



4th Annual Dressage Schooling Championship & Open Show

Christensen Field ~ 1710 W 16th St ~ Fremont, NE
Saturday, August 22, 2009

Open Date: July 1, 2009 ~ Closing Date: Postmarked by August 5, 2009

**** CANCELED ** Team Competition for 2009 ** CANCELED ****

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Judge: Rebecca O'Bea, "L" with Distinction, Leavenworth KS
Judge: Eileen Ostlund, "L" (pending test results), Boone IA

Entries: Competitors must submit one entry form per horse/rider combination. Coggins within last 12 months required with all entries. In addition, proof of qualifying scores also required for championship entries. All fees and documentation must accompany entry. Faxing not available. No credit cards accepted. **Make checks payable to NDA and mail to NDA c/o Steve Gerdes, 5833 LaSalle, Lincoln, NE 68516.**

Class Fees: Open classes (\$15), Championship classes (\$25).

Stabling Fees: Horse Stalls: Single day, Saturday only (\$20), Overnight Friday and Saturday (\$35). Tack stalls: Single day, Saturday only (\$20), Overnight Friday and Saturday (\$35). Bedding: \$6 per bag, preorder on the entry form, initial bedding not included. You may bring your own.

Administrative Fees: Office Fee: \$15 per entry (horse/rider combination). Late Fee: \$10 per class for entries postmarked after the closing date. Non-competing horse: office fee plus stabling fees. RV Hookup: \$9 per night.

Refunds: Prior to or on the closing date: All fees less office fee refunded. After the closing date: Stabling and shavings fees refunded. No refunds for cancellations due to hazardous weather, emergencies or acts of God. Management reserves the right to cancel any classes due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, accident, or emergency. Every effort will be made to reschedule with priority given to any Championship classes being offered.

Ride Times: Ride times will be posted on the NDA website at <http://nebraskadressage.org>. Show management will email individual ride times if an email address is available, otherwise, ride times will be mailed to riders who enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with entry. Owners and trainers wishing ride times must contact the rider of the horse. It is the responsibility of the rider to inform show management of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving ride times.

Awards: Rosettes through 6th place for championship classes. Champions of the championship classes will receive a prize. Ribbons through 6th place for all other classes. No high point awards. Prix Caprilli championship classes will be awarded as one class per division. Mounted Awards Ceremony for championship classes. Fun awards may also be given for best decorated stall/tack room by individual and by group. Prix Caprilli will be Test of Choice but awarded as a single level.

Stabling: Permanent stall (with doors) on the show grounds. No jump outs (showing out of trailer). Stalls will be open starting at 3:00pm on Friday. Smoking is prohibited in all stabling area. Security provided from 9:00pm – 6:00am.

Arena: Indoor arena footing composed of sand/clay. Outdoor of sand/dirt. Grass and sand/dirt warmup areas. Lunging is allowed in the indoor arena. A lunging sign-up schedule will be posted by the office. Performance arena is outdoors. Arena available for schooling Friday after arena is set. No schooling allowed in the arena once the show begins and an hour prior to the first ride time.

Directions: From Lincoln: Take Nebraska Hwy 77 to Fremont, turn left (west) on 23rd St. Go 7/10 mile across railroad tracks, turn left on Airport Road, go 6/10 mile to stop sign, turn right on Linden, go ¼ mile to end of street, turn right on Ridge Road to Christensen Field Arena. From Omaha: Take US Hwy 75 to Fremont. Exit at 23rd St. Proceed west approximately 3 miles. Turn left (south) on Airport Road – follow same as above.

Accommodations: Holiday Inn Express: (402) 753-3850, Sleep Inn: (402) 721-8400, Super-8: (402) 727-4445, Comfort Inn: (402) 721-1109. Camper hookups are \$6.00 a night, and there are showers on the grounds.

Food: Concessions available on the grounds.

Dogs: Dogs must be leashed and attached to a person at all times. Management may assess a fine if leash rule is not complied with.

Prix Caprilli Classes: Jumping is an added attraction in Prix Caprilli tests. Riders execute dressage movements with the added challenge of clearing jumps set up in the arena. Prix Caprilli tests offer the horse some variety and are a good test of obedience. Tests posted on the NDA webpage.

Championship Classes: The highest scoring horse/rider in each championship class will be named champion. Championship classes will count towards NDA year-end awards only. Qualifying rules for championship classes are attached.

C1	Intro. Champ, Jr/YR, Intro Test B	C10	Second Champ. Jr/YR, Second Level Test 4
C2	Intro Champ, A/A Intro Test B	C11	Second Champ. A/A, Second Level Test 4
C3	Intro Champ, Open, Intro Test B	C12	Second Champ. Open, Second Level Test 4
C4	Training Champ. Jr/YR, Train. Level Test 4	C13	Third Champ. Jr/YR, Third Level Test 3
C5	Training Champ. A/A, Train. Level Test 4	C14	Third Champ. A/A, Third Level Test 3
C6	Training Champ. Open, Train. Level Test 4	C15	Third Champ. Open, Third Level Test 3
C7	First Champ. Jr/YR, First Level Test 4	C16	Prix Caprilli. Jr/YR, specify Intro, Training, or First
C8	First Champ. A/A, First Level Test 4	C17	Prix Caprilli. A/A, specify Intro, Training, or First
C9	First Champ. Open, First Level Test 4	C18	Prix Caprilli. Open, specify Intro, Training, or First

Open Classes: There are no qualifying requirements to ride in these classes. Those entered in the championship classes may ride in open classes, but cannot ride the championship level test in an open class on the same horse. Scores from the open classes will count towards NDA year-end awards and as scores to qualify for next year's schooling show championship.

S19	USDF Intro A (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)	S27	Second Level Test 1 (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)
S20	USDF Intro B (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)	S28	Second Level Test 2 (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)
S21	Training Level Test 1 (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)	S29	Second Level Test 4 (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)
S22	Training Level Test 2 (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)	S30	Third Level Test 1 (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)
S23	Training Level Test 4 (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)	S35	Prix Caprilli – Intro (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)
S24	First Level Test 1 (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)	S36	Prix Caprilli – Training (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)
S25	First Level Test 2 (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)	S37	Prix Caprilli – First (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)
S26	First Level Test 4 (Jr/Yg, AA, Open)		

Except for prix caprilli classes, a horse may only compete in two consecutive levels, i.e. Introductory and Training; Training and First; First and Second; or Second and Third. Horse/rider combinations are not permitted to cross-enter divisions at the same or adjacent levels, for example, a horse/rider combination cannot enter Training Open division and Training Adult/Amateur division; nor are they allowed to enter Training Open division and First Level Adult/Amateur division.

Attire and Tack

An English-type saddle (dressage, all-purpose, or close contact) with stirrups is required. Saddle pads should be white or of a conservative color. ASTM/SEI-certified helmet required. A well-fitted polo shirt or shirt with vest and solid-colored breeches or jodhpurs is required, or alternatively, a short riding coat of conservative color, with tie, choker or stock tie, white or light-colored breeches or jodhpurs. Riding boots or paddock boots required. Gloves are recommended.

A plain snaffle bridle is required at all levels (Intro through Third) with either a regular cavesson, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband, a crescent noseband, or crossed noseband. All bits must be legal for USEF/USDF competition at the appropriate level. Fly hoods, for the ears only, are permitted to protect from insects. Breastplates and cruppers are allowed. While lungeing, boots and bandages and single direct side reins are permitted. Braiding is encouraged. **Bridle tags must be worn whenever the horse is being worked outside their stall.**

Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running, balancing, nasal strips, tongue tied down, etc.), any kind of boots (bell boots, easy-boots, polo wraps, bandages) are prohibited. Decorations in the mane or tail (flowers or ribbons) are not allowed.

Team Competiton: New for 2009. See the team competition rules and entry form attached.

Qualifying Rules for Championship Classes

The goals of the program are:

- 1) to encourage a high standard of accomplishment in dressage,
- 2) to give riders a goal to strive for,
- 3) to prepare riders for recognized dressage competitions,
- 4) to encourage camaraderie and sportsmanship among members, and
- 5) to have fun!

The following levels will be offered in dressage: Introductory, Training, First, Second, and Third, in three divisions: Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur and Open. The following levels will be offered in prix caprilli: low x-rails, training, and first.

Membership Requirements

- 1) The horse must be NDA registered at the time the qualifying scores are earned.
- 2) The rider must be a NDA member at the time the qualifying scores are earned.

Qualifying

All entries must qualify to compete in championship classes. Qualification is based on horse/rider combination. A rider may qualify and compete on numerous horses, but each horse is limited to one rider. Therefore, two riders cannot share one horse.

Horse/rider combination must have earned **two** qualifying scores, at **any** test in the level, from **two** judges, at **two** NDA-recognized schooling shows held within the qualifying season of **August 10th, 2008 through August 8th, 2009.**

Minimum qualifying scores are as follows:

Level	Open	AA	Jr/Yg
Intro	66%	61%	61%
Training	64%	60%	60%
First	64%	60%	60%
Second	62%	59%	59%
Third	60%	58%	58%

Championship Entry Form

It is the rider's responsibility to send in their entry form and a copy of the qualifying test postmarked on or before the closing date.

Special Rules for Championship Classes

In the championship classes, the horse/rider combination will ride one test to determine the championship winner. The test will be the highest test of the level, i.e. Introductory B, Training 4, First 4, Second 4, Third 3.

Under penalty of elimination, at no time during the NDA Schooling Show Championship, may any horse entered in any championship class be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the championship class on that horse (exception: grooms riding on a long rein). **This rule begins at 12:01 a.m on the day of competition**, and continues through the end of the competition, even after the horse has completed its championship class.

Championships tests must be ridden from memory. Championship title will not be awarded if the first placed winner's score is less than 50%. Whips are not allowed during championship tests. Braiding of the horse's mane is highly encouraged.



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Office Use Only:

HORSE	Name		Breed	Sex (M,G,S)	Age	Height	Color
	Sire	Dam	Dam's Sire		Breeder		
	Special Stabling Requests					NDA Registration #	

RIDER	Name		Email	NDA Member #
	Phone		Birth Date (Jr/Yg)	
	Address, City, State, Zip			<input type="checkbox"/> Jr/Yg <input type="checkbox"/> AA <input type="checkbox"/> Open

Class#	Class Description	Fee	Total Class Fees (total all class fees)	\$
		\$	Office Fee	\$ 15
		\$	Stabling: __ Sat Only (\$20) __ Fri-Sat (\$35)	\$
		\$	Tack Stall: __ Sat Only (\$20) __ Fri-Sat (\$35)	\$
		\$	Bedding: ____ bags X \$6/bag	\$
		\$	RV Hookup: ____ nights X \$9/night	\$
		\$	Late Fees: ____ classes X \$10/class	\$
		\$	Total Fees	\$

Signature & Waiver of Liability:

Under Nebraska law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to sections 25-21,249 to 25-21,253, Nebraska Revised Statutes.

I AGREE to release, indemnify and hold harmless Fremont Parks and Recreation and Christensen Field, Fremont NE and the Nebraska Dressage Association (NDA), their owners, officers, directors, agents, instructors, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability, or damage arising from, because of, or in connection with my participation in this competition. I also hereby agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the management of the competition, its agents, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability, or damage arising from, because of, or in connection with my participation in this equine event or competition.

I have read and understand the rules for the NDA championship competition and agree to abide by them. I understand that the show committee is authorized to make decisions based on those rules, and their decisions are final. If I am a parent or legal guardian of a participant under the age of 19, I consent to the child's participation, agree to all of the above provisions, and agree to assume all of the obligations of this release on the child's behalf. By my signature, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the foregoing Liability Release.

_____	_____
Rider	Date
_____	_____
Owner	Date
_____	_____
Parent or guardian (if rider or owner under age 19)	Date

Office Use Only: Payment Received on ___ / ___ / _____ by check / cash. Check# _____

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Team Competition Rules

Get together 3 or 4 riders for the team competition. There are no qualifying scores or membership requirements to participate. Teams can be mixed between juniors, adult amateurs, and even non-amateurs, but only one non-amateur per team.

Team Manager

Each team must have a Team Manager. This can be a riding or non-riding member of the team. The Team Manager must provide their e-mail to the Show Manager for contact. Team Managers will be awarded prizes along with the rest of their team.

All Team Managers must attend a mandatory morning meeting to go over the scoring and special rules of the team competition. All team members are encouraged to attend.

Eligibility & Rules

1. Each riding team member must sign up for two classes, whether schooling show championship classes or open classes or a combination of the two.
2. Each riding team member must ride in at least one dressage class, but may ride a prix caprilli class for their second score. A rider may ride in a prix caprilli class below their dressage level (thus a second level dressage rider may still ride in intro prix caprilli).
3. Riders can ride in more than two tests at the show but must specify which two classes they would like to count for their team scores on their team entry form.
4. A horse entered in a schooling show championship class can only be ridden by the qualified rider. Otherwise, horses may be shared, but no horse can be entered in more than four classes per day and one horse may not be ridden by multiple riders on the same team. A rider can ride multiple horses, but one rider may not ride multiple horses on the same team. Thus, a rider may be on multiple teams only if riding a different horse on each team.
5. Each rider's lower score of the two will be dropped. If a team member has no scores due to elimination (lameness, jump out of arena, etc.), then the team's lowest score will count as that team member's score but that rider will still be awarded as part of the team.
6. The three or four team scores will be averaged to come up with the team average.
7. Team Champion, Reserve, and Third Place team will be awarded to the teams with the highest team averages and all other teams will be awarded for their participation.
8. Team ties will be broken by collective marks.
9. Scores will be weighted as follows: Intro – no percentage added, Training – 1/2 percent, First – one percent, Second – two percent, and Third – three percent. E.g. A score of 60% at Second level is weighted as 62%.
10. Although team spirit is encouraged, regular schooling show attire is required. No leg wraps, ribbons, flowers or extravagant decorations allowed.

Instructions for Completing Entry Forms

1. Each team member must fill out the regular competition entry form and pay the regular class and office fees.
2. Each team must fill out the Team Entry Form and pay \$10 per riding team member. There is no charge for a non-riding Team Manager. If you do not have enough riders to form a team, indicate so on the Team Entry Form and a scramble team may be formed. The cost to join a scramble team is \$10 per person, which will be refunded if management is unable to form a scramble team or place you on an existing 3-person team. Teams are permitted to find a business sponsor for their team (suggested donation of \$25 to NDA).

Awards

1. All teams must attend the Awards Ceremony.
2. Team members need not be mounted but are encouraged to wear matching outfits at the Awards Ceremony and while showing.
3. The management asks each team to pose in front of the NDA banner for a picture and all team members riding Prix Caprilli to do so as well.

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TEAM ENTRY FORM

Team Name: _____

Team Manager: _____

Team Manager Email: _____

Business Sponsor: _____

Rider 1 **Division (Jr / AA / Open) circle one**

Rider Name: _____

Horse Name: _____

Class 1: _____

Class 2: _____

Rider 2 **Division (Jr / AA / Open) circle one**

Rider Name: _____

Horse Name: _____

Class 1: _____

Class 2: _____

Rider 3 **Division (Jr / AA / Open) circle one**

Rider Name: _____

Horse Name: _____

Class 1: _____

Class 2: _____

Rider 4 **Division (Jr / AA / Open) circle one**

Rider Name: _____

Horse Name: _____

Class 1: _____

Class 2: _____

Team Entry Fee: \$10 per rider
of Riders: _____ X \$10 = _____
Business Sponsorship: _____
TOTAL _____
Make checks payable to: Nebraska Dressage Association

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Rider 1:	
Class 1 Score: _____	Adj. Score: _____
Class 2 Score: _____	Adj. Score: _____
Rider 2	
Class 1 Score: _____	Adj. Score: _____
Class 2 Score: _____	Adj. Score: _____
Rider 3	
Class 1 Score: _____	Adj. Score: _____
Class 2 Score: _____	Adj. Score: _____
Rider 4	
Class 1 Score: _____	Adj. Score: _____
Class 2 Score: _____	Adj. Score: _____
HIGHEST SCORE FOR EACH RIDER:	
Rider 1: _____	
Rider 2: _____	
Rider 3: _____	
Rider 4: _____	
TEAM AVERAGE: _____	TEAM PLACING: _____