

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Entries: Entries for competing and non-competing (schooling horses) must include a current Coggins, entry form, liability releases and fees. Once your key paperwork (Coggins, liability releases, etc.) is uploaded, it is there for each show until it expires.

Option 1- Online Entries

Online entries and payment will now be accepted by Equestrian Entries. Follow this link → <https://www.equestrianentries.com/login>. Sign yourself up to be a new member. You must also sign up your horse and your trainer. If you do not have a trainer, sign yourself up as trainer. Then, look for the show dates and select our ADA schooling show.

Option 2- US Mail:

We still accept entries by USPS mail, so you may send your entry (checks made payable to Alpha Dressage Association) by US mail to **Suzi Jennings, 21209 69th Avenue East, Bradenton, FL 34211**. We will not accept any entries that are phoned or e-mailed in. Entries received after the closing date will be accepted at the discretion of the management. There are no refunds of any fees after 5 pm on the Thursday prior to the show. After June 1, 2020 there will be a \$30 surcharge for entries submitted via US mail.

Fees:

Class fees vary between \$30.00 and \$40.00 per horse/rider combination per class for Alpha Dressage Association and Southwest Florida Dressage Association members. Non-members must pay an additional \$5.00 per horse/rider combination per class.

The late fee is \$10 *per class*.

There is a \$15.00 office fee per horse/rider combination.

The fee for non-competing (schooling horses) is \$15.

Alpha Dressage now accepts Venmo as a method of payment for shows, clinics and membership. Our Venmo User Name is @Alpha-Dressage

If your check is returned for non-sufficient funds, you expressly authorize your account to be electronically debited or bank drafted for the amount of the check plus any applicable fees. The use of a check for payment is your acknowledgement and acceptance of this policy and its terms and conditions. If you have any questions regarding this service and your rights pertaining to the regulations governing automatic check recovery, you may contact ChecXchange at www.checxchange.com or 1-888-740-9288.

Stabling is available: An overnight stall is \$45 and a day only stall is \$35. Stalls will be assigned as completed entries (entry form, liability release, Coggins and payment) are received. Stall assignments will be posted at the show. You must provide your own feed, hay, shavings and water buckets. If your horse will be staying overnight, you must make your own provisions for feeding at night and the next morning.

Schooling: There is no schooling in the show arena on the day of the show. Depending upon the show facility schooling *may* be available in the show arena after the ring has been set up. Contact the show manager for schooling availability.

Footing: Covered sand arena 20m x 60m for training level and above tests. The arena will be 20m x 40m for all introductory tests if the number of entries warrant the change.

Approved helmets MUST be worn by all riders while mounted.

Riders under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by an adult while on the show grounds.

Correct tack will be required as defined by USEF – i.e. smooth snaffle bits – no twisted, wire, roller or Pelham bits. Martingales, side reins, draw reins, horse boots and bandages are not allowed. Dressage whip maximum length is 47.2” (120 cm) including the sash.

Hot weather show attire is allowed. This means any color breeches and polo shirts. T-shirts are not allowed. Age appropriate boots are also required.

Ride times will be emailed to each entrant and posted on the ADA website on Thursday prior to the show. Classes will NOT run in order.

Awards: Ribbons through sixth place. A high point award will be presented to the highest scoring rider of the day. Scores will count toward ADA Year-End awards for the current competition year.

USDF Regional Schooling Awards Show program: Alpha Dressage will submit scores to the USDF per program guidelines. However, participating riders are *also required to send their scores* to the USDF as part of the program rules. For details see <https://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/regional-schooling.asp>

Other Questions: Any topics that are not specifically addressed in the above guidelines or any exceptions to the guidelines must be discussed with and approved by the show manager. Any violation of the show rules can result in your exclusion from this and future ADA events.

DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES.