

# Western and Classical Dressage Through the Levels

An Educational Symposium with Dolly Hannon, sponsored by NDA with a generous grant from the Dressage Foundation's Violet Hopkins Fund (October 23 & 24, 2021)

## RIDER APPLICATION

### RIDER INFORMATION

Circle the discipline and identify the level you are applying for:

(CLASSICAL, WESTERN, FREESTYLE) LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current instructor or clinician you are working with \_\_\_\_\_

As a rider what is the highest level that you have shown? \_\_\_\_\_

### HORSE INFORMATION (If you are applying with more than one horse, please use a separate application for each horse.)

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Schooling at what level? \_\_\_\_\_ Competing at what level? \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level shown & scores at this level \_\_\_\_\_

Is rider/horse ready to accept the physical and mental workload that will be expected during the clinic? \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate piece of paper and in 1 or 2 paragraphs, please indicate your previous clinic and symposium experience (as a rider) and tell us why you think your experience will be beneficial to other riders and symposium attendees.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

We will have one Western Dressage horse/rider and Classical Dressage horse/rider jointly riding at these levels: Intro/Intro, Basic/Training, Level 1/First, Level 2/Second, Level 3/Third in one hour time slots. Dolly will be providing education for the auditor regarding the development of the dressage horse and rider moving through the levels. Each horse/rider combination must ride both days of the clinic. Riders and horses must be capable of riding/working an entire 60-minute lesson. Fee to ride is \$130/ride.

*FREESTYLES:* We will have several spots during the symposium for Dolly to work with riders who have developed freestyles. To apply to ride in one of these freestyle spots, please complete this application and indicate at the top of the application that you wish to apply for a freestyle spot.

The goal of the symposium is to provide quality education for the auditors. As a rider, you will receive instruction to further your education delivered in a manner to benefit the auditor as well as the rider.

Riders will be selected by the NDA Education Committee. In the event that we do not receive an application for a certain level, we reserve the right to fill with suitable horse/rider combinations at the committee’s discretion.

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

*(An additional waiver of liability will be required by the facility.)*

I, as rider and/or owner, accept full responsibility for the ability of myself and the horse I will be riding to perform in the clinic with risk of injury or re-injury.

I agree to abide by all NDA rules and fulfill all financial commitments related to this clinic. **Regardless of any agreements between the rider and the horse’s owner, the rider (as the clinic participant) is ultimately responsible for paying the \$130/ride fee to NDA and for paying the stabling and any related fees to the facility hosting the clinic.**

Rider’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application is due on or before September 13th.**  
All applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee’s decision by September 25th.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM via mail to:**

NDA via Heidi Helmer  
8383 Pioneers Blvd  
Lincoln, NE 68506

**Or, if electronically completed, email to:** [HHelmer@its.jnj.com](mailto:HHelmer@its.jnj.com)

**\*Please DO NOT send payment with your application.** Payment will be requested upon acceptance to clinic, payable to Nebraska Dressage Association. **Fee is \$130/ride.** A limited number of stalls will be available on site, and payment made to Coda Cavallo for use of stall.

For additional information or questions, please contact Heidi Helmer at 402-580-4616.

