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At the Virginia Horse Center!***

We have some great activities planned to go with your dressage experience this week, ranging from exciting competition to our fabulous breakfast cart, a wonderful welcome party and a Sunday brunch. If you are a competitor we hope to make this week a wonderful balance of competition, friendship and relaxing entertainment with some good food as well.

Spectators can find information in the program and access the daily schedule or results at www.horseshowoffice.com. We are all available to answer questions and to share with you our love for horses and this sport.

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Enjoy the beauty of our horses and the people who provide for them.

Yours,

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FEI Arrival Inspections Dee Dee WarmUp 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Virginia Equine Imaging Afternoon Snack Cart roams the grounds!
FEI Jog 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by Stave Mill Farm & Equestic
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Peta Wyllie / Cumber Farm Show Kickoff Party 4:00 p.m. following FEI Jog

Friday, May 20, 2022

Show Office 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
Show Commencing at 8:00 a.m.
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Saturday, May 21, 2022

Show Office 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
Show Commencing at 8:00 a.m.
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Sunday, May 22, 2022

Show Office 7:00 a.m. until 1 hour after the completion of classes
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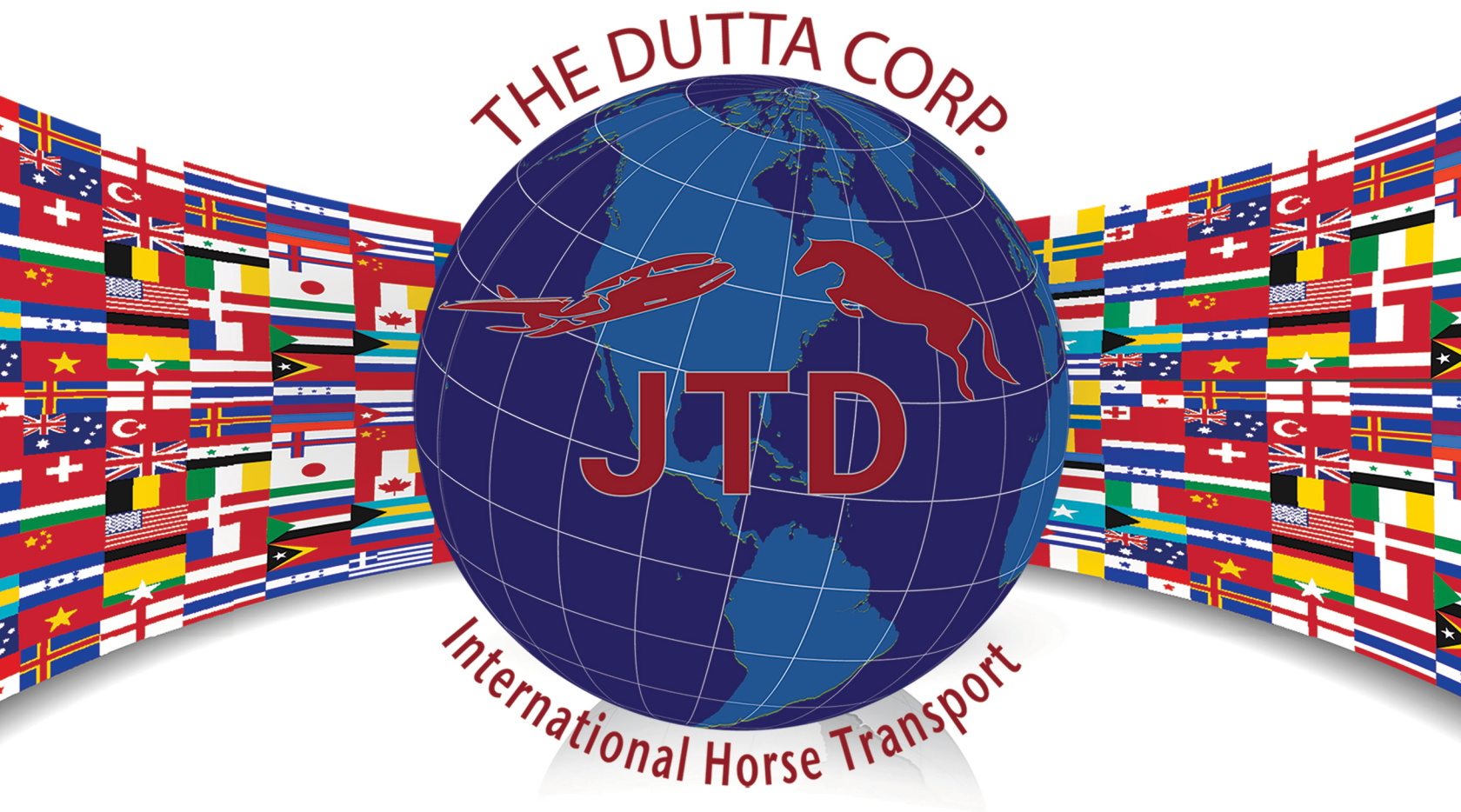
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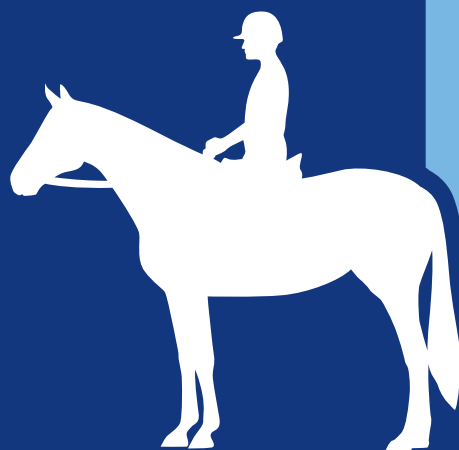
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Membership Requirements for USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Competitions: Owners and riders, including foreign riders and owners who are not residents of the US, wishing to participate in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition as a rider or owner/lessee, must have either a USDF Group Membership (GM), Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF Non-Member (NM) fee. (Note: USDF Business Members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their USDF Business Membership.)

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Exceptions:

- Horses competing only in Individual Breed Classes (IBCs) at DSHB competitions, sires and dams of horses in DSHB group classes, where those sires or dams are not actually competing in the same competition, horses competing only in breed restricted dressage or DSHB classes at Regular Competitions (e.g. all Arabian, all Friesian, or all Morgan classes), or in USDF Introductory Level tests, pas de deux or quadrille, are exempt from this requirement. Also exempt are horses ridden in leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot, academy, and opportunity classes.
- Riders and owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the USDF NM identification number and NM fee requirements. Also exempt are handlers of horses competing in DSHB In-Hand or Group classes.

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Non-Member (NM) Identification Number: For each USDF NM owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a USDF NM fee of \$35 per competition that must be collected by the show secretary and submitted to USDF, along with the USDF Report of Fees document and the \$5 affidavit fee and Competition Affidavit Form if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card. Owners/lessees or riders exempt from the NM number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF NM fee. If there are multiple owners of a horse and all are NMs, only one of the owners must pay the NM fee. If the horse has at least one owner who is a current USDF PM, GM, or BM there is no NM fee assessed. Competition management will be invoiced for all applicable USDF NM fees not received with the USDF post-competition paperwork, along with a report listing all USDF NMs. Competition management is then required to submit the NM fees within 30 days to the USDF. An individual with a USDF NM identification number is not eligible for any USDF membership benefits. Once a USDF NM number has been assigned, a USDF NM card can be obtained from the USDF website.

Horse Identification (HID) Number: A one-time tracking number for horses (\$35). Scores earned by a horse with an HID number will be recorded, but will NOT be counted towards Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID number is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$80. If a horse has a USDF LHR it does not need an HID number. An HID number is a one-time fee that does not need to be renewed.

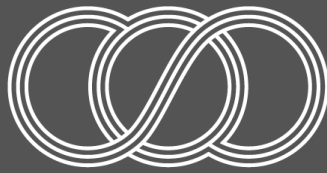
Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR): A horse with an LHR (\$115) is eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse has an LHR it does not need an HID number. An LHR does not need to be renewed.

How to Join USDF

Applications for USDF Participating Membership (PM), Business Membership (BM), Horse Identification (HID) number, and Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) may be found in the following locations:

- On the USDF website: www.usdf.org. You can submit the application online or download the form and fax or mail it to the USDF office.
- In the show office at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions classified by USEF as Dressage Competitions, and Regular Competitions which are open to all breeds.
- By calling or writing the USDF office at (859) 971-2277, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511

The effective date of membership is the date the form and correct fees are received in the USDF office or, if applying at a competition, the date accepted by the competition secretary, provided the application is signed and dated by the competition secretary, member, and/or horse owner on that same day.



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Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

All memberships and registrations/recordings must be correct and current at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

Rider:

- Must have a USDF Participating* Membership (PM).
- Must have a USEF membership (Active or Life).

Horse:

- Must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR).
- Must have a USEF (Annual or Lifetime) Horse Recording.
- USDF horse registration and USEF horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s).
A horse is not required to have breed registry papers.

Owner:

- Must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Junior Active, Senior Active, Life, or Recorded Farm (with Active Farm Owner)). If the horse has more than one owner, at least one owner must have both active USEF membership and active USDF Participating or Business Membership and must be the owner of record with USEF and USDF. For a business or farm to be the valid owner under this requirement, it must be listed as an owner of the horse with both USEF and USDF.

* PMs are USDF members who join USDF directly. USDF Group Members (GM) are ineligible.

Minimum Qualifying Scores: One set of nationally-standardized qualifying scores has been established for all USEF/USDF Regional Championships, for Training Level through Grand Prix, in three divisions: open, adult amateur and junior/young rider. FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider classes have only one respective division. Freestyles have only open divisions.

The minimum percentages are as follows:

	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
Training Level (Test 3)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 3)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 3)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
FEI Junior (Team Test)	—	—	60%
FEI Young Rider (Team Test)	—	—	60%
Prix St. Georges	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	62%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%
FREESTYLE	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
First Level	65%	—	—
Second Level	65%	—	—
Third Level	65%	—	—
Fourth Level	65%	—	—
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Adult amateurs wishing to qualify to compete in an Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final may do so by meeting the following requirements.

Qualifying Requirements

To be eligible for the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class, rider must have

- Earned a score of 70% or higher in any dressage seat equitation class (except walk/trot) at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage competition within the qualifying period of the applicable regional championship.
- or
- Qualified to compete in any regional dressage championship class (excluding freestyles).

Membership Requirements

- Rider must have a USDF Participating Membership at the time the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Rider must be an adult amateur, in accordance with GR1306 of the USEF rules, and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur when the score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Owner must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.

The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program rules and information can be found on the USDF [website](https://www.usdf.org/).

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USDF Spectator's Guide

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What is Dressage?

The word dressage sounds like massage– and comes from the French word dresser, to train. It's an Olympic equestrian sport, yet a basic training discipline for any horse.

Dressage principles are a logical, step-by-step progression from simple to increasingly complex movements. More and more is asked of the horse as it becomes mentally and physically ready to respond to these demands.

The graceful movements performed in competition may look effortless but are the result of years of training. The rider's aids (weight, leg, and hand cues) should be imperceptible. A squeeze of the calf, a closing of the fingers, a shifting of the rider's weight in the saddle should be all that is necessary to tell the horse what to do.

Dressage requires the horse and rider to combine the strength and agility of gymnastics with the elegance and beauty of ballet. The result is truly the best blend of sport and art.

Like any sport, watching dressage is more interesting the more you know about it.

Dressage Tests

Dressage tests used at shows are divided into graduated levels for horse and rider, from the most basic walk/trot to the Grand Prix test that is the same test used in the Olympics.

The test levels are Introductory, Training,

First level through Fourth level, Prix St. Georges, Intermediate I and II, and Grand Prix.

Each test is divided into separate movements. The riders guide their horses from one letter in the arena to another, through a series of movements at the walk, trot, and canter.

Horses and riders are judged on how well they perform certain movements that match each

horse's level of training. The judge gives a score for each movement on a scale of one to ten, ten being the highest. The scores are added together and then divided by the total number of possible points to get the percentage

score for the ride. It will help you understand what is going on if you can get a copy of the test you are watching.

Dressage Movements

Some of the movements in dressage are:

- Extensions - the horse will lengthen its stride.
- Half Pass - the horse moves forward and sideways in the trot or canter, bending his body toward the direction of the travel.
- Leg-Yield - the horse moves forward and sideways in the trot, bending his body slightly away from the direction of travel.
- Passage - a trot that looks like each step is held for a second in the air.
- Piaffe - trotting in place. The horse steps from one diagonal pair of legs to the other with an even rhythm.
- Pirouette - a 180- or 360-degree turn in place at the walk or canter.
- Shoulder In - a slanted sideways movement with the shoulder leading.
- Tempi Change - flying changes at the canter performed every one, two, three or four strides. The horse will appear to skip across the arena at a canter.

Additional Thoughts

1. Less is More

In dressage, the less you see the rider do, the better, because that means he is communicating with his horse and his horse is attentive – they are working as a team.

2. Good Figures

Circles are round and lines are straight, a precept true in geometry and dressage. A 20-meter circle should go from one side of the arena to the other, a 10-meter circle only half way across. A horse should not weave on a straight-line movement.

3. Tempo and Rhythm

Rhythm is the repetition of footfalls. A sound dressage horse has only three correct rhythms – four-beat walk, two-beat trot, three-beat canter. Tempo is the speed of repetition of strides. Every horse should have a consistent tempo throughout the test that is controlled by the rider, a tempo so obvious you could sing a song to it.

4. Naughtiness

Horses, like people, have good days and bad days and days when they are just feeling a little too good. Naughtiness in horses can be exhibited in bucking, rearing, tossing of the

head, or even jumping out of the dressage ring.

5. Tension

During a test, the horse needs to remain calm, attentive and supple. If the horse gets tense, he gets rigid through his neck and back, which can exhibit itself in stiff movement, ears that are pinned back and a tail that swishes constantly and doesn't hang arched and quietly swinging.

6. Rider Seat and Position

The rider should sit upright quietly and not depend on his whip, spurs or voice to have a nice test. Riders who use their voice have points deducted off their test score for that movement.

7. Whipped Cream Lips

When a horse is relaxed in his jaw and poll (the area just behind his ears), he releases saliva, and you might see white foam around his lips and mouth. That is a good sign as it means he is attentively chewing on his bit and comfortable in his work. The amount of white foam varies from horse to horse.

8. Freestyles

Most of the classes use set tests, but there are also musical freestyle levels where riders perform freestyle movements with choreography and music of their own choosing. This can be especially fun to watch for people who aren't yet familiar with dressage shows.

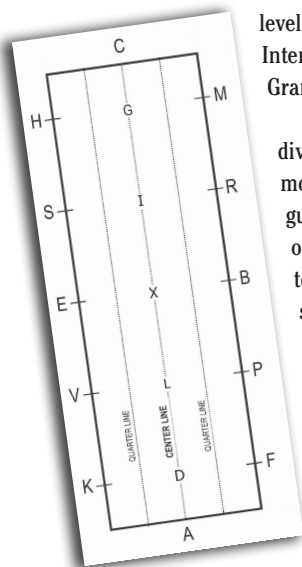
9. Scary Stuff

Dressage shows tend to be very quiet, so the horses will notice things and react suddenly more so than they will in a busier atmosphere. Allow plenty of room for horses and never approach a horse without first alerting the rider (the horse could run or kick out suddenly). Use caution with noisy garbage or shaking out big floppy items like an umbrella, blanket or rain poncho.

10. SSSSHHH!

Focus is important during any test, from Training Level to Grand Prix, so remember to be courteous and follow the rules by staying about 15 meters (45 feet) back from the competition ring and remaining as quiet as possible during rides. If you have any questions about where you may stand or sit, check with the ring steward.

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2022 Featured Artist

The Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival is pleased to announce longtime Middleburg, Virginia artist, Susan Van Wagoner as featured artist for its inaugural show. Susan has become well-known for her mostly life-size paintings and portraits of animals and for her signature style and unique medium.

For over thirty years, Susan has combined her degree in studio art with her lifelong knowledge and love of animals to create paintings and portraits that are both realistic in style and contemporary in design and composition. She does most of her work life-size because she likes the dramatic effect. She uses a mix of media on raw linen to achieve great detail with an unusual dry finish, and she often uses space to achieve distinctive compositions. In keeping with her own sense of style and art training, Susan wants each piece to be as appropriate hanging in a museum or gallery as in a client's home.

Susan's work includes many custom portraits of top show horses and dogs as well as family pets and other animals (and stay tuned for some large birds to be finished soon!). Her work has been seen on many covers of the Chronicle of the Horse, on exhibition at the National Sporting Art Museum, in the permanent collection at the U.S. Hunter Jumper Association office in Lexington, Kentucky and is in private collections throughout the country.

Because of the size and detail of her pieces and the time it takes to create them, Susan works very personally with a small number of clients a year. She travels to meet her subjects and works from her own photographs and notes. She does sometimes have original pieces and reproductions available. She is graciously donating a reproduction to the horse show that will be auctioned off on Sunday morning during the Brooks Cushman Sunday Morning Brunch.

Although Susan now resides in Wellington, Florida, home of the Global Dressage Festival and the Winter Equestrian Festival as well as international polo and other horse sport events, she considers Virginia "home" and says she is so honored to be the featured artist at the first Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival in Lexington.

More of her work can be seen at www.susanvanwagoner.com,
[www.Facebook.com/SusanVanWagonerArt](https://www.facebook.com/SusanVanWagonerArt), [www.Instagram.com @susanvanwagoner](https://www.instagram.com/susanvanwagoner)

Susan donates a portion of her work proceeds to animal welfare organizations

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