

DELAWARE VALLEY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION



2008
DRESSAGE
AT DVHA

DVHA SHOWGROUNDS
ROUTE 604, SERGEANTSVILLE, NJ

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DVHA 2008 DRESSAGE SHOW SCHEDULE

~ A Great Place To Show ~

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| May 11 | Dressage at DVHA (ESDCTA) |
| June 7 & 8 | Dressage at DVHA Show (USEF/USDF) |
| June 12 | Thursday Night Dressage |
| June 26 | Thursday Night Dressage |
| July 10 | Thursday Night Dressage |
| July 24 | Thursday Night Dressage |
| July 27 | Dressage at DVHA (ESDCTA) |
| Aug 7 | Thursday Night Dressage |
| Aug 21 | Thursday Night Dressage |
| Nov 2 | Autumn Dressage at DVHA (USDF/USEF) |

Please Note

Entry Forms

The entry form for our May 11 and July 27 show as well as the Thursday Night Dressage Shows are also available on the DVHA website. Please visit www.usdf.org to download the Region 1 entry form for our June 7-8 and November 2 shows.

Opening/Closing Dates

All activities listed, except the Thursday Night Dressage shows, include an "Opening Date" and "Closing Date" for entries at the top of the page. As there is often confusion about these dates, the rules are as follows:

OPENING DATE – Entries must be **POSTMARKED on or after this date.**

CLOSING DATE – Entries must be **RECEIVED by this date.**

For information on all DVHA schooling, Thursday Night Dressage and recognized shows, please visit our website: www.dvha.org or contact Judith Stratton at dvhadressage@verizon.net

DRESSAGE AT DVHA 2008 SPONSORS

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| <i>Starter Rider</i> | <i>Skylands Tack</i> |
| <i>Starter Horse</i> | <i>Skylands Tack</i> |
| <i>Training Level</i> | <i>Judith Stratton Interior & Garden Designs</i> |
| <i>First Level</i> | <i>John Smisek and Joanne Smisek</i> |
| <i>Second Level & Musical Freestyle</i> | <i>Waldhausen</i> |
| <i>Qualified Rider Certificate & Medals</i> | <i>Harlequine Horseware</i> |

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR DVHA DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

Some of the most common rule questions are briefly answered here:

1. A simple snaffle, regular cavesson, flash, figure eight or drop noseband is permitted. Twisted wire bits, bits of two or more different metals (e.g. copper and steel) and bit guards of any type are NOT permitted.
2. Bandages, boots, blinders, martingales, draw reins, side reins, running reins, earplugs, or artificial devices are NOT permitted. (However, lunging with side reins and riding and lunging with boots, bandages or running martingales are permitted only in the warm-up area.) Seat covers, nose covers, and ear covers are allowed.
3. Whips may be carried during a test, but may not exceed 43" in length.
4. Spurs capable of injuring a horse are forbidden.
5. Riders may have a reader, however: it is the rider's responsibility to know the test. Movements may be read only once. Coaching from the sidelines of the ring is not permitted during a test and may result in the rider's elimination by the judge.
6. Talking or clucking to your horse is not permitted during the test.
7. Committing three (3) course errors, leaving the arena during the test, or marked lameness may result in elimination.
8. Riders may not show under a judge from whom they have received instruction within thirty (30) days. Should riders choose to show, they will then be riding "Hors Concours" (HC), and the scores will not count towards awards.
9. Horses may not be entered in classes differing by more than one level at one show.
10. A rider must enter the arena within 45 seconds of the judge's signal (usually a whistle or bell).
11. The following exceptions to USEF rules are permitted at DVHA dressage schooling shows: Jackets are optional; smooth leather half-chaps may be worn if combined with matching paddock boots; protective headgear is encouraged at all levels, including FEI. If riding jackets are removed, a conservative top with sleeves and collar must be worn. Dressage tests up to (and including) First Level/Test 1 and Test 2 may be held in the small arena at the discretion of the show organizer.

DRESSAGE AT DVHA MEDALS

DVHA Dressage Medals are designed to recognize **riders** who have achieved a consistent 58% scoring regardless of class placements or size of competition. Scores need not be earned in 1 year and are cumulative from Jan.1, 1999. **You must be or have been a member of DVHA at the time when scores were earned.** You must also be a member in good standing when applying for a medal. You must have your Volunteer Hours as for a Year-end award. Only DVHA and ESDCTA recognized shows will count toward a medal.

Members **must fill out a DVHA Dressage Score Record Form.** Keep all tests. Copies of both sides must be submitted with Award Form. All tests must clearly indicate the name and full date of the show, the judge's name, along with the score and rider's name. A rider need not have ridden the same horse in each test. Musical Freestyles do not count toward medals.

QUALIFIED RIDER CERTIFICATE - Will be awarded to a rider who has achieved six (6) scores from six (6) different judges of 58% at Starter Rider or Starter Horse, USDF Test A or Test B.

BRONZE MEDAL - Will be awarded to a rider who has achieved six (6) scores from six (6) different judges of 58% at Training Level. Two (2) scores must be Training Level Test 4.

SILVER MEDAL - Will be awarded to a rider who has achieved six (6) scores from six (6) different judges of 58% at First Level. Two (2) scores must be at First Level Test 4.

GOLD MEDAL - Will be awarded to a rider who has achieved six (6) scores from six (6) different judges of 58% at Second Level. Two (2) scores must be at Second Level Test 4.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Will be awarded to a rider who has achieved four (4) scores from four (4) different judges of 58% at THIRD Level or above. Two (2) scores must be from the highest test of that level.

Medal applications must be received no later than November 30th in order to be awarded at the ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET in January.

Send a photocopy of score tests (both sides) to: Judith Stratton, DVHA Dressage Medals, 186 E. Ashland Street, Doylestown, PA 18901.

DRESSAGE AT DVHA YEAR-END AWARDS

To be eligible for DVHA year-end awards, the following specifications must be met:

1. You must register your horse BEFORE the first show in which you compete.
2. You must fulfill all DVHA membership requirements or all scores accumulated are forfeited.
3. In the DVHA Starter Horse or Starter Rider Divisions, the same horse/rider combination must compete in at least four (4) tests for Starter Rider or four (4) tests for Starter Horse. Two scores must be from a DVHA schooling show held in May and/or July. Once you have moved up to the Open Training Level Tests, you may not drop back to Starter Level. Any scores accumulated up to that point will be consolidated for awards. Starter Division Rider (classes 1-2) and Starter Horse (classes 3-4) can exhibit for only two (2) years in these divisions.
4. In Training Level and above, the same horse/rider combination must compete in at least six (6) tests at each level in which they compete and under at least two (2) different judges. Two scores must be from a DVHA schooling show held in May and/or July or the USEF/USDF shows in June and November.
5. For the Musical Freestyles, the same horse/rider combination(s) must exhibit at a minimum of any two DVHA (2) shows. Musical Freestyle classes are identified as the Kur, Quadrille and Pas de Deux.
6. The scores from all shows recognized by DVHA, including Thursday Night Dressage and the USEF/USDF recognized shows may be used (Starter Horse and Starter Rider are not listed in the USEF/USDF shows).
7. Quadrille will be pointed for DVHA. The team must attend at least two (2) shows and compete under the same "team name." All team members must be members in good standing to qualify for a year-end award. Quadrille teams can consist of five (5) different members/riders.
8. Year-end points will be awarded under the following criteria: Scores will be tabulated by calculating the median score from the required tests of the appropriate level (see rules 3, 4 and 5 above).
9. Competitors can compete in as many classes as desired and accumulate more than the required minimum scores. Only the highest minimum scores will be used when computing the year-end score.

DRESSAGE AT DVHA THURSDAY EVENING DRESSAGE SERIES

DVHA Showgrounds

Sergeantsville, NJ

Phone Day of Show Only: 609-397-8080

Show Dates: June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, Aug 7, Aug 21

Organizers: John Smisek and Joanne Smisek
908-996-3758

Judges: TBA

Classes offered at all Levels offered by USDF, USEF & USEA. NOTE: Dressage Equitation will not be offered at Thursday Night shows.

Starter Horse: For Horses in their first or second year of showing dressage. May not have shown above open Training Level Test 2.

Starter Rider: For Riders who have not competed above open Training Level Test 2.

ENTRIES: \$15 per class nonmembers, \$10 per class DVHA members.

Classes run from 3:30 pm until 7:30 pm

Classes offered are as listed on DVHA schooling show page (except for Dressage Equitation).

Exhibitors competing in a USEA class must advise show organizer in advance which test they will be riding.

Information: A) Pre-entries are encouraged by phone to the show organizer listed above with the appropriate class numbers. Walk-in entries will be given at time of entry on a first come first serve basis. B) All exhibitors must complete the schooling show entry form. C) Photocopy of negative coggins within 12 months must accompany entry. D) Ribbon to all exhibitors.

DRESSAGE AT DVHA
Delaware Valley Horsemen's Association Showgrounds
Schooling Shows 2008
Ringoes, NJ
ESDCTA Registered

SHOW DATES

May 11, 2008
July 27, 2008

OPENING DATES

March 24, 2008
June 23, 2008

CLOSING DATES

April 28, 2008
July 14, 2008

ORGANIZER/SECRETARY

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186 E. Ashland Street
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-348-4443 (leave message)
dvhadressage@verizon.net

JUDGES

May 11 Louise Cox (R)
July 26 Kem Barbosa (S); Debbie Savage (R)

CLASSES

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| 1. Starter Rider USDF Test A (Walk/Trot) | 10. First Level Test 1 |
| 2. Starter Rider USDF Test B (Walk/Trot) | 11. First Level Test 2 |
| 3. Starter Horse USDF Test A (Walk/Trot) | 12. First Level Test 3 |
| 4. Starter Horse USDF Test B (Walk/Trot) | 13. First Level Test 4 |
| 5. Training Level Test 1. | 14. Second Test 1-4* |
| 6. Training Level Test 2 | 15. Third Level Test 1-3* |
| 7. Training Level Test 3 | 16. Fourth Level Test 1-3* |
| 8. Training Level Test 4 | 17. FEI Tests* |
| 9. Dressage Seat Equitation | 18. Musical Freestyle* |
| | 19. Quadrille/Pas de Deux* |

* Please state level and/or test of choice

**ENTRY INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLING
SHOWS ON MAY 11 AND JULY 27**

1. **ENTRIES:** a) \$25.00 per class for classes 1-18. DVHA members \$15.00. Pas De Deux and Quadrille \$15.00 per person. b) Make checks payable to DVHA. c) No Refunds after closing date. d) Proof of negative Coggins within the past 12 months must accompany entry. **Post Entry Policy:** Call secretary. Entries accepted at the discretion of the secretary. All late entries and post entries will incur a \$15.00 per entry fee.
2. **STARTING TIMES:** Available **Wednesday** before the show by accessing the DVHA website at www.dvha.org
3. **AWARDS:** Trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in each class. The trophy will only be awarded in classes with 3 or more entrants.
4. **ARENAS:** All classes will be held in 20 x 60 or 20 x 40 meter outdoor arena with sand or stone dust footing. Warm-up will be outside with sand or stone dust footing. Lunging is only permitted in the small upper warm-up arena during competition hours.
7. **OTHER INFORMATION:**
 - a) **Starter Horse:** For Horses in their first or second year of showing dressage. Starter horses may not enter classes 5-19. **Starter Rider:** For riders who have not competed above Training Level Test 2. Starter riders may not enter classes 5-19. **Dressage Equitation:** Open to all junior and adult amateur riders. The starting time for this class will be held at show secretary's discretion and may split if entries warrant.
 - b) All dogs must be leashed.
 - c) *It is recommended that all participants wear approved protective headgear while mounted.*
 - d) Food will be available on grounds during the show.