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2026 Dressage Schooling Shows

Wickham Park Equestrian Center
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<http://dancinghorsesdressage.com/>



Thoroughbred
Incentive Program

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SHOW DETAILS:

Show Date	Opening Date	Closing Date	Judge
March 15	February 2	March 6	Matt McLaughlin
April 26	March 30	April 16	Victoria Kelley

ENTRIES: Only online entries will be accepted: <https://www.dancinghorsesdressage.com/2026-show-series>

ONLY COMPLETE ENTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR SCHEDULING and entries will be prioritized based on the timestamp of electronically submitted entries. Complete entries which cannot be scheduled due to the capacity limits of the show, will be prioritized based on time and date the entry was submitted as complete and placed on a waiting list.

A **complete** entry includes **ALL** of the following:

- Fully executed entry from
- Online payment for entry total
- Signed waiver (for both rider and owner if owner is not the rider)
- Copy of current negative Coggins (BLOOD DRAWN ON DATE within past 12 months of show date)

FEES:

Office Fee - **\$30** per horse and rider combination

Class Fee - **\$40** per class for non DHD & CT Members

\$30 per class for DHD & CT Members; either the rider or the horse owner must be a current DHD & CT member to qualify for the member class fee

Non-competing horse - **\$10** schooling fee **plus office fee and stall fee** (if applicable); must complete an entry (including Coggins and Waiver)

Horse and Tack stalls - **\$35** per stall for the day of the show. No stall bedding is provided and footing is sand. Stall fees include cleaning by DHD. In the event of a full barn, stalls will be prioritized in the order of competing horses, non-showing horses, and tack stalls. Refunds will be provided for stalls when not available or not used.

If you plan to submit a DHD & CT membership, please submit membership via our website interface:

<https://dancinghorsesdressage.com/membership/>

RIDE TIMES: Ride Times will be posted on the Dancing Horse Dressage Website, <https://www.dancinghorsesdressage.com/show-resources> after noon on the Wednesday prior to the show.

REFUNDS: For scratches on or before the closing date, all entry and stall fees will be fully refunded. For scratches after the closing date, class and office fees are nonrefundable, but stall fees are refunded. Refund Exception: If a valid, complete entry cannot be scheduled due to the capacity limits of the show, the entry is 100% refundable.

CANCELLATIONS: In case of impending severe weather, a committee consisting of the President and Show Manager may cancel a show. Any cancellation due to weather will be posted on the DHD & CT website no later than noon the day preceding the show. The show may be rescheduled at a later date, not necessarily at the same venue. Competitors will be refunded all fees in the event of cancellation for inclement weather.

WEATHER DELAYS: In the case of severe weather such as rain, thunder, lightning or hail, the Show Manager or their appointed representative may call for a delay of the show without consulting other committee members. When the show is resumed, it will continue in the order of go as listed in the program. **IF A COMPETITOR HAS LEFT THE SHOW GROUNDS, IT WILL BE CONSIDERED A SCRATCH AND NO REFUND OF ANY KIND WILL BE MADE.** If the show cannot be resumed due to unsafe weather conditions, the show committee will determine if the remaining classes can be rescheduled at a later date or if the remaining classes will be cancelled. Competitors will be refunded the class fees for any classes which can not be ridden due to show management's decision to cancel those classes after the start of the event.

TACK AND ATTIRE: The Dancing Horse Dressage Schooling Shows will follow the USEF, USDF, FEI, or WDAA rules as appropriate, with a few exceptions as documented on our website: <http://dancinghosedressage.com/show-rules/>. Each competitor is responsible for knowing the rules.

RING PROCEDURES: NUMBERS must be worn at all times while a horse is being ridden, lunged, or hand walked in any arena or designated warmup area. Arena is open on show day for you to walk your horse in-hand around the perimeter of the dressage arena at these two times:

1. Immediately after setup until 10 minutes before the first scheduled ride, and
2. During the scheduled lunch break until 5 minutes before the first scheduled ride after the lunch break

MUSICAL FREESTYLE: There are NO prerequisites for riding a Freestyle test at any level.

CLASS PLACING AWARDS: First place award and ribbons for first through sixth place. Classes marked with an asterisk will pin AA and JR/YR separately if there are more than 6 riders scored in the class. If not picked up at the show, unclaimed class ribbons/awards will be returned to the club inventory.

SHOW HIGH SCORE AWARDS: DHD & CT Daily High Scores will be awarded at each show at four levels (Intro, Training, First, Second & Above) for three rider divisions (Open, AA, JR/YR). Musical Freestyle and Dressage Seat Equitation scores do not count for daily high score awards. A score over 55.000% is required for a Daily High Score award. All shows are Jockey Club TIP approved and the overall high score TIP registered horse and rider combination will also be awarded. For the purpose of High Score Awards, the following equivalencies apply:

High Score Level	USDF/USEF Level	WDAA Level	USEA Level
Introductory	Introductory	Introductory	Beginner Novice
Training	Training	Basic	Novice
First	First Level	Level 1	Training, Modified & Preliminary
Second	Second Level	Level 2	Intermediate
Third & Above	Third Level	Level 3	Advanced
	Fourth Level	Level 4	
	FEI	Level 5	

CHECK SCORES BEFORE LEAVING SHOW GROUNDS. Corrections gladly made in show office on show day. No corrections will be made after the end of the show.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Dancing Horse Dressage is a volunteer organization and depends on volunteers to help support its activities. Sign up using our Virtual Volunteer Sign Up Form (<https://www.dancinghosedressage.com/volunteer>) or contact volunteercoordinator@dancinghosedressage.org to volunteer. You may volunteer for any available job for any duration from 1 hour up to all day.

2026 DHD & CT Schooling Show Series Class List

<i>Class #</i>	<i>Division*</i>	<i>Class Name (TOC indicates Test of Choice)</i>
1	AA, JR/YR*	USDF Introductory Test A (short arena)
2	AA, JR/YR*	USDF Introductory Test B (short arena)
3	AA, JR/YR*	USDF Introductory Test C (short arena)
4	AA, JR/YR*	USEF Training Level Test 1
5	AA, JR/YR*	USEF Training Level Test 2
6	AA, JR/YR*	USEF Training Level Test 3
7	AA, JR/YR*	USEF First Level Test 1
8	AA, JR/YR*	USEF First Level Test 2
9	AA, JR/YR*	USEF First Level Test 3
10	AA, JR/YR*	USEF/FEI Second Level and Above TOC
11	Open, AA, JR/YR	USDF Introductory Level TOC (short arena)
12	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEF Training Level TOC
13	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEF First Level TOC
14	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEF Second Level and Above TOC
15	Open, AA, JR/YR	WDAA Intro Level TOC (short arena)
16	Open, AA, JR/YR	WDAA Basic Level and above TOC
17	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEA Beginner Novice Level TOC (short arena)
18	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEA Novice Level TOC (short arena)
19	Open, AA, JR/YR	USEA Training Level and Above TOC (short arena for Training)
20	AA, JR/YR*	Dressage Seat Equitation
21	Open, AA, JR/YR	Musical Freestyle TOC

Note that all USDF Introductory Level tests; WDAA Introductory tests; and USEA tests through Training Level will be ridden in the short arena. All other tests will be ridden in the standard arena.

* Classes marked with an asterisk will pin AA and JR/YR separately if there are more than 6 riders scored in the class. Non-asterisked classes are pinned together.

Classes do not have to and probably will not run in the order listed above.

Test of Choice classes may be entered multiple times for different tests; i.e. TR Level Test 1; TR Level Test 2.
Limitations placed on Horses:

- Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels, Freestyle levels included.
- Horses showing at Introductory Level through Fourth Level are limited to a maximum of three tests per day.
- Horses are limited to two tests per day above Fourth Level. Horses competing at both Fourth Level and Prix St. Georges, are limited to two tests per day.
- Dressage Seat Equitation is NOT considered a test and therefore is not included in the test limit.

Rider divisions:

- Open – professional rider of any age
- AA – Adult Amateur; non-professional rider over the age of 21 (age as of 12/1/2025)
- JR/YR – Junior/Young rider; non-professional rider of age 21 or younger (age as of 12/1/2025)

Tests are available at the following websites:

2023 USEF and USDF Tests (Intro through 4 th Level including Freestyles)	https://www.usdf.org/downloads/forms/index.asp?TypePass=Tests
FEI Tests	http://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/dressage/tests
2026 USEA Tests	https://useventing.com/events-competitions/resources/forms-documents
2022 WDAA Tests	https://westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-tests