



Welcome to the Great American/USDF Region 1 Championships and Virginia Dressage Association Fall Competition



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Welcome to the Great American/USDF Region 1 Championships and VADA Fall Competition. VADA is excited to host this unique show and appreciate your support. We have over 350 horses competing. Please check our website, <http://www.virginiadressage.org/wp/vada-shows/licensed-shows/> for full show details, ride times, awards schedules, and other useful information.

This Regional Championship will definitely have a different feel this year, but we want to reassure you that we take the health and safety of all competitors, owners, grooms, trainers, staff, and volunteers very seriously. Please remember that we are only able to hold this year's event because we are running under the VADA COVID Plan in conjunction with the Virginia Horse Center protocols (www.horsecenter.org) as well as USEF Rules and Action Plan. Some protocols may seem inconvenient, but without them we would not have a Regional Championship! We all need to properly wear masks or facial coverings, follow social distancing mandates, and be mindful of all other rules to keep running. Don't ruin it for everybody by not following the rules!

Please make sure you to read through all the provided documents.

Here are some health and safety measures to keep in mind when you arrive:

- Only essential personnel are allowed on the Show Grounds. This is defined as the competitor, owner, trainer, coach, parent (for minor) and assistant. No family members (including children who are not riding), relatives, friends are allowed on the property. The Virginia Horse Center has a temperature check station at the entrance of the property. Please allow extra time during peak hours.
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- You **MUST** wear a mask at all times when you are on competition grounds, unless you are mounted on a horse. Once you dismount, you must replace your face mask immediately (you may not discuss your round, walk back to the stable or stop to visit without wearing a mask or facial covering. Note a face shield may also be worn but does not replace the mask requirement.) If you are eating or drinking you must socially distance yourself while eating and replace your mask as soon as you are done. Holding a beverage in your hand is not an excuse to keep your mask off for extended periods.
- We have you on camera and no congregating! You never know who might take a picture of you from their phone or by the media - PLEASE remember to social distance AND always wear a mask.
- Social media must NOT portray anyone on competition grounds as not following the mask and social distancing rules. This could result in the removal of a participant from the grounds or potentially not allow the event to run.
- We will have Compliance Monitors throughout the property. Remember they are here to keep our event running, treat them kindly.
- Trainers - remember you are responsible for everyone that comes on to the competition grounds under your name. Any essential staff, athletes, owners, or parents must follow all protocols. You will be held responsible if there are any issues.
- The barns are not a place of social gathering or congregating. Properly worn facial covering and social distancing from everyone else are a requirement in the stables. Access restricted to competitor and their group, night watch, braiders, security, vet and show staff
- VADA is committed to running a smooth event. Anyone found not following the rules will be removed from the competition grounds. There will be no refunds if you are forced to withdraw because of not following the rules. REMEMBER: All the rules and requirements are in place to protect everyone. Help us to help you have a safe and memorable competition.

For participants in the Musical Freestyle Finals, please remember to sign up for the Barbara Silverman Memorial Freestyle Award. Sign up is in the Show Office.

Due to the large number of Musical Freestyles, we ask that you sign up for a sound check time when you pick up your packet.

Food Concessions: Food will be available on the grounds starting on Wednesday during show hours.

Arrival: When you arrive, please check in with the Virginia Horse Center Stable office for your stall assignment. You can also order shavings, feed and hay there as well. If you are planning on staying over Sunday night, please notify the Stable Office as soon as you know. The Stable Office contact is 540-464-2966. **Late arrivals:** If you plan to arrive late (after 6), call the Stable Office in advance to let them know and to order shavings if you need them. When you arrive at the VHC, you should be met by Security who will have your stall assignments. If you don't see anyone, call the Stable Office number above. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE STALLS without permission of the Stable Office staff or the Stable Manager (Alison Head - 540-729-4847).

Negative Coggins, Vaccinations and Health Certificate: Please be prepared to show your Negative Coggins when you check in at the Stable Office. You must also have proof of vaccinations with you. Additionally, if you are out of state, Federal Law requires that you provide a current Health Certificate within 30 days of traveling. The Equine Interstate Passport is also acceptable.

Hourly Night Watch and Feeding Service is available, including enhanced services (watering, feeding, blanketing, braiding). Please arrange directly with Night Watch for an additional fee. Contact Amy Struzzi, 845-222-7206 or brookesedje@aol.com.

Braiding services are available. Contact Kat Parkinson at (336) 432-1234 or pnwandb@hotmail.com or Veronica Lock at 717-636-9057.

**HELMETS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES WHEN MOUNTED, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
NUMBERS ARE REQUIRED ANY TIME YOUR HORSE IS OUT OF THE STALL!!!
DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AND ATTACHED TO A HUMAN OR IMMOVEABLE OBJECT AT ALL TIMES.
FINES WILL APPLY FOR VIOLATORS!**

To arrange photography, text your bridle number to 434-334-2472 and include and include rider name, horse name and horse #. Pics of You will be located in the outside vendor area. The website is www.picsofyou.com.

To arrange videography, sign up at the CASHVAN PAVILLION by Wiley Arena.

For those using GPS/Mapquest, the physical address is: Virginia Horse Center, 487 Maury River Road, Lexington, VA, 24450

We have a number of generous **SPONSORS** who are supporting a number of awards and other show activities. Details are in the show program. Please take the opportunity to thank these sponsors for their very generous support. Please support our **VENDORS** as well.

We look forward to seeing you at the Virginia Horse Center.

The Board of Directors of Virginia Dressage Association, Inc and the VADA Show Staff.

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