

WPDA NEWSBITS



JULY 2019

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- Participation in WPDA shows and clinics
- Individual membership in the USDF
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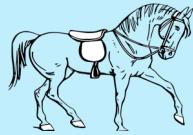
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and our Facebook page at
What's New - Western
Pennsylvania
Dressage Association

Editor's Note: I trust you all had a wonderful July 4! Western Pennsylvania Dressage Association recently held their first schooling show of the season at Fair Haven Farms in Grove City. What a turnout!! We had a full day of rides and even though we had 3 thunderstorms roll through, we were able to resume the rides shortly after. Can't stop Dressage! Many thanks to our judge, scribe, volunteers (gotta love those volunteers) and most especially our sponsors! Also check out our FB page for pics and see our ads page for a list of our wonderful sponsors!



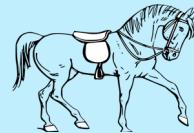
Spot Light

Enjoy a few pics from our June Schooling Show presented by Allegheny Equine! See our FB page for more pics. ([Click Here](#)).



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In the Region

Region 1 Omnibus of Shows

Competition	Date
ESDCTA Summer Days II	July 24
Dressage, by Chance? I	July 27
Dressage, by Chance? II	July 28
Loch Moy Summer Dressage Festival III	August 3
Loch Moy Summer Dressage Festival IV	August 4
Commonwealth Dressage I	August 17
Commonwealth Dressage II	August 18
LVDA	August 18
Dressage at Blue Goose III	August 21
ERAHC Virginia Classic	August 22

Check the USDF Region 1 Omnibus ([click here](#)) for more competition & entry information.



Club News

Our second Schooling Show is just around the corner! See below for Show bill and Registration details. Don't forget to get your forms mailed in before the deadline date.

VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER!

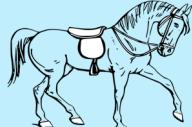
Volunteers needed for the upcoming schooling show. It takes a village and you are our village. We need scribes, runners, setup crew, tear down crew, concession stand help...etc. Volunteer for a few hours or all day (we won't say no.) Please contact Jan - janispbaumann@gmail.com

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WPDA Juniors recently participated in the annual Youth Dressage Festival in Saugerties (D4K.) It is the competition the juniors look forward to all year as they compete against other young riders from all over the U.S. as well as other countries. The three-part competition consists of: Written Test (they have required reading materials), Equitation test and Dressage. The three scores combined determine their placement in their overall individual score. However, since they compete as a team of 4, their team score is determined by the team overall total to determine their team placement. See the Junior page for the teams' roster. Also check the WPDA facebook page for photos. Their theme this year was Christmas in July! What fun! Info and pics on the D4K coming soon.

SAVE THE DATES!!

Aug. 17	WPDA II at Fair Haven Farms www.wpda.club/events/fairhaven2
Aug. 31	Royalty Stables www.royaltystables.wixsite.com/equestrian
Sept. 1	Coventry Equestrian Center www.coventryequestriancenter.com
Sept. 21	Royalty Stables
Sept. 28	WPDA III at Fair Haven Farms www.wpda.club/events/fairhaven3



Education Corner

HOME INSTRUCTION

How to Maximize Points for Dressage Test Success with Janet Foy

FEI 5 judge Janet Foy explains how attention to detail can earn you those extra points in the show ring—from making a strong first impression to riding each movement with precision, these helpful hints will turn your test from average to great.*

JANET BROWN FOY · UPDATED ON JUN 17, 2019

Several times a day, I turn to my scribe and say, "Do you see how riders turn 8s into 6s?" To that end, I felt I should write this article and explain how riders turn high scores into low scores over and over again. Let's start at the beginning: Even though there are no points for dress and presentation, it shows more attention to detail and a more positive attitude to present yourself and your horse in this manner.

For Your Horse

Make sure there are no shavings in your horse's tail. Clip the bridle path, no mohawks. Braiding is not mandatory, but improves the look of the neck. Trim the fetlocks (unless you have a horse whose breed requires flowing fetlocks). Put all bridle pieces and girth billets into their keepers. Polish your bit.

Make sure the saddle pad is not dirty or shrunken from many washes. Trimming ears and muzzle is optional. I never trimmed inside the ears, just held them together and trimmed the edges. I also did not trim muzzles, thinking the horses needed the 'feelers' in strange stalls. Numbers: I really like the European numbers that you can change with each show. They can be pinned on the pad or used on the bridle and are less annoying to the horse. If you pin the number on the saddle pad, be sure to place it so that your tails don't cover it. Do not put your number on top of your boot—it ruins the look and length of your leg.

For the Rider

Polish your boots. There is no excuse for mud and dirt on a nice sunny day. Make sure you have spurs straps that fit and hold the spurs in a proper position. Hair should be neatly tied up. If you have a bun, pin it down. Nothing is more distracting than a bouncing bun bag. Don't wear long dangly earrings.

Check for missing buttons prior to leaving for the show. Show up on time for your test. If your ride time is 9:00 then you should be at the ring ready to enter at 8:59. Start around the outside of the ring as soon as the rider in front of you has performed their last halt. Prepare the judge/scribe for your test: Once you start around the outside of the ring for your test, go immediately to the judge and give the scribe your number. Don't be too chatty as the judge is trying to finish the collectives from the rider before you. Make sure your reader is also on time. Remember if you have a reader, they must be there before your test starts. The reader can no longer show up three movements into the test and start reading. Know your test (even if you have a reader). There can be wind, freestyle music from the other arena, trains, etc. that may interfere with your hearing. Remember: RSVPEB can sound a lot alike when there is background noise. The best way to know your test is to practice at home, before show day.

For Riding the Test

Establish the halt before saluting. Many riders are nervous and don't really halt. Also, accept the halt you have unless you are 100 percent sure you can quickly make it better. Often, in trying to fix a halt, you make it worse. Be sure to come to C prior to your turn. You should ride the turn like a quarter of a 10-meter circle. Be sure to touch the rail on the short end after your turn.

Diagonals: Whether it is a lengthening, medium or extension be sure to pay attention to the corners. Watch that the haunches don't fall in or out. Remember the haunches come onto the diagonal line after the shoulders. So, if you start your movement before the horse is really straight, the horse's haunches will be left or right. This can cause irregularity. Another mistake is that the movement was a high score, but the rider pays no attention to the transition at the end—off comes a point! Remember, there are two transitions, one up and one down. The judge must notice these and take them into account for the score, even where there is no separate transition score.

Circles: If you make them too large you lose a point, because you are making the movement easier than what is required. On 10-meter and smaller circles don't over bend the horse, this will create a balance issue. At Training Level, not much bend is required, but a horse that is counter-bent will lose points.

Corners: Use them. Period. It doesn't matter what level you are showing. A good rule of thumb is to go into the corner about 1.5 meters more than the smallest circle in your test. So, at Training Level, your circles are 20 meters. Find that line, and move your corners 1.5 meters more into the corner. Think of a corner as two straight lines connected by a turning aid. Don't try to leg yield into them as this pushes the energy out. You want to think of keeping the balance on the inside hind leg.

Lateral movements: Most riders are getting pretty good at starting movements. Many don't remember to finish them, however. If it says shoulder-in from H-E then at E you should straighten the horse, don't ride through the corner in shoulder-in.

Rising versus sitting trot: Remember that at the lower levels there is an option to rise. If you cannot keep a nice, forward trot sitting, then POST! Judges will not score higher for riders who sit. They will think, "Why are they sitting? The trot is not going anywhere!"

Weak points: Know your horse's weak points. Not every movement can be a 10, even with Anky or Steffen. If your horse has a talent for a certain movement, then go for it. But, to try to make a high score out of a movement the horse has trouble with will only garner you a lower score. Take the safe 6 and move on.

What level to show at? Show a level below what you are schooling. If you are struggling at home with a movement it will only be worse at the show. Use the 90 percent rule. If the movement happens 90 percent of the time at home, you are ready to show it.

Accuracy: Don't sacrifice your training for accuracy, but riding an accurate test and using the corners will impress the judge.

The Rulebook: The USEF Rulebook has a lot of free information. For example, if you are riding Third Level, then read the requirements of the movements you are going to perform. Judges often see turns on the haunches that are bending in the wrong direction. You can still make honest mistakes of course, but it is important you have the knowledge about the requirements of each movement. I once had a rider ask the TD to talk to me. The rider said, "You scored my medium trot too low." I asked her what the requirements of medium were and she said, "Why does that matter?" I tried to explain that if she did not know what she was trying to accomplish, then she could not criticize my mark or comments. I think you see the point I am trying to make.

Free walk: Too many riders are holding the neck down. This inhibits the movement of the topline. The judge will look at the legs and also at the topline. The horse needs complete freedom to lower and stretch his neck. It is not how low the neck goes. If the poll is slightly lower than the withers and relaxed and moving then this is fine.

Read your tests after your ride. Collect your test as soon as the class is placed and read the judge's comments. If they say, "Needs more accuracy," then make that your goal in the next ride. Judges do remember past riders. If you can show them that you read the test and are working on their comments, this also creates a more favorable impression.

Stay positive. Remember the judge only sees you for six minutes. They don't know how much you have improved or they don't know about your horse's training issues. They can only give comments based on your performance now and tell you why you did not get all tens. Even if the score is not what you had hoped, if you and your trainer felt the performance was an improvement over the last time you were in the show arena, then you are on the right track.

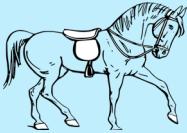
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Junior News





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2019 WPDA Dressage Schooling Shows

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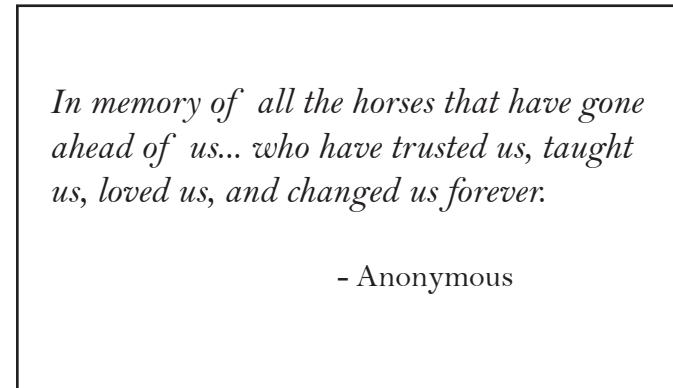
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2019 WPDA Dressage Schooling Show II presented by Allegheny Equine

**at Fair Haven Farms
206 Lee Road Grove City, PA 16127**

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Judge: Pia Helsted, Silver Medalist

Opening Date: July 15 Closing Date: August 12

WPDA & TREA Sanctioned

Ride times will be available on the home page of our website on the Thursday before the show. Please check after 5:00 p.m.

Show Manager: Jan Baumann
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Show Secretary: Kaley Tomsic
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Entries

All horses/ponies entered must show proof of negative Coggins test dated within 12 months, proof of Flu/Rhino within 6 months, and proof of Rabies within 6 months. Out of state travelers must provide a Health Certificate dated within 30 days of travel before the entry will be accepted. Likewise, all non-showing horses brought to the show facility must show the same health documents to the show secretary before unloading. No numbers will be released until payment, proper credentials and all signatures are in order.

Fee schedule:

\$25.00 Per class

\$15.00 Non-refundable office fee (Mandatory)

\$20.00 Day shipper fee (if showing off your trailer)

\$65.00 Overnight stall (stalls will be available after 2 p.m. on Friday)

\$50.00 Day stall

\$10.00 Stall cleaning (Mandatory)

\$20.00 Non-showing horse

\$8.00 Per bag for shavings

\$10.00 non-WPDA member fee

\$20.00 late fee for entries received after August 12

Stabling

Permanent 10 X 10 stalls are available. Shavings will be available for purchase at \$8.00/bag and requests should be included on your entry form. Stabling is limited and must be reserved in advance. Overnight stalls have priority over day stalls. **Stall reservations will not be confirmed until full payment is received.** Stall fees are not refundable. Stalls will be available on Friday, after 2 p.m. for overnight stall requests. A special area will be designated for day shippers. A day shipper fee of \$20 will be charged to all entries showing off their trailer.

Parking

Please be advised that all parking is on grass. Trucks, trailers, and cars must park in designated parking areas in the grass field. Please follow signs and directions of the parking staff. Wet ground conditions may prohibit or limit parking. A special area will be designated for those showing off their trailer. A special area is provided for those using living quarter trailers overnight. Electricity is available, if needed, for a \$35.00 fee.

Management

The horse show management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify any riders, or exhibitors, and to prohibit exhibition of entries, without claim for damages; to combine, add, divide, cancel or delete classes if insufficient entries warrant or to reschedule classes after due notice to exhibitors; to add or substitute judges, or make any changes required by scheduling circumstances. **Warning: The show will be closed prior to the closing date once the schedule is full.**

Attire

Riders must be neatly and appropriately attired when entering the show ring. Please refer to the USEF rulebook for permissible tack and equipment.

Refunds

The show secretary must be notified immediately if you cannot attend the show. A full refund will be issued less the office fee if the secretary is notified before the closing date. After the closing date, one half of entry fees, less the office fee, will be refunded with a vet certificate presented within 3 days after the competition. No stall fee will be refunded.

Hazardous Weather/Act of God/ Accident Policy

Management reserves the right to cancel any class due to hazardous weather, Act of God, or accident. Every effort will be made to reschedule. No refunds for cancellations due to this policy. If the entire competition is cancelled due to a storm, accident, or other emergency, entry fees minus office fee will be refunded.

Schooling

Schooling will be permitted in the main ring, weather permitting, after 3:00 p.m. on Friday until 7 p.m. and in the warm up ring after 2:00 p.m. on Friday until 7:30 p.m. Lunging in designated areas only. No lunging in show arena or warm up arena. Schooling will be permitted in the warm-up ring on Saturday beginning one hour before the start of the show until one hour after the last class. No schooling will be allowed in the main ring on Saturday.

Prizes

Six ribbons will be awarded in all classes.

High Point and Reserve High Point Score Ribbons will be presented for the show. The awards will be awarded to the highest and second highest score of the day. A special prize of \$25.00 will be awarded to the winner of the walk/trot/canter bareback equitation class. Ribbons not picked up at the show will **not** be mailed to the winner.

Responsibility

Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each person who participates in an equine activity expressly assumes the risk of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities. WPDA, its Board, members, Horse Show Managers, volunteers, Michael and Karen Mullin, Fair Haven Farms LLC and all their employees and contractors, herein after referred to as Management, will not be responsible for any damages to person, animal, or property at the show or on the grounds, nor will they be responsible for any property lost or destroyed. Each exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Management from all claims and demands of any kind or nature arising from such exhibitor, his employees, guests, animals or property exhibiting on or in the show grounds. Your signature on the entry form indicates your acceptance of and compliance with the above statement.

Mail entries to:

**Kaley Tomsic
30 Robin Drive
Washington, PA 15301**

Please make checks payable to: WPDA

Show Office Hours
Friday 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. until 30 minutes after the
conclusion of the show.

Please Note

- USEF/USDF guidelines will be observed.
- Maximum of 3 classes per horse. An exception will be made for a maximum of 4 classes per horse only when that same horse is being ridden by a second rider and only if at least one of the four classes is an intro level test.
- A 20 X 60 meter competition arena will be used for all tests unless entries warrant. Due to the spacing around the arena in the competition ring, riders will be permitted to enter the ring, make one pass around the inside of the ring, exit, then enter when the judge signals the start of the test.
- All riders must wear protective headgear while mounted.
- Concession stand food will be available for purchase on-site Saturday (not Friday).
- All dogs must be kept on leashes. Please clean up after your dog. Show management has the right to ask that disruptive dogs be removed from show grounds.
- All riders must be neatly and appropriately attired when entering the ring.
- Non-negotiable or NSF checks will be charged \$40.00 plus collection costs.
- No alterations are to be made to the permanent stabling or other facilities by exhibitors.

- All horses/ponies brought to the facility (whether showing or not) are responsible for providing the show office with a signed entry form, payment of owed fees, proof of negative Coggins test dated within 12 months, proof of Flu/Rhino within 6 months, and proof of Rabies within 6 months. Out of state travelers must provide a Health Certificate dated within 30 days of travel.
- Ride times will be posted on our website after 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the show.

2019 Dressage Schooling Show Class List

1. USDF Intro Test A	10. Second Level Test 1
2. USDF Intro Test B	11. Second Level Test 2
3. USDF Intro Test C	12. Second Level Test 3
4. Training Level Test 1	13. Bare Back Equitation (W/T/C)
5. Training Level Test 2	Test of choice Western Dressage
6. Training Level Test 3	Test of choice USEA Eventing Test
7. First Level Test 1	Test of Choice Dressage
8. First Level Test 2	
9. First Level Test 3	

Other classes available upon request. Please feel free to call and request to ride a test that is not listed above. Classes may be split based on entries. Start time will be based on number of entries. A Lunch break will be included in the final schedule.

Directions

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Turn left onto Rt. 208/258

Go 2/10 of a mile turn right at Sheetz onto 258 N.

Go approx. 1 mile to the first right Blacktown Rd and turn right.

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