

2009 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. 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. Rider must supply test/score sheets for event tests and those above 2nd Level.

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! Working a show job for 2 hours qualifies you for the reduced class fee, for a maximum of 3 classes. (Example: A rider with two horses in two classes each must work or supply a substitute for 2 jobs for 2 hours each, or pay the non-working fee.) Riders may supply substitute workers, but the full 2 hours must be worked. Because all 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. Jobs are: scribe, runner, scorer, paddock master, and judge hospitality. See the CTDS website or Mini-Show Manager for details.

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 (i.e., signed entry form, full payment, and a copy of negative Coggins test within the last 12 months dated no earlier than one year from the day 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 close the Sunday night 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. A complete entry consists of a signed entry form, payment, and a copy of negative Coggins test (within the last 12 months of the date of the show). All entries should be mailed to Connie Brownson, Leaning Post Ranch, 1122 Brownson Ln., Driftwood, TX 78619-9144. **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 \$15 grounds fee per horse if not stabling; required for **all**

- horses on premises in addition to test, HC, or schooling fee(s)
- \$10 schooling fee if not in show schedule
- \$10 late fee per entry after closing date
- \$5 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. Two bags of shavings are included. Additional shavings are \$8/bag. For 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 5 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, but bottled water is available as well as coffee for a nominal fee.

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. Riders must wear a helmet. The exception is the Fall Formal (in November), which does adhere to USDF rules of attire and conduct.

Check In: REQUIRED when you arrive at the show grounds to verify all show and payment information pertinent to you and your horse. The show office may not be open on Friday afternoon; therefore, plan to check in as soon as possible on Saturday before your work or ride time, whichever is first. 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: Please be aware that the arena(s) to be used for the show will be closed sometime during the afternoon on Friday evening to be dragged and watered. After being dragged and watered, that arena will be closed for the evening. This will be rotated, but riders will be able to ride in at least one arena until all are closed for the evening. Please do not assume that one particular arena or another will be available to ride in, and plan to conclude all schooling by dark. The warm-up arena only will be available before the show on Saturday morning. If you require lights on Saturday morning, please ask the facility owner/manager or Mini-Show Manager to turn them on.

Schooling: Any horse brought on the grounds for schooling only must have proof of a negative Coggins test, and the rider 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. Both arenas will be limited to competitors on show day except during breaks and after the show concludes. 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, 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. To receive any ribbons you've won, you must contact the awards coordinator to make arrangements for receiving your ribbons. If ribbons are mailed, you will be charged a nominal fee to cover postage.

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. Those who choose not to, won't 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. Silver Hill Stables, 12608 Harris Branch Road, is on the left.