

2024 Thistle Run Dressage Shows

Ingham Co. Fairgrounds, 700 E Ash St, Mason, MI 48854

Judges

May 11: Leah M. Majkrzak
June 1: Joanne Coy (USDF L Graduate, WDAA R)
July Online: Shari Wolke (USDF L Graduate with Distinction)
August 24: Nancy Bryant
September 7: Erin McElmurry

May 12: Cheryl Connel Marsh
June 2: Clara Etzel
July Online: Karen Brame Fulcher
August 25: Stephanie Likens
September 8: Glenda Warner

Division & Championship Awards on Show Weekends

Introductory, Training Level, First Level, Second Level and Above, Western Dressage Intro, WD Basic, WD Level One & Above

Up to 6 Ribbons will be presented per class at each show day. Champion and Reserve awards for all listed divisions above. Only one Champion & one reserve winner, per division, per weekend. To be eligible for year-end awards, the same horse and rider must compete as the same combination and attend a minimum of six shows. Each day counts as one show, meaning you must attend six days of showing to be considered for year end awards. Show management retains the right to split and combine classes as they see fit. If less than 6 entries enter a class, small ribbons may be awarded.

Entries

Entries must be submitted via online form, found at <https://entry.foxvillage.com/>. Entries close at noon on the below close date. Payment will be submitted online only through Fox Village, no mail in entries will be accepted, no day of entries will be accepted. You will be charged for all fees online at the time of sign up. No entries will be taken over the phone or mail. There will be a \$35.00 blanket post entry late fee per entry after entries close, this is known as a Late Entry. All online entry forms must be completely filled out and signed. All Entry Fees are non refundable after payment is submitted. **NO CLASS CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER THE CLOSING DATE UNLESS DUE TO SHOW MANAGEMENT ERROR.** Please make sure all final submissions are correct! Fox Village charges the rider a processing fee.

Entry Opening & Closing Entry Dates

All shows to open February 19th for riders whom wish to lock in dressage early.

Show Date	Show Registration Window	Late Entry Window
May 11 & 12, 2024	March 1-April 15	April 15 @ 12:01pm - April 25
June 1 & 2, 2024	March 1- May 15	May 15 @ 12:01pm- May 25
July	March 1- June 15	June 15 @ 12:01pm- June 25
August 24 & 25, 2024	March 1- July 15	July 15 @ 12:01pm- July 25
September 7 & 8, 2024	March 1- August 15	August 15 @ 12:01pm- Aug 25

Show Fees

There are no refunds for any reason after payment is submitted

- Dressage Classes: \$20.00 each
- Office Fee: \$35.00 per horse/rider combination each weekend
 - If you wish to ride in the “open show” ring you will not need to pay the Open shows office fee, just classes.
- Stabling
 - Stall Fee: \$65.00 per weekend
 - Shavings: To be ordered at the fairgrounds. Pricing subject to change.
 - Tack Stall Fee: \$65.00 per weekend
- Camper Fee:
 - Base Camping \$60.00 per rig per weekend. Electric only
 - VIP Camping \$90.00 per rig per weekend. Water, electricity and sewage.
- Late Entry or Changes
 - Late Entry Fee: \$35.00 per entry (Any entry submitted in the Late Entry Window)
 - Class Change/Time Change Fee: \$25.00 per change (if possible) after the Show Registration window
- *If dressage riders would like to enter “open” show classes they are more than welcome to. They do not need to pay an office fee, just the open show class fees for their respective classes of interest.*

Division Qualifications

- Junior Rider: Riders 18 and under as of January 1 of the current show year.
- Adult Amateur: Riders 19 and over. Amateur refers to riders that obtain NO income from riding, training or teaching.
- Open: Any age and professional.
- Leadline & Equitation: Open to any age rider.
- Eventing Test of Choice: Riders may choose between Beginner Novice Tests A or B, Novice Test A or B, and Training Test A or B. Classes will be split by test, if enough entries. Please indicate your division on EqEntries
- Test of Choice Classes: Classes will be split by test, or AA/JR/Open if there are enough entries. All splits or merges are subject to management approval.

Please specify the Level, Test, and Division you plan to ride on your entry form. Classes may be entered up to 3 times a day with the same horse/rider combination. Each ride must be ridden with a different test following USEF/USDF rules regarding showing consecutive levels.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR DIVISION AND CLASS DESCRIPTION (LEVEL AND TEST NUMBER) ON ENTRY FORM; FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN BEING PLACED IN OPEN IF CLASSES ARE SPLIT.

If you are interested in a class we currently do not offer, please contact Alexandra at ThistleRunEq@gmail.com with your interest, classes may be added.

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Thistle Run Equestrian Event Services Show Management or "Management" reserves the right to itself to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to or arising out of an incident to the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these Rules/Regulations shall be decided by the Horse Show Management, their decision to be final.

The Horse Show Management reserves the right to limit entries, refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify any riders or exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, and cancel award prizes, without claim for damages; to cancel or combine any classes, or to reschedule classes, after due notice to exhibitors; to change rings or judges; to change specifications in dressage classes in order to facilitate the time schedule or as competition warrants, or make any changes management deems is in the best interests of the show.

If the show is canceled by show management for any reason (unsafe weather or emergency) all show fees will be reimbursed.

Every horse entered for competition will be under the control of the Horse Show Management, but Management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Horse Show, its members, directors and employees, sponsoring entities, and facility harmless for any loss or accident to his horse, horses or equipment which may occur from sickness, fire, negligence or otherwise.

USDF/USEF Rules apply. Open to ALL Breeds

GR902.1: " EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULEBOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH".

Reminder: All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at www.usef.org.

Shows start at 8:00AM, but subject to change, please review ride times. Changes in ride times may be made by show management after the closing date and publications of ride times. Ride times available Friday evening before the show at FoxVillage.com. Ride times are posted on the show office bulletin board on Friday.

Multiple riders are permitted to show one horse. Each horse can be ridden in 2 consecutive levels.

EMT may be on grounds during show hours. Closest hospital is Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Michigan.

Tests are the current USDF, USEA, or WDAA Tests. Horses may be entered in two consecutive levels only. Riders may have all tests read. Thistle Run test scores may be submitted for ADA, MDA, WDAA and TIP year-end awards by ADA, MDA, WDAA or TIP members. Ties will be broken by the highest judges' corrective marks.

Sale horse or stallion service advertisement: \$10 per horse per weekend fee to announce small 1-2 sentence description including horse's name, age, gender, breed, and contact information if interested. This description will be announced following the announcement of horse and rider entering the ring. Announced during each test over the weekend.

Coggins: No entry will be accepted without a photocopy of a negative Coggins test for each horse brought to the show grounds, with horse's name matching entry forms. A photocopy of a negative Coggins test dated within 12 months of the closing date of entered show must be submitted with each entry form. Entries submitted without a negative coggins test will not be accepted.

Stalls: Bedding is not provided, but shavings are available upon request to Crestview Tack Shop. STALLIONS MUST BE STALLED. Stalls are non refundable in any circumstance after payment is submitted.

Horses Showing out of Trailers are NOT permitted. All horses must be stalled.

Protective Headgear: All riders must wear an ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet while mounted anywhere on the show grounds (Professionals included). Any rider violating this rule will be immediately prohibited from further riding until the headgear is properly in place. Thistle Run Equestrian Event Services makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that serious injury may result despite wearing protective headgear as all equestrian sports involve an intrinsic element of risk.

Schooling: Management reserves the right to limit schooling in the show rings as needed. Lunging is only permitted in designated areas; prohibited on grass and in show arenas

Rings: All weather footing. All measurements are approximations. Main Ring: 300' x 285' Schooling Ring: 180' x 90'. All tests Training and above will be run in a 20x60m (standard) arena. All lower tests will be in a 20x40 (small) ring. Ring size can be changed at management discretion.

Scratches: After the show registration closing date cancellations for any reason are charged all fees. No exceptions.

Dogs: Dogs must be leashed at ALL TIMES while on the show grounds, (including handheld dogs). No dogs will be allowed in any schooling area, show ring or in the secretary office without management permission. Management reserves the right to ask a dog to leave the property. No leash may exceed 6 feet in length.

Smoking: No smoking on property.

Veterinary Care & Farrier Services: All local on call vets & farrier services in the area will be listed on our show office bulletin board on Friday during haul in. This is to ensure the most up to date and available services at that time. The closest emergency large & small animal vet is Michigan State University on 736 Wilson Rd, East Lansing, MI 48824.

Attire: All riders MUST wear approved ASTM helmets while mounted. Boots with a heel, shirt/jacket with collar and sleeves required. Riders in Intro may show in a polo shirt with a collared neck and half chaps. Western dressage riders must wear show attire, but chaps are optional.

Awards: Up to 6 ribbons per class will be presented at each show. Champion and Reserve awards for all listed divisions, 3 entries per division must compete for championships to be awarded, divisions & classes may be combined or split at management discretion. Championships will be awarded based on the highest percentage test per horse and rider team. Divisions & classes may be combined by management.

Sharps: Competition management has sharps containers in the show office & are happy to dispose of them for competitors. Competition Management may fine any individual up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

Year End Awards & Championships

Year End Champion, Reserve, Third through Sixth place awards are given in the following divisions...

Intro Open, Intro Junior, Intro Novice Horse, Intro Novice Rider, Intro Adult Amateur,
Training Level Novice Horse, Training Level Novice Rider, Training Level Junior, Training Level Open, Training Level Adult Amateur,
First Level Open, Second Level Open, Third Level and Above, Musical Freestyle,
Western Dressage Intro, Western Dressage Basic,
Western Dressage Level One Open, Western Dressage Level Two Open, Western Dressage Level Three Open and Above.

Awards will be based on the highest percentage ride. Riders must receive scores in 6 of the 10 shows to qualify. Each day is considered a show. In order to receive points towards year-end awards the rider must use the same name at each of the shows. The points follow each horse and rider combination. Awards through 6th place. Circuit Championship divisions may be combined or split at management discretion.

Thistle Run Equestrian Event Services and/or individuals assisting at these shows will not be individually or collectively responsible for any loss, damages, injury to any person, horse or property in connection with this show. WARNING: Under Michigan Equine Liability Act a professional is not liable for an injury or the death of a participant in an Equine Activity resulting from an inherent risk of the Equine Activity.

Special Classes Rules and Regulations:

- English and Western Musical Freestyles
 - The Musical Freestyle class will be judged following the USDF guidelines for Training Level through Fourth Level, and the WDAA guidelines for Intro through Level 4. The performance should clearly show the unity between rider and horse as well as harmony in all the movements and transitions. It is an open class, so that all levels of riders and all test levels will be combined for placings. A sound system will be available. Please have your music selections available as a MP3 on a device that can be plugged in using an auxiliary cord or a USB thumb drive, with a backup copy on a CD.
- English and Western Equitation Classes:
 - Open to all Adult Amateur, Junior, and Open riders. Riders will be judged on hands, seat, aids, performance of the horse, and harmony between horse and rider. The class is offered as Walk/Trot (Jog) or Walk/ Trot (Jog)/ Canter (Lope) and will be performed on the rail, and will show the gaits in both directions. Horses should back easily and stand quietly.
 - A horse/rider combination is eligible for Walk/Trot English Dressage Equitation if they are not competing in above the Intro Level at the individual competition. A horse/rider combination is eligible for Walk/Jog Western Dressage Equitation if they are not competing in Western Dressage above the Intro Level at the individual competition.

SPONSORSHIPS: to be updated as the season progresses!

Your Path Family Law: Laura Nieuwma

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Kern Road Veterinary Clinic:

Kern Road Veterinary Clinic is a nine doctor practice located approximately 3 miles south of I-96 in Fowlerville, Michigan. They provide quality veterinary medicine to dogs, cats, and horses through the use of thorough physical examination, radiology, endoscopy, ultrasound, shockwave, small animal and equine surgery, in-house laboratory diagnostics, cryosurgery, advanced dental procedures, and more. Horse appointments can be scheduled on the farm if within our practice area, or owners are welcome to haul their horses to our clinic for scheduled appointments, surgeries, and emergencies. We are also happy to provide 24/7 emergency care to clients on the farm within our practice area. For further information, please visit our website at kernroadvet.com or call 517-223-9618.

Molly's Custom Silver: Mollys will be providing our Open show and Western Dressage year end division winners with gorgeous one of a kind Thistle Run buckles.

Onsite Business Partners

Photos By Callie: Capturing memories one photo at a time. Callie will be on site for all 2024 shows grabbing fabulous snapshots of riders! photosbycalliellc.mypixieset.com

R&R Bodywork: Providing relief for your equine, one release at a time. Releaseandreliefbodywork@gmail.com

PARTNERSHIPS & POINTS OPPORTUNITIES

- All Dressage Association: [All TR Dressage Shows are ADA sanctioned](#). The All Dressage Association is a Group Member Organization (GMO) whose mission is to provide education, information and high-quality schooling shows to dressage enthusiasts in Michigan. This season we look forward to offering members throughout the state an opportunity to participate and learn more about the amazing sport of dressage. ADA is able to sanction JR, YR, AA & Open. For information on shows, awards and guidelines please visit alldressageassociation.com
- Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Award: Complete guidelines and registration form is available via the link below <https://www.usdfregion2.org/catherine-b-jacob-schooling-show-awards-program.html>
- GLASS-ED: The Great Lakes Area Show Series – Educational Dressage, Inc., (GLASS-ED) is a non-profit corporation, dedicated to the promotion and encouragement of the sport of Dressage. GLASS-ED is open to all enthusiasts of Dressage, all breeds of horses, all riding levels, professional or amateur, so as to encourage the progressive training of the horse and the rider that defines dressage. Our emphasis is to provide an enjoyable, safe, educational, competitive dressage experience for both new and experienced horse/rider teams creating and encouraging a positive environment for competitive excellence in the future. Toward this end, GLASS-ED will organize and sanction dressage competitions in the State of Michigan, with certification of compliance to USEF/USEA rules, except as modified by GLASS-ED, including appropriate records reflecting the same. [The August Dressage show is the only GLASS-ED sanctioned show.](#)
- Midwest Dressage Association: Earn MDA year end points every Saturday AND Sunday at Thistle Run shows! To qualify for year end awards riders must be members of the MDA and ride at three different MDA schooling shows in the same level and division, under three different judges, with percentages over 58% and have ridden test 3/C for that level. For more information please visit, www.midwestdressage.org. [All Thistle Run Dressage Shows are MDA approved. Each weekend is one MDA “show”.](#)
- Pinto Horse Association OCAP: Developed for Pinto members who may not have the opportunity to attend national competitions, OCAP allows participants to earn points at local shows that will go toward OCAP specific awards. This includes Year End High Point Certificates as well as Lifetime achievements that can be earned over several years of showing in the OCAP program. The program is open to all Pinto Registries with the PtHA. The owner and exhibitor(s) must be current PtHA members. For more information please visit, <https://www.pinto.org/>
- Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) Awards: [All show dates are recognized by the Thoroughbred Incentive Program](#). Eligible horses must apply for a TIP number at www.tjctip.com and include assigned horse and rider number on entry form. Ribbon and prize awarded in the following categories: **TBD and will be updated once received.** For more information please visit, www.tjctip.com
- Western Dressage Association of America: The Western Dressage Association of America is an Educational Not for Profit with a 501c3 status. Our primary focus is on education about and the promotion of Western Dressage. The United States Equestrian Federation has recognized WDAA as the sole affiliate representing the discipline of Western Dressage. USEF Licenced “R” judges are eligible to judge all levels. USEF Licensed “r” judges are eligible to judge Intro, Basic, Level 1 & rail classes for WDAA points. If riding for WDAA points please be aware of these rules. Please indicate judge preference at registration. For more information please visit, www.westerndressageassociation.org [Thistle Run Dressage June Saturday: 24-137, All Levels. Thistle Run Dressage September Sunday: 24-138, Intro, Basic, Level 1 & Rail](#)

Rain or Shine Show Starts @ 8:00 am

Show Manager: Alexandra C. Pollack @ ThistleRunEq@gmail.com

Haul in Friday @ 4PM. Show Office is open Saturday & Sunday 7:30 am until 1 hour after the last ride