

## Fall 2016 NEWDA Southern Chapter Virtual Dressage Schooling Show – Participant Feedback



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appreciates YOU and values your thoughts, opinions and feedback. Here's what participants thought about our 2<sup>nd</sup> Virtual Dressage Schooling show held September 16-25, 2016 in partnership with North American Western Dressage (NAWD) and offered Pre-Intro Lead Line Dressage, Six Feet on the Ground, Trail, Traditional Dressage and Western Dressage classes in three divisions (Jr/Young Rider, Adult Amateur & Open).

Participants and judges were asked to share their thoughts and rate the show on a scale from 1-5 (5=Very Satisfied; 4=Moderately Satisfied; 3=Satisfied; 2=Not Satisfied; 1= Very Unsatisfied).

<b>Q1: How satisfied were you with registering for this show?</b>
5.00 (100%)
<b>Q2: Did the show follow NEWDA, NAWD, USDF and USEF show rules?</b>
Yes (100%)
<b>Q3: What was the best feature about this show?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Getting feedback from the judge; ease of participation</i></li> <li>▪ <i>This was my very first show and it was great that I didn't have to worry about getting the horse in the trailer and try to remember everything I needed on top of remembering what to do for the test. I loved how flexible and laid back this was. It was a GREAT first experience and I can't wait to do it again!</i></li> <li>▪ <i>The concept of the virtual show is ideal for coaching; this show provided that for me. The judge's comments were exactly what I needed.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Virtual show and the show chair working thru a misunderstanding I had</i></li> <li>▪ <i>The extension due to non-stop rain. The detailed judge's comments. Partnership between equestrian organizations (NEWDA, NAWD) to offer a joint show. Scores that count toward NEWDA and NAWD year-end recognition programs.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Q4: What could we do to make this a better show?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>I thought it was great!</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Nothing I can think of!</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Yours is the best virtual show I do!</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Continue to have schooling shows. Allow show chair to make some decisions and not have to follow USDF/USEF rules to the 'T'.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Encourage 'r' and higher level judges to be credited to judge virtual shows to allow higher levels of dressage to compete virtually.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Q5: Would you compete in another Virtual Dressage Schooling Show?</b>
Yes (100%)
<b>Q6: What comments would you like to share with others?</b>
<p><b>Participants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Great experience. Learned a lot regarding comments and learned a lot about USDF/USEF.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Enjoyed the ability to 'test' partnership and training progression. Value the partnership amongst equestrian organizations without the politics.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>I was skeptical entering a video of my ride, scored by a judge that was physically not in front of me, with my test and test scores sent via e-mail, with the potential to be awarded a ribbon for my efforts in the mail. Everyone I shared my experiences with all said "Huh, that is different. " Indeed, the experience was truly different and might I add well worth it. I am completely sold on virtual showing as now I better understand the process and how it works now that I have experienced it.</i></li> </ul>

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- *Facility and technology have a lot to do with riders' ability to participate. The facility I have been using and my camera are not at all good, and I thank the judges for taking that into consideration. I will try to make improvements in that area.*
- *I started out in classic dressage and still ride lower level test with my two mares, but they are so well suited to western dressage that the ability to compete in that discipline has been a God-send. It appear that others in my area will be following my lead (... horsey pun :). I intend to do classic video testing as well as it becomes easier logistically to do the testing.*
- *Since dressage is clearly the discipline that is good for horse and rider, the ability to school and show virtually makes high quality horsemanship for both classic and western-type horses available on all budgets, and dressage accessible to those who own western-type horses.*

### **Judges - What comments would you like to share with others?**

- *I was impressed with the turnout of these riders. They took their showing seriously and I appreciated the effort they made.*
- *The video I prefer is a horizontal format. The letters should be clearly marked with obvious markers. It is sometimes hard to see the accuracy when the markers are barely there. It is good when the person videoing follows the horse and zooms in a bit when they are at the far end of the arena but not close enough to see only the horse, but where they are going and where they have been.*
- *I'd like to encourage more musical freestyle rides.*
- *Thank you NEWDA! It is good to see the dedication that these riders have to good horsemanship!" I judged Six Feet on the Ground for this show and the value that these riders place on in-hand work in their riding practice. It is good to see.*

On behalf of Michelle Bailey, our Fall Show Chair and NEWDA Southern Chapter, a huge thank YOU to all who participated in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Virtual Dressage Schooling Show and using the principles of dressage (rhythm, relaxation, connection, impulsion collection) that offer you and your horse a lifetime of progressive training. Each test offers you an opportunity to ride with a purpose. Each directive leads you to the next level. It's not about a perfecting a specified pattern, score or level of competition. It's all about your horsemanship journey.

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