

## Class Descriptions

**Class 31 Walk -Trot Lead-Line** Open to riders 7 & under who have never competed in any riding class other than Lead-Line. May show Traditional or Western Dressage. Riders are required to direct their own mounts. Handler's interference will be penalized. No covered stirrups or chain over / under muzzle allowed. A halter under or over the bridle is **mandatory**. Handler must be 14 years or older and dressed in neat, appropriate attire. Diagonals will not count. Side walkers are allowed without penalty for exhibitors 3 years or under. Grab straps are permitted, but usage is subject to penalty at the discretion of the judge. Lead Liner cannot show in any other class.

**Class 32 Special Needs Test** Walk-Trot Test (This class is entered on the Honor System) Exhibitors may be on a lead-line or have side-walkers with no penalty. May show Traditional or Western. All Exhibitor must wear an ASTM helmet.

## Show Attire

- Jackets must be worn in the Dressage & Jumping rings. Only the judge can allow removal.
- All Western Riders must wear appropriate attire. Chaps are optional. NO blue denim or ripped/faded jeans. Western riders will not be penalized for wearing an ASTM approved helmet.
- All English and Lead-Line riders are required to wear ASTM approved helmets with a harness.
- **All exhibitors must have appropriate footwear whenever mounted. No person can ride bareback or with halter and lead lines.**

## General Show Rules

1. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor, parent and/or trainer to read and understand the current 2023 Tri-State Horsemen's Association (TSHA) rules contained here-in and to read and understand the eligibility requirements and qualifications before entering any test.**
2. Every test offered herein is covered by the rules and specifications printed in this program and will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith. If any other rules not addressed here are needed to make a judgment, we will **refer** to other rulebooks **for reference purposes** only in making our **own** decision.
3. Any person, Junior or Adult, who gives riding instruction and/or receives compensation for riding or training is considered a professional and, as such, is only eligible for Open tests.
4. Non-professionals are required to ride in Jr Rider or Amateur Adult before entering any Introductory Open or Training Level Open Test. Any non-professional who wishes to compete in the Open division of Introductory or Training level must also ride in their own division at the same show.
5. Each horse/rider team cannot ride the same test more than once per show.
6. Each horse can only show a maximum of six (6) tests per day. Each Horse/rider team can only show a maximum of four (4) tests per day.
7. Any horse/rider team showing 2 consecutive years in Introductory or Training Level with an average yearly score of 65% or better must move up at least one level.
8. A **copy** of a current veterinarian administered negative Coggins and proof of current veterinarian administered Rabies vaccination must accompany your first entry of the season and will not be returned. In accordance with Ct. State Health Regulations, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that he/she is compliant with the inter-state health regulations and is in possession of a required health certificate while on the show grounds.
9. TSHA Return Check Policy for all events as approved by the Board of Directors on Feb. 15, 2012 states: "Writers of all returned checks will be charged a \$35.00 fee. Any exhibitor and/or horse, whose show fees said check covers will not be allowed to show, receive awards or participate in any TSHA event until debts are paid. Should any individual/farm have two (2) returned checks in a TSHA show year, August 31<sup>st</sup> of last year through August 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year, this individual/farm will be required to pay with cash, money order or bank check for the remainder of the current TSHA show year and the next."
10. Due to limited time available, entries will be taken until slots are filled. Any entries over this will be put on a standby list. In the event that a ride time does not become available for those on the standby list, all entry fees will be returned.
11. **All entries must be postmarked by USPS.**  
**Once entries close no further entries will be accepted at any Dressage show.**
12. Ride times will be available the Friday prior to the show date on the TSHA website. [www.tristatehorsemen.com](http://www.tristatehorsemen.com)

13. Refunds are issued only for injury/illness to horse or exhibitor and will only be made upon receipt, within 7 days after the end of the show, of a vet certificate or a physician's certificate. Refund checks will be mailed after approval of said documentation. No refunds will be issued at the show.
14. Memberships, late fees, and/or office fees cannot be transferred, credited or refunded.
15. Revisions to original entry form will result in a \$10.00 Secretarial fee
16. Sand, grass or GGT arenas may be used.
17. The jumping portion of the 2-Phase will be scored as untimed stadium jumping. Course may be in a riding arena or in an open field over varied terrain; the use of studs is recommended for all horses showing on grass.
18. Management reserves the right to combine, divide, cancel or move classes when deemed necessary to facilitate the smooth running of the show.
19. All horses on the grounds must have a number assigned and worn on the halter or bridle at all times when out of the stall or trailer. If you are bringing a horse to 'school only' a number must be assigned by the secretary. There will be a fee of \$5.00 for the number plus special fees, as noted on the entry form. Designated warm-up areas are provided. Absolutely no schooling or warm-up around or in the Dressage rings except for the next rider to be judged. Also, no warm-ups will be allowed around the ring prior to the Judge arriving at the ring.
20. No training devices can be used while mounted.
21. All dogs **must** be leashed and attached to a responsible handler. **No dogs allowed near/around riding rings.**
22. Judges' decisions are final. Any exhibitor or person with a concern about a judge's decision will approach the show office. **Under no circumstances will anyone approach a judge.** Any exhibitor or person disregarding this rule may be asked to cancel all entries and forfeit all entry fees and vacate the show grounds.
23. Any person lodging a formal protest must submit said protest **IN WRITING via US Mail** to TSHA Dressage 948 Ekonk Hill Rd, Voluntown Ct 06384. Protests must be postmarked no later than the Tuesday immediately after the show and accompanied by a non-refundable \$25.00 fee. Evidence and supporting documentation of the protest is your responsibility to submit. Protests must be signed and contact information provided. Dressage Show Manager will present the protest and documentation to the TSHA Sanctions Committee for review and determine any remedies or sanctions if said protest is upheld.
24. To qualify for YEAR-END awards, the exhibitor must meet every item of criteria listed under YEAR END QUALIFICATIONS listed herein. .
25. Water for horses is available on the grounds. If available, Stalls must be paid in full before using any stall.
26. If stalls are available. There will be a \$25.00 Fine for anyone using a stall that is not **prepaid**, in addition to the rental fee.
27. No Fly Bonnets will be allowed in the show rings.
28. A qualified independent veterinarian may conduct drug testing at TSHA Dressage Shows according to the Dressage Show Committee's Random Selection Procedure. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of entry fees, TSHA points and any prizes/awards received.
29. The Drug testing at TSHA Dressage Shows will be sent to a USEF approved laboratory where testing for the current year's substances and limits will occur. Upon receipt of the laboratory report, in the event that a positive result should occur, Tri-State will impose the following Tri-State Horsemen's Association policy:

#### **Sanctions and penalties imposed when a \*positive\* test result is returned on a Horse at a Tri-State**

##### **Dressage Show Competition:**

- **Immediate Disqualification of said Horse and all exhibitors/owners/lessee and trainer of said horse from Tri-State competition and year-end awards.**
- **Suspension of said Horse and all exhibitors/owners/lessee and trainer of said horse from any future Tri-State competitions for a period of no less than one year.**
- **This suspension holds true with any and all horses said Trainer exhibits.**
- **Suspension of use of Training Facility's name at any future Tri-State event for a period of no less than one year**
- **Referral to the Tri-State Sanctions Committee for any further disciplinary action using USEF for reference, including but not limited to: suspension of Membership for a length of time to be determined by the Tri-State Sanctions Committee and monetary fines assessed on the Exhibitor(s), the Trainer(s), and the Owner(s)/Lessee(s) of said Horse.**