

**CONNECTICUT DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION
2026 CDA Sponsored Schooling Shows**



No.
OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Competition Name and Date _____

Name of Horse _____ Age _____

Eligible for Thoroughbred Incentive Program? TIP# _____

Color _____ Breed _____ Sex _____

\$35.00 entry fee per class

Class Description and Level	Class Fees

____ Youth/Date of Birth ____/____/____

____ Adult Amateur

____ Open

Subtotal Fees _____

Non-CDA member \$15.00 fee _____

Office Fee \$20.00 _____

Total _____

Rider's Name _____

Rider's Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Owner's Name (if different) _____

Owner's Address _____

**MAIL THIS ENTRY WITH YOUR CHECK TO "CDA" TO THE SECRETARY NAMED ON THE
SCHOOLING SHOW PRIZE LIST**

Enclose proof of a negative Coggins test within one year of the show. Enclose a signed Release.

COMPETITION AGREEMENT AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

(must be completed, signed and included with entry)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT WAVES IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

SERIOUS INJURY MAY RESULT FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY. NEITHER THE CONNECTICUT DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION NOR THE OWNERS OR OPERATORS OF THE LOCATION OF THE COMPETITION GUARANTEES YOUR SAFETY OR THAT OF YOUR HORSE.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

- A. **REGISTRATION OF RIDERS AND AGREEMENT.** The undersigned rider and, if the undersigned rider is under the age of 18 years, the rider's parents or legal guardian (the rider and such parents or legal guardians are collectively referred to as "RIDER"), do hereby voluntarily request and agree to participate in the Competition specified elsewhere on this Competition Entry Form. RIDER acknowledges and agrees that the RIDER is familiar and agrees to comply with rules of the Connecticut Dressage Association (the "CDA") and this Competition, that the RIDER, the RIDER's horse and the RIDER's handler/trainer or eligible as entered, and that the RIDER shall accept any decision relating to the Competition made by the CDA and/or the Competition's organizers. The RIDER agrees that the CDA has the right to refuse this Entry for any reason.
- B. **AGREEMENT SCOPE, GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.** This Agreement shall be legally binding upon RIDER (and the rider's parents and legal guardians if the rider is a minor, who hereby consent to the rider's participation in the Competition and to assume all of the obligations of RIDER hereunder) and RIDER's heirs, estate, beneficiaries, assigns and personal representatives. This agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut, without regard to the rules governing the conflicts of laws, and any dispute shall be resolved in a federal or state court situated in Hartford County, Connecticut.
- C. **KNOWLEDGE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK.** The RIDER acknowledges horseback riding is classified as a rugged adventure recreational sport activity and that there are numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks always present in such activity for the RIDER and the horse despite all safety precautions. Related injuries can be severe and there is a risk of accident, loss, serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering or death. RIDER voluntarily accepts and assumes all such risk and agrees that RIDER, alone, shall be responsible for RIDER's own safety.
- D. **CONDITIONS OF NATURE.** RIDER agrees that neither the CDA nor the owners and operators of the location where the Competition is to occur are responsible for total or partial acts, occurrence or elements of nature that can scare a horse, cause it to fall, or react in some unsafe way, including but not limited to thunder, lightning, rain, wind, wild and domestic animals, insects or reptiles, which may walk, run, fly near, bite and/or sting a horse or person, and irregular footing on out-of-door groomed or wild land which is subject to constant change in condition according to weather, temperature, and natural and manmade changes in landscape.
- E. **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR WARNING.** RIDER agrees that RIDER has read and is familiar with all rules regarding protective equipment, including but not limited to USEF Articles 318 and 1713, DR 120.5 and the CDA Helmet Policy. RIDER agrees that RIDER shall wear an ASTM-approved helmet at all times when mounted on a horse, and that wearing such a helmet when mounting, riding, dismounting and otherwise being around horses may prevent or reduce the severity of some injuries, but that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries.
- F. **LIABILITY RELEASE AND INDEMNITY.** In consideration of allowing RIDER's participation in the Competition, the RIDER (including but not limited to the rider and the parents and legal guardians of the RIDER if a minor) does hereby agree to hold harmless and release the CDA, each owner and operator of the property on which the Competition is to be held, and each of the foregoing's directors, officers, members, employees, volunteers, officials, agents and representatives (the "CDA Parties") from and against any and all claims, demands, legal actions and cause of action, that the RIDER now has or may in the future have against any of the CDA Parties for any economic and non-economic losses ("Losses") due to bodily injury, death or property damage sustained by RIDER, RIDER's horse or any persons accompanying RIDER at or related to the Competition, regardless of how such Losses were incurred and whether or not such Losses were caused by the negligence of a CDA party. RIDER (including but not limited to the rider and the parents and legal guardians of the RIDER if a minor) further agrees to indemnify and defend the CDA Parties from and against any and all losses, injuries, claims, demands, expenses, fees (including attorney's fees), legal actions and causes of action arising out of or related to, in whole or in part, RIDER's participation in the Competition and/or any and all Losses due to bodily injury, death or property damage sustained by RIDER, RIDER's horse or any person's accompanying RIDER, whether or not such Losses resulted directly or indirectly from the negligent acts or omissions of a CDA Party. This agreement may not be assigned by RIDER without the prior written consent of the CDA, and any assignment in violation of this prohibition shall be null and void.
- G. **USE OF LIKENESS.** RIDER agrees that as a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of the RIDER's entry, RIDER authorizes the Competition management and the CDA to use and/or assign use of any photographs, likenesses, films, broadcasts, cablecasts, audio tapes taken of the horse(s) and participant(s) while on the grounds, incident to, or in transit between the stabling facility and the event site, in any way they see fit for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the event or sport, without compensation to any of them so long as the use neither jeopardizes amateur status nor endorses a specific product or service, and hereby expressly and irrevocably waives and releases any rights in connection with such use.

I/WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND DO UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, WARNINGS, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY. BY SIGNING BELOW, I/WE AGREED TO BE BOUND BY ALL APPLICABLE RULES AND ALL TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THIS ENTRY FORM.

MANDATORY SIGNATURES OF PARTICIPANTS

No copies. No word "Same". "R/H/L" indicates Rider/Handler/Longeur. Any person (other than R/H/L) giving instruction, coaching, riding Horse at Event must sign below as Coach/Trainer.

RIDER/HANDLER/LONGEUR (Mandatory)	
Signature:	Print Name:
PARENT/GUARDIAN (Mandatory if R/H/L)	
Signature:	Print Name:
COACH/TRAINER (If applicable)	
Signature:	Print Name: