

2011 CTDS Mini-Show Guidance & Rules

Classes Offered: USDF Intro through 2nd Level in Junior/YR, Adult Amateur, and Open divisions, and Training, 1st, and 2nd Level Freestyles and USEA eventing tests. Higher levels and event dressage tests may be ridden for score if the judge present has the appropriate credentials, or *hors de concours* (out of competition) if not.

Ride Limit: Per USEF rules, a horse may only be ridden in three USDF tests per day, or two FEI tests per day, even with multiple riders.

Stallions: Stallions may be entered, but must be ridden by an adult (18 years of age or older).

Working/Volunteering: We love our volunteers! Riders may supply substitute workers, but the full 2 hours must be worked. CTDS shows are staffed by the competitors and volunteers, failure to appear for your pre-assigned job or failure to perform the job for the required 2 hours will result in a \$30 penalty. **Please note:** If all jobs have been filled, you may be required to pay the non-working entry fee even if you have requested to work.

Volunteer opportunities are: scribe, runner, scorer, paddock master, and judge hospitality.

Scribe-scribes are swift and nimble with their pen. The scribe quickly and legibly records comments and scores from the judge on each test.

Runner- swift and nimble of foot. Runners collect the tests from the judges box in-between rides and delivers them safely to the scorer.

Scorer-are you great with a calculator? Scorers calculate the scores of each test and record the information on the official score sheet.

Paddock Master-Top hats are not required—but a sure and clear voice is helpful. Paddock Master is much like a ring master—coordinating entry into the show arena and gives notice to those in the warm up arena of their approaching test. We will provide the schedule and clip board if you bring your voice.

Judge Hospitality- Do you enjoy entertaining and meal preparation? Our judges depend on our hospitality volunteers for snacks and a refreshing lunch.

Entries: Please remember that there are a limited number of rides that can be accommodated in the show schedule and is dependent on the contract made with the judge. Complete entries (signed entry form, full payment, and a copy of negative Coggins test within the last 12 months of the Mini-Show) will be placed in the show in the order received, but with preference given to those who volunteer/work the show, if necessary. Entries must be postmarked the Saturday before the show. Late entries will be assessed a late fee and late or incomplete entries, including day-of-show entries, will only be accommodated if there are open ride times in the existing schedule. All entries should be mailed to:

Erika Culmann
333 Appaloosa Run
Liberty Hill TX 78642

Payment is to be made to: CTDS, Inc.

Fees:

- CTDS Members: All tests are \$15 per test if working for reduced fees and \$25 per test if not working
- Non-CTDS Members: \$30 per test if working for reduced fees or \$40 per test if not working
- \$30 per stall or \$20 grounds fee per horse if not stabling; required for **all** horses on premises in addition to test, HC, or schooling fee(s)
- CTDS Members: \$15 schooling fee if not in show schedule
- Non-CTDS Members: \$30 schooling fee if not in show schedule
- \$10 late fee per entry after closing date (Fall Formal Entry will have late fee noted)
- \$10 change fee for any changes made after the official schedule is posted to the CTDS website (except when scheduler's error)

Stalls: Available after 12:00 noon on Friday before show day. Initial bedding is provided. Two-ring shows and the Fall Formal stalls will be assigned. For one-ring shows, stalls may be claimed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lodging: SpringHill Suites Austin North/Parmer Lane 12520 North IH-35, Austin, Texas, 78753; Phone: 1-512-833-8100; Fax: 1-512-833-8115 or <http://local.yahoo.com/info-19410215-springhill-suites-by-marriott-austin-northwest-austin>

Ride Times: Ride times are e-mailed directly to those who supply a valid e-mail address on the entry form and posted on the CTDS website no later than the Thursday evening (by 7 p.m.) prior to the show. If you volunteered to work, your work time will also be on the posted/e-mailed show schedule. It is the rider's responsibility to obtain ride/work times and to resolve any schedule conflicts before the show.

Arrival on Show Grounds: Please do not arrive on the show grounds before 12:00 noon on Friday when CTDS assumes the lease. A CTDS representative will be on site Friday afternoon and possibly evening.

Concessions: Not available on show grounds. There is a convenience store approximately 2 miles away. Please plan accordingly.

Dogs: All dogs must be on a short (4') leash or in a kennel. Dogs near arenas must not be disruptive of horses schooling or competing; handler and dog will be asked to leave the area.

Attire: At the Mini-Shows, braiding is not required. For riders, a collared shirt with sleeves, long or short, any color breeches (or schooling tights), and shoes with a heel are required. The exception is the Fall Formal (in November), which does adhere to USDF rules of attire and conduct. All riders must wear a helmet while mounted at all Mini-Shows.

Check In: REQUIRED when you arrive at the show grounds to verify all show and payment information pertinent to you and your horse. If not staying overnight, the Mini-Show Manager will arrive on-site no later than 7:30 a.m. before the show begins at 8:00 a.m.

Bridle Numbers: Due to the size of two-ring shows, bridle numbers must be worn at all times while on the grounds during the show or displayed on the stall while the horse is in a stall. Bridle numbers are not required for one-ring shows.

Arena Availability: The warm up arena and covered arena will be available for schooling beginning at Noon on Friday. The arenas may be watered and dragged—please be mindful and courteous as the grounds are maintained. The covered arena will be available for schooling before 0745 and during the lunch break. The warm up arena is available for schooling for the duration of the Mini-Show. The Mini-Show manager will email the facility closing time with the ride schedule—if you require additional time for arrival or schooling on Friday night, please make arrangements with the Mini-Show Manager, accommodations will be considered.

Schooling: Entry forms must be completed and received by the Mini-Show Manager as outlined above in “**Entries**”. Late fees will be assessed after the closing date. The rider/handler must complete an entry form and pay the appropriate fees, including stabling or grounds fee. Preference in the arenas and on the grounds is given to competitors. The covered arena will only be available for schooling Friday afternoon, before 0745 Saturday and during the lunch break. The warm up arena will be available for the duration of the Mini-Show. Those intending to school must be cognizant of this limited opportunity to ride.

Lunging: Permitted only in the round pen and grassy areas, not in the arenas.

Cancellations/Scratches: If you must cancel or scratch after the closing date, a refund will be given **ONLY** if your ride times can be filled from an existing waitlist. If not, the entrant forfeits all fees, including stall or grounds fee. If the show is cancelled, entry checks will be destroyed unless other arrangements are made.

Results/Ribbons: Rosettes are awarded through 6th place for each level/test combination in the three divisions of Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior/Young Rider. High point is awarded for each division per show.

Because classes are typically not run in order (except for two-ring shows), ribbons will not be available until all riders in the class have ridden and been placed. However, test sheets will be available after individual tests are scored.

CTDS Spirit Themes: The Mini-Shows are intended to provide a relaxed and fun atmosphere for our competitors to ride real tests for real judges without any of the "real" show pressures. Themes are intended only to add another aspect to the show environment for those who wish to participate, and follow a Quadrille or breed show kind of mentality, which often are costumed activities. Show-goers who want to participate, may participate. There's absolutely no pressure here either way, but the prizes are fun.

Please remember that the safety of our horses and riders is paramount. This is NOT intended to be an "over-the-top" costume competition. Participants are encouraged to exhibit the "spirit" of the theme while also exercising good judgment. Obviously, parents/guardians are responsible for supervising appropriate attire for juniors/young riders. If in doubt, please inquire in advance.

Directions to Silver Hill Stables: From I-35, take Parmer Lane exit (#245) and turn East. Go 4.7 miles to Harris Branch Parkway. Turn left (North) onto Harris Branch Parkway and go 8/10 mile. You must do a small U-turn in order to see the entry gate to Silver Hill Stables. Once you have completed the U-Turn 12608 Harris Branch Parkway, is on the right.

Please MapQuest or Google directions that are safe for you and your rig. The toll road has provided new options of gaining access to the facility and you can approach the entry without making a U-Turn.

Physical Address:

12608 Harris Branch Parkway
Manor, TX 78653