



Schooling Show Etiquette

The North Woods Dressage Association would like to provide all competitors a fun and safe show riding environment while educating participants about the show experience. We adopted many of the USDF/USEF rules of safety & conduct in order to help prepare riders for other GMO or Recognized competitions.

- Schooling Areas: Riders may school in the competition arenas the night before the show or in the warm-up area by the competition arena throughout the weekend.
- Lunging Areas: Competitors may lunge in the grass area next to the warm-up area, or in the sand round pen. Other areas may be designated by the show management.
- Ring Steward: You can find the ring steward down at the rings during show time-usually with a clipboard, directing traffic. Make sure to check in with the ring steward. This person will give you the order of rides (who you follow).

Equipment:

- Horses may only be ridden with proper riding equipment and by one person at a time-please no bareback. Saddles must have stirrups. Saddle pads should be a conservative, solid color.
- Leg wraps, side reins (on the lunge line) and martingales are only allowed during schooling or warm-up. These items, along with any other gadgets are prohibited during your competition ride(s).

Dress Code:

- Breeches or riding tights of a conservative color-white, navy, brown, black, etc.
- Boots: Either full length riding boots or boots with a heel plus half-chaps/gators.
- Long or short-sleeved shirts of a conservative color.
- When a jacket is worn, a riding coat of conservative color is worn with a stock tie or choker collar.
- Gloves of a conservative color.
- Helmets: Hunt/Riding hats and derbies or top hats (usually upper levels). Any competitor under the age of 18 years must wear the appropriate head gear whenever mounted-no exceptions!

Ring/Judge:

- When the rider ahead of you does their final salute, head over to the ring and circle the outside of the ring to show the judge you are present & ready to go.
- Do not ride in front of the judge's vehicle or trailer at any time during someone else's ride.
- Make sure to salute at both halts☺
- Please keep a reasonable distance from the judge's vehicle/trailer during competition and minimize noise so as to not distract the judge from the ride taking place.
- Have friends/family taking pictures or videos give other riders the right of way, and do not interrupt the judges attention to the rides. Remember we can even post your pictures in the next newsletter or website!

*Most importantly.....HAVE FUN and HAPPY RIDING!!!
Thank you for making the NWDA shows such a success!*