



CHAPTER CHALLENGE SCHOOLING SHOW AUGUST 26, 2017

**LOCATION: Virginia Horse Center, 487 Maury River Rd. Lexington, VA 24450
Indoor East Complex Arena, if second ring, Northern**

**Welcome to the 5th Annual VADA Chapter Challenge
Come experience a special day of dressage competition and team spirit.
A competition of individual rides, Chapter Teams, Special Awards and
a Musical Free Style Sweepstakes.**

MUSICAL FREESTYLE SWEEPSTAKES ~\$500+

Co-Managers: Susan Ellis (804)467-3897 & Meredith McGrath (540)745-3976

Secretary: Marie Taylor (804)314-5216 CLOSING DATE: August 19, 2017

Judge: Sue Smithson (R) Southern Pines, N.C.

The Entry Form is on the VADA web site:

<http://www.virginiadressage.org/vadachapterchallenge.html>

Show details: Open to VADA Members and Non-members. VADA members will be given priority to enter this show. If you are a member of a local VADA dressage chapter, you are automatically a VADA member and eligible to enter this show. VADA members only are eligible to participate in the Chapter Challenge component of the show. Non-VADA members will be allowed to enter the show if space is available. Only VADA members are eligible to participate in the Chapter Challenge or the Musical Free Style Sweepstakes in this show.

Tests offered: Intro through Grand Prix, to count individually and for Chapter Challenge scores. Riders Tests, Western Dressage, Gaited Dressage and all levels of MFS are also offered **BUT WILL NOT COUNT TOWARD CHAPTER CHALLENGE SCORES.**

VADA reserves the right to limit riders to 2 tests per horse and a total of 2 horses, in the event that the show fills. VADA will consider adding a second judge and ring if entries warrant.

Chapter Challenge:

The Chapter Challenge is a Team competition for VADA members riding in this show and is held in addition to the individual ride competition. In addition to the individual class placings, there will be a Chapter Challenge using the scores from the individual classes, except that Rider Tests, Western Dressage, Gaited Dressage and MFS scores will not be used for purposes of the Chapter Challenge.

- Each person entering the show will be asked to designate the chapter he/she is riding for on their entry form (may be the chapter of either the rider or the horse's owner, if different.)
- If a rider is member of more than one chapter, he/she must designate one chapter that they are riding for; riders cannot split their rides among chapters unless they are riding 2 horses, in which case, each horse's scores can be credited to a different chapter.
- To be eligible to participate in the Chapter Challenge, a chapter must have a minimum of 3 riders (Riders can either be riding 1 or 2 tests each.) At least 1 of the 3 riders must show at or above 1st level, and no more than 1 out of every 3 tests per chapter can be at Intro. If there are more Intro riders entering than are allowed, members riding for the chapter will be decided based upon the date their entry was received.
- If a chapter has less than the minimum number of riders, i.e. too many Intro riders or riders not showing at the required levels, the chapters will be combined to form a VADA mixed team.
- If there are more Intro riders than allowed for a particular chapter, including the VADA mixed teams, these riders can enter and compete as individuals, but will not be representatives of their chapter for purposes of the Chapter Challenge placings.
- To determine Final chapter placings, scores of all designated chapter riders will be added together and divided by the number of rides to determine the chapter average.
- MFS, Rider Tests, Western Dressage and Gaited Dressage scores will not be used for purposes of the Chapter Challenge.

Musical Freestyle Sweepstakes: Get those freestyles ready!!

A Musical Freestyle Sweepstakes is new this year. VADA members may enter. The purse will be comprised of a portion of the entry fees as well as contributions from local VADA chapters. Musical selections should be on CD and submitted to the show office by 8:00 a.m. on show day.

Fees:

Classes: \$30.00 per test VADA Members, \$40.00 per test non-members

\$35.00 MFS Sweepstakes (for VADA members only); \$5.00 will go towards sweepstakes pot.

Late Entry Fee: \$10.00

Stalls: \$30 per stall, per day (Fri night & Sat or Sat only).

No bedding is including, bedding is available for purchase at VA Horse Center for \$8.00/bag, or you may bring your own. Please contact VHC (540-464-2966) to arrange bedding and how many bags. You will pay VHC directly for bedding or hay on check in. Late arrivals (after 11PM) must preorder bedding. Stalls must be vacated by 10PM, August 26, 2017, or you will be charged a \$15.00 lay over fee by VHC. Mucking out not required upon departure. If you get a stall, you do not pay the haul in/grounds fee.

No arrivals before Friday August 25, 2017

Haul in fee/Trailer Tie out: \$20.00 **Trailers will be allowed to park in the camping area near Northern ring.**

Non-competing Horse Fee: \$25.00. Must have permission from the show manager to bring a non-competing horse and must fill out an entry form with signature and provide a current Coggins to show manager.

Please note: In addition to a valid Coggins test, VA Horse Center requires out of state horses to have a valid health certificate, dated within 30 days of shipping, for entry to the Center.

Tent Camping: \$25.00 VHC

RV Camping: \$40.00 VHC

Contact VHC directly for space (540-464-2966)

Awards: Individual classes pinned to 6th place.

Prizes for 1st place winners. A ribbon will be presented for High Score Rider of the day (Intro, Western dressage, Gaited dressage and MFS tests excluded).

MFS sweepstakes: (VADA members only) Total pot divided 1st place: 60%, 2nd place: 30%, 3rd place: 10%.

Chapter Challenge: Riders representing the top 6 placing chapters will receive special ribbons.

Special Chapter Awards: Each of VADA's Chapters is sponsoring special awards:

VADA/NOVA: Best Turned Out Rider

NE-VADA: High Score Vintage Rider—(Over 50 yrs old) **Must list age on entry.**

VADACC: Oldest Horse and Rider—combined ages. **Must list age for horse & rider.**

SWVADA: High Score Jr/Yr rider (age 14 – 21) **Must list age on entry.**

SVDA: Blind Me with Your Bling Award!

VADA-CH: High Score Pony

VADAF: Oldest Horse

SHENVADA: Oldest Rider

Dogs: Please leave them at home.

If you must bring them - VHC regulation: on leash at all times. \$100.00 fine no exceptions.

Food: Available on grounds --Coliseum snack bar and food truck.

Directions: From I-81 North or South, exit # 191 on to I-64 West, then exit #55 onto Rt. 11 North, turn right, at the next stop light, turn left onto Maury River Rd. Go 1 mile, VA Horse Center entrance is on the left.

Hotels - in the area:

**Quality Inn: 540-463-6400

Holiday Inn Express: 540-463-7351

Comfort Inn: 540-463-7311

Sleep Inn: 540-463-6000

Super 8: 540-463-7858

Howard Johnson: 540-463-9181

**Quality Inn is offering a discounted exhibitor rate.

When making reservations at other locations, tell the hotel you are with VA Dressage Assoc. Chapter Challenge to obtain any discounted rates in effect. Lexington hotels fill up quickly with area events. Make reservations early.

This prize list will be updated as the show approaches. Check back for updates.