

USEF and USDF Licensed #5650
Level 3

Opening Date: May 18, 2017
Closing Date: June 26, 2017



July 14, 15 & 16, 2017

Dressage at Lexington

Presented by Virginia Dressage Association
Virginia Horse Center,
487 Maury River Rd, Lexington, VA 20176



Official Qualifying Competition for the 2017 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage Championships; the 2017 Children Dressage National Championship; the 2017 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship; 2017 AGCO/USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships; and the 2017 USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' Dressage National Championships presented by *Dressage Today*.

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Jayne Ayers, (WI), 'DSHB, FEI 4*'
Brenda Minor, (CDN), 'FEI 4*'
Lee Tubman, (CDN), 'FEI 4*'
Elizabeth Kane, (GA), 'S'
Jodi Lees, (SC), 'S'
Nancy Lowey, (VA) 'R'
Sue Smithson, (NC) 'R'
Helen George, (VA), 'r'

Technical Delegate:

Fran Cross, (FL) 'R'
Tamla Nichols, (VA), 'r'

Show day phone number -- 540-222-5850

Preliminary Prizelist, please check the Dressage at Lexington website,
<http://www.dressageatlexington.com/> for detailed entry information and updates.

BREEDING DIVISION CLASSES

NOTE: Breeding Division will start in the morning.
Fee for all Breeding Division Classes is \$40.00 except
Championship Classes have no fee.

• **Handlers, assistant handlers and whip assistants of any age must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801 while handling or assisting in the competition ring. Any handler or assistant violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further participation until such headgear is properly in place.**

For all age-specific classes, horse proof of age (breed registration certificate or vet certificate showing foaling date) MUST be provided with entry form.

Young Horse/Dressage Sport Horse Prospect: To be shown in-hand at the walk and trot on the triangle. To be scored 60% movement, 30% conformation, and 10% general impression. Halters mandatory on foals. Bridles are optional on yearlings, but mandatory on all horses 2 years old or older. Mares accompanying foals must wear a bridle, and must be issued a separate bridle number.

- 1B1. Fillies of 2017 – with or without dam; judged foal only
- 1B2. Filly yearlings
- 1B3. Filly 2 Year Olds
- 1B4. Filly 3 year Olds
- 1B5. Great American Group/USDFBC Filly Championship - \$250 to champion (first 2 places from B2-B4 to be judged–no fee) Ch & Res qualify for the USDFBC Final
- 1B6. Colt/Geldings of 2017 – with or without dam; judged foal only
- 1B7. Colt/Gelding yearlings
- 1B8. Colt/Gelding 2 Year Olds
- 1B9. Colt/Gelding 3 year Olds
- 1B10. Great American Group/USDFBC Colt/Gelding Championship - \$250 to champion (first 2 places from B7-B9 to be judged–no fee) Ch & Res qualify for the USDFBC Final
- 1B11. Great American Group/USDFBC Foals of 2017 Championship - \$250 to champion (first 2 places from B1 and B6 to be judged – no fee). Ch & Res qualify for USDFBC Final
- 1B12. Young Horse Championship: Champion and Reserve from classes B5 and B10 to be judged (no fee)

Mature Horse/Dressage Breeding Stock: To be shown in-hand at the walk and trot on the triangle. To be scored 50% movement, 40% conformation, and 10% general impression. Bridles are mandatory.

- 1B13. Broodmares – with or without foals; 4 years old or older; judged mares only
- 1B14. Mares – maiden or yeld; 4 years old or older
- 1B15. Great American Group/USDFBC Mare Championship - \$250 to champion – First 2 places from classes B13 & B14 to be judged (no fee) Ch & Res qualify for USDFBC Final
- 1B16. Stallions – Shown in-hand only at this show. 4 years old and older
- 1B17. Stallions – Shown under saddle at this show. 4 years old and older
- 1B18. Great American Group/USDFBC Stallion Championship - \$250 to champion – First 2 places from B16 & B17 to be judged (no fee) – Ch & Res qualify for USDFBC final.
- 1B19. Mature Horse Championship – Champion and Res. from classes B15 and B18 to be judged (no fee)
- 1B20. Grand Championship – Champion and Reserve from classes B12 and B19 to be judged (no fee)

Other Classes:

1B21. Amateur/JR/YR Handler -- To be shown in-hand by an AA or JR/YR. AAs must have current USEF Amateur card. Open to fillies/mares & geldings in any age. No stallions/colts ex. weanlings. Judged on presentation, neatness & appearance of handler, overall condition, handling techniques, appropriate tack/equipment, demonstration of correct training & ability to show horse to best of its ability.

Under Saddle Classes: To be shown at the walk, trot, and canter, both ways of the ring. Horses entered in the following classes are not required to have shown in any in-hand or group classes. Under saddle classes may be scheduled early in the day for the comfort of the horses. Classes 1B22, 1B23, 1B24 to be scored 60% movement, 30% conformation (score from in-hand classes will not be transferred), and 10% general impression (including balance, impulsion, and rideability).

1B22. Three year old Fillies under saddle

1B23. Three year old Colts/Geldings under saddle

1B24. Four years and older Mares under saddle

1B25. Four years and older Stallions/Geldings under saddle

1B26. Championship under saddle – open to 1st-2nd place in B22-B25

MATERIALE CLASSES Judged under saddle at walk/trot/canter according to criteria listed on the “USDF Materiale Class” score sheet. Horses must be at least 36 months of age to participate.

1B27. Materiale Fillies/Mares 3 yr old

1B28. Materiale Colts/Geldings 3 yr old

1B29. Materiale Mares 4 & 5 yr old

1B30. Materiale Stallions/Geldings 4 & 5 yr old

Individual Breed Classes: All IBC Classes to be shown in hand at the walk and trot on the triangle. To be scored 60% movement, 30% conformation, 10% general impression. **MUST include copy of breed papers or verification of breeding to participate in ANY IBC class, and any breed-specific membership cards required for that class.**

1B31. HANOVERIAN – Sponsored by American Hanoverian Society. Open to any American Hanoverian Society-registered horse of any age and sex whose owner is current AHS member.

1B32. WELSH PONY – Send breed registration papers for eligibility.

1B33. OLDENBURG/ISR – Send breed registration papers for eligibility.

1B34. OLDENBURG/GOV – Sponsored by Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society/GOV. Horse must be registered with Horse OHBS/GOV. Send breed registration papers for eligibility.

1B35. SWEDISH WARBLOOD - Send breed registration papers for eligibility.

1B36. DUTCH WARBLOOD (KWPN or NAWPN) - Send breed registration papers for eligibility.

1B37. FRIESIAN - Send breed registration papers for eligibility.

1B38. ARABIAN /HALF-ARABIAN –Horse must have Arabian Horse Assoc. papers (or eligibility) for purebred, half Arabian or Anglo Arab. Send breed registration papers for eligibility.

1B39. ANDALUSIAN/LUSITANO – Open to any pure or partbred Andalusian or Lusitano, all ages. Send breed registration papers for eligibility.

1B40. RHEINLAND PFALZ-SAAR INTERNATIONAL (RPSI) –The foal/horse shall be entered into the German Breeding Books. Send breed registration papers for eligibility.

1B41. THOROUGHBRED – Send Jockey Club papers for eligibility.

1B42. Jovee Pony Championship – Measured Ponies that have shown in-hand.

PERFORMANCE DIVISION CLASSES

No USEF/USDF memberships or Horse ID required for Intro or Opportunity Classes.

Opportunity classes also exempt from \$16 USEF fee.

Fri	Sat	Sun	Fee	Description
10	20	30	\$35.00	OPPORTUNITY USDF Intro A (std ring) Open

11	21	31	\$35.00	OPPORTUNITY USDF Intro B (std ring) Open
12	22	32	\$35.00	USDF Intro C (std ring) Open
13	23	33	\$45.00	USEF Dressage Rider TOC (Training, First, Second) Open
14	24		\$35.00	OPPORTUNITY Training 1 Open
	25	35	\$35.00	OPPORTUNITY Training 2 Open
		36	\$35.00	OPPORTUNITY Training 3 Open
17	27	37	\$35.00	Dressage Seat Equitation JR/YR/AA
101	201	301	\$45.00	Training 1 Open/SHAC&
102	202	302	\$45.00	Training 2 Open/CBLM Q/SHAC&
103	203	303	\$45.00	Training 3 Open/GAIG Q/SHAC&
111	211	311	\$45.00	First 1 Open/SHAC&
112	212	312	\$45.00	First 2 Open/CBLM Q/SHAC&
113	213	313	\$45.00	First 3 Open/GAIG Q/SHAC&
114	214	314	\$45.00	Training & First Level TOC Open/CBLM/GAIG Q
121	221	321	\$45.00	Second 1 Open/SHAC
122	222	322	\$45.00	Second 2 Open/CBLM Q/SHAC
123	223	323 **	\$45.00	Second 3 Open/GAIG Q/**AA Dover/SHAC
131	231	331	\$45.00	Third 1 Open/SHAC
132	232	332	\$45.00	Third 2 Open/CBLM Q/SHAC
133	233	333	\$45.00	Third 3 Open/GAIG Q/SHAC
141	241	341	\$45.00	Fourth 1 Open/SHAC
142	242	342	\$45.00	Fourth 2 Open/CBLM Q/SHAC
143	243	343	\$45.00	Fourth 3 Open/GAIG Q/SHAC
144	244#	344#	\$45.00	Second, Third & Fourth Level TOC Open/CBLM/GAIG Q
151		351	\$65.00	FEI Prix. St. Georges Open/CBLM Q/GAIG Q/SHAC
	251		\$65.00	FEI PSG Challenge \$500 Open/CBLM Q/GAIG Q/SHAC Sponsored by:
152	252		\$65.00	FEI Intermediate I Open/CBLM Q/GAIG Q/SHAC
		352	\$65.00	FEI I-I Challenge \$500 Open/CBLM Q/GAIG Q/SHAC Sponsored by:
153	253	353	\$65.00	FEI Intermediate II Open/CBLM Q/GAIG Q/SHAC
154	254		\$65.00	FEI Grand Prix Open/CBLM Q/GAIG Q/SHAC
		354		FEI Grand Prix Challenge \$1000 Open/CBLM Q/GAIG Q/SHAC Sponsored by: Cumber Farm
	255##		\$45.00	USDF Musical Freestyle Challenge \$1000, Training - 4 MFS TOC Open/CBLM Q/GAIG Q Sponsored by Gardy Bloemers, Wealth Management Advisor with Merrill Lynch
		355##	\$45.00	USDF Training - 4 MFS TOC Open/CBLM Q/GAIG Q
	256		\$65.00	FEI Musical Freestyle Challenge TOC \$1000, Open/CBLM Q/GAIG Q Sponsored by Gardy Bloemers, Wealth Management Advisor with Merrill Lynch
		356	\$65.00	FEI Levels MFS TOC Open/CBLM Q/GAIG Q
157	257*	357*	\$65.00	FEI/Equivalent TOC (ex. YH,MFS,PE) Open/CBLM Q/GAIG Q
	260		\$75.00	FEI Children Team Test USEF Q
	261		\$75.00	FEI Pony Team Test USEF Q/CBLM Q
		360	\$75.00	FEI Children Individual Test USEF Q
		361	\$75.00	FEI Pony Individual Test USEF Q
		362	\$75.00	FEI Pony Freestyle USEF Q
	263		\$75.00	FEI YR Team USEF Q/CBLM Q/GAIG/USDF Q
		363	\$75.00	FEI YR Individual Test USEF Q

		364	\$75.00	FEI YR Freestyle Test USEF Q /CBLM Q
	264		\$75.00	FEI JR Team USEF Q /CBLM Q/GAIG/USDF Q
		365	\$75.00	FEI JR Individual Test USEF Q
		366	\$75.00	FEI JR Freestyle Test USEF Q /CBLM Q
167++	267++		\$75.00	FEI/USEF Young Horse TOC Young Horse (incl. 7yo Test)
	268		\$75.00	FEI Five-Year Old Preliminary Test USEF/WBC Q
	269		\$75.00	FEI Six-Year Old Preliminary Test USEF/WBC Q
		367	\$75.00	USEF Four-Year Old Test Markel/USEF Q
		368	\$75.00	FEI Five-Year Old Final Test Markel/USEF Q/WBC Q
		369	\$75.00	FEI Six-Year Old Final Test Markel/USEF Q/WBC Q
		371	\$75.00	USEF Developing Prix St. Georges USEF Q
		372	\$75.00	USEF Developing Grand Prix USEF Q
		373	\$75.00	FEI Young Rider Grand Prix 16-25 Test
	280	380	\$65.00	FEI ParaEq TOC Para-Eq
	281	381	\$65.00	FEI ParaEq MFS TOC Para-Eq
	283	383	\$40.00	USDF Materiale Fillies/Mares 3, 4, 5 yr old
	284	384	\$40.00	USDF Materiale Colts /Stallions/Geldings 3, 4, 5 yr old
	286	386	\$40.00	USDF Pas de Deux TOC Open/CBLM Q (fee per team member)

& Training and First level SHAC available only on Saturday and Sunday
All other SHAC classes must be ridden on Friday and Saturday

PRIZE LIST DIRECTIVES

Definitions/Eligibility

CBLM - Qualifying class for 2017 BLMs. Riders must be members of a participating organization at the time of the show to be eligible.

GAIG - Qualifying class for the 2017 GAIG/USDF Championships (*declare qualifying ride on entry form*) – Entry fee plus additional \$10 fee required, **MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CLASS**. Rider and owner must be USDF participating members and USEF members; horse must be USDF Lifetime registered and USEF recorded. Owners may be USDF Business Members. Except for FEI Junior or Young Rider Freestyle entries, competitors in freestyle qualifying classes must submit a photocopy of a test verifying eligibility to enter class.

Open - Open to all Horses and Riders. Show management may split into AA's and Junior/Young Rider sections based on class size

AA - Open to Adult Amateurs only; competitors must compete as adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22 & they must hold a current USEF Amateur card.

JR/ YR – Open to Juniors and Young riders only; Individuals are eligible as JR until the end of the calendar year in which they reach 18 or YR until the end of the calendar year in which they reach 21 (*specify on entry form*).

TOC - Test of Choice (*specify test level on entry form*). May ride any test that does not have a specific class. *May be qualifier if proper test ridden and fees paid.*

MFS – USDF or FEI Musical Freestyle only; no Pas de Deux or Quadrille.

Materiale - Judged under saddle as a group at walk, trot and canter according to criteria listed on the “USDF Materiale Class” score sheet. Horses must be at least 36 months of age to participate.

* Excludes Young Horse, MFS, and Para-Equestrian tests.

USDF Training MFS is not eligible as a USDF/GAIG qualifier.

++ Class 167 and 267 **are NOT** a qualifier class, warm-up only. **MUST** include horse proof of age (breed registration certificate or vet certificate showing foaling date) with entry form. Specify test on entry form. (FEI 7 Year-Old Tests will be judged using the “Quality Marking Sheet”.)

General:

- EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.
- US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION rules are in force from the moment show management allows access to the showgrounds. This includes conduct, correct saddlery and equipment, and attire.
- Management reserves the right to split, combine, delete, or add classes dependent on entries. Management also reserves the right to add or substitute judges or make any changes required by circumstances.
- All "No Shows" that have not contacted the show office will be considered a scratch for the rest of the show and time slots may be filled. Exhibitors enter with this understanding and agreement.
- **DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON SHOW GROUNDS OR IN STABLE AREAS. PENALTIES WILL APPLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH USEF GR1301.6.**

Headgear Rule for Dressage:

- **Anyone mounted on a horse must wear protective headgear that meets ATSM standards. NO EXCEPTIONS. Per USEF DR120.6**

Levels:

- Current editions of all tests/scoresheets: USEF Training-FEI Levels, USDF/FEI Freestyles (TR-FEI Levels), USDF Pas de Deux, Introductory, USEF Rider Tests, USEF/FEI Young Horse, FEI ParaEquestrian, USEF Dressage Seat Equitation, Materiale and USDFBC

The Sporting Horse Amateur Challenge:

- **Training and First Level** –Horse and rider combination to enter two tests on Saturday and one test on Sunday (either Training or First Level). The lowest score will be dropped and the remaining scores averaged to determine a winner at Training and a winner at First Level.
- **Second-Third-Fourth & PSG/I-1 Level & Int./GP** –Second Level Riders must enter two second level classes, one on Friday and one on Saturday, Third Level Riders must enter two third level classes, one on Friday and one on Saturday, Fourth Level Riders must enter two fourth level classes, one on Friday and one on Saturday, PSG/I-1 Riders must enter two PSG/I-1 classes, one on Friday and one on Saturday (may select PSG or I-1). GP riders must enter two classes one on Friday and one on Saturday. The two scores will be averaged to determine the winner at Second, Third, Fourth & PSG/I-1 and GP levels.
- **SHAC AMATEURS: USEF AA status not required, but by entering the SHAC, competitors declare themselves as Amateurs according to USEF GR 808; Juniors/Young Riders may also compete in the SHAC.**
- **All SHAC winners will receive a prize and participate in an awards ceremony. 3 or 4 riders of any level may join up for a team competition with the three best averages used to determine the winning teams. There is no extra fee for the team competition.**

Awards:

- Classes pinned to six places. Each Dressage Open class will be pinned by division (Open, AA, Jr/Yr). Prize for each First Place.
- High Score Awards for the show will be given for each of the following: Overall, SR-Open Overall, JR Overall, YR Overall, AA Overall, Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth Levels & FEI Levels combined, FEI Children/Pony/Jr/YR combined, Freestyle combined (Freestyle scores are excluded in other high percentage awards). Young Horse, Rider Tests, PE, Equitation, and

Materiale are excluded from High Score Award calculations. Scores below 55% will not be considered for high score awards.

- Class #323 is a USDF/Dover Adult Amateur Medal Class.
- **Jovee Pony Adult & Junior Performance High Scores – Sat. scores to count.**
- **Maestro Cup**
- **Born in the USA, Breed Division**
- **Born in the USA, Performance Division**
- **USDF and FEI MFS challenge**
- **Breed Championship sponsors**
- **Other High Score Awards**
- **Prize money will be paid within 30 days of the show.**

Entries:

- Current 2017 Entry Forms Required. Please include a valid, **LEGIBLE** e-mail address. All correspondence will be through e-mail.
- **On-Line Entries may be processed through www.dressageatlexington.com. Individuals utilizing the online entry system for this competition do so with the agreement that they have read the OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST and agree to follow all the class specifications, requirements and conditions in the OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST.**
- Entries accepted ONLY with entry form and full payment. Entry form must be signed in ALL THREE signature blocks in accordance with USEF rules, as well as signature in COACH block if applicable. Only original signatures accepted.
- **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY BY THE CLOSING DATE. LATE FEE OF \$50.00 WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ANY ENTRY RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.**
- Fees must be paid in full with entry form. If full payment is not received or a check for entry fees is returned, the entry will be placed on a waiting list until all fees are paid in cash, money order, or cashier's check.
- Proof of membership must be included with entry form. Please provide the Master Verification from USEF & USDF (www.eqverification.org) although membership cards or photocopies of cards are still acceptable. Failure to provide proof of USEF and/or USDF membership or affidavit will result in competitor being charged non-member fees.
- Show management reserves the right to refuse entries, make changes, deletions, or corrections as deemed necessary.
- Negative Coggins valid through the last day of the show is required for entry to show grounds for all horses. Entries without a current Coggins (valid through show date) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A photocopy is acceptable provided the date, results, horse name, and vet signature are legible.
- Riders/Handlers **MUST** provide emergency contact information on their entry form.
- DO NOT send entries registered, certified mail, or Signature required. No telephone, FAX, or email entries.
- Post entries (**received after the closing date**) will be accepted on a space available basis. Must include \$50.00 Late Fee.

Fees:

\$150.00 Horse or Tack Stall, Thurs - Sun	\$30.00 USEF Show Pass (non-member) fee
\$75.00 Horse stall per Thurs night – Fri day	\$25.00 USDF non-member fee
\$65.00 Horse stall day	\$16.00 USEF D&M/horse (\$8 Drugs & Meds, \$8 USEF)
\$30.00 Grounds Fee (per day/for all horses not stabled)	\$10.00 GAIG/USDF Qualifying rides - additional fee
\$30.00 Office Fee (non-refundable, before close date)	\$10.00 class change fee (during show)

\$5.00 On-Line Entry processing fee \$50.00 Late Fee (non-refundable, after close date) \$30.00 Non-competing horse (must also pay Office Fees and grounds fee or stabling, but not USEF or USDF Fees)	\$30.00 Return Check Fee
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- Make checks payable to: **VADA, Inc.** Online entries: check or PayPal. Online entries only, may use PayPal. There is a \$5.00 online processing fee.
- **Return Check Policy:** Entry will be removed from the schedule, charged the return check fee and placed on the Wait List until a money order or certified check is received by the Secretary.
- Show office will be open: Noon – 7pm, Thursday, 7am – 6pm Friday, 7am - 6pm Saturday, 7am - 1 hour after show ends on Sunday.

Refunds:

- **Until closing date, refunds on entries minus Office Fee.**
- **NO REFUNDS after closing date, including stabling and overpayments, for any reason including cancellations due to Acts of God, acts of terrorism, inclement weather, and/or other emergencies.**
- GAIG/USDF Q fees refunded if request received before start of class until end of competition (unless applied to other indebtedness); otherwise will be paid to USDF.

Entry Status and Times:

- Acknowledgement of entry showing status will be emailed to each competitor. Please be sure to include a valid, legible e-mail. Please check for errors and notify the secretary immediately.
- Official times posted by noon on Thursday at show office. Unofficial times posted on website approximately four days before show.

Vaccination Requirements:

- Effective 12/01/2015, Horses entering the show grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinoepneumonitis) vaccinations within 6 months prior to entering the show grounds. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the grounds upon request by Competition Management (GR845).

Freestyle Requirements:

- Riders must submit with their entry a copy of the highest test of the level entered or higher level (with a minimum score of 60%) in accordance with USEF rules.
- Riders must present music on good quality CD's to the Show Secretary at least 2 hours prior to scheduled time for the ride.
- Times for sound checks will be announced at the show. Please check in the show office.

Ponies:

- Pony Measurement will be offered on Thursday, July 13th between 4pm and 5pm. Please notify the Show Manager of need for measurement in writing, at least 5 days before the competition.
- If an alternate measurement time is needed, please notify the Show Manager of need for measurement in writing, at least 5 days before the competition.
- \$100 fee will apply.

Non-Competing Horses:

- Must submit completed and signed Entry form to the Show Secretary, show proof of current Coggins, and pay \$30 fee plus \$35 office fee. Grounds/stabling fees are additional. Non-Compete horses do not pay separate USEF/USDF Fees.

Stabling:

- Permanent stabling (12' x 10') on grounds (concrete walls, sliding doors, under roof). NO Initial bedding. No arrivals before noon Thursday.
- Stabling will not be posted!
- Please check in at the Stabling Office upon arrival to receive your stable assignments. You MUST include an emergency contacts (for the rider & the horse) and phone #s on your entry blank.
- Bedding & hay are available for purchase from the Horse Center Stable Office. Preorders of five bags or more of shavings can be made by contacting VHC at 540-464-2966 or stableoffice@horsecenter.org but delivery prior to arrival is not guaranteed. Competitors permitted to bring shavings for personal use, but no fine sawdust allowed.
- The VHC does not allow anything hooked to or suspended from electrical conduit in the barns.
- Early Arrival/Layovers: Please coordinate with Stable Manager and VHC Stable Office. Fees will be paid directly to VHC.
- **GROUND FEE:** \$30.00 per day for each horse not stabled during the show.
- Competitors must contact the Stable Manager to arrange early or late arrivals, and may be responsible for additional security or fees associated with their early arrival. Stall assignments will be posted at entrance and show office.
- 24 hour security provided Thursday through Sunday.
- **Hourly Night Watch and Feeding Service** available for an additional fee. Includes checks during the night as well as water and hay checks and AM feeding. \$10/night. Sign up in Show Office For more information, contact [Amy Struzzi \(brookesedge@aol.com\)](mailto:brookesedge@aol.com) or 843-220-7206
- Each barn has one sharps container per 50 horses available. Competition Management may fine any individual including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

Competition Arenas:

Two Indoor coliseums; outdoor Grand Stand with lights; 3 or 4 all weather surface footing. All are 20m X 60m.

Warm-Up:

One large covered; 2 or 3 outdoors, 1 small indoor – all with all weather surface footing. Lunging: ONLY allowed where posted and absolutely no lunging where horses are ridden.

Hospitality: Food available on site during show hours.

Golf Carts: Must be rented from the VHC Stable Office – 540-464-2966, stableoffice@horsecenter.org

Accommodations: Go to <http://www.horsecenter.org/accommodations.asp> for local accommodations. Please reserve early and ask for their Horse show rate. Camper Hook—ups on grounds – please reserve directly by contacting the VHC at 540-463-2194. Please DO NOT make reservation on your entry blank.

Directions: Exit I-81 onto I-64 West at Lexington, VA. Exit I-62 West at 1st exit (Lexington) and follow signs to the Virginia Horse Center.

Hold Harmless Clause

- The Equine Activity Liability laws of the State of Virginia, VA Code Ann. Sec 3.2-6200-6203 state among its statutory provisions that , “NOTICE: Intrinsic dangers in equine activity, include (i) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine’s reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (v) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant’s ability.” No Participant nor any participant’s parent, guardian, or representative shall have or make any claim against or recover from any equine activity sponsor, equine professional, or any other person for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting from any of the intrinsic dangers of equine activities. It is further understood that each owner, rider, spectator, and other participants assume any and all risks of loss or injury and agrees to hold harmless, regardless of negligent acts or omissions VADA, Inc, Virginia Horse Center International Equestrian Center, USDF, USEF, its instructors, officers, directors, agents, show management, show committee, and all other horse show personnel.

Waiving Jackets before Competition and Modified Dress Code when Jackets are Waived (DR 120.8)

In locations with high average heat and humidity on the date of a competition, management can publish in their prize list that jackets will be waived for the duration of the competition. This waiver applies to all classes including FEI classes at National Competitions. However, competitors must wear protective headgear and a shirt with sleeves and collar, without neckwear, and without decoration except as described under DR120.14. T-shirts are not permitted. Members of the Armed Services or police units may wear summer uniforms. ACCORDINGLY, JACKETS WILL BE WAIVED FOR THE ENTIRE COMPETITION.

Modified Dress Code for Riders in Opportunity Classes

Riders in classes and tests at all levels in Level 1 Competitions, and riders in Opportunity classes in Level 2 and Level 3 Competitions, may compete wearing breeches and shirts of any color as permitted in DR120.8. Jackets or vests of any type are allowed but not required and neckwear may be worn only if the rider chooses to compete in a riding jacket. Boots and protective headgear are required as specified in DR120.1-6. USEF DR120.5

Additional USEF and USDF Requirements:

- For current Great American/USDF Championship requirements, go to <http://www.usdf.org/competitions/competitions-championships/regionals/index.asp>
- For current CBLM Championship requirements, go to www.cblm.org
- For current NAJYRC qualifying requirements, go to http://www.usef.org/_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/natDressage.aspx
- For current Developing Horse and Rider Programs and requirements, go to http://www.usef.org/_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/natDressage.aspx
- For current Dover Medal Program information, go to www.usdf.org/awards/performance/adultmedalprogram.asp
- See also Dressage at Lexington website, <http://www.dressageatlexington.com/>
- In accordance with GR1301.7: 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(s), legal**

guardian(s), 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 sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

- **USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT (GR901.9)**

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$30 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot (exception: Friesian performance FR218) and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

- **ATTENTION COMPETITORS:** Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers (USDF, United States Equestrian Federation) for horse, owner, rider, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national awards.

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership of nearly 30,000 members, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals.

Dressage is a classical method of training horses, based upon the horse's natural responses, as carried out in a gradual, planned program during which the horse's athletic abilities are improved in a systematic manner. As a result, the horse becomes capable, comfortable, and responsive in partnership with the rider without the use of force. Dressage competition at various levels of achievement is the ultimate test of the training program to determine whether the desired harmony between horse and rider has been achieved.

The rules pertaining to dressage competition prohibit the use of artificial appliances, training aids, and drugs, which would force the horse to submit. Instead, the emphasis is upon training and a cooperative partnership with the rider. Major competitions are carefully monitored to assure that there is no unnecessary force or harshness displayed.

Unlike other horse sports in which horses enter training at a relatively immature state, dressage training is usually not seriously begun until the horse is three or four. The top levels of achievement require five or more years of progressive training and it is not unusual to see horses in international competition in their late teens. This, in itself, places a premium on good care and soundness throughout the horse's life.

While supporting the concept of animal welfare in its broadest form, the United States Dressage Federation, Inc., also recognizes that it is unrealistic to ascribe human emotions and responses to the horse which in its wild state is a creature of flight, living a hard and precarious existence. Under domestication, the horse is assured of ample food, water, and shelter, as well as protection against infectious diseases and damaging parasites, thus leading a longer and healthier life with a high rate of survival.

As an educational organization, USDF has numerous programs, which teach people how to pursue the accepted, humane training methods. A program of certifying instructors also emphasizes protecting the horse's welfare in pursuit of dressage training.

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