
Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association

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President's Message April 2023

April brings the serious beginning of Show season here in Kansas. KDEA hosted the first of several schooling shows on a chilly, breezy Saturday. The number of exhibitors (especially our youth) was amazing, and just as important were the brave souls who showed up and stepped up to volunteer. Thank you to all of those who showed and volunteered! We can't make these shows happen without you all!

Dressage and Eventing have a deep history in education. While at the FEI World Cup in Omaha, NE, I had the opportunity to go to

lectures, watch top riders school and watch demonstrations of different disciplines and breeds. I am so glad that KDEA can offer different educational opportunities close to home for our members. We have short, Mini Education sessions before our bi-monthly meetings, and, every two years, we offer a larger symposium. I appreciate everyone's suggestions regarding what you would like to see before meetings, and I will be sending out a survey regarding what type of larger symposium our members would like to see next year.

Thank you again to all our amazing members and board members. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us with suggestions, ideas, or questions. Cassie Black --2023 KDEA President

New to the KDEA Library:

The Principles of Riding	German National Federatio
Advanced Techniques of Riding	German National Federatio
The World Of Dressage (historical)	N ffrench Blake
The Elements of Dressage (young horse training)	Kurd-Albrecht Von Ziegner
Dressage from A to X	Barbara Burkhardt
USDF Guide to Dressage	Jennifer Bryant
The Horseman's Pain Free Back and Saddle Fit Book	Joyce Harman

These titles and many others are available for check out from the KDEA Library. The Library is housed at Capall Stables (143rd and 31st St S). Contact Susan Lang to get access (316-461-1374). A complete list of titles in the KDEA library can be found [HERE](#).

Results of April Schooling Show. Our first KDEA schooling show of the season was well attended (especially by our Youth) and we all had to be brave souls to be out in the weather that was thrown at us that day. Thanks to all who came out as a rider, spectator, groom, volunteer, and especially our judge, Rebecca O'Bea. For results from the show, click [HERE](#).

Score Checks – 2023 KDEA Awards Program. KDEA Awards Status will be published on the website monthly. Please contact Kim Miller if you have any scores to add or there are any issues with the scores you recorded for you. Scores will be pulled from KDEA shows, Twin Creek Trails shows, and Eagle View shows. If you show elsewhere, you will need to submit your scores. Riders are responsible for ensuring scores entered by Awards Committee into the website "score tracker" are correct. As a reminder, all current KDEA members are eligible for awards; There is not an additional charge or any paperwork to do, but

you do have to put in volunteer time (5 points). Click [here](#) for status of awards. See below for Volunteer info.

Volunteer Info. The Volunteer Form has been revamped, and you can see from the form (Click Here) now includes descriptions of some of the recurring task you can do to get the volunteer "points" needed to qualify for awards. Please make note that some tasks "count" for more than just 1 task (i.e. hosting a meeting counts for 2 tasks). Please consider putting in your volunteer hours early in the season, as fall show volunteer positions tend to fill quickly as people are trying to get their volunteer hours in.

- See the Forms Tab on the KDEA website for the list of awards that we will give out next year, and be sure that you volunteer this year so you can be eligible. We also have a non-show oriented award for Volunteer of the Year.

From the Volunteer Form (found on website). For the greater good of the Club and to qualify for year-end awards, members will need to complete 5 tasks to be eligible for awards. Even if you aren't trying for awards, it would be great if you would document your tasks, so we can recognize those who help and serve our organization. You may complete the task more than once to earn your total of 5 tasks (exceptions are noted beside the task - i.e. scribed for the whole show/full day = 4 tasks). "Other" tasks are at the discretion of the show or event coordinator on how many tasks they represent. Please have one of the following people date and sign your form once the task is completed at a show or event. • Show Manager/Secretary • Event Coordinator • Committee Chairman • Volunteer Coordinator

2023 Volunteer Coordinator is Marty Foster-Dennett,
shobewalkin@gmail.com

Upcoming Saturday, May 20th Schooling Show. Our next schooling show is May 20th at Eagle View and will be the same format as the April 15th show (English dressage, Western dressage, Eventing dressage tests). Our judge is Laurie Hedlund from Claremore, OK. Entries are due by May 14th ...please make sure they ARRIVE by May 14th! If you want to volunteer, contact Marty Foster Dennett at shobewalkin@gmail.com

- As usual, riders 14 and under get 2 free classes (and no Admin Fee). If the 14 and under wants to ride more than 2 (free) tests, then they must pay for the extra tests, and pay the \$15.00 admin fee. Juniors can say Thank You to long time KDEA member Sherry Engel for suggesting the "2 free classes for Juniors" some years back. This policy has drastically increased our youth entries!

KDEA USEF Western Dressage "Lite" Show. Our June 17th Lite Western Dressage show is fast approaching. If you plan to attend, please make sure that whomever signs as "TRAINER" on your entry is a USEF member and also current in SafeSport. The TRAINER is the person responsible for the care/feeding/health of your horse during the show, and in most cases, this is the OWNER of the horse. This person, again, must be a USEF member, and be current in SafeSport, in order to enter and compete in this show. If you are unsure what all this means, please contact Susan at 316-461-1374, and we can walk through what you need to show. The judges for the show are Donna Meyer, "R" from TX and Sheila Purdum, "r" from Nebraska. The entry form for the show is on the KDEA website – please note that entries go to HorseShowConsulting who is our contracted Secretary for this show. We also need volunteers for this show; you can contact Marty Foster Dennett at shobewalkin@gmail.com to volunteer

Scholarships! The KDEA scholarship program has been revamped, and the Fall Scholarship applications are due May 15th. The scholarship is up to \$300 (depending on the budget you submit for your qualifying clinic/event/etc), and there are other KDEA requirements to qualify. Check it out on the website! It is located under the Forms tab.

Upcoming KDEA Dates:

- May 20th -KDEA Schooling show at Eagle View
- June 6th – KDEA Meeting (all members and friends welcome) at Cassie and Evan Black's. More info to come on educational session and location.
- June 17th – KDEA USEF "Lite" Western Dressage show at Eagle View.
- July 8th – KDEA Schooling Dressage and Combined Test at Twin Creek Trails (20x40 meter tests only, plus CT classes)
- August 1st – KDEA Meeting – who would like to host?
- Sept 16 – KDEA Schooling Dressage Show at Eagle View
- Oct 3 – KDEA Meeting – who would like to host?

Oct 14 – KDEA Schooling Dressage and CT at Three Wooden Crosses, Augusta.

See the KDEA website for the Regional Calendar which lists many other events in the area, including those for Working Equitation, Eagle View shows, Twin Creek Trails shows.

FEI World Cup –Omaha, NE – April 2023 by Cassie Black

One of the amazing things about Dressage is the opportunity to learn new things in many different venues. I had the opportunity to attend the FEI World Cup in Omaha, NE on April 4-8th with Charlotte Pinkall. I was expecting entertainment from the best Dressage, Jumpers and Vaulters in the world, but I got so much more.

The World Cup was as much an educational experience as entertainment. We had the chance to hear Amelia Newcomb, Steffen Peters, and Anna Buffini speak about rider position, fitness and mental preparation for shows. I took four pages of notes and would be happy to share those any time.

We watched Isabell Werth work on parts of her freestyle during a schooling session. I learned about the German precision in their riding while watching her and Jessica von Bredow-Werndl schooling as well as the German Vaulting team performance.

I learned about Vaulting, which I had never seen in person before. It is a feat of balance, teamwork, and horsemanship. I watched the performances and then attended a demo explaining how riders, horses and lungers learn how to vault, and then had the chance to watch some of the American team members practicing.

There were many different demonstrations, one that we made a point to attend was a jumper demo with Melanie Smith Taylor, a former Olympic Gold Medalist, and Alicia Landman, a facebook friend of mine who I met at a Buck Brannaman clinic a couple of years ago. They discussed how groundwork can apply to ridden work and gave some very relevant exercises that I am looking forward to trying.

Everyone's experience at the FEI World Cup would be different and that is what makes big venues like that so special. There were many more demos that we didn't get to, there was amazing shopping, and so many people all there because we love horses.

Dressage Scores...English, Western, Eventing Tests....what do they mean?

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 performed

Use of Voice = English/Eventing Dressage - 2 points off each time heard, but not cumulative toward elimination

Use of Voice = Western Dressage = allowed as long as quiet and as encouragement to horse

First Error – 2 (same English or Western or Eventing)

Second Error: -4

Third Error: Elimination from the class

FEI Dressage Tests:

1st Error = 2% points removed from total percentage score'

2nd Error = Elimination from the class

Western Dressage: Horse that bucks is eliminated from the class

Western and English and Eventing: 20 or more seconds of prolonged resistance, or activity by horse and rider that is unsafe = judge eliminates.

Western and English: Fall of horse and rider = elimination from class.

Eventing: Fall of horse/rider in Dressage is not eliminated, but penalized in the movement in which occurred, as well as overall score for Rider.

Attire and Equipment Guides! - English, Western and Eventing

If you show Dressage, there is a new version of the Dressage Attire and Equipment Guide, dated 4/1/23, available on the USEF website. The easiest way to find it is go Google "Dressage Attire and Equipment" and then make sure that the link you use takes you to the version dated 4/1/23.

If you are an Eventer, you can go to <https://useventing.com/news-media/news/rule-refresher-dress-attire-edition-1> for their most recent "What You Can Wear" document.

For Western Dressage, there is also a new version of their Attire and Equipment Guide, and it is dated 4/5/23. You can find it at: <https://www.westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-rules-guidelines>. This is the landing page for many resources related to showing Western Dressage. One difference from English to Western...Western dressage horses can wear polo wraps in the dressage ring, but they must be white or of similar color to the horse.

These Guides are must reads if you are showing in "Recognized" shows, especially if you like to "live on the edge" and wear a distinctive coat, boots or saddle pad. Don't get eliminated at a show....be in the "know" about what you can and cannot wear (and what your horse can and cannot wear) at a Recognized show. At our KDEA schooling shows, we do follow these rules and guidelines, but are a bit more lenient on wraps, polos, etc.

Website Suggestion. As horse owners, we are constantly trying to manage our horses' health and as we travel to show facilities, we need to be aware of potential disease outbreaks in the areas to which we travel. The Equine Disease Communication Center (www.equinediseasecc.org) website has a state by state map that lists current disease outbreaks, quarantines, and other relevant travel information. There is also an "Alert" that you can sign up for, and it will send an email to you when there is an outbreak. The alert "subject" identifies the disease and the state, so you can easily ignore those alerts for areas in which you have no concern or travel plans. This is a GREAT site...check it out!

If you have a website suggestion which will provide us information on our horses' health or safety, please send it to Susan for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter. smlang2@cox.net

Please consider contributing to the newsletter! Send me your write up of a clinic you attended, a book you read, a DVD you watched, a good website or FB page....