



## **INTERNATIONAL OMAHA DRESSAGE COMPETITION INFORMATION**

The Omaha Equestrian Foundation, the host of the International Omaha, has decided it is in the best interests of the regional dressage community to host a Third Level and higher combined competition/clinic at this year's event. The goal of including dressage in the 2015 International Omaha is twofold. First, we want to prepare ourselves for the 2017 FEI World Cup Finals in Jumping and Dressage by hosting a combined event this year. Second, we want to help grow equestrian sports in our region.

There are not sufficient entries from our area to support a CDI in 2015 and so the Omaha Equestrian Foundation had a choice: import riders from elsewhere; cancel the event or come up with something that would give our regional riders a great experience and our sponsors and spectators something fun to watch. We chose the latter and thus the competition/clinic was born. This document should answer your questions about the event. However, if you have any further questions or concerns, please direct them to Lloyd Landkamer (Phone: 612-290-8523; Fax: 866-832-8610; Email: llandkamer@aol.com).

**What are the dates?** April 8-11, 2015. Horses can move into their stalls after noon on Wednesday, April 8. Dressage riders only will be allowed to work in the arena on Wednesday afternoon. There will be a mandatory rider meeting on the Triple Crown Deck at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday. The first event will be Thursday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. The arena will be open for dressage riders only at 4:30 p.m. The second event will be Friday, April 10 at 8:30 a.m. and the arena will be open for dressage riders only at 7:45 a.m. The freestyle will be Saturday, April 11 at 8:30 a.m. and the arena will be open for dressage riders only at 7:45 a.m.

**What are the costs?** Stalls are available for \$225, plus whatever shavings you need and any USDF/USEF pass through fees. Shavings are \$9/bag. Prize money will be awarded as follows: \$50 for completion of the test on Thursday, \$50 for completion of the test on Friday and \$100 for completion of the freestyle test.

**What levels can participate?** Any horse/rider combination riding a test at Third Level or higher is welcome to participate. The event is limited to 10 riders and preference will be given to the higher level riders, but will generally be decided upon a first come/first serve basis.



**What is the format?** The event will be run as a combined level competition with the highest scored rider winning the competition regardless of the test ridden. However, because of the difference between the levels and tests that the judges are being asked to score, the prize money for that competition will be divided equally among the participants. The goal is that this is a fun competition for the spectators and that the riders get a good experience. We do not want the judging not have a financial impact on the competitors to keep the educational focus for the riders. After the conclusion of each event, the judges will be available to discuss the rides with the riders on the Triple Crown Rider Deck.

**Will the scores count for USDF and USEF purposes?** Yes. This is a USDF and USEF recognized event. It will be run under USDF and USEF rules, so no FEI jog or quarantine will be required.

**Who are the Officials?** The judges are all FEI level judges: William Tubman (Can); and Natalie Lamping (USA). The FEI steward is Elizabeth Williams. Monica Fitzgerald. Lloyd Landkamer is the Competition Manager.

**What is the condition of the stabling?** The stabling is temporary 9'x9' stalls set up in the completely indoor facility connected to the competition arena. It is, however a concrete floor. The aisles will be matted, but **YOU NEED TO BRING STALL MATS FOR YOUR STALLS**. No horses will be allowed to be stabled without mats, but mats can be rented on site.

**How do I enter?** Please send the number of stalls you need to Lloyd Landkamer, the name of the horse competing and the test(s) you plan to ride on that horse. Please also let us know if you plan to rent stalls. The entries will be determined on a first come basis, so please submit this information by Sunday, April 5.

More general information such as lodging and maps can be found on our website: [www.internationalomaha.com](http://www.internationalomaha.com).