



Opening Date: April 1, 2021

Closing Date: May 31, 2021

USDF Region 1 Youth Team Challenge
Hosted by Lehigh Valley Dressage Association (LVDA)
at
HITS Commonwealth Park
Culpeper, VA
Saturday, June 26-Sunday, June 27, 2021

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Veterinarian on call: Keswick Equine Clinic - 540-832-3030

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Medical Services: Dan Prescott, EMT

Overnight Security: Robert Roberts

Photographer: Stacy Lynne Equine Photography www.stacylynnphoto.com

For More Information: <https://www.lvda.org/youth-dressage-team-challenge>

Riders do NOT need any memberships to participate in this competition. All riders are welcome. This show is registered as part of the [USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards](#) program. In order to participate in the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards, riders must have a USDF GMO membership and pay the nominating fee through USDF. This is NOT required to participate in this show.

COVID Protocols: USDF/USEF and local protocols will be followed regarding COVID-19. We will publish protocols closer to show date to be able to follow the most recent protocols.

Levels: USDF Introductory through FEI as well as Western Dressage. All current editions of tests will be used. Leadline classes and Prix Caprilli tests will be posted on the website.

Riders:

FEI Age rules apply. Riders are considered whatever age they will be on Dec. 31, 2021. Riders may **NOT** turn 23 this year.

A rider may **NOT** ride the same horse in two different divisions (except if a rider wishes to show in a Western Dressage division and a Classical Dressage Division). A second division may be entered by the rider with a different horse, or the same division with a different horse.

Horses:

1. A horse may be ridden by 2 different riders in the same or different divisions. A horse may compete in a maximum of 3 tests total per day. Every effort will be made to provide sufficient time between rides for riders sharing mounts.
2. Horses must have a **current Coggins test** (blood draw date within 12 months of the end of the show) and **proof of Flu/Rhino** (EIA, EHV 1, EHV 4) vaccination dated within the past 6 months. The **HITS Event Participation Declaration** must be provided at check-in. Be aware that horses may need a **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** to be in compliance with agricultural transportation laws.

Chef d'Equip:

Each team should have a designated adult Chef d'Equip to act as the team captain. The Chef should submit all entry forms, required health papers for horses, and payment to the show secretary. The Chef will be responsible for communication between riders and show management regarding special needs or changes.

Entries:

Entries must be mailed or emailed to the show secretary by the Chef prior to the closing date.

Checks should be made payable to LVDA Youth Challenge. Paypal info will be listed on entry form. It is preferable that one payment be sent for the whole team if possible. Numbers will not be distributed on the show grounds unless all fees have been paid. **Entries may be limited.** Late entries may be possible if space permits.

Team Divisions & Tests:

Teams will be placed in divisions. Show management reserves the right to combine and/or split divisions depending upon entries. Teams may be organized to represent a GMO, farm, trainer, club or be a group of individual riders. Each rider/mount combination will ride the two tests designated for their division and may only compete in one division. Each rider should anticipate that one test in the team division will be ridden on Saturday and one test in the team division will be ridden on Sunday. A rider may ride a different mount in the same or a different division. A team may be 3 or 4 riders. Any individual or partial team may request to join a mixed team and show management will attempt to form teams. Leadline is not eligible to join a team.

Division #	Division Title	Tests to be Ridden
1.	Intro Walk/Trot Level	Introductory A & B (Mixed ages)
2.	Starter W/T/C Level	Introductory C & Training Level Test 1 (Mixed ages)
3.	Training Level	Training Level Test 2 & Training Level Test 3 (Mixed ages)
4.	First Level	First Level Test 2 & First Level Test 3 (Mixed ages)
5.	Second Level & Up	Second Level & Up - Any 2 tests from your selected level (Mixed ages)
6.	FEI Level	Any FEI TOC - must ride 2 tests (can be the same test or different) (Mixed ages)
7.	Western Dressage	Any two western dressage tests, indicate TOC on entry form (Mixed ages)
8.	Mixed Levels	Each rider to ride the 2 stated tests of their level as stated above (13 & Under)
9.	Mixed Levels	Each rider to ride the 2 stated tests of their level as stated above (14 & Up)
10.	Mixed Levels	Each rider to ride the 2 stated tests of their level (Mixed Ages)

Awards:

- Individual class ribbons 1st-6th places for all classes
- Team medals for riders and team neck sashes for horses for 1st-6th places
- Champion and Reserve Champion individual rider in each team division
- DSE - 1st - 6th place ribbons for Saturday qualifiers. Horse neck sashes and rider medals for 1st -6th places for Sunday Championships. DSE to include a mounted awards ceremony with honor lap.

Team Awards Ceremonies:

Sunday award ceremonies will be mounted with an optional honor lap. Riders may have a groundsperson if needed or appear unmounted. Riders may wear team attire, costumes, or show attire for awards. Boots/polos encouraged. Attendance is not mandatory, however, an additional fee will be necessary for ribbons and prizes to be mailed. A tentative schedule of awards ceremonies will be emailed with ride times.

Dressage Seat Equitation Championships:

Riders who would like to participate in the DSE Championship should sign up for the DSE Qualifying test on Saturday. Divisions will be formed by age if there are sufficient entries. The top finishing rider in each class will be called back on Sunday for the DSE Championship, with wild card riders possible depending on the number of entries. Wild card riders will be selected by highest scores when ranked among riders in all equitation qualifying classes (by division if entries warrant). There is no additional charge to compete in the Sunday class if qualified.

Stall Decorating Awards:

Teams may choose to decorate their horse and tack stalls. Judging for these awards will take place on Saturday. All decorations must be removed before you leave on Sunday. Safety is a priority, you must avoid fire hazards. Winners will be announced on Sunday.

Stable Management Awards:

Awards will be presented for outstanding stable management. You never know who will be coming through the barn to assess your area for cleanliness, neatness, horse care, etc.

There will be additional contests and prizes awarded throughout the competition.

Apparel:

Riders may wear schooling show or formal show attire. ASTM/SEI approved helmet and proper riding boots (half chaps allowed) are required. Braiding is optional. Horses may not wear boots/wraps in the competition arena.

Individual Classes:

Riders are welcome to ride additional tests. Please think about your horse's well-being considering age, fitness and possibility of heat and humidity. Horses may not be ridden in more than 3 classes per day.

Saturday	Class	Sunday	Class
101	USDF Intro Test A		
		202	USDF Intro Test B
103	USDF Intro Test C		
		204	Training Level Test 1
105	Training Level Test 2		
106	Training Level Test 3	206	Training Level Test 3
107	First Level Test 1		
108	First Level Test 2		
109	First Level Test 3	209	First Level Test 3
110	Second Level Test 1		
111	Second Level Test 2		
		212	Second Level Test 3
113	Third & Fourth Level TOC	213	Third & Fourth Level
114	FEI Test of Choice	214	FEI Test of Choice
115	USEA Test of Choice		
116	Western Dressage Test of Choice	216	Western Dressage Test of Choice
		217	Prix Caprilli - Intro (Walk-Trot, X-rails)
		218	Prix Caprilli - Training (Maximum 2')
		219	Prix Caprilli - First Level (Maximum 2'6")
120	Musical Freestyle Test of Choice (Specify Level on Entry)		
121	Pas De Deux		
122	Quadrille		
123	Leadline Test of Choice		
124	Dressage Seat Equitation W/T		
125	Dressage Seat Equitation W/T/C		

Fees:

Team Division Fee	\$90	Per rider. Includes the 2 tests in your division.
Classes 101-120, 202-219	\$30	Per test
Class 121. Pas de Deux	\$50	Per pair
Class 122. Quadrille	\$60	Per team
Class 123. Leadline	\$20	Per rider
Class 124 & 125. Dressage Seat Equitation	\$30	Per rider
Office Fee	\$10	Per entry (horse & rider combo)
Stabling (Friday noon through end of show Sunday)	\$100	Per stall (horse or tack stall)
Haul-in (if not stabling)	\$35	Per day
Non-competing horse	\$25	Per day, plus stabling or haul in fees.
Shavings	\$8	Per bag, must be preordered.
RV Site (Friday noon through end of show Sunday)	\$100	Per site (includes water and electric hook-up)
Late Fee/Change Fee	\$25	Per entry or per change
Insufficient Funds fee	\$30	Per check

Changes:

After closing date, changes may be made at the discretion of show management only and will incur a \$25 fee. Refunds before closing date with a \$10 office fee. No refunds after closing date.

Ride Times:

Ride times will be emailed to Chefs and posted on the website and Facebook event page at least 1 week prior to the start of the show.

Volunteering:

We encourage all riders to donate at least one hour of their time during the show. Please check in with the show office to sign up to volunteer during the show. We also welcome sibling and parent volunteers. Individuals 16 and over, please email the show manager if you would like to volunteer during the show as a ring steward, runner, scorer, or other needed position. Volunteers working a 4 hour shift receive a \$10 credit for food or those working an 8 hour shift will receive a \$20 credit for food.

Stabling:

Stabling will be in permanent barns with 12'x12' stalls with half doors. Electrical cords must be 12-gauge, 3-wire, negative ground type. No initial bedding will be provided. Bedding may be pre-purchased or you may bring your own. There will be overnight security on grounds Friday and Saturday nights. Each horse MUST have a completed stall card with emergency contact information. Stalls do NOT need to be cleaned before leaving and there is no stall cleaning fee.

Arenas:

There are several competition and warm-up arenas. All are outdoor all-weather sand/bluestone/fiber or sand/bluestone footing. Dressage tests will be ridden in a standard 20 x 60 meter arena. Intro through Training Level Test 2 may take place in a small arena of 20 x 40 meters or a standard size arena depending upon entries. Equitation classes may take place outside of the dressage arena, in an enclosed ring.

Hotels:

Info coming soon...

Sponsors:

We are grateful for any businesses, farms, or individuals who would like to support the show. Please contact the show manager for information on sponsorship opportunities. We have a varied menu of options to suit your needs.

Vendors: Vendors are welcome, please reserve with the show manager. Vendor spaces are outdoors, you must bring your own tent or trailer and provide proof of insurance per requirements of the facility.

Rules:

SAFETY FIRST

- ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR HELMETS WHEN MOUNTED. There are absolutely zero exceptions.
- Horses that are entered in the show may only be ridden by their entered riders on Saturday and Sunday.
- Please wear proper footwear around the horses.
- All dogs MUST be LEASHED while on show grounds, including stable areas, and must have a responsible person with them at all times. Dogs may not be left unattended in barns (including being tied in the barn or locked in stalls). Owners may be fined. Dog owners are responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from their dogs' behaviors.
- Absolutely no smoking in barns.
- Bridle numbers must be worn at all times when horses are outside of their stalls.
- Sharps containers are located in the barns. Please dispose of medical waste properly.
- All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents, or their horses.
- Bikes are not permitted in barns.
- Barn aisleways are to be kept clear at all times. Horses should be able to walk through safely.
- Only licensed drivers may operate motorized vehicles on the show grounds, including golf carts, scooters and cars.
- USEF rules will be followed unless otherwise noted.
- All equipment such as whips, spurs, bits, etc. shall be in accordance with USEF rules. Whips are permitted in all classes.
- Readers are permitted in all classes, but memorization of tests is encouraged.
- Please observe all posted showground rules.

Team Rules:

- Each team is required to have 6 scores. The top 6 scores from each team will be counted.
- Eliminated/retired, scratched, or withdrawn rides will count as 25%.
- The total percentages of each team's counted rides will be added together and divided by 6 to determine the team's average score.
- Teams will be placed by the highest average score.

Tests:

[Leadline tests](#): Choose from test 1, 2, or 3

[Prix Caprilli Intro Level](#) (click on link for test)

[Prix Caprilli Training Level](#) (click on link for test)

[Prix Caprilli First Level](#) (click on link for test)