



YOUR GUIDE TO WESTERN DRESSAGE

Our mission is to build an equine community that combines the Western traditions of horse and rider with Classical Dressage. We honor the horse. We value the partnership between horse and rider. We celebrate the legacy of the American West.



Western Dressage Association® of America
P.O. Box 2349
Parker, CO 80134

info@westerndressageassociation.org



WWW.WESTERNDRESSAGEASSOCIATION.ORG

Every year the Western Dressage Association of America hosts the Western Dressage World Championship Show. More than 28 states and 31 breeds have been represented at our past World Championship shows. The WDAA World Championship Show has become a true celebration of this wonderful discipline, its horses, and their partners. Plan now to join us at the next celebration!

More information can be found at
www.wdaaworldshow.org



World Championship Show 2016-oneulsa.com

photos by onetulsa.com

WHAT IS WESTERN DRESSAGE?

It was only natural that at some point East would meet West, English would meet Western, and Classical dressage would meet the spirit of the Western horse. When that day arrived, Western Dressage was born.

The Western Dressage discipline is a melding of training methods. Classical dressage brings the techniques of master European horsemen, techniques that are hundreds of years old, and principles that encourage cadence, balance, and carriage. It is technical and it is precise—a rigorous discipline for horse and rider. It is also an art. Western horsemanship has been practiced on the ranches of the American West since the 1700s and even earlier through the traditions of the Spanish vaqueros. The subsequent advances in Western horsemanship created by the Dorrance brothers and practiced by a new generation of horsemen and women opened the door to the mind of the horse, encouraging patience and understanding. The concept of “lightness” and subtle cues grew from its acceptance. They found that the result was good for both horse and rider.

WHAT IS WDAA?

The Western Dressage Association of America is an Educational Not for Profit with a 501c3 status. Our primary focus is on education about and the promotion of Western Dressage. The United States Equestrian Federation has recognized WDAA as the sole affiliate representing the discipline of Western Dressage



Photo by onetulsa.com

WESTERN DRESSAGE TESTS

Western Dressage tests are based on dressage fundamentals and showcase applications for the working Western horse. They are designed with progressive elements to showcase the developing skills and partnership of horse and rider.

WESTERN DRESSAGE RULES

The USEF Western Dressage rules are a wonderful educational tool that highlight gait descriptions, movements, goals, and objectives – all of which lend themselves to a progressive learning and training program, regardless of intent to show or ride in another discipline. They are mindful of the mission of the WDAA, in which we honor the horse and provide a safe, comfortable, and fair environment to explore the discipline.

WDAA OFFERS THE FOLLOWING TO OUR MEMBERS;

HORSE LIFETIME POINTS AND AWARDS PROGRAM

Developed to acknowledge the progress and accomplishments of the individual horse by tracking points achieved throughout their Western Dressage career.

WDAA SHOW RECOGNITION

Developed to assure show exhibitors that they are afforded the opportunity to compete on a fair and level playing ground. Show Recognition is a requirement for a show to be eligible for the Horse Lifetime Points and Awards Program.

WDAA STATE AFFILIATES

States may apply to be an Affiliate of the WDAA and share in the benefits of the Educational 501c3 status. The State Affiliates have the opportunity to be the face to face connection with the public and educate them with the help of WDAA resources.

WESTERN DRESSAGE JUDGES EDUCATION

Judges licensing is through our Affiliation with the United States Equestrian Federation. Educational programs are held throughout the year, including opportunities for auditors.

WDAA SOCIAL CORRAL

A Facebook Group intended for our members to get to know each other and learn more about the sport of Western Dressage.

PLUS MUCH, MUCH MORE...
FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT OUR WEBSITE:



WWW.WESTERNDRESSAGEASSOCIATION.ORG



Speert Photography