



## **KDEA E Newsletter – Early February 2025**

### **KDEA Mission Statement**

KDEA serves the South Central Kansas dressage and eventing community by providing educational, social, and competitive opportunities that promote a harmonious partnership between horse and rider



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If I forgot to list someone who is on a committee...please let me (Susan) know for the newsletter, and let the Committee Chair know. If you are interested in learning more about what these committees do, and how you could contribute, please contact the committee chair and/or Officer/Board Member.

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**KDEA Meeting** – Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30pm at Twin Creek Trails in Derby – 9217 S Greenwich Road, Derby, KS 67037. Education session at 6:30, meeting at 7pm. Topic: Off-Season, On Point: Level Up with Online & Book Learning!

**KDEA Ride A Test – Coming Sat/Sun March 1-2 at Capall and Eagleview.**

The instructors this year will be Marie Maloney, Susan Lang and Cassie Black. We will hold sessions at both Eagle View (AM Sat/PM Sun) and Capall (PM Sat/AM Sun). Entry form at [www.kdea.org](http://www.kdea.org)

Format: Sessions are 30 minutes long, and in that 30 minutes you can determine what you will do. You can:

- Ride a Test “straight through” and get it scored as if you were in a show. You can have a reader.
- Ride a Test and choose “do overs” in the test if you choose, being scored on 1<sup>st</sup> attempt.
- In addition to a scoresheet, get feedback from the judge on what to work on.
- Work with the judge on tips and pointers for a better test or better geometry.
- Option to re-ride the test and get it scored again (or not)
- You can also come in and ride as many tests as you can accomplish in the 30 minutes
- We will allow you to come into the ring to warm up about 10 minutes before your scheduled time, but you need to give way to the person still in their session.
- You can also opt NOT to ride a test but declare your test level and be instructed by the judge with what you want to work on for that level.
- Last year the Ride A Test filled, so riders will be initially scheduled for only ONE session, but if you want the option of a 2<sup>nd</sup>, you may get a 2<sup>nd</sup> ride if the clinic does not fill.
- Riders can choose which judge the do/don’t want to work with and we will do our best to accommodate. You may want to work with your “favorite” instructor or may want to get a different opinion/view or different venue for your ride. Communication is the key...we’ll try to accommodate what you need.

**Horse Trailer “Health Checks” by Rod Knoffloch**

This will be offered March 1 (AM at Capall, PM at Eagle View) during the ride-a-test clinic. Rod will look over your trailer and advise you of any maintenance that you should do, and will show you how to check your trailer for potential problems.

If you are interested in having your trailer looked over before show season, contact Gail Knoffloch at [gailsimon91@gmail.com](mailto:gailsimon91@gmail.com) or 316-391-7711 by the clinic closing date (Feb 22) to be added to the schedule.

In your email or telephone call, please let her know:

1. If you just want a general check over your trailer, or if there are specific areas you have concerns about.
2. Which location works best for you.

- There is no charge for these checks, but donations to KDEA are encouraged! If there is enough interest we may also add some times on Sunday.

**KDEA 2024 Awards Meeting** – Thank you to the Awards Committee for the awards celebration that was held earlier this month. We had great attendance, and we also had presentations by Marie Maloney, Jessica Ptak Hooker, and Cassie Black regarding various national awards programs in which KDEA members might be able to participate. The award winners for 2024 are listed on the KDEA website...scroll to the bottom of the home page past show results and you'll see a link to the 2024 Award winners. Winners received KDEA branded rain jackets, saddle pads, headstalls and reins, gift cards, from ICT Tack and stickers. Check out the KDEA website for all the award winners and when you see one of them, congratulate them on their accomplishments.

### **KDEA Dressage Schooling Shows – 2025**

April 12<sup>th</sup> - Eagle View Equestrian – Judge: Jane Fucinaro, Nebraska L Graduate.  
May 17<sup>th</sup> - Three Wooden Crosses – Judge: Holly Luke, Oklahoma L Graduate  
July 12<sup>th</sup> - Three Wooden Crosses – Judge: Rebecca O'Bea, Kansas L Graduate  
Sept 13 - Eagle View Equestrian – Judge: Sherry Guess, Oklahoma L Graduate

### **KDEA USEF Recognized Show**

June 14-15 - Kansas State Fairgrounds – Judge: Dolly Hannon “R” Western Dressage  
Watch KDEA website and Horse Show Consulting.com for entry form to be posted in January  
We are soliciting class sponsors for this show, as well as donations for our Raffle and Silent Auction. For more information, see flyer later in newsletter.

- A big thank you to those who have provided their support in the form of sponsorship – Michelle Stein, The Decarsky Foundation, and others who have or will provide raffle and silent auction items for this year's show.

### **Competition Committee Spotlight**

The competition committee is led by the Competitions Chair, Susan Lang. Current Competition Committee members this year are Valerie Grinko, Haley Kottler, Cynthia Moriarty. Susan has been the Chair for many years, and books all our show facilities, hires judges, and coordinates with Kim Miller to produce the Entry Forms for the shows. Susan also obtains the insurance for all our shows, and now that we are doing a USEF Western Dressage show, handles all the USEF, AQHA, WDAA registration and requirements as well as hiring licensed officials, EMT, farrier, vet, etc. Susan receives assistance from committee members, as well as others who earn volunteer points for pre show activities such as helping with scheduling, writing names on tests, putting together the ride time emails, and checking to make sure all Coggins submitted are current. Susan also coordinates with Marty Foster Dennett (volunteer chair) regarding all the volunteers it takes for the shows.

**If you are interested in getting involved** in the committee and/or have suggestions for additional educational opportunities, we would love to hear from you! We would love to have a junior join our committee to ensure we are hearing from all age groups and disciplines! Please reach out to Susan Lang at [smlang2@cox.net](mailto:smlang2@cox.net).

**Let's Get Ready to Show!** So if you are going to compete in any United States Equestrian Federation show this year, your horse will need to have (at least) a USEF Horse ID.

If you are already a USEF member, log into your USEF account, and go to Horse Services and create a (free) Horse ID. <https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/horse-services>

If you are not a USEF member, you will need to go to the USEF website and join USEF as a “Fan Member” (free of charge) and then you can go to Horse Services and request a (free) Horse ID.

If you plan to try to qualify for US Dressage Federation Regionals, you will need to have a Lifetime Horse Registration number (Horse ID will not do)

US Dressage Federation – Do you have an account? As a KDEA member, you are also a member of USDF and have access to USDF University. USDF University has online classes, videos, lectures, etc that can be great learning tools on these cold winter days. To create your USDF account, go to [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) and go to Create a Log In (upper right corner). If you do not know your USDF number, there is place on this same Create Log In page to search for your USDF number (which would have been assigned to you by USDF when KDEA submitted your membership dues). Once you enter your name, your USDF # and create a password, you will have access to Online Learning. Ready, Set, Learn!

## **USEF Dressage Rule Changes Effective Dec. 1, 2024**

The following rule changes to the Dressage chapter of the USEF Rulebook will go into effect for the 2025 competition season, which begins on December 1, 2024. [The 2025 USEF Rulebook can be found here.](#)

**DR120 – Dress, Coats and Jackets:** ‘The color of stretch and/or breathable panel(s) in a jacket may be black or the same color as the garment fabric.’ This change clarifies that the stretch/panel is no longer limited to the underarm or on the side of the jacket.

**DR120.2 – Weather Conditions:** When very cold weather conditions are forecasted on the date of a competition, competition management may publish in its prize list that windbreakers or parkas may be worn, rather than riding jackets, for the duration of the competition. Alternatively, management may announce prior to or during a competition that competitors may wear windbreakers or parkas rather than riding jackets when very cold weather is forecasted. These waivers apply to national classes at a USEF licensed-USDF recognized dressage competition.

**DR120.7 – Braces:** Back braces, wrist braces, and similar protective wraps that are designed to be worn for therapeutic or protective purposes while riding or unmounted may be worn underneath or outside of clothing in competition or schooling. Body bands, straps, positional devices, and other devices designed to aid rider position are not permitted in competition or schooling.

**DR121.2 – Bits:** Language has been added to clarify that bits must be attached to the bridle only as intended by design, in accordance with the manufacturer’s guidelines.

**DR121.15 – Saddlery and Equipment, Mane, tail and body:** ‘Only standard horse colors that occur naturally on that horse may be added to affect the color of the mane, tail, or body. An existing wound or injury cannot be obscured.’ This update clarifies that while extravagant items are not allowed in the mane, tail, or body, there is no prohibition against discreet yarn colors such as red, blue, etc.

**DR122.17 – Placement of Judges for the FEI Children Classes:** This information has previously only

been available through a memorandum posted on the Federation website but is now added into the Dressage rules.

**DR129 – Musical Freestyle Ride:** A copy of the USDF score verification verifying eligibility, must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class, except to enter USEF/USDF Musical Freestyle Championship classes. Qualification of those entries will be verified by USDF. Riders receiving scores within 30 days prior to a competition may submit a copy of the test verifying eligibility.

**DR135 – Pony Measurements:** If the animal is leased, both the lessee and the lessor must be Federation Active Members in good standing at the time of the measurement. The lease must be recorded with the Federation. See GR1108 for rules pertaining to leases.

**DR202.10 – Dressage Sport Horse Breeding - General Regulations:** The requirements of DR126.2.d and DR123.9 apply to DSHB divisions and classes, including the requirement to provide shelter from weather for judges at outdoor competitions.

If you have questions regarding these rule changes, contact Lauren Moore, Director, Sport Management Administration, at [dressage@usef.org](mailto:dressage@usef.org).

## HOW NOT TO BE ELIMINATED SERIES

Installment #4: *Improper salutes at beginning and end of test, and use of voice while in competition*

### Dressage

**DR122 2. Salute.** At the salute riders must take the reins in **one hand**. All riders shall let one arm drop loosely along their body and then incline their head in a slight bow. The military salute is only permissible when riding in uniform.

**DR 122 3. Voice.** The use of the voice or other intentional audio aids in any way whatsoever or clicking the tongue once or repeatedly is a serious fault involving the deduction of two marks from those that would otherwise have been awarded for the movement where this occurred. In movements with a coefficient, judges must deduct only one mark so that the final mark, after the coefficient is applied, is deducted by two versus four points.”

**DR 117.6** The use of the voice in any way whatsoever or clicking the tongue once or repeatedly is a fault involving the deduction of 2 marks from those that would otherwise have been awarded for the movement where this occurred. (Note that this citation is under “Position and Aids of the Rider”)

### Western Dressage

**WD 126.2. Salute.** At the salute riders must take the reins in one hand. A lady rider shall let one arm drop loosely along her body and then incline her head in a slight bow; a gentleman rider shall remove his hat and let his arm drop loosely along his body or may render the salute as does a lady rider.

**WD 126.3. Voice.** The quiet use of the voice or clicking the tongue once or repeatedly is permitted.

### Eventing

**EV118.5.** Athletes must take the reins in one hand to salute.

**EV 118.12** If an Athlete makes an error of test (e.g., rising trot instead of sitting trot, does not salute with the reins in one hand, etc.) they must be penalized for an error of test.

**EV 118.7** The use of voice or clicking the tongue is a serious fault and will result in a deduction of at least two points from what would have been awarded for the movement where this occurred.

### **Working Equitation**

1.12 Salute Riders are required to **salute** the Judge before and after every trial. The horse should face the Judge and remain immobile during the salute. The rider salutes with a nod of the head and a drop or sweep of the hand. The hand dropped can be either the rein hand or the working hand. Men not wearing a helmet may remove their hat if desired. When there is more than one Judge, riders are required to salute the President of the Jury but may salute all Judges present. Failure to salute the Judge will be penalized (5-point penalty each occurrence).

1.13 **Use of Voice.** Occasional use of a soft voice is allowed in Dressage and EOH trials. Loud or excessive use of voice will be penalized by the Judge in the collective mark for the Rider. The voice may be used in Speed and Cattle trials.

### ***In other words - Salute***

...The rider must salute with one hand while holding the reins in the other  
(English, Western, Eventing and Working Equitation)

### ***In other words - Voice***

In English and Eventing Dressage Tests - rider must **not** use their voice while riding a test, and the rider can incur a 2 point deduction every time the voice is heard. The use of voice deductions are not cumulative toward elimination. In Western Dressage tests and Working Equitation– the rider is **allowed** to use their voice or click the tongue QUIETLY to the horse with no deduction in points.

### **USDF Book Club**

The United States Dressage Federation™ (USDF) is pleased to announce the launch of the new USDF Book Club. This exciting program is the newest in a long list of education initiatives and opportunities created and offered by USDF. By participating in the USDF Book Club, members will be introduced to the published works of the industry's top authors and professionals, and engage them in firsthand discussions through webinars and on The Dressage Radio Show podcast. [Read more here](#)

#### **2025 Book List**

[Build a Better Athlete by Leslie Webb](#) – January through March

[Collective Remarks by Anne Gribbons](#) – April through June

[33 Strength and Fitness Workouts for Horses by Jec Ballou](#) – July through September

[Begin and Begin Again by Denny Emerson](#) – October through December



**USDF University.** As you perhaps sit inside watching cold or snowy weather, don't forget about the USDF University, which offers hundreds of video sessions and educational articles to keep you learning throughout the winter months. You need to be logged in to the USDF website (if you are a KDEA member and haven't created a USDF log in, you can do so by going to the USDF website. If you need help creating your account, you can contact Susan (or contact USDF directly for assistance). If you don't know your USDF number, then you can contact membership chair Charlotte Pinkall for your # (see Charlotte's email in the list of committees on Page 1 of this newsletter.

## **Raffle and Silent Auction at Western Dressage Show How Can You Participate?**

**Our show on June 14-15 will feature** a raffle and silent auction. The idea is that for each \$1.00 donation, you get a ticket that you can place in the box in front of the raffle item that you would like to take home with you. At noon on Sunday, we will have a drawing...to see who wins each item. We will also have Auction items that you can bid on...and the bidding closes at noon on Sunday with the highest bidder winning. Proceeds from the Raffle and Auction go to help fund our shows. Must be present to win or designate someone to pick up your winnings.



**Just what might be on the Raffle or Silent Auction?** Well, you never know, but we have artwork, saddle covers, garment bags, barn supplies...so far....and we are also **soliciting items from members**, competitors, etc. For example, if you have a business making some type of horse item or providing a horse-related service...let us know if you want to bring an item (or gift certificate) for the Raffle/Silent Auction and get exposure for your service (bring flyers to put out with your item). Or if you have something that you want to donate (new items, or very gently used) let us know what you have to contribute.

**Vendor booths** at the show are \$100, and your table will be inside under cover (unless you have a trailer that you need to park, then we will try to find you a spot under cover). So if you have a product or service you want to showcase, this may be your chance! Please provide your own tables as the Fairgrounds has a limited number and there is a fee per table.

Also – Bring a **“Barn Basket”** for the Raffle! What is a Barn Basket? Your barn, or a group of riders, can contribute to a Basket (Bucket? Feed Tub?) with horse-themed items that you think others would enjoy. Watch the tickets accumulate...and see who wins your Basket. The funds from these Baskets will help fund our show, and we may keep separate tabs on the Barn Basket winnings to provide a special something at our 2026 show.

**Class Sponsorships.** Not showing this year and **want to support our competition?** A Western Dressage enthusiast who wants to support what we do? You can sponsor a class (or two) at the show for \$50.00 per class. That helps us pay for the judge/steward and provide ribbons for the class. Shows are expensive to run, and we try to keep costs low for our competitors, so if you can help our “bottom line” by giving us a class sponsorship, please contact Eloise Melton at [ejphilton@aol.com](mailto:ejphilton@aol.com) or Susan Lang at [smlang2@cox.net](mailto:smlang2@cox.net).