



KDEA Dedication to Education Series  
The Nuts and Bolts of Riding a Good Dressage Test  
Sunday, March 15, 2020 at Capall Stables – 1 pm to 4pm.  
3400 S 143<sup>rd</sup> St East, Wichita, KS 67230



Free to KDEA Members. Non-Members can join KDEA(\$24.00 annual) at the door.  
Please RSVP to Susan Lang at [smlang2@cox.net](mailto:smlang2@cox.net)

Instructors: Marie Maloney, “r” Dressage judge, “R” Western Dressage Judge, L Graduate  
Susan Lang, L Graduate, “R” Western Dressage Judge, “r” Dressage Tech Delegate  
Gail Matheus, L Graduate, “r” Western Dressage Judge

**English, Western and Eventing Test Riding will be discussed, as well as Freestyles**

Topics: The “Purpose” of each of the levels of tests (English, Western and Eventing) – choosing the correct level when you enter a show

Directive Ideas of test – How you should execute the figures and patterns

Coefficients – How important are they, and why are they even there?

Collective Remarks at end of Test – Relevance to the body of the test

Ring Geometry – Yes, there's MATH involved! Unmounted walking of tests for clarity of patterns and corners. Clean up your geometry and don't lose points needlessly!

Bring a scored dressage test from a show – what is the judge telling you, and do you understand the “homework” the judge gave you through the comments?

Rules, Errors, Attire, Saddlery, Bits (bring any equipment you have a question about)

Freestyles – Riding to Music can help your daily riding even if you don't plan to show a Freestyle

Links to Tests:

<https://www.usdf.org/competitions/competitors/tests.asp>

<https://westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-tests/>

<https://useventing.com/events-competitions/resources/dressage-tests>



Where am I going? Where is THAT letter? How deep do I go into the corner?

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