

We are currently offering Dressage, Eventing Dressage tests and Western Dressage.

For more information on Western Dressage check out:

<http://www.westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-rules-tests/>

For Dressage we go by USEF/USDF rules and Eventing Dressage USEA.

When does my entry form need to be turned in?

Entry forms for each show must be received by HHSC show management one week prior to the show date. Check the entry form for each of those dates.

What is appropriate to wear as "neat attire"?

Neat attire is considered to be clothing that is clean, safe, non-distracting colors or patterns, and appropriately fit, so as to allow the judge to best evaluate rider position and technique. Gloves are optional. HHSC requires that all competitors, regardless of age, must wear correctly fitting ASTM/SEI certified headgear while mounted, no exceptions. A tall boot is not required, although boots must be safe and have an appropriate heel. If using paddock boots, halfchaps are recommended, but not required.

Where can my trainer stand to help me with my warm up?

We encourage all levels of riders to participate with out without a trainer. However, if your trainer will be attending the show and coaching, please make sure they stay on the outside of the warm up arena. Foot traffic within the warm up arena is not allowed, for the safety of everyone.

When I am in the warm up ring who has the right of way?

Please be aware of other competitors in the warm up ring, and remember to call out if you are passing someone on the left or right. If you meet another horse and rider head on, remember to pass left to left.

Where can I lounge my horse?

Lunging is not allowed in the warm up ring, but we do have a great round pen available.

What kind of bits are allowed?

Per USEF/ USDF rules:

1. Ordinary snaffle with single -jointed mouthpiece.
2. (a, b, c) Double-jointed snaffles.
3. Racing snaffle (D-ring).
4. Snaffle.
 - a) with cheeks, with or without keepers.
 - b) without cheeks (Egg-butt).
5. Snaffle with upper or lower cheeks.
6. Unjointed snaffle (Mullen - mouth).
7. Snaffle with cheeks. (Hanging or drop cheek; Baucher). This may be a D-ring or other ordinary snaffle as pictured in Nos. 1-6.
8. Fulmer.
9. French snaffle.
10. Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece (Myler Level 1 and Level 2).
11. Snaffle with rotating middle piece.
12. Happy Mouth with roller.

WDAA (refer to WDAA Rules: WD 502)

1. Snaffle Bit
2. Curb- There is no discrimination against any standard Western Bit. It may or may not have shanks with maximum length of the shanks is 8-1/2". Shanks may be fixed or loose. A bit which has slots for attaching the headstall and/or rein is a leverage bit and is permitted.
3. Illegal Bits: All curb bits must be free of mechanical devices. Nothing such as extension, rivets or prongs, may protrude below the mouthpiece. Slip or gag bits, donut or flat polo mouthpieces and kimberwicks, roping bits with reins attached to a single ring at the center of the cross bar, any rein design or other devices which increases the effective length and thereby the leverage of the shank of a standard western bit.

Are draw reins allowed?

Per USDF rules, no training devices such as martingales or draw reins are allowed

Can I ride in my western saddle?

Yes, if you are participating in Western Dressage tests. If you are participating in USDF and USEF tests an English type saddle with stirrups is compulsory for all tests. A Dressage saddle which must be close to the horse and have long, near-vertical flaps and stirrups is compulsory. Saddle pads are optional, but should be white or of conservative color

If I am over 18 y/o do I have to wear a helmet?

HHSC requires all competitors, regardless of age, must wear correctly fitting ASTM/SEI certified headgear while mounted, no exceptions.

When will ride times be sent out/ posted?

Ride times will be emailed to competitors the Thursday before the show date.

When does the show office open?

The show office will open 1 hour before the show starts.

Will the dressage court arena be open to ride in before the show begins?

The main arena will be open for hand walking around the exterior of the court only, until 20 minutes before the first rider of the day and during the lunch break. We encourage participants to take advantage of this time to get your horse accustomed to the judges box and arena setting. In addition, we try to place the judges box in the arena several days before the show, the arena is open for public riding during this time and is a fantastic opportunity to get your horse accustomed to passing the judges box. Also, the HHSC facility is a public park, open to all riding (except during scheduled events) from dawn to dusk. Feel free to take advantage of riding at HHSC prior to shows.

Will there be food available to purchase?

Yes! The cook shack will be open 11-130 with lunch available for purchase. We will have coffee, snacks, and drinks available throughout the rest of the day. The cook shack only takes cash or checks.