

## SVDA Schooling Show Information

In order for the schooling show entry process to run as smoothly as possible, the entry procedures are as follows. Please read this notice carefully and save it for future reference.

A current negative Coggins Report **MUST** be included or be on file for every horse entered in any SVDA Schooling Show, Clinic, Demonstration, et al. A current Coggins may be uploaded onto the SVDA Website for a once a year satisfaction of the Coggins requirement. See "Entries" below.

A generic entry form can be located on website or in the newsletter and may be duplicated. Please fill in the date and location blanks on the form when you send in your entry.

A list of coming schooling shows will be printed in each newsletter and on the website and will include the opening date, closing date and entry secretary for each show.

- TWO of the SIX Tests submitted for End of Year Ribbon Awards **MUST** be from SVDA Schooling Shows. (1/19)
- Up to FOUR of the SIX Tests may be from SVDA Sanctioned Shows. (1/19)

**Opening date** (first date your entry can be postmarked) will be two weeks before the closing date.

**Closing date** (last date your entry can be postmarked) will be the Monday **thirteen days prior** to the show. (If Monday is a holiday, entries postmarked Tuesday will be accepted)

**Entries** will be accepted on a first come, first served basis **by postmark**. Members will be accepted before non-members before the closing date but after the closing date non-members and members will be accepted equally until the show is full. Non-members must pay the non-membership fee.

**Entries must be paid in full by the closing date of the schooling show**; or the ride(s) cannot be scheduled. The late fee of \$5.00 per ride applies if the entry or entry fee is received after the closing date. The late fee also applies when scratched rides are filled after the entry date. (3/96) **Telephone entries are not accepted!**

**Ride times** will be available the Wednesday - Friday before the show. The Entry Secretary may be phoned between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm only. Please do not leave a message on the secretary's answering machine asking him or her to call you back. Some, but not all, Entry Secretaries e-mail ride times. Please call if you have not received an e-mail by the Friday prior to the show. When possible, ride times will be posted on the SVDA website.

**Tests:** Current USDF or FEI tests and WDAA tests will be utilized. Professionals may ride and be scored/ placed in Intro. (4/13)

**PLEASE NOTE:** SVDA members who enter SVDA Schooling Shows for Year End Awards are required to complete eight volunteer service hours, the first four of which must be done by July 1. Please see the "**SVDA Volunteer Jobs Info**" Volunteer requirements for new members who join after the show season is in progress: extenuating circumstances will be examined on an individual basis. (2/96)

**Judges:** The use of local USDF "L" certified graduates are acceptable for schooling shows as long as the USEF thirty day rule applies; to paraphrase, one cannot ride for credit in front of a judge with whom one trained within the last thirty days. (1/98)

Riders must be prepared to ride in a small arena for Introductory Level through Training 3. (2011)

**Refunds:** Similar to the policy with USEF Licensed shows, after the closing dates –there are NO REFUNDS regardless of the reason. Under extreme circumstances, a show entrant may write a letter to the SVDA board for consideration for a refund, but this will be granted only under extreme and unusual circumstances. Before the closing date, riders may scratch for any reason and their checks will be destroyed. (2010)

**Over filled shows:** SVDA shows will generally only be scheduled for 9-hour days including lunch and break. If shows are oversubscribed, in order to accommodate as many riders as possible: each rider will be limited to 2 tests. Please indicate on your entry which will be the 2 tests that you prefer to ride. If you don't indicate which tests you want to ride, the SVDA entry secretary will choose the 2 highest level tests for you. SVDA members will be given preference over non-members up to the closing date. After the closing date– non-SVDA members will be accommodated on an equal basis with members on a first come, first serve basis. (10/11)

SVDA Schooling shows are occasionally cancelled due to poor weather, including previously wet weeks which can affect warm-up and parking. Every effort will be made to reschedule the show to another date at the same farm but that is not always possible. If a postponed show is rescheduled, previously scheduled riders will have first choice at re-entering the rescheduled show. Reasonable efforts will be made to contact riders from the original show, however it is the rider's responsibility to contact the entry secretary to let them know that they do wish to ride. If a rider does not contact the entry secretary within 5 days of the new date, it will be presumed that they do not wish to ride and the checks will be destroyed. New riders will only be scheduled if there is enough room in the schedule to accommodate them. (2010)

When scheduling a show – entry secretaries are not responsible for fulfilling requests like “please schedule all my rides near the person I am trailering with”. If you enter a show – be prepared to be there all day. Occasionally we will try to accommodate people who have to go to work but that is not guaranteed. (2010)

We hope that the schooling show season is enjoyable for both you and your horse. Please contact the Schooling Show Chair with comments or suggestions. Please call the Vice President to volunteer. Our schooling shows are not possible without your help.

### **Entries**

On entry forms, clearly print the name of the horse and rider. Please make sure your cell number and email address are legible. Once a negative Coggins test is submitted, it is kept on file until the expiration date (one year from the date on which the blood was drawn for the test, not the date on which the test was read.) Check the expiration date of your Coggins test. If it expires during show season, plan to have it redrawn three to four weeks early. The Coggins can be submitted to the Entry Secretary of the next schooling show. Electronic copies of current Coggins test results will be kept by the SVDA Board.

Make sure the names of the horse and rider and the date the blood was drawn are legible. Also check the spelling of your horse's name on the Coggins test paper. A horse must be shown under the name(s) listed on the Coggins document. All the horse's names are supposed to be on the Coggins. Coggins tests are filed alphabetically by horse's show name.

Entries must be paid in full by the closing date of the schooling show or the ride(s) **cannot** be scheduled. The late fee of \$5.00 per ride applies if the entry or entry fee is received after the closing date of the show.

### Scratches

If you find you won't be able to participate in a show you've entered, you can withdraw from, or scratch, any or all classes. Up to the Saturday before the show, call the Entry Secretary to scratch. The day of the show, you can see the Show Secretary on the grounds, or call him/her prior to the show. The Show Secretary is listed with the volunteers on the Schooling Show Information page of each newsletter. It is assumed that, if you aren't at the show or don't show up at your ride time, you have scratched. If you are unable to ride because your horse is ill or lame, the no-refund policy after the closing date as stated above is still in effect.

If possible, the Entry Secretary will attempt to fill scratched rides. This is his/her responsibility, not that of the rider who withdrew. The Entry Secretary may keep a waiting list of competitors who made contact after the closing date of the show. There is a late entry fee of five dollars (\$5.00) assessed when a rider fills a scratched ride. There is no refund for the original rider even if the ride times are filled.

### Combined Training Dressage Tests

Some of our members have requested that we offer FEI Combined Training dressage tests at our schooling shows. The Board has agreed this can be done. The rider will be responsible for enclosing a copy of the test (for the Judge) and a USDF Test Score Sheet to the Entry Secretary with the entry. These tests will be ridden Hors Concours, HC. The scores are for the riders' information only, and do not count toward ribbon pinning nor toward year end awards.

### Western Dressage Division:

Effective 2012, SVDA embraced the new discipline of Western Dressage and included it in 2012 Year End Awards. A two-year trial period in 2012 and 2013 was concluded and Western Dressage has been accepted into the SVDA Schooling Shows and Awards Division.

WDAA rules will apply with the following exceptions. A rider is **required** to wear ASTM helmet at all SVDA functions while mounted (2014). A **maximum** of 3 tests per horse can be ridden at SVDA schooling show.

- 1) All SVDA schooling shows will offer WD classes. (2/12)
- 2) SVDA will offer End of the Year Championship awards for 2 divisions of tests:  
Basic Western Dressage and Primary Western Dressage. (2/12)
- 3) The Western Dressage Division will be allowed to participate in SVDA clinics. (2/12)
- 4) The SVDA will have a page on their website devoted to Western Dressage. (2/12)
- 5) WDAA rules and tests will be utilized on the following links. These are the only published WD rules at this time:

<http://www.westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-rules-tests/>

- 6) The lowest level tests (equivalent to Introductory Test) can be ridden by professionals. (2013)
- 7) “Relaxed Attire” is permitted, ie: show attire is not required. Chaps, neckwear and long sleeved shirts are not required but may be worn. Boots, long pants/trousers and helmets with attached harness are required. A short-sleeved shirt with collar (polo or golf shirt) worn without neckwear is acceptable. (3/12)
- 8) Regardless of the attire that a rider chooses – an ASTM approved helmet MUST be worn at all times when mounted, including in competition. (2/12)
- 9) All other SVDA rules cited in the by-laws and policies for competition, clinics, year-end awards and volunteerism will apply to Western Dressage riders, member or non-members (2/12)