

What To Know Before You Show Western Dressage



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What is Western Dressage?



<http://westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-brochure/>



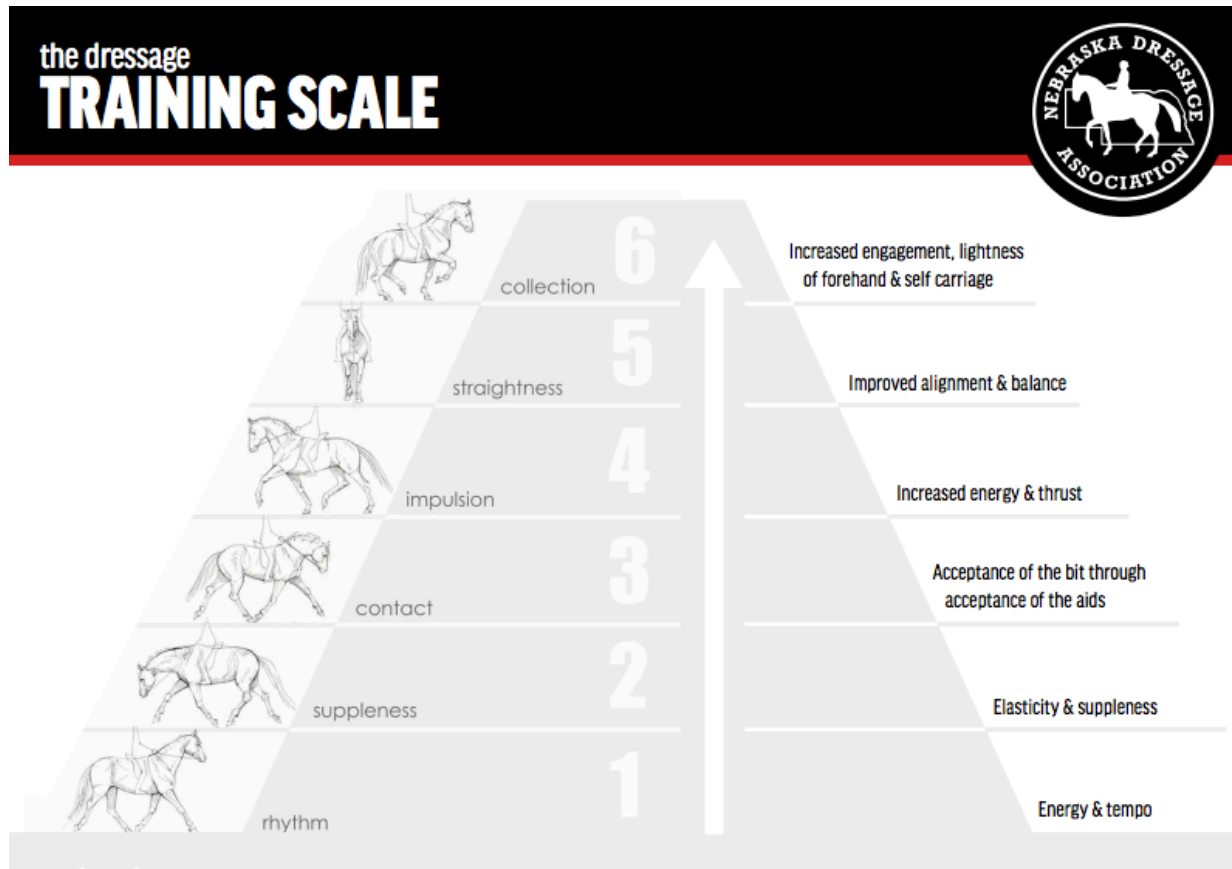
The Goal of Western Dressage

Is to develop a partnership between a happy equine athlete working in harmony with his rider. A system of progressive training produces a horse that is physically strong, balanced, supple, and flexible; this equine athlete also demonstrates a calm, confident, attentive attitude and is happy to do his job.

A Western Dressage horse achieves this goal by using the principles of classical dressage training while emphasizing the lightness and harmony with the rider which is a hallmark of a Western Dressage horse.



What is Classical Dressage?



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How they all work together



USDF



People Membership: WDAA

WDAA Website:

<http://westerndressageassociation.org/>

WDAA Membership Registration:

<http://westerndressageassociation.org/register/>



People Membership: NDA

NDA's guiding purpose is to further the use of classical dressage techniques by disseminating educational material and sponsoring clinics, workshops, and shows.



NDA Website: <http://www.nebraskadressage.org/>

NDA Membership Registration:
<http://www.nebraskadressage.org/become-a-member.html>

Also gives you group membership to USDF (US Dressage Federation)



People Membership: USEF



Website: <https://www.usef.org/>

USEF Membership Registration: <https://www.usef.org/join-usef/join-renew>



Horse Membership: WDAA

Horse Lifetime Points & Awards Program

WDAA Horse Lifetime Points & Awards Program

The WDAA Horse Lifetime Points & Awards Program tracks points achieved by a horse throughout their Western Dressage career.

Points must be earned at WDAA recognized shows (find shows under Events on WDAA website)

Open to all horses, ponies, and mules regardless of breed, type, age, etc.

Points may be earned with more than one rider.

Owners and persons participating and/or riding a horse in the program must be current WDAA members in good standing.


Points awarded at all WD levels and Freestyle tests, as well as for rail classes.

WDAA World Championship Show test/classes earn triple points.

USEF shows with a USEF-licensed Western Dressage judge earn double points. Check the WD judge directory on the WDAA home page under "*Important Links*" to see whether your judge qualifies for double points.

Program Fees

- Horse Enrollment Fee: \$100
- Annual Recording Fee: \$50
- Test Submission Fee: \$10/test or rail class



Where to Get More Information

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Website
<http://westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-horse-lifetime-points-and-awards-program/>


Awards for Points Earned in WDAA Recognized Shows

- WDAA Register Of Merit = 35 points
- WDAA Register Of Achievement = 100 points
- WDAA Register Of Excellence = 200 points
- WDAA Bronze Medalist = 300 points with at least 5 tests Level 1 or higher
- WDAA Silver Medalist = 400 points with at least 5 tests Level 2 or higher
- WDAA Gold Medalist = 500 points with at least 5 tests Level 3 or higher
- WDAA Supreme Champion = 700 points with at least 5 tests Level 4 or higher

<http://westerndressageassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/WHLPAP-7-16-2017.pdf>



Horse Membership: NDA



Nebraska Dressage Association Horse Membership

Select Type of Registration

New Lifetime Registration (\$31.00)

Horse is already registered (\$0) (complete for information purposes)

Note: Horse must be registered with NDA to qualify for Schooling Show Championships and Year End Awards.

Member Name

First Last

Horse Name

Breed

Color

Foaling Year

Sex

Please select ▾

Owner Name

First Last

Address

Street Address

<http://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/d4e0Nij6cX>





Horse Membership: USEF



2017 USEF HORSE APPLICATION

1. HORSE/PONY INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT) REQUIRED

Horse USEF #: (if previously recorded) _____

Name: _____

Previous Name (of horse): _____

Breed: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Height: _____

Sex: Stallion Mare Gelding

Color: Bay Chestnut Grey Black Roan
 Brown Sorrel Paint Pinto Dun
 Palomino Buckskin Cremello Albino White

Markings: _____

Microchip: _____

Name of Breed Registry: _____

Breed Registered Name: _____

Breed Registry #: _____

Sire: _____

Reg #: _____

Dam: _____

Reg #: _____

Dam's Sire: _____

Reg #: _____

2. HORSE RECORDING

Recording your horse/pony automatically enters it in the USEF Horse of the Year Program provided the owner is an Active member of the Federation and USHJA (if applicable). Horses must be recorded to compete at certain USEF National Championships

If horse/pony has been recorded with USEF or USHJA previously, and is being renewed under a new ownership, please fill out Section 4. Also, you are required to submit a bill of sale (GR1105) and transfer fee (if applicable).

ONE HORSE PER FORM. Make copies for additional horses.

3. CURRENT OWNER'S INFORMATION

Current Owner: _____

Owner USEF#: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature _____

By submitting this application, I agree to abide by all USEF rules and verify that all information is correct or I may be subject to sanctions.

Signature certifies that you are the owner of said animal. No agent's signature accepted.

•Note: For USEF Recorded Horses that have multiple owners living in different states, please submit a letter signed by all owners declaring the zone in which you desire to have points tabulated.

•For Horse Recording Requirements, please refer to the GR1102, GR1105, GR1107, GR1108 and GR1110 in the USEF Rule Book. It can also be found on the web at usef.org

4. PREVIOUS OWNER'S INFORMATION (if you are not the first owner of the horse)

Previous Owner: _____

Previous Owner USEF#: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

5. BREEDER'S INFORMATION

Breeder Name: _____

Breeder USEF#: _____

6. USHJA REGISTRATION

<https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/Ew7YS4oySYc/horse-recording-application>



Year End Awards: WDAA

Award levels are listed below:

- **WDAA Register Of Merit** is awarded when the horse has earned 35 points
- **WDAA Register Of Achievement** is awarded when the horse has earned 100 points
- **WDAA Register Of Excellence** is awarded when the horse has earned 200 points
- **WDAA Bronze Medalist** is awarded when the horse has earned 300 points with at least 5 tests submitted riding Level 1 or higher
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<http://westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-horse-lifetime-points-and-awards-program/>

<http://westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-lifetime-points-top-100-horses/>



Year End Awards: NDA



2017 Year-End Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting

Join us in celebrating all you and your horse have accomplished this year at our yearly banquet! This is NDA's only all-member meeting each year, and it's where we elect our new board members and officers. We also hand out year-end awards, have a great social gathering, and catch up with friends!

This year's banquet date is **Sunday, November 19** (brunch) at Ashland Golf Club in Ashland, NE.

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[http://www.nebraskadressage.org/year-end-awards-
banquet.html](http://www.nebraskadressage.org/year-end-awards-banquet.html)



Year End Awards: USEF



Rankings & Results

Competition Year

Standing Type

Category

Section

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Rank	Horse/Owner	Points
1	TY/HARTFORD-SAPP, MARSHA - FL	38
2	JEWEL BY EXECUTE/CHRISTENSEN, TIM - FL	15
3	PROUD TRADITION/CORBETT, MARCIA - FL	12
4	J&J'S GOLDEN IMAGE/BEEKMAN, CATHY - CO	11

<https://www.usef.org/compete/rankings-results/?uid=24148>



Competition

- Tests
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Competition: Tests & Levels

Introductory Level: Tests provide an introduction to the discipline of Western Dressage; the horse performs only at the gaits of walk and jog. The rider should demonstrate correct basic position, use of basic aids, and understanding of figures. The horse should show relaxation; harmony of horse and rider are important. The jog should be a natural gait within the horse's scope and should demonstrate a swinging back.

Basic Level: Tests confirm that the horse is supple and moves freely forward in a clear and steady rhythm, accepting light contact with the bit. The horse demonstrates a greater understanding of the aids and calm acceptance of the bridle; greater emphasis is placed on relaxation, submission, harmony, rideability, and pure gaits. The horse is beginning to develop more power and balance.





Level 1: Tests confirm that the horse is building on the elements from lower levels and has developed the impulsion to achieve improved balance while beginning to develop the self-carriage and engagement required by the "lengthened" jog and lope. The horse demonstrates a more consistent light contact with the bit. Tests introduce collection and engagement as well as lateral longitudinal balance while emphasizing rideability.





Level 2: To confirm that the horse, having achieved the impulsion required in Level 1, now accepts more weight on the hindquarters (collection); moves with an uphill tendency, especially in the lengthened paces; and is reliably and lightly on the bit. A greater degrees of straightness, bending, suppleness, balance and self-carriage is required than at Level 1.





Level 3: To confirm that the horse has achieved the impulsion required in Level 2, now accepts more weight on the hindquarters (collection); moves with a greater degree of an uphill tendency as required in the collected gaits especially in the collected lope. The horse must maintain a light contact on the bit showing balance, self-carriage and energy that result form improved engagement and weight-carrying by the hindquarters as performed in the halls. The movements should be performed with greater bending, suppleness, balance and self-carriage than at Level 2.







Links for WDAA Tests

- Intro Level Test 1 
- Intro Level Test 2 
- Intro Level Test 3 
- Intro Level Test 4 

- Basic Level Test 1 
- Basic Level Test 2 
- Basic Level Test 3 
- Basic Level Test 4 

- Level 1 Test 1 
- Level 1 Test 2 
- Level 1 Test 3 
- Level 1 Test 4 

- Level 2 Test 1 
- Level 2 Test 2 
- Level 2 Test 3 
- Level 2 Test 4 

- Level 3 Test 1  revised
1/10/2017
- Level 3 Test 2  revised
1/10/2017
- Level 3 Test 3 
- Level 3 Test 4  revised
1/10/2017

- Freestyle Basic Level  revised
3/2/2017
- Freestyle Level 1  revised
3/2/2017
- Freestyle Level 2  revised
3/2/2017
- Freestyle Level 3  revised
3/2/2017

<http://westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-tests/>






<http://westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-arena/>

<http://westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-scoring-and-showing/>



Competition: Attire, Tack, and Rules

WDAA WESTERN DRESSAGE DOCUMENTS

- **USEF Western Dressage Division Webpage**
- **USEF WESTERN DRESSAGE RULES - VISIT THE USEF WESTERN DRESSAGE WEBPAGE**
- **Guidelines for the Gaited Horse** 
- **WESTERN DRESSAGE JUDGES GUIDELINES**  (REV. 01/2015)
- **WESTERN DRESSAGE EQUIPMENT GUIDE**  (REV. 03/2016)
- **WESTERN DRESSAGE GLOSSARY OF TERMS**  (REV. 01/2015)
- **TIME TABLE GUIDELINE FOR WESTERN DRESSAGE TESTS** 

<http://westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-rules-tests/>



Competition: Show Day

Entry forms,
Ride times,
Show day

NDA: <http://www.nebraskadressage.org/calendar.html>

WDAA:

<http://westerndressageassociation.org/event-listings/>

USEF: <https://www.usef.org/search/competitions>



Wrap Up

Q & A

