



# US National Dressage Classic Qualifying Show



Recognized Western Dressage  
Show Series

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allowed

## VIRTUAL WESTERN DRESSAGE SHOW

Entries Open Dates: March 8 – 31, 2024

Video Submission: through April 21, 2024

Results by: May 2, 2024

Enter at: [SpotlightHorseShows.com](http://SpotlightHorseShows.com)



ONLINE COMPETITION SERIES

WDAA Recognized: #24-141  
WDAA World Show Qualifier  
CAWDA Year End Awards

DRESSAGE • EVENTING DRESSAGE • WESTERN DRESSAGE

# Our Judges

**Western Dressage: Sharron Sarchet – R**

Additional judges may be added as needed

## **Show Secretary**

Gail Matheus

For show specific questions, contact Gail at [Gail@SpotlightHorseShows.com](mailto:Gail@SpotlightHorseShows.com)

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## Awards & Eligibility

**RIBBONS** – Will be awarded through 6<sup>th</sup> place.  
**MEDALLIONS** – Will be award to High Point Junior, Amateur, and Open Riders



### CAWDA ONLINE YEAR END HIGH POINT

CAWDA is offering 2024 Online High Point Awards for Open, Amateur, and Youth (17 and under) for Rider/Horse combinations and awards in all levels as well. The Online High Point Program is open to all CAWDA members in good standing. Open riders, showing a client's horse, must also be a CAWDA member to be eligible for their Year End High Point program. Additional details on the [next page](#).



### US NATIONAL DRESSAGE CLASSIC REGIONAL RECOGNIZED

Riders are eligible to compete in the Regional Championship for their home state.

See these pages for full details.

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### WDAA HORSE LIFETIME POINTS AND AWARDS PROGRAM

Scores earned at this show count ½ points toward WDAA Horse Lifetime Points & Awards Program. It is optional to participate in this program. For more information, or to enroll in the program, please visit [WDAA Horse Lifetime Points](#)

### 2023 WDAA WORLD QUALIFIER

Please refer to the [Western Dressage Association of America's World Show Website](#) for details.

The World Show will be held at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, OK  
Dates: Sept 26th – Sept 30th, 2023.

### RECOGNITION – refer to their websites for details



APHA-PAC



WDAA



Friesian Horse Assoc.  
of N.A.



American  
Warmblood Society

# CAWDA ONLINE YEAR END HIGH POINT PROGRAM



CAWDA is offering 2023 Online Year End High Point Awards for Open, Amateur, Youth (17 and under), and Therapeutic for Rider/Horse combinations and awards in all levels as well. The Online High Point Program is open to all CAWDA members in good standing.

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:**

Ride in CAWDA online shows. Once the show has been judged and results have been posted, your percentage score will be used as your point score for that ride (for example, if you receive a 65.5, you will receive 65.5 points.)

## **NUMBER OF SHOWS NEEDED:**

You will need to compete in at least three or more CAWDA online shows. Points from your highest five scores from at least three shows will be counted and totaled. The ride/horse combination with the highest totaled score will be awarded the high point for that year. For complete 2023 CAWDA Virtual High Point rules, visit <https://cawda.org/>

## **2024 QUALIFYING SHOWS:**

### Snowflake Horse Show

Open January 12 – February 4, 2024. Videos due February 25. Results by: March 7  
Judges: Carolyn Lindholm (R) & Kathleen Elliott (r)

### Spring Fling

Open March 8 -31, 2024. Videos due April 21. Results by: May 2  
Judge: Sharron Sarchet (R)

### June Bloom

Open May 4 - 26, 2024. Videos due June 16. Results by: June 27  
Judge: Joyce Swanson (R)

### Sizzlin Summer

Open June 28 – July 21, 2024. Videos due August 11. Results by: August 22  
Judge: Ann Judge (R)

### Fall Fiesta

Open August 23 – September 15, 2024. Videos due October 6. Results by: October 17  
Judge: Heather Stalker (R)

### Silver Holiday

Open October 11 – November 3, 2024. Videos due November 24. Results by: December 5  
Judge: Julie Haugen (R)

# How To Enter

## Step 1: Complete Your Entry Information

- Create an account or log-in at [www.spotlighthorsheshows.com](http://www.spotlighthorsheshows.com)
- Go to "Select A Show" from the drop down menu.
- Enter the show office information first – Add to cart to complete form. Note: You will need your membership numbers. Close window.
- Click on "Select Your Classes". Select the division(s) your are showing in. (Dressage, Eventing Dressage, Western Dressage, Driven Dressage). Hint: Filter on your competition level
- Add to cart classes to your shopping cart & check out

**b** Select a Show   Submit Video Links   Success Stories   Gift Cards   **a** Login   **e**

### US NATIONAL Dressage Classic

This show is open to all riders. The only classes which are restricted are the regional championship classes.

Entries Open: July 22 – August 11, 2022  
Video Submission: through September 9, 2022  
Judging Period: September 10 – 19, 2022  
Judges will be assigned based on the home region of the rider. The full list of judges are in the prize list below.  
HOW DO I GET QUALIFIED? [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

**WDAA World Championship Show Qualifier**  
WDAA Recognition # TBD

**USNDC Regional Finals**  
Two Champions per level will be pinned in each region, division, and level.  
The All-Around Champion is the team with the best average score for competing in all the tests of the level.  
The Level Champion is the team with the best score at the highest test of the level.  
Qualify by showing in Spotlight Horse Show prior events from August 15, 2021 through August 15, 2022.  
Horse and rider qualify for the classes where they earned the score.  
The National Finals which will be held in November, 2022.

**APHA PAC and OHS A Approved**

[Prize List](#)

**c** SHOW OFFICE INFORMATION: Add to cart, then select classes below.

**d** SELECT CLASSES: Filter on your division and levels to see classes

**d** **FIRST, SELECT YOUR DIVISION**

[DRIVEN DRESSAGE](#) | [DRESSAGE](#) | [WESTERN DRESSAGE](#) | [EVENTING DRESSAGE](#)

All /



## DRESSAGE DIVISION

**d** [Junior](#) | [Amateur](#) | [Open](#) | [Freestyle](#)

# How To Enter

## Step 2: Membership and Competition Level Verification

- Your class selection will be verified prior to confirmation of your show entry.
- Upon acceptance, you will receive an e-mail with your pre-filled class sign. This must be displayed at the start of your video

 SPOTLIGHT HORSE SHOWS		<b>Entry #</b> <b>100</b>
<b>Show Name: CAWDA Silver Holiday</b>		
<b>Rider: Jane Smith</b>		
<b>Horse: Ima Winner</b>		
<b>Class Number: INT1-A: Intro, Test 1 Amateur</b>		
WDAA Show # and Date:		
<small><u>Instructions:</u> Film in landscape position only. Continuously film and keep the rider/horse in frame through the end of the equipment check.</small>		

## Step 3: Film and Upload Your Videos

- Read the video rules that come with your video sign package and follow them carefully
- If you do not already have one, create your YouTube channel and upload your videos.
- Once done, copy and paste the class description and video links on the [Video Submission Form](#) found on the show website.

## Step 4: Judging and Results

- Your classes will be judged within 10 days after the video submission phase ends.
- All judge's decisions are final.
- Results will be posted the day following the judging period at the show website.
- Copies of your completed test sheets will be e-mailed to you.

### Note:

- Management reserves the right to change officials, combine or cancel classes, and modify the schedule to make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications.
- Management reserves the right to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry for cause deemed sufficient by Show Management. and add to cart

# 2024

# US NATIONAL DRESSAGE CLASSIC

# REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

## 2 Championship Levels

Qualifying Period: August 16, 2023 – August 22, 2024

Regional Championships: Opens 7/28 Closes 8/25. Videos through 9/15

National Finals: Opens 9/27 – 10/20. Videos through 11/10

### GROUP QUALIFIERS

- Enter any Spotlight Dressage show designated as a qualifier
- Riders who score a minimum of 60% at the highest test of the level are automatically qualified for the **Level Championship** at the on-line regional championships.
- Enter all classes of the level in the same show to be eligible for the **All-Around Championship** for that level. Average score must be a minimum of 60% to advance.

### REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- There are 7 regions
- Riders with the minimum scores of 60% advance to the National Finals for both the Level and All-Around Championships.

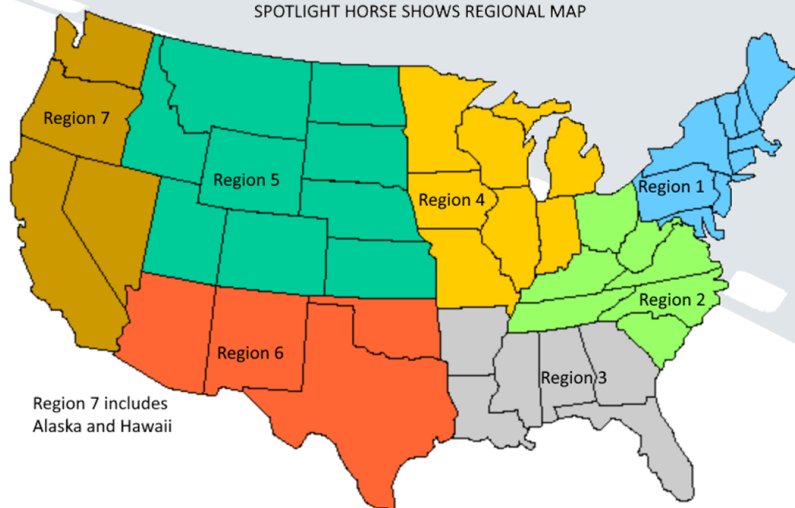
**Riders can participate in any show qualifier nationwide but will represent their home state in the Regional Championships**

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**QUALIFIED DRIVEN DRESSAGE DRIVERS GO STRAIGHT TO THE NATIONALS!**

### NATIONAL FINALS

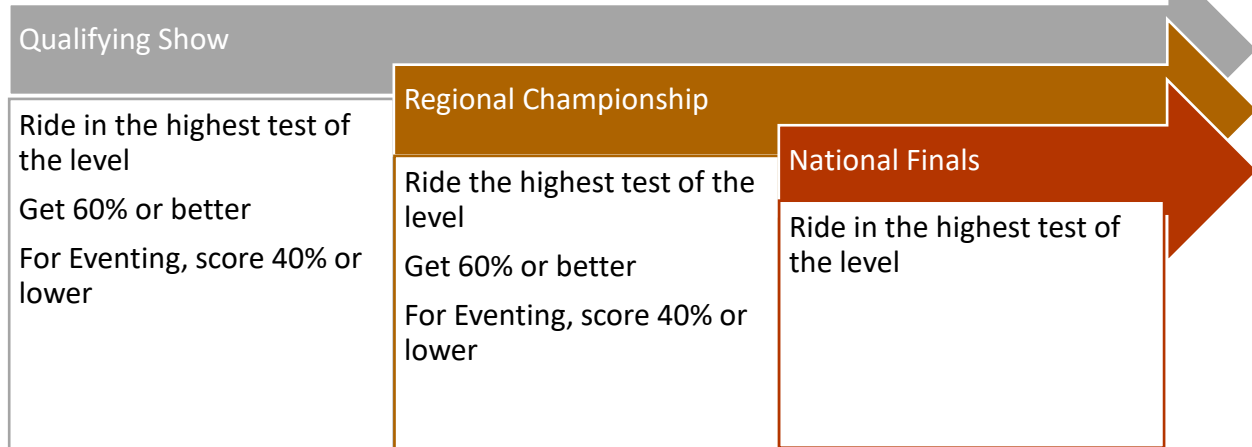
- Two Champions per Level
  - All-Around Champion
  - Level Champion

SPOTLIGHT HORSE SHOWS REGIONAL MAP



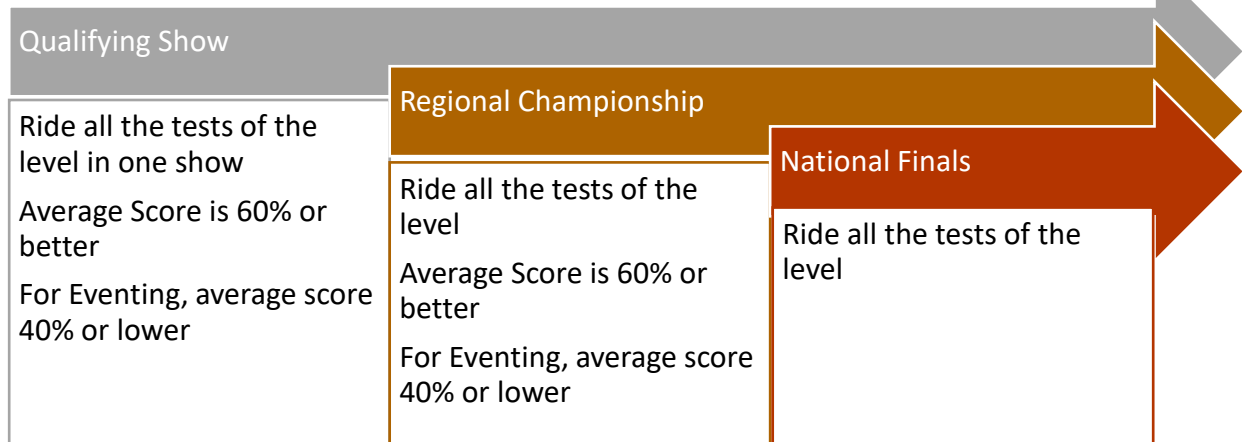
# HOW TO ADVANCE TO THE FINALS

## Level Champion



## All-Around Champion

US National Dressage Classic - Roadmap  
Spotlight Horse Shows



## Awards:

**Buckles, Plaques, Medallions, Ribbons & More!**





## Fees and Refunds

WESTERN DRESSAGE CLASS FEES	
Introductory - Level 5	\$37
Musical Freestyle	\$40

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	
Show Office Fee	\$30
Horse/Rider/Class Change Fee <a href="#">Use this form.</a>	\$25
Late Entry Fee <a href="#">Use this form.</a>	\$25
Insufficient Funds	\$25

- Payment: Entries must be completed online at [SpotlightHorseShows.com](http://SpotlightHorseShows.com) with online entry form by the closing date.
- Payment is accepted through PayPal or credit card. All fees are in US dollars. You will also have the option to use a credit card or check when using PayPal.
- One show office entry fees allows the same horse and rider team to cross-enter divisions.
- Horse, rider, or class changes after the closing date are subject to a \$25 change fee.
- Late entries are subject to a \$25 late entry fee.
- Refunds: Entries canceled for any reason prior to the closing date will be refunded, minus the show office fee. **There are no refunds after the closing date.** In the event the competition is canceled, Total Entry Fees minus the office fee will be refunded. Thank you for understanding.

# Video Rules

**You may videotape your ride/drive as soon as you have your sign. Videos must be in focus. Remember, the judge can only score what they can see, so follow these guidelines carefully! Please see the information on [MAAP](#).**

**IMPORTANT!** Show Management will review all submissions to ensure adherence to the rules as stated below. If a test does not comply with the rules, Show Management will contact the exhibitor immediately via email, text, or phone. The exhibitor will have 48 hours to resubmit their test from the time of the notification. Please take all guidelines into consideration when preparing your test submissions.

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## Video Guidelines:

- Use arenas that are as close to regulation size as possible and be sure letters are set appropriately to be viewed by the judge. Cones with large letters on them and poles on the ground to delineate the corners are acceptable. Large letters taped on walls work as well. If a test allows for the use of either the large or small arena, you can show in either size.
  - To ensure that only videos taped for this competition are used, videos of tests must be unedited from start to finish, including the sign and equipment check and bridle/bit drop. They must be one continuous recording with the horse and rider visible at all times. Bridle and saddle pad numbers are not allowed.
  - Videos must be filmed in LANDSCAPE orientation.
  - The natural background sound for the test must be audible. Tests with no sound will not be accepted.
  - Only video links from YouTube will be accepted.
  - The test must be videoed from behind C, where the judge would normally be seated. Try and set the camera 4-5' off the ground. It makes the geometry easier for the judge to see.
  - Prior to beginning the test, a sign must be held up showing the show name, WDAA show recognition number (if applicable), date of the show, horse name, & riders name, class # and test. Remove the sign just before the ride begins. The videographer can hold the sign then move back to behind the camera or hold the sign in front of the camera at arm's length while also holding the camera. There must be no edits between when the sign is shown and the rider appears.
  - Keep the horse & rider in frame, paying close attention to the near corners. On the far side, you will need to zoom in for clearer judging visibility. For ridden dressage, the horse and rider must be visible at all times through to the end of the equipment check.
  - Make sure to keep the letters in the frame that are elements of the test being performed.
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## Equipment Check:

- As soon as the test is finished, the camera must slowly circle the horse and rider showing all equipment and attire, including spurs and whip if used. If the videographer is unable to enter the arena, at G the rider may turn the horse slowly, wait five seconds, then turn slowly to show the second side, and wait an additional 5 seconds to complete filming of the equipment.
  - Show the entire horse, including the legs and feet. Zoom in for 3 seconds so the details of the spurs are visible.
  - The rider then dismounts and shows that 2 fingers will fit under the cavesson (noseband) or bosal by the side of the horse's check.
  - After putting 2 fingers under the cavesson or bosal the bridle and bit /bosal must be dropped so it can be evaluated.  
**Exceptional riders** are exempt from the bridle and bit/bosal dropping requirement and are not required to dismount.
  - Hold the bridle still so the bit can clearly be seen (in focus and in frame) for a minimum count of five seconds. Zoom in so details can easily be seen. Make sure the judge can see all parts of the bridle, including bit and reins clearly. Do not obscure the bit, curb strap, curb chain.
  - A cavesson (noseband) must be shown to the camera, both inside and out. Demonstrate flexibility of the cavesson.
  - Demonstrate that the curb strap or chain is flexible and is at least ½ inch wide.
  - Bosal: If you are using a bosal, you must drop that as well. After you remove the bosal, show both sides of your horse's face, unobstructed, as well as the bosal. Demonstrate flexibility of the bosal.
  - You are responsible for knowing the correct rules for tack, attire and equipment for Western Dressage. See USEF WD121-123 for additional information.
  - Apparel & Equipment Rules: USEF equipment and apparel rules apply to the Western Dressage division.
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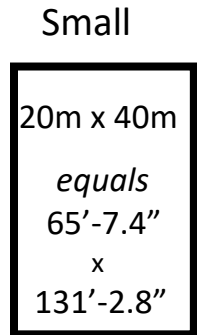
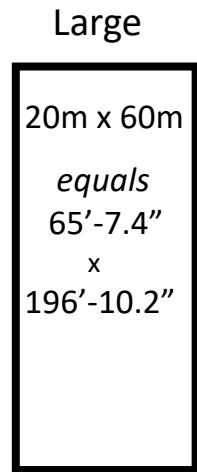
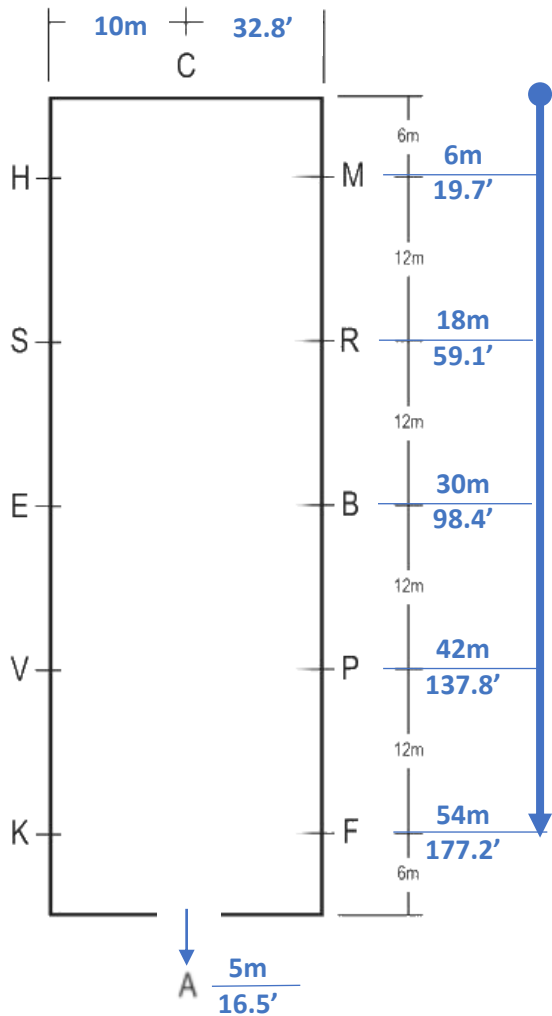
## Calling of Tests:

The test pattern may be called (with the exception of freestyles), but Coaching during the test is not allowed EXCEPT for WDAA Exceptional Rider tests.

# Arena Sizes for Ridden Dressage

For tests allowing for either size arena, you may use either one.

Be aware that some test call for only 1 size arena. In those cases, you must use that. Below are the dimensions needed for you to set up your arena at home.

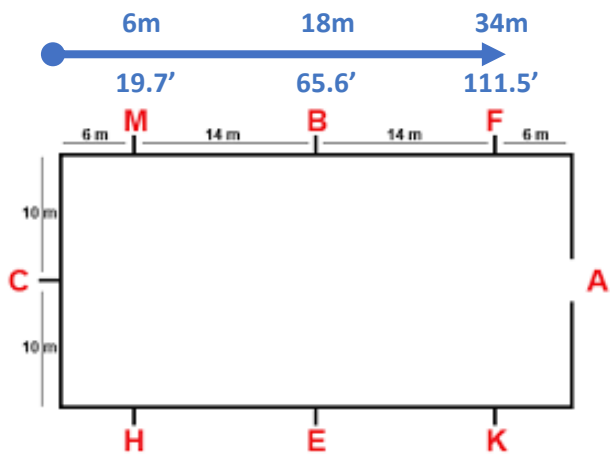


In the LARGE arena:

- Place a mark on the long rail at the following distances from the corner:
  - M: 6m = 19.7'
  - R: 18m = 59.1'
  - B: 30m = 98.4'
  - P: 42m = 137.8'
  - F: 54m = 177.2'
- Place your letters 2 feet from the rail as these marks
- Repeat on the other long side

In the SMALL arena:

- Place a mark on the long rail at the following distances from the corner:
  - M: 6m = 19.7'
  - B: 18m = 65.6'
  - F: 34m = 111.5'
- Place your letters 2 feet from the rail as these marks
- Repeat on the other long side
- C is 10m (or 32.8') in on the short side. Place that letter 2' from the rail as well.



# Amateur Status Declaration

To compete in Amateur classes in the Western Dressage Division, competitors are required to provide proof of Amateur status in one of three ways. Declaration can be made at [www.spotlighthorshes.com](http://www.spotlighthorshes.com)

1. Submit a copy of amateur card from a recognized equestrian sports governing organization (USEF, AQHA, APHA etc.)

2. Attest that you are serving an internship for college credit through your respective accredited college program and have never held professional status.

3. Attest that you meet the qualifications below via personal testament on the show office form..

I attest that, after my 18th birthday, I have not:

- a) Accepted remuneration for riding, driving, showing, training, schooling, or conducting clinics or seminars.
- b) Accepted remuneration for giving riding or driving lessons, lessons in showmanship, instructions in equitation or horse training. (Persons acting as counselors at summer camps, who are not hired in the exclusive capacity of riding instructors, are excluded and persons giving instructions and training to the handicapped are also excluded).
- c) Accepted remuneration AND acted as an agent in the sale of a horse or pony or accepted a horse or pony on consignment for the purpose of sale or training that is not owned by me, my cohabitant, or family member, a farm/ranch/syndicate/partnership/corporation/business I, my cohabitant or family member controls.
- d) Accepted remuneration for the use of my name, photograph or other form of personal association as a horseman in connection with any advertisement or article to be sold.
- e) Accepted prize money in equitation or showmanship classes, except in amateur or owner classes.
- f) Advertised my professional services such as training or giving lessons by way of business cards, print ads, or internet. Exception: The writing of books or articles pertaining to horses.
- g) Accepted a token of appreciation, other than money, for riding, driving, or showing in hand in halter (tokens worth more than \$300 are considered remunerations)

## Junior Status

An individual who has not reached their 18th birthday as of December 1 of the current competition year. (December 1, 2023 – November 30, 2024).

## Open Classes

Any horse or rider may enter an open class if a junior or Amateur class is not available for that test. Example: Musical Freestyles are Open classes where Juniors, Amateurs, and Professionals compete together.

Any rider with a Professional rating may not enter Junior or Amateur classes.

# WESTERN DRESSAGE DIVISION CLASS LIST

Uses WDAA Tests, which can be found at [westerndressageassociation.org](http://westerndressageassociation.org)



**Enter all tests of the level to be eligible for the All-Around Championship Qualifier**

Description	Open	Amateur	JR	Gaited
Introductory Level, Test 1	INT1-O	INT1-A	INT1-J	INT1-G
Introductory Level, Test 2	INT2-O	INT2-A	INT2-J	INT2-G
Introductory Level, Test 3	INT3-O	INT3-A	INT3-J	INT3-G
Introductory Level, Test 4	INT4-O	INT4-A	INT4-J	INT4-G
Basic Level, Test 1	BT1-O	BT1-A	BT1-J	BT1-G
Basic Level, Test 2	BT2-O	BT2-A	BT2-J	BT2-G
Basic Level, Test 3	BT3-O	BT3-A	BT3-J	BT3-G
Basic Level, Test 4	BT4-O	BT4-A	BT4-J	BT4-G
Level 1, Test 1	L1T1-O	L1T1-A	L1T1-J	L1T1-G
Level 1, Test 2	L1T2-O	L1T2-A	L1T2-J	L1T2-G
Level 1, Test 3	L1T3-O	L1T3-A	L1T3-J	L1T3-G
Level 1, Test 4	L1T4-O	L1T4-A	L1T4-J	L1T4-G
Level 2, Test 1	L2T1-O	L2T1-A	L2T1-J	L2T1-G
Level 2, Test 2	L2T2-O	L2T2-A	L2T2-J	L2T2-G
Level 2, Test 3	L2T3-O	L2T3-A	L2T3-J	L2T3-G
Level 2, Test 4	L2T4-O	L2T4-A	L2T4-J	L2T4-G
Level 3, Test 1	L3T1-O	L3T1-A	L3T1-J	L3T1-G
Level 3, Test 2	L3T2-O	L3T2-A	L3T2-J	L3T2-G
Level 3, Test 3	L3T3-O	L3T3-A	L3T3-J	L3T3-G
Level 3, Test 4	L3T4-O	L3T4-A	L3T4-J	L3T4-G
Level 4, Test 1	L4T1-O	L4T1-A	L4T1-J	L4T1-G
Level 4, Test 2	L4T2-O	L4T2-A	L4T2-J	L4T2-G
Level 4, Test 3	L4T3-O	L4T3-A	L4T3-J	L4T3-G
Level 4, Test 4	L4T4-O	L4T4-A	L4T4-J	L4T4-G
Level 5, Test 1	L5T1-O	L5T1-A	L5T1-J	L5T1-G
Level 5, Test 2	L5T2-O	L5T2-A	L5T2-J	L5T2-G
Level 5, Test 3	L5T3-O	L5T3-A	L5T3-J	L5T3-G
Level 5, Test 4	L5T4-O	L5T4-A	L5T4-J	L5T4-G
Freestyle, Intro Level	WDFS-IN	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Freestyle, Basic Level	WDFS-B	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Freestyle, Level 1	WDFS-1	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Freestyle, Level 2	WDFS-2	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Freestyle, Level 3	WDFS-3	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Freestyle, Level 4	WDFS-4	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Freestyle, Level 5	WDFS-5	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
CFS-I5: Costume Freestyle Level of Choice	CFS-I5	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Test of Choice	WD-TOC	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Horsemanship, Walk-Jog - Pattern B	HWJ	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Horsemanship, Intermediate - Pattern B	HI	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Horsemanship, Advanced - Pattern B	HA	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Leadline A Walk Only	ER-LAW	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Leadline A	ER-LA	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Leadline B	ER-LB	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Coached Test, Test 1 Walk Only	C-1WO	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Coached Test, Test 1	C1	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Coached Test, Test 2	C2	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Coached Test, Test 3	C3	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open
Physically Challenged (Test of Choice)	PC-TOC	Enter as Open	Enter as Open	Enter as Open

# Western Dressage Recognized Show

## General Competition Rules



USEF rules and guidelines will be used for this show. Make sure you know and understand them. Here is a link to the Western Dressage section of the rule book. [Rule Book](#)

### Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention (MAAP)

All participants must be provided with MAAP information and must be posted at the location of filming. The [poster is available](#) in this prize list and with your video sign package.

### Tests

We will be using the 2022 WDAA/USEF Western Dressage tests and the 2023 Horsemanship tests. Test can be found at: [www.westerndressageassociation.org](http://www.westerndressageassociation.org)

### Amateur & Junior Status

If you are entering amateur classes, you must submit a WDAA DECLARATION OF AMATEUR STATUS form. Please read the form and provide needed documents accordingly. If you select option 1 (you possess an "ACTIVE" amateur card from USEF, AQHA, APHA or any other equestrian association), you must also submit a copy of the card. You may also select personal testament on the show office form.

If you are found to NOT be an amateur or junior, you will forfeit your entries with no refund

### All Decisions Are Final

All decisions of equipment checkers, show secretary, and judges are final. There is no protest covenant at this non USEF licensed event.

### Class Restrictions

- NEW RULE FOR INTRODUCTORY LEVEL ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for Intro Level, a horse/rider combination must not have shown in a Western Dressage Test at Level 1 or above in the same competition year. This rule applies to all WDAA recognized shows.
- Horses may be ridden by two riders. Each horse/rider combination requires a separate entry with all signatures and emergency contact. WD 102
- No horse may be ridden in the same class number more than once (even with a different rider) per WD 102.2
- Horse/rider combinations showing in walk/jog horsemanship classes are not eligible for other horsemanship classes or any test other than Introductory Level (Different horse/rider combinations are eligible for other rail classes and tests)
- Horses may only compete in levels that are adjacent with the same rider. For example, a horse may not be ridden in a basic level test and a level two test UNLESS with a different rider. WD 102.
- A horse may be ridden by a maximum of two riders. WD 102.

### Therapeutic Rider Classes

Riders entered in these classes may not cross enter into other classes in the show. Participants must abide by all USEF regulations pertaining to attire, tack and equipment for the recognized show. Reference GR821 for additional information.

### Attire and Equipment

USEF rules and guidelines will be used for attire and equipment. For more information please review the [USEF Western Dressage rules](#). WD 120 121 122 123.

### Other

Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current rules and of the current USEF/WESTERN DRESSAGE rules will be judged in accordance therewith.

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This sign must be posted at all Western Dressage Filming Locations



# MAAAP

## MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION

— REQUIRED OF ALL PARTICIPANTS —

### LEARN ABOUT MAAAP POLICIES

Read about these and more at  
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# WESTERN DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION®

OF AMERICA

## GUIDELINES FOR GAITED HORSES

There are a significant number of gaited horse breeds (about 30 in North America), all with gaits specific to their breed. In Western Dressage competition, the gaited horse will perform a saddle gait in place of the jog. The saddle gait selected should be the gait in which the horse is balanced and athletically comfortable performing. The saddle gait is a 4 beat lateral or diagonal gait, timely and evenly performed. The tempo, rhythm and foot falls of the gait they choose to show must not change throughout the test. The true four beat gait the horse performs, should be able to be ridden in a working, lengthened, free and collected manner as the Western Dressage test calls for.

All rules can be found in the USEF Rule Book under Western Dressage.

### WD106 Saddle Gait

The saddle gait has a noticeable increase in cadence from the working walk. Excessive speed or slowness will be penalized.

1. In lieu of a jog, gaited horses perform gaits of various rhythms and footfalls. The gaited horse will perform a saddle gait in place of the jog.
2. The saddle gait may be either a lateral or diagonal gait, timely and consistently performed. The tempo, rhythm and foot falls of the gait the rider chooses to perform must not change throughout the test. The gait the horse performs, should be able to be ridden in a working, lengthened, free and collected manner as the Western Dressage test specifies.
3. The quality of the saddle gait is judged by general impression, i.e. the regularity and rhythm of the steps, the cadence and impulsion. This quality originates from the horse having a supple back and well engaged hind quarters, and the ability to maintain the same rhythm and natural balance in all variations of the saddle gait.
  - a. Collected Saddle Gait. The horse, remaining “on the bit”, moves forward with the neck raised and arched and showing clear self-carriage. The head approaches the vertical position and a light contact is maintained with the mouth. The hocks are well-engaged and must maintain an energetic gliding impulsion, enabling the shoulders to move more freely. Although the horse’s steps are shorter than in the other saddle gaits, elasticity and cadence are not lessened.
  - b. Working Saddle Gait. With an energetic, regular consistent rhythm; the horse must go forward with consistent and elastic steps. The back must be relaxed and the shoulders free, while there is an obvious push from the hindquarters. The hind legs actively glide under the horse. The horse must show proper balance and maintain light contact with the bit. The horse’s nose must be on or slightly in front of the vertical.
  - c. Lengthening of Stride. This is a variation of the Working saddle gait; the horse covers more ground while maintaining the same tempo, consistent rhythm as in the Working saddle gait. Speeding up is a fault.
  - d. Free Saddle Gait. The Free saddle gait will show moderate lengthening of stride and frame compared to the Working saddle gait. Without hurrying, the horse goes forward with clearly lengthened steps, with impulsion from the hindquarters and uphill balance. The rider allows the horse to carry the head a little more in front of the vertical than at the Collected and the Working saddle gait. The horse’s neck is “out”, down and forward, with the nose slightly in front of the vertical, with a loose rein and the poll at approximately the same height as the wither (the neck is level). The steps should be consistent, the whole movement balanced and unconstrained, while maintaining a consistent rhythm.



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# FREISAN HORSE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA



## ONLINE SHOW SUBMISSIONS

Up to 2 Spotlight Horse Show tests may be submitted. Only Spotlight Horse Show results may be submitted.

## PERFORMANCE AWARDS [Click this link for more information and forms](#)

Divisions included in this show are: Dressage, Western Dressage, and Driven Dressage

Dressage: All tests Introductory through FEI levels approved. Musical Freestyle approved

Western Dressage: All tests Introductory through Level 5 approved. Musical Freestyle approved

Driven Dressage: All tests

FHANA's Performance Awards are designed to reward FHANA members who are excelling in their equestrian discipline. There are nine (9) FHANA Performance Awards: Ridden Dressage, Riding, Driving, Driven Dressage, Western Dressage, In-Hand, Youth Dressage, Youth Driving, and Youth Riding. In 2019 FHANA implemented performance awards at the regional level, which allows for 7 different winners in those 9 different disciplines. Each regional winner is recognized with an award during the FHANA Annual General Meeting, and the overall winner for each discipline will be the highest scoring regional winner and become a FHANA Champion for the year. The 9 Champions will have their names placed on their discipline's perpetual trophy that is currently displayed in the FHANA office.

Please refer to the map to the [map](#) on the FHANA website to determine your FHANA region.

## SPORT PREDICATE TITLES [Click this link for more information and forms](#)

The Sport predicate can be awarded to mares, gelding, and stallions that achieve good results in competitive sport. Sport can only be earned based on results achieved at shows registered with the "United States Equestrian Federation [USEF], United States Dressage Federation [USDF], Equestrian Canada, American Driving Society [ADS], Koninklijke Nederlands Hippische Sportfederatie/Royal Dutch Equestrian Federation (KNHS), and Spotlight Horse Shows [SHS]. The scores registered with USEF, USDF, ADS, Equestrian Canada, KNHS, and SHS determine qualification for the Sport predicate.

Divisions included in this show are Dressage and Driven Dressage.

Dressage: Scores must be from a test Third Level or higher

Driven Dressage: Scores must be from a single horse FEI test or any single horse Advanced ADS test with a canter movement

**SPOTLIGHT HORSE SHOWS WILL PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR VIDEO LINK TO FHANA AT THE COMPLETION OF THE SHOW. VIDEOS MAY BE UTILIZED FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES.**



# Paint Alternative Competition Program (PAC)

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## Description

Through the Paint Alternative Competition Program (PAC), you can get recognition for accomplishments in competitive events or just spending time in the saddle. Your accomplishments can be recorded on your registered horse's official lifetime performance record through PAC.

## Easy to Enroll

An APHA or AjPHA membership is required to enroll and participate in PAC.

The horse owner must be a member to receive any awards from the association.

Annual enrollment of the horse in PAC is required, even though you don't have to own the horse.

An exhibitor's report form must be submitted within 30 days of the event or a PAC Riding Log must be submitted monthly. Forms can be found on our website at

[www.apha.com/pac/forms](http://www.apha.com/pac/forms) or online submittal is available at

[www.aphaonline.org/aphaonline/index.aspx](http://www.aphaonline.org/aphaonline/index.aspx).

You have 90 days to make any corrections once the PAC information is posted.

## Awards

- Certificate of Recognition: A minimum of 20 credits in any one approved category
- Certificate of Achievement: 60 or more credits in any one approved category
- to the top 5 horses who earn the most
- PAC Year-End awards are presented to the top 5 horses who earn the most credits in one category along with recognition in the Paint Horse Journal.
- Six PAC Top Five awards go to the top five horses earning credits in at least six different categories in both Open and Youth categories.
- The title of Six PAC Champion will be given to any horse that places first in at least six different categories on the PAC Leader's List in a single year.
- The PAC Versatility Champion will be awarded to a horse that has earned a PAC Certificate of Achievement award in five (5) different Open PAC categories.
- The PAC Youth Versatility Champion will be awarded to a horse that has earned a PAC Certificate of Achievement award in five (5) different Youth PAC categories.

## PAC Categories in this Show

Dressage – Includes Dressage, Western Dressage, and Eventing Dressage

**For more information on joining PAC, call (817) 834-2742  
or e-mail [pac@apha.com](mailto:pac@apha.com).**

# Spotlight Horse Shows Gives Back to the Community

## The Dressage Foundation

As a corporate sustaining partner for The Dressage Foundation, our monthly donations help fund this non-profit organization. Excellent grant opportunities and funding for local clinics. Full grant and clinic opportunity information are available at [dressagefoundation.org](http://dressagefoundation.org).

## Western Dressage Affiliates

Western Dressage affiliates who host a show receive a portion of the proceeds. They utilize these funds to support their club awards, purchase equipment, and expand on local learning opportunities.

## Dressage Group Member Organizations (GMOs)

Dressage GMO's who host a show receive a portion of the proceeds. They utilize these funds to enhance the club's myriad of efforts to bring dressage to their members.

**Breed Awards** Spotlight Horse Shows works with breed organizations to help make breed awards available to those who show online. If you are a member of a breed organization and would like information on how online shows could work for you, please contact Gail Matheus at [Gail@SpotlightHorseShows.com](mailto:Gail@SpotlightHorseShows.com).

## Sponsorships

If you would like to market your equestrian related company, please contact Gail Matheus at [Gail@SpotlightHorseShows.com](mailto:Gail@SpotlightHorseShows.com)



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*"I have always been so very impressed with the work that The Dressage Foundation does. They make a tangible difference in the lives of their grant and scholarship recipients. It is a top-notch organization and one that we want to support."*

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*Gail Matheus, Spotlight Horse Shows*  
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