

VADA/Nova SCHOOLING SHOWS

General Rules

- ◇ All shows are run under the general rules of USEF
- ◇ Hard hats or appropriate 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**, and USEF and FEI Musical Freestyles.
- ◇ It is hoped that riders take pride in their turnout. Coats are encouraged, but not required. Plain white riding shirts or polo style shirts may be worn. T-Shirts are not permitted and half chaps are not allowed.
- ◇ 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 \$25 non-compete fee.** See page 83 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)