

WSDAC NEWSLETTER

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Increase in 2025 Shows

You asked for more shows! 2025 we have seen an increase in 11 more live, and 3 more virtual shows across Canada! That means more opportunities for members. Thank you to all the volunteers that make these shows a success!

Membership

For new or renewed membership please give us 1-2 business days to send out your card and horse numbers. Please do not leave membership until the last minute!

Rule Book Changes

Don't forget to get your rule book changes in before August 30, 2025. The jotform can be found on the Website.



President's Note

Show season has been off to a fabulous start with an increase in shows and entries. There has been more opportunities for members to get out and show off their horses. It has also been very exciting to see so many new members giving the sport a try. Thank you to all the volunteers that make the shows possible, we can't do it without your help.

Thank you all for contacting us with your questions. All inquiries are discussed with the board of directors, often your questions spark new ideas or solutions to improve the association or offer more to membership. We appreciate your feedback and look forward to taking WSDAC to new levels in the years to come.

Enjoy your summer riding!

Sarah Southwell, WSDAC President



Justine Roberts at Dressage Niagara

WDAA Test Changes

2027 will see a few changes to the WDAA tests

- New tests are in development to be effective 2027 show season
- The current Level 5 requirements will become Level 6. With new Level 5 tests and requirements.
- Pairs Freestyle will be added
- Advance walk/Jog tests for those that do not wish to lope, but desire more of a challenge

Canadian National Championship

What:

An opportunity to reach for the top of Canadian Western dressage.

We have members in seven provinces ready to do battle and claim bragging rights. Will it be the best in the west or excellence in the east? Offering a champion status at all levels. (intro to 5th level)

Where:

To be held as a virtual competition under WSDAC virtual rules. Competitors will ride one test predetermined by the organizing committee to be judged by three WSDAC judges for a combined score. High score to be crowned champion of that level.

How:

Open to all WSDAC members. Juniors, open, and adult amateurs will compete against each other per level.

Scores for each horse rider combination will be tracked by WSDAC using results submitted by WSDAC sanctioned shows.

Qualifying period is January 1, 2025 to September 15, 2025.

Only the highest score over 60% during the qualifying season will be considered per rider.

Who:

At the close of the competition., The five highest ranking horse rider combinations per level will be invited to compete in the CNC. To accept the invitation, an entry fee of \$50 will be required, and a competition number will be issued to the rider. There will be no substitute allowed, and we will not fill vacant spaces. No refunds on the entry fee for any reason.

Minimum ride score in the CNC competition of 65% must be achieved to qualify for Champion.

Engraved belt buckles will be awarded to the champion of each level. No other prizes will be awarded.



Bonny Garvey and Reata's Gineta

Photos

Do you want you and your horse to be featured in the Newsletter or Website? We need your photos! Please send photos of you and your horse competing in Western Dressage to wsdacbod@gmail.com

Please include:

- Your name
- Horses name
- Location

We would love to show off all the great riding in Canada!

Canadian National Championship

Timeline:

Please note, deadlines for submissions must be adhered to. Any deviation will void the invitation to compete. No exceptions or extensions.

Cut off for qualifying scores September 15.

Invitations should be issued by September 30.

Nomination fee due by October 15.

Videos to be done between October 1 and 21 October

Deadline for video acceptance October 30.

Judging will be done during November

Placing to be announced by November 30

Any late submission of entry fees or videos will void the invitation to compete.

Note to Members

We have been receiving a lot of emails asking about when show results will be up on the website. Please remember that everyone involved is a volunteer. Show Secretary's send us the results after the shows, we then input all the new scores as well as horse points into WSDAC, we then check and recheck for accuracy before everything is updated on the website. With 41 total shows this year that means we are often inputting more than one show after a weekend. Your patience is appreciated.

WSDAC will have Live and Virtual Standings updated around the 15th and 30th of each month. If results are not in on time for those updates they will be posted in the next update. National Horse point updates will be posted at less regular intervals to ensure show standings are up in a timely fashion.

Please give us 1-2 business days to get out membership cards and horse numbers. You will receive your card and rulebook access as an email. Don't forget about early bird pricing on membership for 2026, we really appreciate getting membership completed before the busy show season!



Janan Fileccia and her OTTB mare

Judges Booth

Show season is well underway and our judges are busy. At last count they are judging just over 70 percent of the sanctioned WSDAC shows spanning four provinces.

So now is the time that I turn my attention to the 2025 judges clinic which will take place in the fall. In order to be successful, we need videos that can be marked by the judges and evaluated. This process is done with confidentiality and discussions are not made public.

We had members send in videos for the update and in return they were entered into a draw to win a handmade headstall donated by a Jack Pine Cowboys. Congratulations goes to Kim Paysen who won the headstall.

Time line for the clinic:
Registration opens September 15, 2025 and closes
September 23, 2025

Tests and videos will go out to the participants on October 1 and must be returned completed including scoring by October 15.

Zoom discussion meeting is targeted for Saturday November 1.

As usual this is a free clinic for our judges who must successfully complete a judges clinic every two years to maintain a current judges card with WSDAC.

For the fall, we also hold our rule book review. Members are invited to submit changes or additions that will be considered by the board. Please refer to the website for the form request.

Wishing you all a very successful season.

Lynne Poole

Congratulations



JUDGES CLINIC DRAW WINNER

KIM PAYSSEN



**HANDMADE HERMAN OAK HEADSTALL BY JACK
PINE COWBOY.**



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