

VADA/Nova SCHOOLING SHOWS Entry Tips

- 1) Entry forms are available in the Greenbook, monthly Piaffe and Passage newsletter and on the VADA/Nova website (www.vadanova.org).
- 2) To enter the show, you must include the following:
 - ▶ Completed Schooling Show entry form
 - ▶ Rider's signature (parent/guardian if rider is under 21)
 - ▶ Full payment of fees
 - ▶ Copy of negative Coggins test dated within one year of the show date

(NOTE: Name of horse on Coggins must exactly match name of horse on entry form i.e. the barn name)

- 3) **For VADA/Nova Schooling Shows, MEMBER ENTRIES** will be given priority in filling the show. Ride times/slots for the show will be filled in the following manner in the order that the entries are received:
 - ▶ VADA/Nova member entries received before the closing date
 - ▶ Non-member entries received before the closing date
 - ▶ Member and Non-member entries received after the closing date
- 4) If you will be trailering with another rider, both of you should make a note on your entry forms if you want to be scheduled close together. The Show Secretary will make every effort to accommodate your request, but please note that this is sometimes difficult, particularly if riders are competing at different levels.
- 5) Schooling shows may fill prior to the closing date due to the fact that most locations are limited to one ring. Sending in your entry prior to the closing date does not guarantee you will be accepted, as the show may already be full. A waiting list will be maintained (in order of receipt), and the Show Secretary will fill the spots should there be any scratches.
- 6) In most cases, closing dates for VADA/Nova schooling shows are set for the Friday, two weeks prior to the show. Entries received after the closing date will be considered *POST ENTRIES* and *MUST INCLUDE A \$5 POST ENTRY FEE*. Telephone entries will not be accepted.
- 7) Refunds will be given in full prior to the closing date. **NO** refunds will be given after the closing date unless the Show Secretary is able to fill the ride from the waiting list. (*NOTE: Riders may not find their own replacements.*)
- 8) Times will be available on the website (www.vadanova.org) or from the Show Secretary the Wednesday prior to the show date.

Shows are often oversubscribed. Please be considerate to other riders and call the Show Secretary as soon as possible if you need to scratch. This allows your spot to be filled with a rider from the waiting list and will result in a refund of your entry fee if the secretary fills your spot.

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General Rules

- ◆ All shows are run under the general rules of USEF unless otherwise specified.
- ◆ Approved protective headgear must be worn whenever mounted
- ◆ All schooling shows offer current: USDF Introductory levels, USEF Training through Fourth Level, FEI levels, Training Level Freestyles (not recognized by USEF), USEA Eventing tests, Pas de Deux, and Musical Freestyles (all levels).
- ◆ It is hoped that riders take pride in their turnout. Coats are encouraged, but not required. Plain white riding shirts or polo style shirts with dark breeches are also appropriate. T-Shirts are not permitted. *NOTE: During hot weather, riders are encouraged to show without coats in the interest of their health.*
- ◆ Braiding is encouraged, but not required.
- ◆ No more than two tests per horse may be entered in any show, unless the show does not fill.
- ◆ No more than two horses per rider may be entered in any show, unless the show does not fill.
- ◆ Martingales of any kind; bearing, side or running reins; any kind of boot or bandages; seat covers; and any form of blinkers are forbidden at a dressage show. However, running martingales, bandages, boots and side reins are permitted in warm-up areas.
- ◆ No bareback riding allowed.
- ◆ All equipment, including whips, bits and spurs, must comply with USEF rules.
- ◆ A rider should not be judged by anyone who has instructed him/her within the last 30 days (exception: clinics). If you arrive at the show and find that your instructor has been substituted for the judge, notify the show manager and ask to ride hors concurs, or don't ride and receive full credit for your entry fees.
- ◆ If you are riding a freestyle, please bring your own boom box.
- ◆ If you intend to bring a horse that is not competing onto the show grounds, this must be cleared with the show manager prior to the show date, and will be at her/his discretion. If permitted by the manager, you must bring a current negative Coggins test to the show grounds and present it to the manager upon your arrival and also pay a \$30 non-compete fee. See page 34 for more details.

Note: Classes do not always go in order, lowest to highest (ex. Intro, Training, First, etc.) Classes at shows may be scheduled in any order throughout the day.

Show Etiquette

- ◆ Be considerate to other riders in the warm-up area. Pass left shoulder to left shoulder and yield to those that are moving at faster gaits.
- ◆ Do not lunge your horse in the middle of the warm-up area – use other areas where available.
- ◆ Be courteous to the judge and the show volunteers.
- ◆ Should you need to excuse yourself from the ring during your test for any reason, make sure you ask for the judge's permission prior to exiting.
- ◆ Leave your trailer site clean; pick up all trash and manure.
- ◆ Obey all of the rules of the facility where the show is held (example: No smoking, No dogs).



VADA/NOVA POLICY FOR NON-COMPETING HORSES AT SCHOOLING SHOWS

The following policy will apply to any horses present on the grounds of a VADA/Nova sponsored schooling show that are not entered to compete in the show (other than regular boarders of the show facility).

This policy is being implemented for the safety of competitors, and for VADA/Nova's insurance coverage.

Riders seeking to bring a non-competing horse to the show grounds must:

1. **Register with the show secretary in advance** (does not need to be by the closing date for the show, but does need to be done before the horse arrives on the show grounds). If the show is exceptionally full or there are other considerations, such as limited trailer parking, show management has the discretion to deny a request to bring a non-competing horse to a schooling show.
2. Submit a valid Coggins for the non-competing horse (preferably in advance of the show date, but must be done before the horse can be unloaded from the trailer).
3. Pay a \$30 non-compete fee, as well as any applicable grounds fees.
4. Sign a waiver (done at the show grounds).
5. Wear the assigned bridle number while mounted on the show grounds.

Thank you for your compliance with this policy.

VADA/Nova's policy for all of their schooling shows is that all riders from Intro through Grand Prix, whenever mounted on a horse, must be wearing a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The headgear and harness must be secured and properly fitted.

This applies to warm-up, competition and non-compete horses.

General Information for all VADA/Nova Schooling Shows

Schooling Show Chairperson:

Jessie Ginsburg, sardburg@aol.com, 703-927-8270

Entry Fees: \$30.00 for VADA/Nova members and \$40.00 for non-members

Please note that VADA/Nova member entries will be given priority for the available slots at the schooling shows. Non-members entries will be accepted only if there is space available. If you would like to become a member, please go to the website, www.vadanova.org, or contact membership chairperson, Barb Pickering, 703-754-8506, goldenmorgan@verizon.net

Entries Received Before the Opening Date: If an entry comes in before the opening date, it will be considered received 3 days after the opening date.

Ride Times: Will be available on the website www.vadanova.org or from the show secretary by the Wednesday prior to the show

Special Awards: A high score ribbon will be awarded at each VADA/Nova schooling show to the highest scoring ride of the day (excluding USDF Introductory level and all MFS)

Coggins: Please note—the name of the horse entered must match the name on the Coggins **EXACTLY**. It is suggested that you put both the registered/official name and the nickname on the Coggins to avoid difficulties when entering shows.

Arenas: All tests will be in a standard size arena unless otherwise noted

Volunteer Bucks: may be used toward entry fees and should be included with your entry

Fees: Make checks payable to **VADA/Nova, Inc.**

Other: 1) All dogs must be on a leash, 2) Please provide your own boom box for all musical freestyles, 3) **Name of horse on Coggins must match name of horse on entry form**

Tests Offered:	USDF Introductory Level	Test A-C
	USEF Training Level thru Fourth Level	Test 1-3
	Para-Equestrian	TOC
	FEI Levels	TOC
	Training Level Musical Freestyle	**
	USDF Musical Freestyle 1 st – 4 th	TOC
	FEI Musical Freestyle	TOC
	USDF Pas de Deux	TOC
	USEA Event Tests	TOC

** Training Level Musical Freestyle: The VADA/Nova Training level MFS will use the same test and criteria as the 2011 US Pony Club Training level MFS. Guidelines for developing a Training level MFS are available on the website (www.vadanova.org). Note that these MFS will only be allowed at schooling shows, not licensed shows.