



## **May 2020 Editor's Notes...**

Alas there is light at the end of the tunnel! The USEF and USDF are ready to hit the ground running for getting competitions going and despite some hiccups with trying to decipher the Governor's mandates, Michigan is poised to resume equestrian competition starting with Grosse Pointe and Wyn Farm. The question that many are asking is "what will shows look like going forward?" Right now there is a lot of uncertainty about how the new guidelines that have been put in place by the USEF will affect competitors, grooms, and trainers. What we do know however is that common sense should prevail. Wear a mask, if not for yourselves then for others. Be smart about keeping a safe distance from others and make sure that if you feel the need to hug something – hug your horse. Be kind and patient with show managers because they are just as new to this as you are. They are going to struggle with how to safely run shows and fall within the guidelines of the new recommendations. Keep your entourage limited to a groom and a trainer so as to keep risk levels low. Parents are always welcome but those who are elderly or health-challenged

should probably stay home. And finally – show kindness, show respect, and be patient. We're all in this together. For more information on the Best Practices kit that the USDF recommends visit their website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).

We have been waiting to get back to showing for a long time – in a way this has been the longest Michigan winter ever! Just remember that at the end of the day it's still about one thing: You and your horse. It's still not about the ribbons, it's not about scores. It's about the relationship, the training, and the feeling that you always get when swinging a leg over your horse. It never stops being exciting and it never stops being awesome. Keep focusing on that and the rest will fall into place.

-Allison

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## **US Equestrian Approves Pandemic-Related Rule Modifications for 2020**

by US Equestrian Communications  
Department, May 21, 2020

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) has approved additional modifications to USEF rules in accordance with a resolution approved by the Board of Directors to address issues related to the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. A summary of the most recent modifications is listed below, and the full content of each modification has been added to the comprehensive listing of modifications and appear in blue font.

### **Modifications to USEF Rules**

The modifications listed below are effective immediately and remain in effect for the remainder of the 2020 competition year.

#### **Equipment Inspections – AR246.20.c, DR121.7, DR121.10, DR126.4, DR206.8, RN103.3 and RN103.17**

*Arabian, Dressage, and Reining*

- Arabian – All AHA Reining Seat Medal class equipment inspections must be performed visually.
- Dressage– All saddlery and equipment checks will be performed visually and at random. The Technical Delegate may follow the competitor to a designated area for inspection, if necessary. (See below for more detail)
- Reining – All equipment checks/inspections must be performed visually.

#### **Food and Beverage – GR1216, DR126.3, HJ105.1 and HJ107**

*All Breeds/Disciplines; additional specifics for  
Dressage, Hunter, Jumper & H/J Licensed  
Competitions*

- Waives the requirement to make food available and changes it to an option. Details the minimum requirements for providing water for participants.

#### **Judges' Use of Cell Phones – GR1033.3**

*All breeds/disciplines*

- Issues a clarification to the existing rule to better accommodate the use of cell phone or other electronic device technology to relay scores and other information in an effort to minimize the physical exchange of paper.

#### **USEF Entry Blank – GR908.5, GR908.6 and GR916**

*All breeds and disciplines*

Removed language regarding the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification which is no longer relevant due to the existence of a new USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification.

#### **Officiating Limitations for Stewards and Technical Delegates – GR1034**

*All breeds and disciplines*

The limitations of GR 1034.4, GR 1034.5 and GR 1034.6 are waived. These rules limited the number of times a steward or technical delegate could officiate in a specific area or at a specific competition within a certain period of time.

#### **Officiating Limitations for Judges – GR1038.4, GR1038.5 and GR1038.6**

*All breeds and disciplines*

The limitations of GR 1038.4, GR 1038.5 and

GR 1038.6 are waived. These rules limited the number of times a judge could officiate in a specific area or specific competition within a certain period of time.

### **Equipment Inspections – PF127, WD120, WD124 and WD129**

*Paso Fino and Western Dressage*

*\*Presidential Modifications involving equipment inspections in other breeds and disciplines are forthcoming and will be published soon*

- Paso Fino – All equipment inspections must be done visually.
- Western Dressage– All equipment inspections must be done visually.

### **Modifications Specific to Dressage**

#### **Equipment Inspections - DR121.7, DR121.10, DR126.4, DR206.8**

All equipment inspections conducted after rides will be visual and completed at random (removed requirement for 1/3 of horses in a class). Additionally, TDs may follow the horse to a designated area for the inspection in order to provide for a safe and socially distanced inspection. Gloves are not required as the inspections will be visual. The above applies to Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Classes as well.

#### **Judge Placement - DR122.13 & DR126.1g**

Judges will not be required to sit together for classes which previously required this (e.g., Young Horse classes) and placement must allow for social distancing.

#### **Scores & Scoresheets – DR123.2, .3, .10, .11 and .12**

Rules have been modified so that scores may be sent electronically (e.g. via email or text) to competitors and/or posted via the internet. Scoresheets must still be provided to the competitor or his representative, but these may be provided electronically after the class is concluded. Privacy must still be maintained.

Additionally, if a scoresheet is only made available after the competition day by electronic methods, competition management must allow for mathematical errors to be reported for 24 hours from the time of distribution. Scores will be corrected but class placements will not change.

#### **Time Schedule & Ride Times – DR126.1b.3 and DR126.1b.4**

The time schedule must be posted in electronic format and/or in an area where social distancing can be adhered to by noon the day before the competition (the posting/distribution method must be included in the prize list). Ride times may not be changed after noon the day before the start of the entire competition, except in compliance with GR830.5.

Flexibility with ride schedules must be allowed. Classes will not be required to run in their entirety and rides may be scheduled out of sequence. Consideration must still be given to riders entered in more than one class or riding more than one horse. Additionally, at least 50 minutes must still be scheduled between start times for a rider's tests on different horses unless he/she has agreed, in writing, to a shorter interval between tests. Time intervals should be allowed between rides for judge's breaks and awards presentations.

#### **Musical Freestyles – DR129.6a and 6b**

The competitor must provide the music in formats/methods specified within the prize list to the announcer at least two (2) hours prior to the start of the class. Please note that CDs are no longer required if the competition management wishes to use a different format. Riders are not permitted to have a representative in the sound system booth.

#### **Awards Ceremonies – DR123.12**

Placed horse and rider combinations cannot be required to participate in awards ceremonies.

Awards ceremonies should be conducted to allow for social distancing. Rosettes will not be required to be placed on bridles.

**DR 126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management and Levels Chart: Food & Beverages Spectator Services**

Food/beverages services are optional for Level 1-3 competitions with the exception that bottled water must be available for Level 2 & 3 competitions (see Levels Chart) and recommended for Level 1 competitions. Additionally, spectator services are not required (per USEF Action Plan).

**Designated Judge/Rider Forms – DR125.8**

The Designated Judge/Rider Evaluation forms will be suspended. USEF will contact competitors at random directly following a competition and request that the competitor complete the USEF Evaluation form via their My USEF Account.

**Eligibility and Verification of Entries – DR127.2 & GR1035.2c**

Technical Delegates are not required to check entries to verify competitor eligibility. Competitors are still required to be eligible and follow all rules for their Championship and/or Championship qualifying purposes. Per DR127.2, Competition secretaries of Federation Dressage Competitions are responsible to the Federation to ensure that horses in qualifying and championship classes are recorded in compliance with GR1102 and riders and owners are current members of the Federation and meet other requirements as set forth in the description of the Championship Classes, including that USDF membership and horse registration requirements are current.

**Additional Information**

For USEF guidance on conducting pony measurements, reference question number 8 in

the Licensed Officials FAQ - COVID-19 Action Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this modification to USEF rules, please contact Katlynn Sacco at ksacco@usef.org.

***Reminder: Temporary Rule Changes to Year-End Qualifications***

The MDA Board of Directors has decided that since the ongoing pandemic has shortened our show season, we will adjust the requirements for year-end awards. For 2020 only in order to qualify for year-end awards riders must have two scores, ridden in two different shows, and received those scores from two different judges. One of those scores must be from the highest test of that level (Test 3.) This applies to both schooling shows and recognized shows. Scores obtained from recognized competitions held between October 1 and March 16 still count.

Previously the qualifications were three different shows, three scores, from three different judges. Please note that this change is for this season only.

## ***Going barefoot can benefit hoof health but consider management realities and athletic circumstances before pulling those shoes.***

*(Originally Published in TheHorse.com)*

With today's hectic lifestyle, it's no wonder many people pursue a return to a more natural state—from the food they eat to the products they purchase. This desire for simplicity helps account for the back-to-barefoot trend many horse owners embrace, yet a one-size-fits-all approach rarely applies to hoof care. So what are the pros and cons of barefoot? How should owners best manage their barefoot charges? Let's take a look at the ins and outs of going sans shoes.

### **To Shoe or Not to Shoe?**

To answer this question, we'll start by looking at how structures within the hoof are impacted. When the hoof contacts non-sandy ground, the footing that packs into the hoof (known as the dirt plug) stimulates the frog and sole and helps dissipate energy produced by the hoof's impact with the ground, says Robert Bowker, VMD, PhD, professor and head of the Equine Foot Laboratory at Michigan State University, in East Lansing. "When barefoot and on a conformable surface, the dirt plug loads the solar part of the hoof," he explains, noting that biomechanics transfer the load directly to the frog, digital cushion (the soft tissue mass at the back of the foot responsible for shock absorption), and bone. In the shod hoof, on the other hand, the majority of the horse's weight often (but not always) loads the perimeter hoof walls.

Bowker believes only a small percentage of the load should be on the hoof wall, with the sole, frog, and bars bearing the majority of its force. "The bone gets stronger by loading from (the)

solar surface (sole, frog, and bars) as opposed to being suspended from the hoof wall, where the force is transmitted through connective tissues to the bone," he says. The exact loading, however, depends on the shoes applied and the footing the horse is standing on.

Vern Dryden, DVM, CJF, APF, owner of Bur Oak Veterinary and Podiatry Services, in Lexington, Kentucky, explains that an additional physiological benefit of being barefoot is that the hoof capsule can expand naturally. "With a shoe, there is some restriction of the normal expansion of the hoof capsule, depending on the type of shoe and the method of application," he says. When shod with a standard steel shoe, "the hoof capsule is restricted in those areas where the nails are placed—the further back toward the heel, the less expansion of the heel will occur." He goes on to note that clips and glue-on aluminum shoes further restrict the hoof, whereas polyurethane shoes allow for more give and hoof expansion. So if barefoot offers many benefits, when are shoes necessary or preferred? First, our sources remind us that shoeing serves the purposes of protection, stabilization, and therapeutic applications.

Both Dryden and Bowker note that certain disciplines might dictate shoes. So approach each horse as an individual, considering his job and his need for shoes to perform it effectively. "The horse in work can wear down the hoof capsule quicker than the rate it is able to reproduce horn," says Dryden. "A horse with a therapeutic need would call for some type of shoe application, such as a horse with an abscess in need of a treatment plate or some other hoof capsule distortion which would need stabilization. If a horse is compromised in some aspect, whether it be a laminitic horse, a horse with white line disease, or some other disease process, being barefoot is not necessarily the best thing."

Dryden explains that many horses with laminitis (failure of the laminae, or tissues connecting the coffin bone to the hoof wall) can go barefoot if managed correctly, an approach that is routine in his practice; however, severe laminitic cases in which the coffin bone has penetrated the solar surface might require deep digital flexor tenotomy (transecting the tendon surgically to eliminate tendon pull on the coffin bone) and derotational shoeing (to return the coffin bone angle to its original position).

When dealing with a hoof disease such as laminitis (without coffin bone penetration of the sole), says Bowker, “The horse must be maintained on a conformable surface, such as pea rock or deep sand. You want to unload that portion of the hoof where pain originates.”

### **Trimming and Techniques**

One of the downsides to maintaining a horse without shoes, cautions Bowker, is that the horse’s feet require more frequent management. “With the barefoot horse, a lot of people misinterpret it as meaning that the horse’s foot doesn’t need to be trimmed or attended to as frequently,” he says. “It means just the opposite—the foot should be looked at more frequently. I trim my horses every four to five weeks.” If owners don’t trim their barefoot charges’ feet for eight to 10 weeks, the hoof will grow too long. “Then you get different structures loading at different times of the cycle; that’s when you start to have problems with the hoof,” says Bowker.

Dryden also encourages owners to maintain a four-week trimming schedule for barefoot horses. But getting the right trim requires an individual approach. “There are multiple ways to trim; you have to read the foot, taking knowledge from each methodology and applying it to that horse,” Dryden remarks. “I don’t think there’s any one hard and fast rule;

not every foot is going to respond the same way every time.”

### **Environment’s Effect**

External factors also play a role in whether your horse can go barefoot successfully. Dryden notes that a sandy or rocky environment can wear a horse’s hooves down to the point he becomes foot sore and can’t withstand the rough terrain. Conversely, in a wet climate, cracks caused by moisture can develop into white line disease, abscesses, or capsular distortions.

“In order to keep a horse in work and barefoot, the (arena or riding) footing needs to be forgiving—free of rocks and not too abrasive,” says Dryden. “Otherwise you won’t be able to maintain the horse barefoot. You have to be cognizant of your environment; you may need shoes or some sort of application to keep the foot protected.” For owners that choose to keep their horses barefoot yet need temporary protection, a wide variety of boots are available.

Stabling surface is just as important as riding terrain. Bowker explains that standing barefoot on hard surfaces, such as asphalt or cement, causes discomfort. And while not as obvious, diet is another consideration when horses are barefoot.

“Owners have to be aware of diet,” Bowker remarks. “In humans, for instance, diets with high sugar levels can cause secondary diabetes. The same is happening with horses: A diet that is too rich influences the overall health of the hoof (e.g., leading to conditions such as laminitis).”

### **Transitioning From Shoes**

A best-case scenario for barefootedness is a horse that hasn’t been shod previously, notes Bowker. But if your horse is shod and you’d like to transition him to barefoot, he recommends

removing the shoe and beveling (rolling) the hoof around the perimeter. Keep the horse on comfortable surfaces, such as grass or dirt, which he's likely to seek out naturally. "The hoof will strengthen and adapt over a period of a few weeks," notes Bowker.

Dryden allows a horse to make the barefoot transition when the hoof has adequate sole depth and wall quality. After applying a hoof-hardening product to toughen the solar region, he advises his clients to introduce barefoot turnout first with boots, increasing turnout time without hoof protection gradually.

On the other hand, if a horse cannot handle being barefoot and continually comes up lame, Dryden suggests providing protection via shoes as opposed to making him "tough it out." When transitioning back to shoes, "if the horse does not have enough substantial hoof wall to nail to, you can apply alternative means such as glue-on or synthetic shoes," he says.

### **Take-Home Message**

Recent barefoot research includes a 2011 study by Hilary Clayton, BVMS, PhD, Dipl. ACVSMR, MRCVS, in which she evaluated a specific barefoot trim's efficacy on horses with underrun heels and found improvements in hoof shape; and a study from the University of Queensland in which scientists evaluated environment's effect on feral horses' foot morphology. More research, however, is needed to prove the precise benefits of barefoot hoof care.

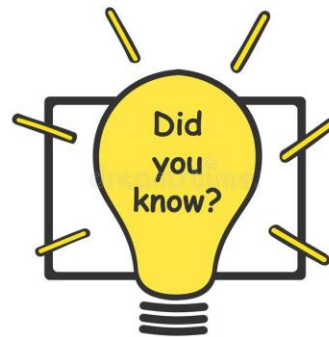
So whether you choose to shoe your horse or have him go barefoot involves answering a variety of questions central to your horse's own situation. Bowker notes that horses will run into the same problems whether barefoot or shod if they are not managed properly.

"Be a knowledgeable horse owner," he says. "Be proactive, ask good questions of your

veterinarian and farrier. By being knowledgeable about the environment and having an idea of the functional physiology of the foot, you can use these aspects of foot care to your advantage during severe disease conditions, including laminitis and navicular syndrome."

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

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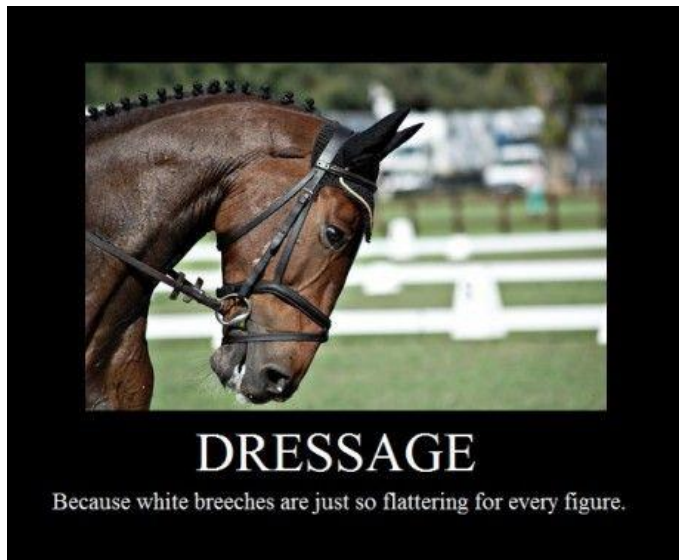
## The Essay Contest is Back!!!

The Midwest Dressage Association is proud to bring back our popular essay contest. This year's topic will be "How Does Dressage Training Affect Your Everyday Life?"

Submissions should be at least 450 words but no more than 600 words. The deadline for submissions is October 1 so that we can announce a winner at the Awards Banquet. Spelling and grammar matter! Please check your submission carefully before submitting it. The MDA board will select a winner.

Please email your submission to Allison McKenzie at [amsporthorses@yahoo.com](mailto:amsporthorses@yahoo.com).

We can't wait to hear what you have to say!!!



## Note to Competitors –

*The MMDSS schooling show series hosted by Rattlewood has been cancelled for the season due to Covid-19.*

## USDF Online Education

USDF Online Education provides members with the opportunity to expand their knowledge beyond the ring. USDF offers three categories of courses: USDF Online Courses, USDF Short Courses by Topic, and Online Courses from Other Providers. Some courses complete USDF program prerequisites and continuing education requirements. These online courses complement our Education Library for members to further their knowledge of dressage.

### USDF Online Courses:

- USDF Online Courses are open to all current USDF members and education credits will be awarded for completion. Where indicated, courses may fulfill prerequisite requirements or be counted for continuing education hours.
- Any member participating in the USDF Instructor Trainer Program will need to complete prerequisite quizzes. To fulfill the requirement, please complete Classical Training, Lunging the Horse and Seat Lessons, and Principles of Teaching Online Courses.
- L Graduates can complete 2 hours of their continuing education by completing the L Program Continuing Education Online Course. When finished, send your completion

certificate and L Graduate CE Report Form to [Lprogram@usdf.org](mailto:Lprogram@usdf.org).

## USDF Short Courses

- A great place to get started on a new subject. Short Courses are quick study guides and quizzes to help you learn more about a variety of topics. Short Courses cover competition, breeding, equitation, and dressage movements.
- Each short course can be completed in 20 minutes or less. **\*NEW- Short courses are eligible for 0.25 education credits per course.**
- Can't find the topic you are looking for? Try searching our Education Library.



## Online Courses from Other Providers:

- Earn education credits by completing these USDF University accredited programs hosted by other organizations. Additional costs may apply.
- Learn from our accredited providers such as Dressage Today Online, Pilates for Dressage®, My Horse University, and Equine Nutritional Solutions.





## **2020 Calendar**

### **June**

**7 – Grosse Point Equestrian Club Participating Show.** Grosse Point Equestrian. 655 Cook Road, Grosse Point Woods, MI 48236. Contact Danielle Douglass at (810) 449-5095 or danielledouglass89@gmail.com

**13-14 – Wyn Farm Summer Dressage Schooling Show.** Wyn Farm. 3100 Noble Road, Williamston, MI 48895. Contact wynfarm@gmail.com

**26-26 - Dressage at Waterloo Spring Classic I and June I Recognized Show.** Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. Contact www.HorseShowOffice.com.

### **July**

**5 – Woodbine Farms Participating Show.** Woodbine Farms. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Contact Sari Clapperton at (502) 314-3411 or sariclapperton@hotmail.com

**10-12 – Dressage at Waterloo July Recognized Show.** Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. Contact www.HorseShowOffice.com

**11-12 – Wyn Farm Summer Dressage Schooling Show.** Wyn Farm. 3100 Noble Road, Williamston, MI 48895. Contact wynfarm@gmail.com

**25-26 – Michigan Summer Dressage Recognized Show.** Wyn Farm. 3100 Noble Road, Williamston, MI 48895. Contact www.HorseShowOffice.com

### **August**

**31-2 – Dressage at Waterloo August Recognized Show.** Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. Contact www.HorseShowOffice.com

**8-9 – Wyn Farm Summer Dressage Schooling Show.** Wyn Farm. 3100 Noble Road, Williamston, MI 48895. Contact wynfam@gmail.com.

**15 – USDF Pre-Certification Workshop Hosted By MDA. 8:00am-5:00pm. McPhail Equine Performance Center. 1131 Bogue Street, East Lansing, MI 48824.**

**13-16 – Dressage at Waterloo Summer Finale I and II Recognized Show.** Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. Contact www.HorseShowOffice.com

**23 – Woodbine Farms Participating Show.** Woodbine Farms. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Contact Sari Clapperton at (502) 314-3411 or sariclapperton@hotmail.com

**23 – MHSA Summer Show.** Ingham County Fairgrounds. Mason, MI. Contact michiganhorseshow.com.

**30 – Grosse Point Equestrian Club Participating Show.** Grosse Point Equestrian. 655 Cook Road, Grosse Point Woods, MI 48236. Contact Danielle Douglass at (810) 449-5095 or danielledouglass89@gmail.com

### **September**

**13 – Woodbine Farms Participating Show.** Woodbine Farms. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Contact Sari Clapperton at (502) 314-3411 or sariclapperton@hotmail.com

**17-20 – Region 2 Regionals at Lamplight Equestrian Center.** 6N940 Dunham Road, Wayne, Illinois 60184

### October

**18 – Grosse Point Equestrian Club Participating Show.** Grosse Point Equestrian. 655 Cook Road, Grosse Point Woods, MI 48236. Contact Danielle Douglass at (810) 449-5095 or danielledouglass89@gmail.com

### November

**9 – USDF Instructor Final Certification Hosted By MDA. 8:00am-5:00pm. McPhail Equine Performance Center. 1131 Bogue Street, East Lansing, MI 48824.**

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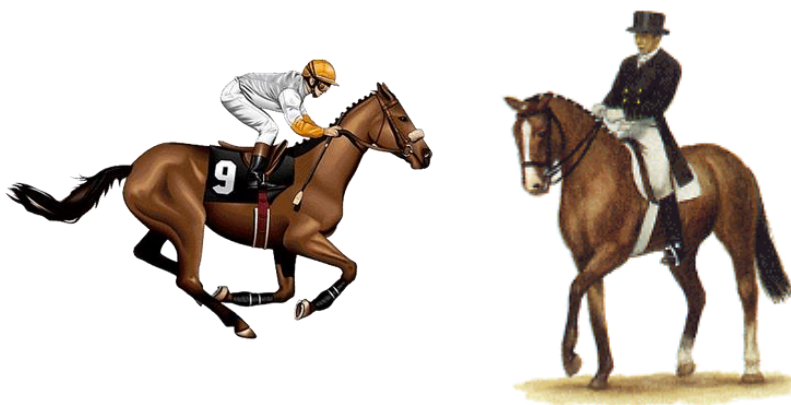
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USDF Recognized Dressage Shows marked as “Recognized”



# *The Encore Award*



***This award recognizes the achievements of Off-Track Thoroughbreds in the sport of Dressage. This is a year-end high-point award that will be given to an OTTB competing at any level that has achieved the highest overall percentage for the competition season. Owners/Riders must provide a copy of the horses' Jockey Club papers or a picture of a verifiable lip tattoo and three tests ridden under three different judges at any one level from a recognized or schooling show. Rider and/or owner must be a current MDA member. This award is sponsored by Allison McKenzie.***

**Please send the application and paperwork to:  
Allison McKenzie  
9867 Sharon Hollow Road  
Manchester, MI 48158**

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Rider Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Rider Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Rider Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? Contact Allison at 734-276-8967 or [amsporthorses@yahoo.com](mailto:amsporthorses@yahoo.com)**

# Tribute Partners Program



The Tribute Partners Program allows MDA to earn money for educational events. Every proof of purchase tag (found on the bottom of the feedbag) is worth \$.25. Invoices for bulk feed are also eligible for this program. In the first year of participation, MDA earned over \$500 because members contributed their feed bag tags!

## Instructions:

Please forward your Tribute Horse Feed proof of purchase (off the bags) or photocopies of invoices for bulk Tribute purchases. If you are submitting photocopied invoices, please black out any sensitive information like name, phone, credit card info.

Submit proof of purchase tags to:  
Midwest Dressage Association  
C/O Kathy Monaghan  
284 South Tilden Street  
Pontiac, MI 48341

If you have questions about this program, please contact Kathy Monaghan at 248 342 3687.

## ***Classifieds...***

### **Horses for Sale or Lease –**

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FEI Pony wants to bring another child through the levels! Easy care loves to show, no issues, never needs tuning. Brought current rider from beginner to Festival of Champions in 3 years with many Pony Cup championships. 2004 mare 13.3. Call Jayne Ayers for info 414-313-4146  
or [jayne@dressagehorse.com](mailto:jayne@dressagehorse.com)



### **Saddles/Tack For Sale**

2014 17" Bruno Delgrange medium tree with silver accents on cantle and flap. Medium flap length.  
\$3000. Please contact Leslie Richardson at (810) 287-0053

***The following items are for sale from Nancy Bryant. Items located in Clarkston, Ortonville, or Oxford, Michigan. Phone (248) 632-2045***

Custom Saddlery Wolfgang Signature Solo 17.5 Black Short thigh block saddle. Ridden in for four months on one horse. Excellent condition. Comes with cover, new stirrup leathers, new stirrups and two new girths. Fitted to a narrower horse but the beauty of a Custom saddle is that it can be fitted on site to your horse same day, no shipping out your saddle to be adjusted. \$2700 new plus \$300 in fittings. Asking \$2200 firm. Comes with bonus schooling saddle pads.

Stubben bridle style 3200, new with tags. Black flash noseband with leather stop stud reins. Horse size. Red chain link browband insert. New \$175, asking \$100.

Neue Schule Turtle Tactio with Flex Loose ring snaffle bit. 16mm mouthpiece, 70mm rings, 5.75. Worn 2 weeks. New \$217. Asking \$200.

Dover Black Sheepskin Lined Saddle pad. Used one season. New \$80. Asking \$50. Good condition.

Brown leather and elastic side reins used a few times. Asking \$25

Weatherbeeta Navy fleece cooler – size 78 with cute colorful hedgehog pattern. Worn 4-5 times.  
Clean. New \$65. Asking \$55.

Horseware Mio Turnout Sheet. Size 78. Navy with tan trim. New condition. Asking \$40.

Horseware Mio Combo Flysheet. Size 84. Neck attached. Has snags from Velcro but in usable  
condition. New \$60. Asking \$40.

Amigo Bravo 12 Plus Deluxe 84” Black Heavyweight Winter Blanket, 400gm with detachable 200gm  
hood. Worn one season. Clean and waterproofed. Fixtures to attach to any compatible Rambo liner.  
Allows you to increase weight with one blanket. New \$250. Asking \$200.

Shoofly Horse Leggings. Set of 4 large bright orange. Never search for boots in the pasture again!  
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Dressage Sport Boots. All in New/Good condition.

DSB Silver Patent Gloss with black fleece lining. Two large, Two extra-large. Four boot set. Good  
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DSB White Patent Gloss with white fleece lining. Two medium. Two large. New condition. Four boot  
set. New \$110. Asking \$90.

DSB Black Dressage Sport Boots with black fleece lining. Two large, two extra-large. Good condition.  
Four boot set. New \$100. Asking \$60.

ASB White All Sport Boot Set. Two medium. Two large. \$110 new. Great condition. Asking \$70.

PRI Dressage Pads. Wool lined – no foam. Assorted colors. \$20 each.

### **Employment/Working Student**

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