.

Have questions? We're here to help! Submit your questions using the link below, and we'll answer them in an upcoming WDAA World Championship Show Q&A.

 **Question Submission Form:** <https://s.surveypal.com/tdppy5vf>



WDAA is looking for class and division sponsorships for the World Show!

✨ Make Your Mark at the 2026 WDAA World Championship Show! ✨

The countdown to the 2026 WDAA World Championship Show is on, and sponsorship opportunities are still available!

Whether you're a business looking to reach the Western Dressage community, a farm supporting the sport, or an individual wanting to honor a special horse or rider, your sponsorship helps make our World Championship Show a success.

Available Sponsorship Opportunities

- ✓ Individual Classes
- ✓ Divisions
- ✓ Breed Awards
- ✓ Freestyle Classes

☀ **Become a Silver Stirrup Sponsor!** ☀

Sponsors contributing \$600 or more receive our Silver Stirrup Sponsor recognition package, which includes:

- ★ Preferred stabling at the World Show
- ★ Recognition on the WDAA website
- ★ Recognition in the official World Show program
- ★ Sponsor banner or flag displayed on the show grounds
- ★ Announcements during the live stream

It's a great way to showcase your business, celebrate your farm, honor a horse, or simply give back to the sport you love.

Every sponsorship—large or small—helps create an unforgettable championship experience for our exhibitors, horses, volunteers, and spectators.

✉ Ready to become a sponsor? Click Here: <https://wdaaworldshow.org/sponsor/>

It's about the journey... and every sponsor helps make that journey possible.

Sponsor a Class, Division, or Breed Here

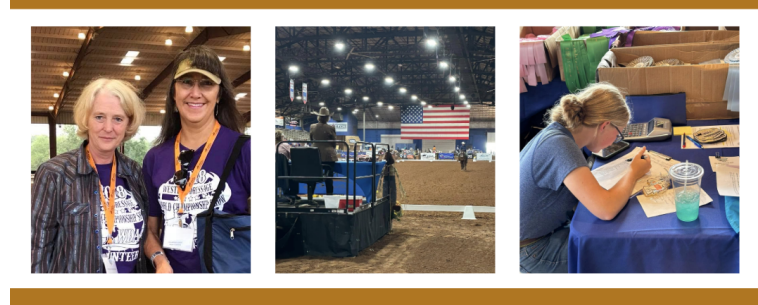
Volunteer at the 2026 WDAA World Show



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ready to help at the 2026 WDAA World Show?

Friday, September 11th through Sunday, September 20th



We need your help starting Friday, September 11th through Sunday, September 20th.

Please sign up to volunteer via the SignUpGenius link below. When you sign up, please be sure those dates and times will work for you.

The positions we are looking for are Runners, Hospitality, Score Checkers, Award Office, Stabling and General help.

★ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4AACAA2BA20-64635551-2026#/>

Thank you in advance, we can't have a successful show without your help!

USEF Western Dressage Seat Medal Final application is due on August 31, 2026



The USEF Western Dressage Seat Medal Final application is due on August 31, 2026. This class is being held at that WDAA World Championship Show, at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Okla., during September 15-19, 2026, the Medal Final will take place on September 15, 2026.

The USEF Western Dressage Seat Medal Final program spotlights the growing discipline of Western Dressage and celebrates correct training and equitation. USEF member riders may qualify in a Western Dressage Seat On The Rail, Western Dressage Horsemanship, or Combined Equitation class at a USEF licensed show. The final will be conducted in the format of a Combined Equitation class, with both an On The Rail section and a Horsemanship pattern, each of which totals 50% of the rider's final score.

To qualify for the Final, riders must successfully complete one Western Dressage Seat Equitation class at a USEF-licensed competition during the Qualifying Period and submit a USEF Western Dressage Seat Medal Program application during the Qualifying Period. Applications can be submitted at any time (before or after) a qualifying ride has been completed.

Fill out the application here: [https://www.usef.org/log-in/?sub=athletes&route=%2fsport-apps%2fsearch%3futm_source%3dSilverpopMailing%26utm_medium%3demail%26utm_campaign%3dSport%2520News%2520-%2520WDDA%2520Medal%2520Final%2520Applications%2520-%25207.7.26%2520\(1\)%26utm_content%3d](https://www.usef.org/log-in/?sub=athletes&route=%2fsport-apps%2fsearch%3futm_source%3dSilverpopMailing%26utm_medium%3demail%26utm_campaign%3dSport%2520News%2520-%2520WDDA%2520Medal%2520Final%2520Applications%2520-%25207.7.26%2520(1)%26utm_content%3d)

Please submit all applications, as well as questions regarding applications for the USEF Western Dressage Seat Medal Final, to Lexie Stovel, US Equestrian National Breeds & Disciplines Programs Manager, at lstovel@usef.org.

Fill Out Application Here



WDAA Horse Lifetime Points and Awards Program

Introducing Our Newest WDAA Super Horse!



Glamour Girl DBA ++++//
Owned by Joann Williams

The WDAA Super Horse Achievement is the most prestigious program milestone in the WDAA Horse Lifetime Points and Awards Program, and we are thrilled to announce that **Glamour Girl DBA ++++//** has officially earned the title!

From Joann:

"I was horse shopping in 2015 for a well started young gelding under 16 hands. GG was an unstarted 16.1 hand 4 year-old half Arabian chestnut mare bred and raised by a good friend who knows bloodlines and temperament. When GG strolled right up into my trailer having never been shipped before, I realized that I might really have something special. She's brave, willing, friendly and as eager to go on a trail ride as she is to head up the centerline. She's easy to get along with, and very polite about letting me know when I'm not riding well enough for her (But she does let me know!) She's even polite about asking for more carrots, apples and treats.

GG and I have competed in over 85 level 5 tests. Of those, 60 tests are over 70%, 24 are above 65% which is one of the requirements for the Super Horse title. We've also earned the Arabian Horse Associations "Legion of Masters", which is the highest lifetime award offered for Half Arabians."

Save the Date! WHLPAP Award Banquet

WHL PAP Members- This years Awards Banquet will be on the evening of Tuesday, September 15th at the WDAA World Championship show. **Invitations to the Banquet will be sent out and the RSVP form will open when World Show entries open!**

If you are unable to attend, you will have the ability to choose the "Ship to Me" option on the RSVP form.

Remember, in order to be processed for this year's Award Processing Cycle, your WHLPAP achievements have to be active on your profile as of 11:59PM CST on 7/31.

Any achievements earned after 7/31 will be shipped in 2027.

WDAA Year End High Point Program

WDAA Online International Results are In!

Congratulations to all our members who competed in the [WDAA Online International Challenge](#)! We had the single biggest change in the **YEHP Leaderboard** standings due to the size of the show and your outstanding performances!

Between the OIC results and the all of the recent show results coming in, the Leaderboards remain ever-changing and we hoped you've enjoyed watching your YEHP points grow over the show season along with you and keep an eye on

[National YEHP Leaderboards](#)

[International YEHP Leaderboards](#)

Best of luck and Happy Showing!
-The WDAA Points Team

[WDAA Points Website](#)

[WHL PAP vs YEHP Comparison](#)

[Enroll for a WDAA Horse Number](#)

USEF National Youth Sportsman's Award Application Deadline is Aug 15th



Attention YOUTH WDAA Members! The USEF National Youth Sportsman's Award Application deadline is **August 15th!**

ALL applicants will receive a free WDAA membership for 2027.

(Hint... You can use the same recommendation letters for the WDAA Youth Scholarship application due Nov 15th)

This award recognizes outstanding young equestrians and identifies future leaders across all breeds and disciplines. It honors youth who show dedication, sportsmanship, and positive involvement in the equine community.

Eligibility:

- Must be 17 or younger as of December 1, 2025
- Must be an active US Equestrian member in good standing and a member of WDAA.
- Should demonstrate:
 - Commitment to promoting equestrian sport
 - Positive role model behavior
 - Strong sportsmanship
- Must be involved in equestrian activities and participate in competition at any level (Local, Regional, or National).

Awards:

- National Winner: Trophy + \$1,000 educational grant.
- Reserve Winner: \$500 educational grant.

Application:

- August 15 Deadline to submit complete application to dini@westerndressageassociation.org
- For all application information, please visit <https://www.usef.org/learning-center/youth-programs/grants-scholarships/youth-sportsman>

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Paityn Schlabach of Willis, Texas, the winner of the Aug 2026 WDAA Youth Scholarship!

Judges News

Congratulations to Our Judges!



Congrats to Kathleen Elliott of Murrieta, California for earning her large 'R' (Registered Judge)!

World Show Judge Education Training & Group Apprentice Judging is Open



World Show Education Training

Registration is limited to 20 apprentices. Silent auditors will be accepted IF the apprenticeship slots do not fill.

Date: September 15 – 19, 2026

Location: Lazy E Arena, 9600 Lazy E Dr, Guthrie, OK 73044

View your checklist requirements on the USEF website. All prerequisites must be fulfilled prior to the start of the seminar in order for it to count towards your licensing requirements. This event does not count as a sideline apprenticeship. Contact USEF Licensed Officials Department if you have any questions.

JUDGE EDUCATION TRAINING REQUIREMENT:

- Small r judge applicants must attend all 5 days
- Large R judge applicants must attend Days 1-4
- You must bring your own scribe; a scribe cannot be provided for you. Scribes are not needed for Day 1 - Rail Class day
- You must have attended a WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Judges Seminar within the last 3 years

GROUP APPRENTICE REQUIREMENT:

- We highly recommend that you attend day 1, which is the rail class day
- But, you may attend only the days/times to fulfill your group apprentice judging requirements. A schedule is not yet known.

CLINICIANS:

- Cindy Butler, WDAA President and R Judge
- Joanne Coy, Judge Education Committee Chairperson & R Judge

Click this link to take you to the registration form and view additional information.

<https://wdaa.memberclicks.net/jet2026#/>

Register Here!

Judge Education Training (Live Seminar) Denver, Colorado 2027 – Date Change



This seminar will be held Friday, February 5 through Sunday, February 7, 2027 at the Embassy Suites Denver International Airport Hotel
7001 Yampa Street, Denver, CO 80249

Small r Judges and Applicants must attend Friday - Saturday (2/5 - 2/6)

Large R Judges and Large R Applicants must attend Saturday - Sunday (2/6 - 2/27)

Reminder: All USEF licensed Western Dressage judges must complete the USEF/WDAA Judge Education Seminar once every 3 years.

If your last seminar was completed with the online version, you must attend a live seminar. You can check directly with USEF to see when you are next due.

Watch the Western Dressage Judges Education page for additional details!



AI Summaries

Member Alert from US Equestrian:

Be Cautious When Using AI Summaries

Member Alert from USEF: *As search technology evolves, it's easier than ever to just type a question into your browser bar and get an answer from AI. US Equestrian wants you to use that tool with caution if your question pertains to a specific element of our rules.*

Our sport department and Equine Drugs and Medications office have encountered situations in the past few weeks of members receiving Google AI summaries that contain inaccurate information about drug policies or equipment rules. In one case, a member who showed her veterinarian an AI summary stating that an SGLT2 inhibitor was prohibited and could not be used at all; in reality, the drug can be used if it's been prescribed by a veterinarian, is withdrawn for 24 hours prior to competition, and a medication report form is filed correctly. (You can learn more about SGLT2 inhibitors in this recent USEF Insider article.)

In another, a competitor with a young horse saw an AI summary stating that standing martingales are prohibited in jumper classes at and above 1.30 meters, and assumed this meant he could use one in a .90 class. The AI summary did not explain that the same restriction also applies to all young horse classes.

Read the full article here: <https://www.usef.org/media/press-releases/member-alert-from-us-equestrian-be-cautious-when>

[Read More Here](#)

WDAA Test Revisions to Date

UPDATE

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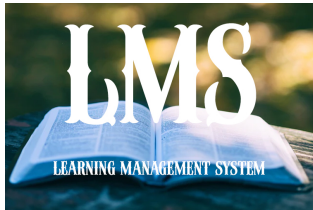
WDAA has some very exciting events, be sure to check the calendar regularly so you don't miss out!

[Visit the Calendar](#)



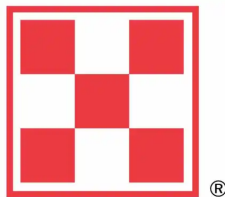
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