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2009 ESDCTA HORSE TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2009
LOCATION: BUCKS COUNTY HORSE PARK, PA

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- 1. Eligibility Rule and Qualifying Criteria:** The Horse Trials Championship is open to ESDCTA members who have earned a qualifying score during the qualifying period of October 1, 2008 to October 4, 2009. Membership in ESDCTA is NOT required at the time the score is earned; however, membership IS required by September 1, 2009. Eligible members must be “in good standing” prior to the Championship Horse Trial. Any member not “in good standing” will not be eligible to ride in the championship show.
- 2. AWARDS:** Mandatory awards ceremony for all championship participants. Prizes will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion, with ribbons for those placing first through eighth.
- 3. Qualifying Shows:** Any ESDCTA registered show published in the ESDCTA Omnibus or advertised in the ESDCTA newsletter, Collective Remarks OR a USEA recognized Horse Trial.
- 4. Qualifying scores:** Must be earned as a horse/rider combination. No substitutions allowed at show.

It is not required that the horse/rider combination achieve a certain rank in the class (i.e. first, second, etc. place), only that a maximum final penalty score of 45.0 at any level will be considered qualifying.

Divisions:

- Starter - 2' to 2'3" Horse Trial (dressage test qualifier BN- A or B)
- Beginner Novice - 2'7" Horse Trial (dressage test qualifier BN- A or B)
- Novice - 2'11" Horse Trial (dressage test qualifier Novice – A or B)
- Training - 3'3" Horse Trial (dressage test qualifier Training– A or B)

5. Championship Horse Trial Class categories offered:

- Starter 2' to 2'3" (dressage test BN – A)
- Beginner Novice 2'7" (dressage test BN –B)
- Novice 2'11" (dressage test N – B)
- Training 3'3" (dressage test T – A)

6. Other Guidelines:

- A horse/rider combination may compete at only one level in the championships.
- No whips allowed in the dressage ring in accordance with USEA championship rules and test must be ridden from memory.
- Classes may be divided based on rider age (Jr/YR and Senior), if entries warrant.
- **An additional \$10 added to regular entry fee will be required for those entering the ESDCTA Eventing Championships at this Horse Trials**
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Please visit BHP website for specific details on entry requirements “buckscountyhorsepark.org”