



May 9, 2023
Opening date for entries
LOCAL; Western Dressage



June 13, 2023
Closing date for entries
USEF #342802
WDAA #23-296

Saturday, June 24 & Sunday, June 25, 2023
Northeast Western Dressage Championships

Mount Holyoke College • 50 College St., South Hadley, MA 01075
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www.wdama.org

Judges:

Ms. Ida Norris (VT), 'R'

USEF Steward:

Katherine DeSantis (MA), 'C2'

Organizing Committee/USEF Licensee:

Western Dressage Assoc. of Massachusetts (WDAMA)

CLASS LIST

101/201	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Suitability – Walk/Jog	Saturday/Sunday
102/202	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Suitability – Walk/Jog/Lope	Saturday/Sunday
103/203	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Suitability – Gaited Horses	Saturday/Sunday
104/204	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Intro, Test 1	Saturday/Sunday
105/205	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Intro, Test 2	Saturday/Sunday
106/206	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Intro, Test 3	Saturday/Sunday
107/207	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Intro, Test 4	Saturday/Sunday
108/208	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Hack	Saturday/Sunday
109/209	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Hack – Gaited Horses	Saturday/Sunday
110/210	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Basic, Test 1	Saturday/Sunday
111/211	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Basic, Test 2	Saturday/Sunday
112/212	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Basic, Test 3	Saturday/Sunday
113/213	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Basic, Test 4	Saturday/Sunday
114/214	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 1, Test 1	Saturday/Sunday
115/215	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 1, Test 2	Saturday/Sunday
116/216	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 1, Test 3	Saturday/Sunday
117/217	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 1, Test 4	Saturday/Sunday
118/218	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 2, Test 1	Saturday/Sunday
119/219	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 2, Test 2	Saturday/Sunday
120/220	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 2, Test 3	Saturday/Sunday
121/221	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 2, Test 4	Saturday/Sunday
122/222	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 3, Test 1	Saturday/Sunday

123/223	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 3, Test 2	Saturday/Sunday
124/224	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 3, Test 3	Saturday/Sunday
125/225	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 3, Test 4	Saturday/Sunday
126/226	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 4, Test 1	Saturday/Sunday
127/227	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 4, Test 2	Saturday/Sunday
128/228	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 4, Test 3	Saturday/Sunday
129/229	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 4, Test 4	Saturday/Sunday
130/230	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 5, Test 1	Saturday/Sunday
131/231	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 5, Test 2	Saturday/Sunday
132/232	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 5, Test 3	Saturday/Sunday
133/233	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Level 5, Test 4	Saturday/Sunday
134/234	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Gaited TOC Intro/Basic/Level 1**	Saturday/Sunday
135/235	WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Gaited TOC Level 2 – 4**	Saturday/Sunday

** Please Specify Test on Entry, a horse and rider may NOT do the same test of choice in separate sections of the same class.

1. LEVELS

Western Dressage Intro through Level 5, Western Dressage Suitability and Hack.

2. AWARDS

Ribbons awarded 1st-6th place in each class. Intro through Level 5 tests will be split for into the following categories for pinning purposes: AAYr/Jr and Open (if entries warrant).

Championship Awards: Championship and Reserve Ribbons for each of the following levels: (a) Introductory, (b) Basic, (c) Level 1, (d) Level 2, (e) Level 3, and (d) Level 4 and above. The Championships for Introductory, Basic, Level 1 and Level 2 will be awarded based on the average of three scores at that level (throughout the weekend); one score MUST be the highest test of that level. The Level 3 and Level 4 and above Championship will be based on the average of any two scores at Level 3 and Level 4 and above (throughout the weekend).

Additionally, for Championship Awards, AA/Jr/Yr will be separated from the Open competitors

3. ENTRIES

Pre-entries will NOT be accepted. Copy of USEF cards for horse, rider & owner who want to be eligible for HOTY points. Accepted list/entry status is emailed to competitors and updated regularly at www.wdama.org. Make checks payable to “WDAMA”. Online entries and credit card payments accepted through equestrianentries.com.

No refunds after closing date. Including “Acts of God”.

All scratches and changes must be received in writing. Email: entries@onthebitevents.com

All horses (including non-compete horses) must provide copy of coggins dated within 12 months of the show date to complete each entry. Coggins must be received prior to the closing date to avoid incomplete fees. **All horses entering competition grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus & Equine Herpes Virus Vaccinations within six months per GR845. Competitors must provide documentation as requested by management.**

All riders, owners, trainers, lessees, coaches, and agents with horses entered in western dressage classes at USEF-licensed Regular and Local shows must be members of WDAA or pay a non-member fee at the show.

Class Fees:

- Intro through Level 5, Suitability & Hack classes: \$45.00/class

Other Fees:

- \$30.00 non-refundable office fee/entry
- \$23.00 USEF/Drug Fee
- \$45.00 show pass fee PER SHOW for all eligible adult WDAA Non-Members (\$30 for Juniors as defined in USEF GR128)
- \$20.00 fee for each change to entry after the closing date.

- \$50.00 fee for non-negotiable check.
- \$20.00 fee for incomplete entry not rectified before closing date. (Missing card copies, check, signatures, Coggins, etc.)
- \$50.00 post entry fee for all entries accepted after close
- Non-Competing horses if space allows. Advance notice required. \$60.00 + office fee.
- *Optional:* Pre-order boxed lunch, to be delivered to the show grounds, \$12.00/lunch. Select regular or veggie option with your entry form if desired.

Entry fees and stall assignments are non-transferable and non-refundable after the closing date for any reason.

A Horse/Rider combination may enter no more than two consecutive levels, at any one competition. Suitability, Hack and Equitation are excluded from the maximum limit of rides per day and horses in these classes may compete at any level for which they are otherwise eligible during the same competition. No horse may be ridden more than once in any Western Dressage class (including separate divisions or sections of the same class number). Horses cannot be ridden by more than two riders. Rides will be limited to 4 tests per horse, excluding suitability, equitation, and hack. If there is a conflict with breed division rules regarding WD102.2, the breed division rules will govern.

4. TIMES

Tentative times will be posted on www.onthebitevents.com, www.foxvillage.com and emailed to competitors *five* days before the event. During and after the show, results are posted to the same links. All ride times, including pre-printed show program, are to be considered tentative until noon the day before the show. Official show times will be available in the show office. Please check day sheets to confirm correct ride times. Classes may begin as early as 7:30 AM and will not run in numerical order.

5. STABLING

Overnight and day stalls will be assigned on a “first come first serve” basis by entry receipt. High quality, permanent (12x10 and 12x12) stalls with doors -\$75 overnight, \$75 day stall. Stalls must be left stripped. A \$40 fee will be charged for stalls not stripped. NO ELECTRIC FANS. Battery powered fans are permissible.

6. ACCOMMODATIONS

D. Hotel & Suites, Holyoke MA 866-925-4218

Quality Inn & Suites Northampton-Amherst, Northampton, MA 866-767-0278

7. DIRECTIONS

GPS address to the Equestrian Center: 56 Park Street, South Hadley MA.

From I-91 North, take Exit 16 (Holyoke) onto Rt. 202 North. Follow through many traffic lights. Go over the Connecticut river. At the rotary, take the second right onto Rt. 202 North. Just past the college on your right, take a right onto either Church St or Park St. At the top of the hill take a left into the Equestrian Center driveway. Park in the back lot.

From I-91 South, take Exit 20. Take left at the first set of lights onto Damon Road. Take a left onto Rt. 9 East. Go across the bridge. Take the first right just before Getty Station. Take first right at the stop sign onto Rt. 47 South. Follow to the end (aprx. 8 miles). At the stop sign, go kitty corner across Rt.116 onto Park Street. Follow as above.

From the Mass Pike. Take Exit 5. Bear to the right after toll booth. Turn left on Rt.33, drive approximately 5 miles. Take a right onto Rt. 116 north, drive 1.5 mile to the College. Turn right onto Church St, which turns into Park St. Equestrian Center entrance will be on the left.

8. FOOTING

Two indoor arenas with GGT Footing measuring 230x100' and 70x110' respectively. Outdoor sand arena. Rings will be maintained to an optimum standard. Intro classes will compete in a small (20 x 40 meter) arena. Basic and above classes will compete in a standard (20 x 60 meter) arena.

The outdoor arena space is 20x60 m sand and has Euro-felt footing. Warm-up will be held in the small indoor arena or in the fenced outdoor arena.

9. ENTERTAINMENT

Vendors, including food, will be following COVID-19 protocols and may or may not be available. Current information will be listed on our website and emailed to competitors.

Photographer on-site: TBA

Food Vendor: Will not be on-site. Competitors may elect to pre-order boxed lunches (regular or veggie) with your entry form, \$12/lunch, to be delivered to the show grounds.

10. OTHER

The show committee reserves the right to cancel or combine any classes.

Farrier: On call each day, see show office for contact/details.

Veterinarian: On call each day. Number posted at office and in stabling area.

Sharps container in show office and in each barn.

Show management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally and/or cancel awards of prizes without claims for damages & change order of classes, cancel, split, or combine classes at its discretion if entries deem necessary.

Numbers must be worn at all times while a horse is out of their stall.

11. DOGS

Dogs are welcome but must be on a 6' leash at all times and are NOT allowed in warm up areas! No expandable leashes. Any loose dogs will result in owner being charged \$50 that will be donated to the local Humane Society. Any dog becoming a nuisance will be asked to leave the grounds.

12. USEF MOTORIZED VEHICLE STATEMENT

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

13. USEF SAFE SPORT STATEMENT

All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at www.usef.org.

14. HEADGEAR LAWS

The Northeast Western Dressage Championship will adhere to all requirements of USEF GR801 relating to protective headgear.

EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULEBOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.

Please check website for complete omnibus listing and additional information.

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WESTERN DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION®

OF AMERICA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

General memberships run from January 1st – December 31st

Date: _____ New Member Annual Renewal

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

\$30 **Junior Membership** (under 18 previous Dec. 1)

\$45 **General Membership** (Yearly renewal)

\$45 **Veteran Membership** (Yearly renewal)*

\$500 **Veteran Lifetime** (Lifetime membership)**

\$1000 **Founding Pioneer** (Lifetime membership)

Additional Donation \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

*New veteran yearly membership includes a small gift of appreciation from WDAA for your service.

**Veteran Lifetime membership includes a beautiful silver belt buckle engraved with your name and military branch as a gift of appreciation from WDAA for your service to our country.

PERSONAL INFORMATION (*required information for membership profile)

*First Name: _____ MI: _____ *Last name: _____

*Street Address: _____

*City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip: _____ *Country: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

*Email: _____ **A unique email is required for each member**

Date of birth: _____ **(required only for Junior members who have not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1st of previous year)**

**Veterans: Branch of service _____

Please send copy of confirmation of military service along with this form and payment

PAYMENT: Check or money order (in US funds) Check #: _____

***Make checks payable and send to: Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA), PO Box 2349, Parker, CO 80134
Check must be accompanied by a copy of this form***

The Western Dressage Association® of America (WDAA) is a 501c3 educational non-profit organization focused on providing a model of horsemanship that optimizes the partnership of horse and rider for their mutual benefit. The mission of the WDAA is to honor the horse, to value the relationship between the horse and rider, and to celebrate the legacy of the American West, which it focuses on through its offerings of educational opportunities and events to the equestrian community.



FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaulteur or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of _____(Competition). I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable - casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time, as well as all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand.

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

TRAINER (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

OWNER/AGENT (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

COACH (if applicable)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulteur/Longeur is a minor) _____

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

Is Rider/Driver/Vaulteur a U.S. Citizen: Yes No



WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian ("USEF") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and _____ ("USEF Event" or "USEF Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors,, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any USEF Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the USEF Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING:

CAUTION: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Under the laws of most States, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the USEF Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any USEF Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any USEF Event.

D. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY: In conjunction with my participation in any USEF Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: USEF, USEF Recognized Affiliate Associations, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USEF clubs, members, Event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, judges/officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any USEF Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the USEF Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where a USEF Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties (**Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"**), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("**Liability**") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the USEF Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any USEF Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR OWNER TRAINER OFFICIAL STAFF VOLUNTEER COACH (IF APPLICABLE)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) _____ Date: _____

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

USEF Competition Name:

USEF#:

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):



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859-225-6915 or Text Anonymously 855-682-8733



ATTENTION COMPETITORS

We want to hear from you! Take a minute to share about your competition experience. The best method to ensure your voice is heard is to provide written feedback directly to USEF. Please fill out the Competition and Licensed Official Confidential Evaluation linked below.

Scan the QR code to log into your My USEF account and complete the form.



Questions?
Email reports@usef.org