



Southwest Florida Dressage Association Members Handbook 2026-27

Our Mission

OUR MISSION IS TO EDUCATE, INSPIRE, ENCOURAGE INTEREST IN AND PROMOTE THE EQUESTRIAN DISCIPLINE OF DRESSAGE.

TO ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION, OUR MEMBERS, WORKING TOGETHER, WILL:

- PROMOTE SPORTSMANSHIP AND FAIR COMPETITION IN DRESSAGE.
- PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE MEMBERS' COMMON BENEFIT.
- EDUCATE HORSEMEN AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT DRESSAGE.
- EXPAND AND ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF DRESSAGE LOCALLY.
- WORK WITH THE USDF, USEF, AND WDAA TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION.

*This Handbook can be revised/updated throughout the year

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Membership

SWFDA Membership is \$55 before Sept. 1, then it is \$65.
Membership forms can be found in this Handbook, on our website, and online by [clicking here](#).

SWFDA Membership Benefits

- **SWFDA monthly meetings
- **Educational events
- **Awards programs
- **Clinics
- **Show volunteer training
- **Networking opportunities
- **Discounted rate on classes for SWFDA & ADA
- **One time per person per season show cancellation credit
- **Member of USDF with your SWFDA membership

USDF Membership Benefits

- *Subscription to USDF Connection, USDF's monthly magazine
- *Yearbook issue of USDF Connection & USDF Member Guide
- *Access to USDF online version of USDF Connection
- *USDF Group Member Card and eligibility to compete at USDF recognized shows
- *Eligibility to participate in Rider Award programs
- *Eligibility to earn USDF University Credits
- *Member discount rates for USDF events
- * 50% discount on membership www.dressageclinic.com
- *USDF Members will receive a \$50 member card two times per year, applicable on any order at Dressage Extensions. <https://www.dressageextensions.com/>

*And much more, see www.swfldressage.org or www.USDF.org for full information



Ride with us.
Achieve with us

SWFDA Membership Form 2026-2027

[This organization is a USDF Group Member Organization SWFDA members are automatically USDF Group Members]

Membership year runs from Oct. 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2027

***YES you can join or renew after this date, but in order to enjoy a full year of SWFDA and USDF benefits as a GMO member, your membership should be in place by December 1, 2026.**

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Birth Date:(Required by USDF)

USDF# (if you have one)

May we include your name, email & number on the Membership List that's distributed to members?

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Yes

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No

Activities sponsored by SWFDA include schooling shows, mounted and unmounted clinics, speakers, and social events. These are made possible by volunteer work from our members. Please check your interests below to indicate the way(s) in which you would like to contribute to the success of the club:

☐ Business Outreach/Sponsors

☐ During shows

☐ Set up/clean up shows

☐ Education/Clinic Committee

☐ Publicity

☐ Social Event Committee

Please initial the following:

☐

I have read and understand the requirements to be eligible for End of Year Awards including submitting the Declaration for Awards & payment/commitment to volunteer before earning any scores. Requirements can be found on our website & in the Member's Handbook.

If received before September 1st \$55.00

If received AFTER Sept. 1st \$65.00

Add Family Member(s), must complete attachment for Added Family Member(s) \$30.00 (each)

PAYMENT: MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SWFDA and mail to:

Susan Cox

OR pay via Venmo @swfda & email form to volsandcubs@yahoo.com

8691 Kilkenny Court

Or complete form online <https://forms.gle/iwhQ6SDhjYxpax977>

Ft. Myers, FL 33912

ADDED FAMILY MEMBERS INFORMATION FORM *(Please make additional copies if needed)*

Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Date of Birth: *(Required by USDF)*

USDF#: *(if you have one)*

Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Date of Birth: *(Required by USDF)*

USDF#: *(if you have one)*

Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Date of Birth: *(Required by USDF)*

USDF#: *(if you have one)*

How to enter a SWFDA Show

SWFDA typically hosts five schooling shows each season. A schooling show is a local equestrian competition designed as a relaxed, educational environment. Riders use these events to practice routines, school horses, and gain competitive experience without the pressure, strict rules, or high costs of national "rated" shows. Our shows are held at Hidden Haven Ranch, 10851 Deal Road, North Ft Myers, FL 33917.

STEP 1: Please read the ***Showing information*** found on the following pages carefully and reach out with any questions.

STEP 2: Look at the Class List, found on our website and in this Handbook, and choose the classes that you would like to sign up for.

STEP 3: Fill out the Show Entry Form found in this Handbook as well as on our website. Online entry links are provided for each show and can be found on the website and on our Facebook page (Southwest Florida Dressage Association)

STEP 4: Send the form and payment to the show secretary to the *address listed on the entry form*, OR *if completing online, pay via Venmo @Swfda* before the closing date.

STEP 5: Watch your email for the "Ride Times" email that SWFDA will send, usually on Wednesday or Thursday before the show. Check to see what time you will ride and that your classes are correct. Contact us at swfdashows@gmail.com with any concerns or questions.

STEP 6: Stay calm & get ready to come to the show! We can't wait to see how awesome you & your 4-legged partner look in the ring!

<u>Show Date</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>
October 24 2026	Leslie O'Sullivan Ziegler(L)	Oct. 20
November 21 2026	Linda Currie (r)	Nov. 17
January 16 2027	Patti Thompson (R)	Jan. 12
February 20 2027	Kathleen Petersen (L)	Feb. 16
March 20 2027	Amy Bradley (R)	March 16

Showing Information

SWFDA ENTRY FEES:

All Classes	\$35.00 SWFDA Members/ADA Members \$45.00 Non Members \$50.00 Non-competing Schooling Fee
Office Fee	\$25.00 per entry (includes non-competing horses)
Stall Fee	\$30.00 per horse
Haul-In Fee	\$20.00 per horse
Schooling Fee (optional on Friday)	\$25.00 per horse/rider combination

ONE TIME SHOW CREDIT: (members only) If you need to cancel your show entry and you do so before the show date you will be issued a show credit for your classes (once per person per season) to use at another show during the same season only. This is only for members that are in good standing. There are no refunds of show office fees or stall/haul-in. Non-members will not receive credit or refund of any kind.

Please fill out the show entry completely. One horse & rider per form, Entries sent without full payment (i.e. scanned email entries) will not be scheduled until payment is received.

Non-Competing Horses (schooling) are welcome, but must fill out an entry form with Coggins and pay a \$50 schooling fee, office fees, plus applicable stall/haul-in fee. There is no refund or credit.

Make checks payable to: SWFDA and ***mail to the Show Secretary:***

Dorian Cox, 8691 Kilkenny Court, Ft Myers, FL 33912

Venmo has been set up for paying fees: Venmo @swfda with forms emailed to swfdashows@gmail.com

. Last digits for venmo are 0232

DRESS CODE: Riding jackets are optional. Breeches may be light or dark colored. Shirts must have a collar with short or long sleeves. Please no sleeveless shirts, tank tops, or t-shirts. Appropriate footwear is required (ie tall boots, paddock boots, etc)

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: *SWFDA insurance requires protective headgear for ALL levels and ALL disciplines, including Western Dressage.* Anyone on a horse at any time, including schooling, must wear a helmet.

WAIVERS: *Anyone* that is mounted on a horse at any time must have a signed waiver on file with SWFDA, including trainers, family members, warmup riders, etc. Waivers are available at the score keeper's table or by asking the show manager. Failure to sign a waiver before mounting a horse absolves SWFDA and Hidden Haven from any liability if an injury occurs.

LUNGING: Lunging in the warmup ring is allowed in the lower corner towards the barn (away from the gate). Please remember the safety of our horses and riders is priority and stop if your horse becomes agitated to the point of being a danger. Lunging is NOT allowed under the covered part of the warmup ring when other riders are present.

RULES: USEF Rules are used as a guideline. Exceptions will be made with approval from the grievance committee prior to competing. Non-USEF equipment in either the warm-up or competition ring will always require prior approval and the necessity of riding H.C.

TRAILER PARKING, LOADING, & UNLOADING: Please park in designated parking areas. Do not park in a manner that blocks others from arriving/leaving.

COGGINS TEST: COPY OF CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST MUST ACCOMPANY ALL ENTRIES, unless already on file with us.

-The horse's name must match with the show entry. or you will need to submit an authorized letter from your vet verifying the horse is the same as on Coggins.

-Once your Coggins has been submitted, it will be kept on file and you will not need to submit again for the show season unless it is updated.

POST ENTRIES: Will be accepted if the show is not full. These will be on a first come, first serve basis, with a \$20 late fee charged if occurring more than once.

DAY OF SHOW: If a rider is already entered in the show and would like to add a class after the show has started, a request should be made to the show manager (Susan Cox). SWFDA will grant requests of an additional class only if scheduling allows for it.

RIDE TIMES: Notification is by e-mail. *Please include your legible email address on entry form.* Requests should be noted on show entry form and SWFDA will do their best to honor requests.

AWARDS: Ribbons 1st through 6th place. High Point Award to highest single score per declared status. (Must have a minimum of 3 competitors per declared status for High Point) In the spirit of sportsmanship, community & support of fellow riders, a High Point Award will be awarded a maximum of 2 times per rider in the show season. After any rider has been awarded High Point for a total of two times, the High Point for that declared status will be awarded to the next highest score of the day.

FOOTING: The Arena was constructed with 6 inches of white clay as a base and then 4 and 1/2 inches of screenings over the top.

STABLING: Limited, first come basis, and includes inside stalls as well as small turnouts with a covering. Bedding is not provided and riders are responsible for FULLY cleaning the stall before leaving, including any bedding they brought to put in the stall. Water buckets are not provided in barn stalls. Before your leave, completely muck out where your horse was stabled by using provided muck bins. Charges will occur if stalls are left uncleaned.

TRASH: Please put trash ONLY in bins for trash (not in muck bins).

CONCESSION: There is no promise of concessions on site, however, a charity typically offers lunch items for a donation. SWFDA will have water available while supplies last. (bring your own snacks/beverages as needed)

ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING OR VAPING ALLOWED. This includes all barns, stall areas, warmup ring, show ring, etc.

SPECTATORS: Are allowed; please bring your own chairs and be respectful of riders in the show ring. Spectators should not hang or lean on the show ring fencing. Please remind children not to run or yell near the show ring.

WARMUP RING: All horses in the warmup area must be wearing their assigned show number. Only trainers, riders, and show management/volunteers are allowed in the warmup area, family and friends should stay on the outside of the fencing.

The warm-up area is for the use of competitors preparing for an upcoming test. When entering the warm-up arena, be careful not to cut off another rider. Pass left shoulder to left shoulder and look where you are going, keep at least one horse's length from any other horse. Be courteous to other riders who are trying to concentrate on their own warm-up. Riders/horses can be asked to exit the warmup area by show personnel if determined to present a danger to other riders.

DOGS: No dogs are allowed, even if leashed. SWFDA insurance prohibits riders, trainers and spectators personally owned dogs, with the exception of certified service dogs, on the competition grounds.

SCHOOLING: Schooling is open 11:00 am - 4:00 pm on Friday before the show. It is \$25 and needs to be paid when submitting a show entry. Waivers must be signed and helmets worn for anyone who is mounted at schooling.

Show Class List

<u>Class #</u>	<u>Class Name</u>	
1	USDF Introductory Level Test A Jr/YR	
2	USDF Introductory Level Test B Jr/YR	
3	USDF Introductory Level Test C Jr/YR	
4	USDF Introductory Level Test A AA/Open	
5	USDF Introductory Level Test B AA/Open	
6	USDF Introductory Level Test C AA/Open	
7	USEF Training Level Test 1 Jr/YR	
8	USEF Training Level Test 2 Jr/YR	
9	USEF Training Level Test 3 Jr/YR	
10	USEF Training Level Test 1 AA/Open	
11	USEF Training Level Test 2 AA/Open	
12	USEF Training Level Test 3 AA/Open	
13	USEF First Level Test 1	*Jr/Yr/AA pinned together & Open separately for classes #13 - #24
14	USEF First Level Test 2	
15	USEF First Level Test 3	
16	USEF Second Level Test 1	
17	USEF Second Level Test 2	
18	USEF Second Level Test 3	
19	USEF Third Level Test 1	
20	USEF Third Level Test 2	
21	USEF Third Level Test 3	
22	USEF Fourth Level Test 1	
23	USEF Fourth Level Test 2	
24	USEF Fourth Level Test 3	
25	FEI Test of Choice (Must State Test)	
26	USDF/USEF/WDAA Freestyle (Training - 3rd/Intro - Level 2 -Must State Level)	
27	USDF/USEF/WDAA Freestyle (4th - GP/Level 3 - Level 5 -Must State Level)	
28	Pas de Deux (Must State Level)	
29	Quadrille (Must State Level)	
30	ParaEquestrian Independent TOC (must state test, no leadline)	
31	Lead Line Test A (walk) <i>Leadline required.</i>	
32	Lead Line Test B (walk) <i>Leadline required.</i>	
33	Lead Line Test C (walk/trot) <i>Leadline required.</i>	
34	WDAA Intro Level Test 1	
35	WDAA Intro Level Test 2	
36	WDAA Intro Level Test 3	
37	WDAA Intro Level Test 4	
38	WDAA Basic Level Test 1	
39	WDAA Basic Level Test 2	
40	WDAA Basic Level Test 3	
41	WDAA Basic Level Test 4	

- 42 WDAA Level 1 Test 1
- 43 WDAA Level 1 Test 2
- 44 WDAA Level 1 Test 3
- 45 WDAA Level 1 Test 4
- 46 WDAA Level 2 Test 1
- 47 WDAA Level 2 Test 2
- 48 WDAA Level 2 Test 3
- 49 WDAA Level 2 Test 4
- 50 WDAA Level 3 Test 1
- 51 WDAA Level 3 Test 2
- 52 WDAA Level 3 Test 3
- 53 WDAA Level 3 Test 4
- 54 WDAA Level 4 Test 1
- 55 WDAA Level 4 Test 2
- 56 WDAA Level 4 Test 3
- 57 WDAA Level 4 Test 4
- 58 WDAA Level 5 Test 1
- 59 WDAA Level 5 Test 2
- 60 WDAA Level 5 Test 3
- 61 WDAA Level 5 Test 4
- 62 WDAA Gaited Introductory Test of Choice (Must State Level and Test)
- 63 WDAA Gaited Basic Test of Choice (Must State Test)
- 64 WDAA Gaited Levels 1 – 4 Test of Choice (Must State Level and Test)

Junior Young Rider Classes: Open to riders 17 years and younger at start of season

Adult Amateur (AA) Classes: Riders 18 years or older who DO NOT accept remuneration (payment) for training or instruction.

Open Rider: Any rider who accepts remuneration for riding, driving, showing, training, schooling or conducting clinics or seminars

Vintage Rider: Any AA that is 55 years or older at start of season

Show Manager

Susan Cox
239-313-0261
Volsandcubs@yahoo.com

Show Secretary

Dorian Cox
8691 Kilkenny Ct
Ft. Myers, FL 33912
swfdashows@gmail.com

*****Show Entry forms to print can be found on our website (swfldressage.org) & in this handbook.***

*****Online show entry form links can be found on our website and on our Facebook page.***



SWFDA Show Entry
2026-2027 Competition Year
***all forms & fees due by closing date**

DATE OF SHOW _____

RIDER Name	Address	Phone number	email
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Trainer/Coach	Member of: ___SWFDA ___ADA WDAA number _____	Status for Today's show: ___Adult Amateur ___Open ___Vintage(55+) *select one only ___Leadline ___Junior/Young Rider ___Musical
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HORSE name	Breed/Sex	Age	Color/Height	Date of Coggins (Must include copy & horse name must match)
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Class Number	Class Name	Fee (\$35 members, \$45 (NonMembers))
TOTAL COSTS	-----	\$

Total class fees (enter from above)	
Schooling (Friday) \$25 (payment signifies agreement to schooling terms)	
Stall Show Day \$30 OR Haul-in Show Day \$20	
Office Fee \$25	\$25
TOTAL FEES	\$

Notes to Secretary (Volunteering, stabling requests, etc) _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SWFDA AND MAIL form, payment & Coggins TO SHOW SECRETARY:
Dorian Cox, 8691 Kilkenny Ct, Ft Myers, FL 33912

****OR PAY via Venmo @swfda with forms emailed (PDF Format only) to swfdashows@gmail.com**

>>>>ALL participants MUST sign and return waiver found on next page<<<<

RELEASE OF LIABILITY. PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

WARNING: Under Florida law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of a participant or equine in any activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities. The undersigned competitor and any signing parent or guardian hereby agrees to release *Hidden Haven, Southwest Florida Dressage Association*, the management of this competition, their officers, directors, employees, members or agents, and the owner or managers of the grounds where this event is held from any loss, damage, liability, or injury arising out of or resulting from this competition or competitors participation or entry therein, including the negligent acts or omissions of the management of this competition, their officers, directors, employees, members or agents, and the owners or managers of the grounds where this event is held. I grant permission to SWFDA and its designees to take and use any photographs or other media of competitor and competitor's entered horse in any SWFDA publication, production or presentation, including electronic/internet marketing material for the purpose of promoting SWFDA in a positive manner. This consent form will authorize SWFDA to use and print photographs and any other form of media material for educational, informational and promotional purposes. Images may be used, but are not limited to, SWFDA publications and newsletters, newspaper articles, advertising material, web listings, websites, etc. SWFDA has put preventative measures into place due to the spread of communicable diseases, including COVID-19, however attending this event could increase your risk of contraction. By entering the show facilities, you assume all risk and liability of exposure and agree to hold both SWFDA & its members as well as the show facility/owner harmless and not liable for any resulting illness or injury. SWFDA supports and follows the US Center for SafeSport Code and the USEF Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention and SafeSport policies.

Rider's Signature (parent or guardian if under 18):

_____ Date _____

Owner's Signature or agent:

_____ Date _____

(Adult responsible for entry while on grounds)

SWFDA Schooling Agreement:

- Anyone (trainer, owner, show rider, etc) that rides a horse at schooling must sign a waiver and wear a helmet.
- Stalls are not available during schooling.
- Please be courteous and limit your time in the show ring if other riders are waiting. Remember this is not a time for a lesson, just an opportunity to familiarize your horse with the show ring.
- Be respectful of time; schooling is open 11:00 am - 4:00 pm on Friday before the show.
- Take care of your area - keep Hidden Haven beautiful!

Declaration for End of Year Awards Guidelines

The Year End Awards are celebrated at our party in July with ribbons, trophies & prizes. There are specific requirements to be eligible - please read carefully & reach out to us with questions!

** The Year End Declaration Form and applicable fees must be submitted prior to any scores being earned.

OPTION 1: Pay \$100.00 as a Silver Sponsor per Year End Declaration. *This will increase to \$110.00 AFTER Sept. 1, 2026.*

OPTION 2: Earn 8 volunteer hours per End of Year Declaration

* After each show, the scores of all SWFDA members who submitted a declaration will be noted on a spreadsheet. It is the rider's responsibility to verify their scores are added correctly. These scores will be used to determine Champion and other placements for End of Year Awards. Scores will NOT be sent in at the end of the season by riders.

*A copy of the inside of the test sheet may be needed for verification. Riders are urged to keep their tests in case additional information is required. The Board of Directors will make the final decision as to test validity. The Awards Coordinator will determine the average score. All averages will be published at the Year End Awards Party and on the SWFDA website. All awards will be presented at the Awards Party.

* If your declaration includes volunteer hours, it is the riders responsibility to ensure that they have logged their hours in SWFDA's Volunteer Notebook and checked the online posting for accuracy.

*In order to be eligible for awards, riders must be a SWFDA member in good standing at the time the scores are earned as well as at the time of the Awards Party.

How to declare for End of Year Awards

Step 1: Read the guidelines to understand what you will need to do when you make a declaration for an End of the Year Award. (volunteer or pay, declare before earning scores)

Step 2: Look at the categories for Horse/rider as well as rider and the requirements of scores for each category. Decide which ones work best for you.

Step 3: Fill out the Declaration Form and turn it in before earning any scores. (Any scores earned before turning in the form will not count towards End of Year Awards)

* The Declaration form can be found online by [clicking here](#), downloaded from our website, as well as found in this handbook.

Step 4: Enjoy practicing & showing with your horse! Be ready for an award in July if you meet all the requirements!

Declaration Categories for End of Year Awards

The following Horse/Rider Combination Year End Awards will be offered. Choose your Category(s) for your Year End Declaration from the list below (no substitutions are allowed)

USDF Introductory Level Jr/Yr	USEF Fourth Level AA/Jr/Yr	WDAA Intro Level
USDF Introductory Level AA	USEF Fourth Level Open	WDAA Basic Level
USEF Training Level Jr/Yr	FEI Level AA/Jr/Yr	WDAA Level 1
USEF Training Level AA	FEI Level Open	WDAA Level 2
USEF First Level AA or Jr/Yr	USDF/WDAA Freestyle (Training - 3rd/Intro-Level 1)	WDAA Level 3
USEF First Level Open		WDAA Level 4
USEF Second Level AA/Jr/Yr	USDF/WDAA Freestyle (4th - GP/Level 2-4)	WDAA Level 5
USEF Second Level Open	Quadrille	Leadline
USEF Third Level AA/Jr/Yr	Pas de Deux	Para-Equestrian
USEF Third Level Open	Novice	Junior/Young Rider

The following Rider Year End of Year Awards will be offered:

(multiple horses are allowed in no more than 2 consecutive levels)

Novice Rider	Junior/Young Rider	ParaEquestrian
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Novice Rider: Any rider at any level who has never won a SWFDA Year End Award Champion or Reserve Champion at any level on any horse.

Junior/Young Rider: Any rider 17 years old or younger at start of season

ParaEquestrian - Any rider at any level with unique physical and/or developmental disabilities.

Leadline - Any rider (8 and under) that competes while on a leadline.

The following Group Year End Awards will be offered: (horse/rider combinations must be declared with allowances made for substitutions in horse or rider at the Board of Director's discretion)

SWFDA/USDF/USEF Pas de Deux

SWFDA Team Award

SWFDA/USDF/USEF Quadrille

End of Year Awards Level Requirements

“SWFDA Show” is any show hosted by SWFDA. For the 2026/2027 season all Alpha Dressage Association shows will also be sanctioned.

Novice, Jr/YR, & ParaEquestrian Awards: Requires 4 scores from SWFDA shows in any combination of levels. No Freestyle scores can be used for these awards. Placing will be determined by average score.

USDF Introductory Level & Leadline: Requires 5 scores to be averaged (3 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining scores from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event), with one score from the highest test of the level. Scores must be from at least 3 different judges. Introductory level EOY winners are limited to AA and Jr/YR (no open riders)

USEF Training Level, First Level, and Second Level: Requires 5 scores to be averaged (3 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event), with one score from the highest test of the level. Scores must be from at least 3 different judges. Training Level EOY winners are limited to AA and Jr/YR only (no open riders)

USEF Third Level and Fourth Level: Requires 3 scores to be averaged (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event), with one score from the highest test of the level. Scores must be from at least 3 different judges.

FEI Level: Requires 3 scores to be averaged (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Scores may be from any combination of FEI Levels and must be from at least 3 different judges.

SWFDA/USDF/USEF Freestyle: Requires 3 scores from the same level to be averaged. Scores must be from at least 3 different judges. (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event)

SWFDA/USDF/USEF Pas de Deux: Requires 3 scores from the same level to be averaged. (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event) Scores must be from at least 3 different judges. Any substitutions must be Board approved prior to showing.

USDF Quadrille: Requires 3 scores from the same level to be averaged. (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event) Scores must be from at least 3 different judges. Any substitutions must be Board approved prior to showing.

USEF/WDAA Western Dressage

Intro Level: Requires 5 scores to be averaged with one score from the highest test of the level: (3 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining scores from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Scores must be from at least 3 different judges. Intro Level EOY winners are limited to AA and Jr/YR only (no open riders)

Basic, Level 1 & 2: Requires 5 scores to be averaged with one score from the highest test of the level: (3 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining scores from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Scores must be from at least 3 different judges. Basic Level EOY winners are limited to AA and Jr/YR only (no open riders)

Level 3, 4, & 5: Requires 3 scores to be averaged with one score from the highest test of the level: (2 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining scores from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Scores must be from at least 3 different judges.

Team Award: The team will consist of 4 horse/rider combinations representing a minimum of 2 levels. A minimum of 2 scores (Freestyle scores are accepted) are required from each horse/rider combination with a total of 12 scores overall. (7 must be from SWFDA shows with the remaining score from either a SWFDA show or SWFDA sanctioned event). Horse/rider combinations can ride in either 1 or 2 consecutive levels. The entire team must be declared prior to any scores being earned. If a team member or horse is unable to compete before earning the minimum 2 scores, a substitute may be nominated. The substitute's scores will replace any score that may have been earned by the original team member.

***If the rider is using scores from a SWFDA sanctioned event to count toward an End of Year Award, it is the rider's responsibility to send a copy of the front of the test to the address below by April 15 of the current show season.

Ann Watson
PO Box 511724
Punta Gorda FL 33951



SWFDA Year End Award Declaration 2026-2027

*This declaration form is for one horse/rider combination.

*Each declaration is \$100.00 (before 9/1/26) & \$110.00 (after 9/1/26) OR eight (8) work hours. (Declaration is invalid if work hours are not fulfilled)

*Riders must be current SWFDA members in good standing.

*Form must be completed and submitted *prior to any scores being earned*. Any scores earned before submission will NOT count toward Year End Awards.

Rider Name: _____ **Horse name:** _____

SWFDA Award Category: Select all that apply to horse/rider combination listed above (descriptions/qualifications can be found on Year End qualifications page)

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| ☐ USDF Introductory Level Jr/Yr | ☐ USEF Fourth Level AA or Jr/Yr | ☐ WDAA Intro Level |
| ☐ USDF Introductory Level AA | ☐ USEF Fourth Level Open | ☐ WDAA Basic Level |
| ☐ USEF Training Level Jr/Yr | ☐ FEI Level AA or Jr/Yr | ☐ WDAA Level 1 |
| ☐ USEF Training Level AA | ☐ FEI Level Open | ☐ WDAA Level 2 |
| ☐ USEF First Level AA or Jr/Yr | ☐ USDF/WDAA Freestyle
(Training - 3rd/Intro-Level 1) | ☐ WDAA Level 3 |
| ☐ USEF First Level Open | ☐ USDF/WDAA Freestyle
(4th - GP/Level 2-4) | ☐ WDAA Level 4 |
| ☐ USEF Second Level AA or Jr/Yr | ☐ USDF/WDAA Freestyle
(4th - GP/Level 2-4) | ☐ WDAA Level 5 |
| ☐ USEF Second Level Open | ☐ Quadrille | ☐ Para-Equestrian |
| ☐ USEF Third Level AA or Jr/Yr | ☐ Pas de Deux | ☐ Jr/Young Rider |
| ☐ USEF Third Level Open | ☐ Novice | ☐ Leadline |

CHOOSE ONE OPTION FROM BELOW....

- 1) IF YOU CHOOSE TO PAY: TOTAL number of declarations ____ X \$100.00 = \$_____ (total to pay)
: via venmo @swfda AND email forms to swfdashows@gmail.com OR \$110.00 after 9/1/26
OR send check AND form(s) to address below*

- 2) IF YOU CHOOSE TO VOLUNTEER TOTAL number of declarations ____ X 8 work hours = ____
(total work hours to be earned)

Send form(s) via email to swfdashows@gmail.com & venmo @swfda or to address below*

Rider's Signature _____ Date: _____

*Address to send forms/checks: Susan Cox, 8691 Kilkenny Ct, Ft Myers, FL 33912

Volunteering

Our volunteers are the heart of SWFDA and your help and dedication is so appreciated. As an all-volunteer organization, SWFDA could not offer schooling shows and other events without members who are willing to give SWFDA a few hours of volunteer service each year. SWFDA asks each rider to give at least 8 hours of volunteer service during the competition year in order to be eligible to enjoy the recognition of receiving an End of Year Award. These hours go a long way toward ensuring that SWFDA can continue to provide quality shows, events and services to its members. If a rider is unable to do their volunteer service, an immediate family member may perform the 8 hours of service for them, just be sure it is noted in the volunteer notebook so the correct person is credited for those hours. It is the rider's responsibility to make sure their volunteer hours have been recorded correctly. A link will be provided to view hours logged once the season begins. If there are any errors in the hours recorded, please contact us at swfdashows@gmail.com.

Silver Sponsorship (Alternative to Volunteer Service Requirement)

Sponsorship at the Silver Sponsor Level or above (\$100 or more) will meet the Volunteer Service or Sponsorship End of Year Award eligibility requirement.

Ways to Earn Hours

Shows

- Runner
- Scribe
- Scoring Table
- Sell Raffle tickets
- Announcer
- Ring Steward
- Set up
- Clean up
- Bring ice & water

Other Opportunities

- Donate item for auction (min value of \$50 = 1 hour)
- Help organize clinic
- Help organize event
- Newsletter editor
- Other: to be determined by the Board

*Bringing ice & water needs to be arranged with the show secretary at swfdashows@gmail.com BEFORE the show.

SWFDA will help you learn how to do any of these volunteer jobs! There are also some great videos from Indiana Dressage Society that can give you a general idea about being a volunteer at shows ([click here](#))



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SWFDA Team Declaration 2026-2027

Please use this form to declare your team on or before **January 1, 2027**

Please only submit one (1) form per team.9

RULES: The team will consist of 4 Horse/Rider combinations representing a minimum of 2 levels. A minimum of 2 scores are required from each horse/rider combination, with a total of 12 scores overall. Horse/Rider combinations can ride in either 1 or 2 consecutive levels. If a team member or horse is unable to compete before earning the minimum 2 scores, a substitute may be nominated. The substitute's scores will replace any score that may have been earned by the original team member. Scores from the substitute team member will only count from the day of the postmark on the new Team Declaration Form. All other team-member scores will count from the postmark on their original Team Declaration Form.

Date: _____

Team Name: _____

Rider's Name	Horse's Name	Level Showing

Mail Form To:

Or email form to swfdashows@gmail.com

Susan Cox
8691 Kilkenny Court
Ft. Myers FL 33912

Questions? Please contact swfldressage1988@gmail.com



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SWFDA Sponsorship 2026-2027

SWFDA sponsors receive exposure through multiple opportunities such as: our website, our Facebook page (with over 1500 followers nationwide), at shows and events, and in our newsletter. You will reach all SWFDA members, all show or event participants, all spectators, and all our social media followers. SWFDA is a not for profit charitable organization.

Sponsorship is a WIN for everyone! With both a local & a larger area reach, sponsorship is a great way to show support for equestrian sports and for a community club, while also advertising your business. Sponsorship increases SWFDA's ability to offer educational and scholarship opportunities to our members.

Title Sponsor - \$500 and up

- You can provide a banner (or we will get one made) to be hung up at every show.
- You will receive a full-page ad in the End of Year Award program.
- Membership in SWFDA for sponsor is included.
- Your name or logo/link will be displayed on the SWFDA website and Facebook page.
- Your name will be announced on the loudspeaker at SWFDA shows.
- May set up booth if desired at SWFDA shows*.
- You will have photo opportunities by presenting an award to the Show High Score winners at one of our dressage shows.

Gold Sponsor – \$250-499

- You can provide (or we will get one made) and a banner to be hung up at every show.
- You will receive a half-page ad in the End of the Year Awards program.
- May set up booth if desired at SWFDA shows*.
- Your name or logo/link will be displayed on the SWFDA website and Facebook page.
- Your name will be announced on the loudspeaker at SWFDA shows.

Silver Sponsor – \$100-249

- You will receive a quarter-page size ad in the End of Year Awards program.
- May set up booth if desired at SWFDA shows*.
- Your name will be displayed on the SWFDA website & Facebook page throughout the year.
- A minimum silver sponsorship (\$100) can fulfill volunteer requirements for one End of Year declaration.

Bronze Sponsor - up to \$100

- Name listed on our website and Facebook page

** up to 3 sponsors booths may be set up at each show; please reserve early



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SPONSOR NAME: _____

SPONSOR CONTACT: _____

WEBSITE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

LEVEL: (circle one)

Title \$500 or more Gold \$250-499 Silver \$100-249 Bronze up to \$100

SWFDA MEMBER CONTACT: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Please Make Checks Payable to: **Southwest Florida Dressage Association**
or venmo @swfda (last digits 0232)

Return form/payment to your SWFDA Representative
or Mail to: Doris Suenkel
3911 Williamson Road
Fort Myers, FL 33905

****ALL Sponsors please provide a photo ready ad or Business card as you would like displayed on our social media & website.**

Can be given to your SWFDA representative OR emailed to swfdashows@gmail.com

Contact us

We are here to answer any questions and would love to hear any suggestions!

Contact us any of these ways:

General Email swfldressage1988@gmail.com

Show Email swfdashows@gmail.com

Facebook [Southwest Florida Dressage Association](#)

Instagram [@swfda](#)

Website <https://swfldressage.org/>

Our Board (Click [here](#) to find out more)

President - Susan Cox

Vice-President - Doris Suenkel

Treasurer - Barb Utter

Secretary - Kath Kinross

Member Representatives - Henry Watson and Julie McFalls

Meetings

We usually meet at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of the month, with a mix of in-person and Zoom. Information is always emailed out as well as announced on Facebook. All members (or potential members) are welcome to attend.

Useful Links

Dressage Tests

USDF Introductory - Fourth Level Tests, Quadrille, Freestyle, Pas de Deux - click [here](#)

FEI Tests - click [here](#)

WDAA Tests - click [here](#)



[USDF Member Guide](#)



[WDAA](#)



[The Dressage Foundation](#)

