

USDF REGION 1 YOUTH DRESSAGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The USDF Region 1 Youth Dressage Team Championships for 2008 will be held at Morven Park in Leesburg, VA, on July 19-20. This competition is for riders 21 years and under. Riders compete in a team format at levels from Walk-Trot through FEI. Typically, the show organizers plan social events and riding demonstrations. Roving trainers are typically available so that mini-clinics can be provided for any competitors that may desire such on-site coaching support.

Five teams of three or four riders will be sponsored by ESDCTA for these championships. The organization will fund entry and stabling fees. Other expenses will be the obligation of the competitors. In addition, if potential competitors exhibit sufficient interest, other fund-raising events to defray expenses further can be organized.

Team results in age- and USDF-level-appropriate divisions are determined by the cumulative dressage test scores for two dressage tests for each team member. Teams are recognized in a mounted awards ceremony by division in the order of the highest-to lowest cumulative team scores in each division.

In addition to the mandatory team dressage tests, riders can also compete in age- and level-appropriate dressage seat equitation or musical freestyle classes.

TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

- Be a member of ESDCTA, 21 years old or younger
- Volunteer at ESDCTA activities for at least 8 hours during the qualifying period (June 1, 2007-May 31, 2008) – submit signed Volunteer form(s) with the team application (these hours cannot be used to fulfill any other ESDCTA Volunteer requirement)
- Submit at least 3 scores in qualifying classes from 3 different judges at 2 different show grounds. Scores from any show appearing in the ESDCTA Omnibus may be used (recognized or schooling shows).
- Qualifying classes are:
 - Intro Tests 1 and 2
 - Training Level Tests 1-4
 - First Level Tests 1-4
 - Second Level Tests 1-4
 - Third Level Tests 1-3
 - Fourth Level Tests 1-3
 - FEI Test of Choice

Scores must be received at shows between June 1, 2007 and May 31, 2008.

If necessary, median scores will be used to rank applicants applying for the same level. In the event of tied median scores, applicants' highest scores will be used to break ties.

Teams are selected based on horse/rider combinations; however, since horse/rider pairs change as young riders grow and horses progress, it is possible to qualify to bring a new horse based on scores earned on your previous horse if they are capable of competing at the same (or lower) level. Riders may ride only one horse on one team, but may apply for two teams with two different horses. To get the most current information, please contact Jill Kuc. Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2008 to:

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