



**AUG 8-10  
2025**

**FESTIVAL** OF THE HORSE™



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**HITS Commonwealth Park**

Dear Competitors, Owners, Trainers, Sponsors, Families, & Friends,

After the resounding success of the inaugural **Festival of the Horse™** at HITS Post Time Farm in Ocala, Florida, HITS is thrilled to invite you to join us for the third-ever Festival and first at **HITS Commonwealth Park** in Culpeper, Virginia, on August 8-10.

We recognize that the equestrian community is made up of many passionate individuals who care deeply about their horses, and it is from that excitement for horse sport that the Festival of the Horse™ developed. What began as a vision to connect equestrian enthusiasts has become a complete celebration of what unites us as horsemen and horsewomen across disciplines and breeds.

An unrated competition, the HITS Festival will feature classes across several disciplines. In addition to a packed hunter/jumper schedule for the Virginia Horse Shows Association (VHSA) & The League Show, other offerings will include Hunter Breeding, Dressage, and E-Cross Arena Eventing, uniting the deep roots of the local community for an even bigger and better experience. Beyond the competition, exhibitors can look forward to a weekend of hospitality and enriching events, ensuring a truly unique and unforgettable atmosphere. Whether it is your first time strutting down centerline for a halt and salute, or your chance to showcase your Arena Eventing prowess, or simply to cheer on your friends, barnmates, and family, the Festival of the Horse™ is for you.

We are honored to host this event and be part of such an incredible, multifaceted equestrian community. With the longstanding tradition of horse sport in the “Heart of Virginia’s Horse Country,” it only makes sense to continue the Festival here and welcome new and familiar faces to HITS Commonwealth Park. Of course, the Festival fun is just ramping up, and we cannot wait to continue this new series at our other HITS venues. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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## FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE SHOW FEES - 2025

### GENERAL FEES

<b>Stalls</b>	\$60	Per Stall
<b>Ship In</b>	\$40	Per Horse
<b>RV</b>	\$40	Per Night
<b>Office Fee</b>	\$25	Per Horse
<b>Trash/Manure Removal</b>	\$10	Per Horse
<b>Tickets to Practice All Breeds</b>	\$20	Per Horse/Per Arena
<b>Bagged Shavings</b>	TBD	Deliveries must be in by noon for same day delivery
<b>Hay</b>	TBD	Deliveries must be in by noon for same day delivery
<b>Feed</b>	TBD	Deliveries must be in by noon for same day delivery

### JUMPER CLASS FEES

<b>Jumper Classes Cross Rails -.90m</b>	\$25	Per Class Per Horse
<b>Jumper Classes 1.0m-1.20m</b>	\$35	Per Class Per Horse
<b>Jumper Classics</b>	\$50	Per Class Per Horse

### HUNTER & EQUITATION CLASS FEES

<b>Hunter Breeding</b>	\$25	Per Class Per Horse
<b>Hunter / Equitation Classes O/F</b>	\$35	Per Class Per Horse
<b>U/S or Flat Classes</b>	\$20	Per Class Per Horse
<b>All Medal Classes</b>	\$35	Per Class Per Horse
<b>All Hunter / Equitation Classics</b>	\$50	Per Class Per Horse
<b>All Hunter Derbies</b>	\$75	Per Class Per Horse

### E-CROSS

<b>Schooling-Ticketed Warm Up</b>	\$25	Per Class Per Horse
<b>Single Class</b>	\$40	Per Class Per Horse
<b>All 3 Classes</b>	\$100	Per Horse for Division

### DRESSAGE

<b>USEF Intro - Second</b>	\$25	Per Class Per Horse
<b>USEF Third - Fourth / Equitation / Vintage / Materiale</b>	\$30	Per Class Per Horse
<b>FEI Tests / Freestyles</b>	\$45	Per Class Per Horse
<b>Eventing Starter - Preliminary</b>	\$35	Per Class Per Horse
<b>Western Dressage</b>	\$40	Per Class Per Horse

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# FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE HUNTER / JUMPER / EQUITATION - 2025

## HUNTER CLASSES

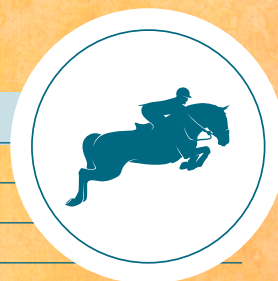
Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	Class Name
1,2,3,4			Warm Up Hunter (open all day)
613-615, 617			HITS 2'9" Hunter
35-37, 39			Green Hunter 3'
40-42, 44			Green Hunter 3'3"
45-47, 49			Green Hunter 3'6"
530-532, 534			Young Hunter (5&U - 2'9", 5&U - 3', 3'3")
282, 283			Cross Rail Schooling
284, 285			18" Hunter Schooling
		1001-1003,1004	HITS Beginner Hunter 18"
1006-1008, 1009			HITS Beginner Hunter 2'
	1081-1082	1083-1085	Special Hunter 2'3"
10-12,13			HITS Hunter 2'3"
15-17, 19			HITS Hunter 2'
20-22, 24			Training Hunter 2'6"
25,27, 29			Baby Green Hunter 2'6"
515-517, 519			HITS Hunter 2'6"
	565-567,568		Modified Child/Adult Amateur Hunter 2'9"
	401		Modified Child/Adult Amateur Hunter 2'9" Classic
	160-162, 164		Child/Adult Amateur Hunter 3'
	404		Child/Adult Amateur Hunter Classic
	150, 153		Child Hunter Pony - S/M/L (S/M - 2', L - 2'6")
	504		Child Hunter Classic - Pony (S/M - 2', L - 2'6")
	700, 701		Walk/Trot/Poles
	767-769		Crossrail Hunter
	550, 553		Pre Child/Adult Hunter 2'
	402		Pre Child/Adult Hunter Classic 2'
	570, 573		Low Child/Adult Hunter 2'6"
	407		Low Child/Adult Hunter Classic 2'6"
	400		Bit O' Straw Hunter Classic 2'6"
	183-185, 187		Pony Hunter (S - 2'3", M - 2'6", L - 2'9")
		450	Tiny Bit O' 2' Hunter Derby
		451	Bit O' Straw 2'6" Hunter Derby
		452	HITS 3' Hunter Derby
		786-788,789	Short/Long Stirrup Hunter, 18"
		506	Short/Long Stirrup Classic 18"
		507	Novice Adult Hunter Classic 2'6"

## HUNTER BREEDING

Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	Class Name
801			Yearling Colts/Geldings
802			Yearling Fillies
803			Two-Year-Old Colts/Geldings
804			Two-Year-Old Fillies
805			Three-Year-Old Colts/Geldings
806			Three-Year-Old Fillies
807			Best Young Horse Championship







## EQUITATION CLASSES

Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	Class Name
	337-338		Novice Equitation Fences 2'9"
	305-307		Equitation 11/U Fences 2'3"
	380		Mini Medal 3'
	381		Mini Maclay 3'
	382		Mini HITS 3'
	309-311		Equitation 12+ Fences 2'9"
	386		Junior Medal 3'3"
	388		Junior/Amateur Horsemanship 2'3"
	390		2'6" Child/Adult Medal
	398		Child Medal Pony (S/M - 2', L - 2'6")
	316		Pony Eq Fences - (S - 2'3", M - 2'6", L - 2'9")
	654-656		Beginner Eq U/S Pleasure
	657-659		Advanced Beginner Eq U/S Pleasure
	302-304		Walk / Trot / Canter Equitation
		1011-1014	HITS Beginner Equitation 18"
1016, 1019			HITS Beginner Equitation 2'
	1051-1052, 1055	1053-1054	Advanced Beginner Equitation 2'3"
	360-362		Short/Long Stirrup Eq 18"
	403		Pre Child/Adult Medal 2'
		461	2'9" - 3" Child/Adult Equitation Classic
		460	2'9" - 3" Child/Adult Medal
		665-668	Crossrail Eq
		349-351	Adult 2' Eq Fences
		333, 334	Maiden Eq Fences 2'
		471	2' Child/Adult Amateur Equitation Classic
		470	2' Child/Adult Amateur Medal
		481	2'6" Child/Adult Amateur Equitation Classic
		480	2'6" Child/Adult Amateur Medal

## JUMPERS

Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	Class Name
276	277	278	Cross Rail Jumper
200	201	202	0.65m Jumper
246	247	248	Itty Bitty Junior/Amateur Jumper 0.65m
279	280	281	0.70m Jumper
204	205	206	0.80m Jumper
208	209	210	0.90m Jumper
260	261	409	Junior/Amateur 0.90m Jumper
212	213	214	1.0m Jumper
236	237	410	Junior/Amateur 1.0m Jumper
216	217	218	1.10m Jumper
274	275	411	Junior/Amateur 1.10m Jumper
220	221	222	1.15m Jumper
264	265	266	1.20m Jumper
		412	Junior/Amateur 0.65m Classic
		413	Junior/Amateur 0.80m Classic

# FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE DRESSAGE - 2025



## GENERAL

Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	Class Name
1010	2010	3010	<b>USDF Intro A</b>
1020	2020	3020	<b>USDF Intro B</b>
1030	2030	3030	<b>USDF Intro C</b>
1040	2040	3040	<b>Training Level Test One</b>
1050	2050	3050	<b>Training Level Test Two</b>
1060	2060	3060	<b>Training Level Test Three</b>
1070	2070	3070	<b>First Level Test One</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1080	2080	3080	<b>First Level Test Two</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1090	2090	3090	<b>First Level Test Three*</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1100	2100	3100	<b>Second Level Test One</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1110	2110	3110	<b>Second Level Test Two</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1120	2120	3120	<b>Second Level Test Three*</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1130	2130	3130	<b>Third Level Test One</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1140	2140	3140	<b>Third Level Test Two</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1150	2150	3150	<b>Third Level Test Three*</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1160	2160	3160	<b>Fourth Level Test One</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1170	2170	3170	<b>Fourth Level Test Two</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1180	2180	3180	<b>Fourth Level Test Three*</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1190	2190	3190	<b>Prix St Georges*</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1200	2200	3200	<b>Intermediate I*</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1210	2210	3210	<b>Intermediate II*</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1220	2220	3220	<b>Grand Prix*</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1230	2230	3230	<b>Grand Prix Special</b> - O, AA, J/Y
1240	2240	3240	<b>Equitation</b> - Dressage Seat
1250	2250	3350	<b>USEF/FEI Freestyle</b> (State Test)
1260	2260	3360	<b>USEF/FEI TOC*</b> (State Test – no Freestyles)
1270	2270	3270	<b>USEF Vintage/Master TOC*</b> (State Test – no Freestyles)
1280	2280		<b>USEF 4 YR Old Horse Test</b> (Practice)
1290	2290		<b>FEI Preliminary YH Test for 5 Year Old</b>
1300	2300		<b>FEI YH Test for 5 Year Old - Final</b> (Practice)
1310	2310		<b>FEI Preliminary YH Test for 6 Year Old</b>
1320	2320		<b>FEI YH Test for 6 Year Old - Final</b> (Practice)
1330	2330		<b>USEF Developing Prix St Georges</b> (Practice)
1340	2340		<b>USEF Developing Grand Prix</b> (Practice)
MATERIALE DIVISION			
1400	2400	3400	<b>Three Year Old Fillies</b>
1410	2410	3410	<b>Three Year Old Colts/Geldings</b>
1420	2420	3420	<b>Four &amp; Five Year Old Mares</b>
1430	2430	3430	<b>Four &amp; Five Year Old Stallions/Geldings</b>



# FESTIVAL OF THE HORSE E-CROSS CLASS LISTING - 2025



## E-CROSS

Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	Class Name
12 pm - 2 pm			Schooling E-Cross 0.65m
2 pm - 4 pm			Schooling E-Cross 0.80m
	2000		Beginner E-Cross II.2b. 0.65m Eventing Obstacles, 0.65m - 0.75m Show Jumping Obstacles
	2003		E-Cross II 2b. 0.80m Eventing Obstacles, 0.80m - 0.85m Show Jumping Obstacles
		2001	Beginner E-Cross II. 0.65m Eventing Obstacles, 0.65m - 0.75m Show Jumping Obstacles
		2002	Beginner E-Cross Classic II.2.2a 0.65m Eventing Obstacles, 0.65m - 0.75m Show Jumping Obstacles
		2004	E-Cross II. 0.80m Eventing Obstacles, 0.80m - 0.85m Show Jumping Obstacles
		2005	E-Cross Classic II.2.2a 0.80m Eventing Obstacles, 0.80m - 0.85m Show Jumping Obstacles





## GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

- The Festival of the Horse (FoH) is a celebration of equestrian enthusiasts through a multidiscipline, unrated competition format offering friendly pricing, complimentary hospitality events, and unique learning opportunities.
- **The safety, enjoyment, and education of our human and horse athletes is of primary importance.** As organizer, HITS asks exhibitors, their trainers, and guests to follow the FoH rules.
- **By signing the entry blank, owner, rider, trainer, coach, handler, agent, and/or parent or guardian agree to be bound by the FoH rules,** agree that HITS may use photographs or videos of you and your horse, and agree to be bound by the Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk you have signed as part of the entry process. HITS, the Festival of the Horse and its related parties shall not be responsible for any injury or damage to you, those you are responsible for, your animals and/or property that occurs at the FoH whether the injury or damage is caused by a third party, HITS, or any other person, animal or thing.
- **Please take all personal items before leaving the showgrounds.** Items left on the show grounds will be kept for a limited time before given away or thrown out.

## FACILITY

- **No Alcoholic beverages are permitted on the HITS Commonwealth Park grounds** except if purchased from HITS and consumed in the designated areas.
- **Dogs must be restrained on the Showgrounds.** Loose dogs will be picked up and detained, and the owner will be fined \$100. The owner may be barred from showing and expelled from the Showgrounds for a second offense, or for refusal to pay the fine, and will not be entitled to any refund of entry or stabling fees paid or due. Management reserves the right to call Animal Control to have an animal removed from the premises. Management may require owners to remove any unruly or unsafe dog from the premises.
- **Motorized Vehicles:** Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the HITS showgrounds. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above-described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. Electric Golf Carts WILL NOT be permitted to plug into any electrical outlet on the grounds. Violation will result in the plug or charger being confiscated by show management, and/or a Fine if deemed necessary.
- **Electrical/Fire Regulations:** Electrical installation and connections in the stabling area must meet all state and county codes. No Class I Flammable Liquids such as gasoline are allowed inside the buildings. Cooking is not permitted within any stable area. Anyone found in violation shall be subject to dismissal from further participation in the Horse Show without recourse.
- **Damage:** Owners and exhibitors shall be held responsible for damage caused by them, their agents or employees and/or horses, dogs or other animals to stalls, buildings and other properties on the Showgrounds, including third party property and property of other exhibitors, and shall be billed accordingly.

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## HORSE WELFARE

• **Equine Health Requirements will be enforced.** All horses (competing or not) that enter the grounds are required to present the Required Health Entry Requirements, including Negative Coggins, and Proof of Vaccination. All horses are subject to examination by HITS officials/ designated representatives and/or state officials (collectively "officials") for determining whether such animals are, have been infected/exposed, or are likely to become infected with an infectious or contagious disease. If after such examination, officials have reason to believe that an animal's health condition places other animals at risk, such officials, at their sole discretion, may quarantine such animal (and others that may have been infected/exposed) or, if appropriate, require that such animals be transported off the grounds. All participants agree to fully cooperate with event officials and abide by their decisions and instructions. Failure to comply shall be grounds for immediate expulsion and potential disciplinary action by organization, state/local or federal animal health officials. All exhibitors are encouraged to review the equine health entry/transport requirements of the destination state prior to entry. Additional information can be obtained from the State Vet Office.

**Any horse with a temperature of 101.5+ must be reported to official show veterinarian. Upon veterinary examination, if diagnostic testing is deemed necessary, testing will be conducted at owner's expense. If veterinarian suspects infectious disease after inspection, the horse will be required to go to isolation or off the property.**

• **Management reserves the right to remove persons from the showgrounds** who Management determines are abusive to their horse or are not otherwise acting in the best interest and welfare of their horse.

## RIDER SAFETY

• **All riders must wear properly fastened protective headgear** when mounted anywhere on the competition grounds. Management recommends headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition.

## SHOW MANAGEMENT

- **Management reserves the right to cancel, change, split** or otherwise change the classes and daily schedule.
- **Management has the right to remove exhibitors and/or horses from the premises** for unruly or unacceptable conduct. Management reserves the right to bar any exhibitor found to be in violation of this or any other Festival of the Horse rules from any further participation in the Horse Show without recourse to any refund of entry or stabling fees paid or due.
- **All decisions of Show Management are final.**
- **Judges' decisions are final.**

## OFFICE RULES

- All entries, adds and scratches must be submitted online through Ring Radar.
- All credit card charges will be assessed a 3.7% convenience fee.
- All entries must be paid by credit card at the time of online entry.
- Refunds will be paid at the end of the show.
- All horses pay a facility fee charge of \$50.00.
- An exhibitor who does not ride in a class entered and does not scratch prior to the start of the class will not receive a refund.
- Stalls should be ordered at the time of entries being submitted online.

## BILLING POLICY

- All entry, stall, feed, and other charges must be paid weekly and without exception must be paid fully.

## UNPAID CHARGES

- **Any exhibitor leaving the show with an unpaid balance will be billed for these charges** and a \$50 billing fee will be added to the total due. Until these charges are settled, all further entries of rider and owner will be returned.

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- **Refund of pre-paid fees** (Exception: Horse Application Fee) will be given for show scratches received prior to or on the Closing Date. Scratch must be made in writing through the Show Office Refund for Horse Deposits, Stalls, and RV Sites will not be given for entries scratched after the Closing Date. Exhibitors are responsible for any such outstanding fees.
- **If eligible for refund**, a check for refund due less an office fee of \$25 will be mailed within 30 days after the completion of the final Show of the Circuit.
- **Billing questions or requests** for refunds will not be considered after the Show in question.

#### RETURNED CHECKS/CHARGEBACKS

- **Checks returned by the bank or Credit card chargebacks** for any reason are regarded as a most serious offense and will be handled according to the following procedure: A \$50 penalty or will be assessed for each returned check or chargeback OR 10% of the face value of the check or chargeback, whichever is greater. Accounts will be given ten (10) days to be paid in full with cash or cash equivalent or they will be reported to appropriate association(s) for further disciplinary action. Checks will not be deposited a second time. A monthly service fee equal to 18% per annum will begin accruing after 30 days. Note: First time returned checks will automatically be redeposited.

#### ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

- **Stalls will be available by 10 am, Wednesday, August 6.** All stalls must be vacated by 8 am, Monday, August 11, 2025.

#### FEED & BEDDING

- **Pre-orders and onsite orders must be submitted through HITSShows.com/Horse-Show-Office** (online order) Orders must be made by NOON each day for same day delivery through the website.

#### MEDICAL WASTE

- **All needles and syringes MUST be deposited in designated disposal containers** and not left in stalls or thrown in trash receptacles. Violators will be fined \$75 per needle/syringe. For the first offense the trainer/owner will be notified as well as the appropriate association. The second offense will disqualify the individual and horse and they will be banished from the show with NO REFUND.

#### STALL ALTERATIONS

- **The removal of stall tent side poles, side ropes and/or stakes/anchors is strictly prohibited.** Any exhibitor found in violation will be issued a single warning. If violation continues, Management reserves the right to remove from the Showgrounds all property belonging to or under the control of said violator. Further, Management reserves the right to bar any exhibitor found to be in violation from any further participation in the Horse Show without recourse to any refund of entry or stabling fees paid or due.

#### DISCIPLINE RULES

##### HUNTERS

- **All hunter classes will be judged on performance and soundness** and when indicated, conformation, suitability or manners. An even pace, manners, jumping style together with faults and way of moving over the course. Manners to be emphasized in Amateur and pony classes.
- **Hunter obstacles will simulate those found in the hunting field** such as natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white board fence or gate, and plain colored rail vertical and oxers with ground lines.
- **Conventional hunter tack is required:** snaffles, pelhams, cavesson nose bands, and standing martingales. Judges may penalize a horse or pony that competes in unconventional tack.
- **When a horse makes two faults at one obstacle only the major fault will be counted.** (Exception: refusals count in addition.) When an obstacle is composed of several elements in the same vertical plane, a fault at the top element is the only one penalized.
- **All horses must be serviceably sound.**

##### SHOW JUMPERS

- **Jumpers are scored on penalties incurred between the start line and finish line.** In the event of a fall of a Horse and/or Rider at any time from the time the Horse/Rider combination enters the Competition ring, whether or not the signal to start has been given, the combination will not be permitted to start in the round or Class in question. Penalties apply for late falling rails: 1. after crossing the finish line but before leaving the ring, or 2. before the tone sounds for the start of the next round.

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- **Penalty faults include disobediences, falls, knockdowns (while in the process of jumping an obstacle) and time penalties.** No more than one penalty may be scored at each attempt. If an obstacle is knocked down or displaced for any reason other than it was caused by jumping or an attempt to jump, no penalty is incurred.
- **Disobediences include** Refusals, Run-outs, Loss of Forward Movement, and Circling.
- **The first fall of horse or rider results in elimination.**
- **Table II, Sec. 2 (b).** First round and first jump-off are scored by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. Competitors who go clear in the first round, remain in the ring and upon an audible signal commence the designated jump-off course. A competitor with a clear round may dismount, and with assistance if necessary, adjust tack and/or equipment; however, upon the audible signal to begin their round, the competitor must start within 45 seconds. In case of a fall of a Rider and/or Horse after crossing the finish line of the first round, the Rider/Horse combination may not continue to the jump-off, and will be placed according to their Score in the first round. A competitor who leaves the arena after a clear round (before or after the tone) will be considered to have withdrawn from the jump-off. If there are no clear rounds and a tie exists for first place, the results will be determined by the scores and time from that round.
- **Table II, Sec. 2 (d).** Two Phase Competitions - Each phase will consist of 5 to 7 obstacles. Scores are decided by adding together the faults incurred over both phases and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed if any. Upon crossing the finish line in the first phase the competitor continues to the second phase course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line for the first phase.

## DRESSAGE

- **Dressage tests will be judged on the freedom and regularity of the gaits;** the harmony, lightness, and ease of the movements; the lightness of the forehand and the engagement of the hindquarters, originating from a lively impulsion; the acceptance of the bit, with submissiveness/thoroughness, and the correctness of each required movement.
- **Tests will be the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) approved tests.**
- **All movements and certain transitions to be marked by the judge(s) are numbered on the judge's sheets.** The judge will mark each movement with a mark of 0 to 10, 0 being the lowest mark and 10 being the highest. The scale of marks is as follows: 10 Excellent, 9 Very Good, 8 Good, 7 Fairly Good, 6 Satisfactory, 5 Marginal, 4 Insufficient, 3 Fairly Bad, 2 Bad, 1 Very Bad, 0 Not executed.
- **The total score for the test/ride is obtained by adding all points and determining the percentage score.**
- **Consecutive levels:** Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels at one dressage competition with the same rider.
- **Braiding:** Braiding of the horse is optional.
- **Horse numbers:** Exhibitors must display their numbers while competing.
- **Dress Code:** Shirts may be any color, must have sleeves and a collar.
- **Spurs:** For English riders, spurs must be metal and with the shank pointing directly back from the center. The arms of the spur must be smooth. If rowels are present, they must freely rotate. For Western riders, spurs with or without blunt tines permitted, bumper spurs are permitted, and rowels may not have sharp tines.
- **Whips:** One whip no longer than 120 cm/47.2 in with lash may be carried in all classes.
- **Saddle:** An English style saddle with stirrups is required at all levels. A Western saddle is required in all Western Dressage classes.
- **Other equipment:** For English tests, no gadgets, ornaments, or leg protection of any kind is allowed in the show ring. Polo wraps are currently permitted for WDAA tests.
- **Ring Stewards:** Ring stewards are there to help keep the show on schedule and to check equipment. You are responsible for knowing your ride time and ring. Please check in with the ring steward for your ring as you enter the warm-up area.
- **Having a test reader:** All tests through 4th Level may be read. Western dressage tests may be read. Exhibitors should instruct the reader to read each movement only once.
- **Use of voice:** For English tests, use of voice in any way whatsoever, including clucking and trilling, is a fault and will result in deduction of 2 points at that movement each time it occurs. WDAA tests currently permit use of voice. Additionally, do not speak to your reader until you are out of the ring.

## ARENA E-CROSS

- **Arena E-Cross offers both show jumping practice and training** over some of the technical elements of cross country in an arena atmosphere.
- **E-Cross courses are comprised of a minimum of 50% Cross Country fences.** Courses typically start and finish with two or three Show Jumping obstacles. Additional Show Jumping obstacles may be added in the middle section of the course.
- **Courses will consist of one round of 10-12 obstacles.**
- **Scoring of refusals, knock downs, and time follows the Show Jumping rules.**

**Emergency Medical Centers:** The nearest Hospital and Trauma 1 Medical Centers to HITS Commonwealth Park are:

**Hospital:** Novant Health UVA Culpeper Medical Center, 501 Sunset Ln, Culpeper, VA 22701, 540.829.4100, 7 miles (10 minutes) by car.

**Trauma 1 Medical Center:** University of Virginia Medical Center, 1215 Lee Street, Charlottesville 22908, 434.924.0000, 45 miles (1 hour) by car.

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