



Grand Valley Dressage Society presents:

GVDS Schooling Show I 2025

Friday, April 18, 2025

WDAA: #25-236

AQHA: (Western) #

WDACO Recognized

GVDS/NDPC Show Champion/Reserve for Ponies and Small Horses

Location: Mesa County Fairgrounds
2785 US-50 Grand Junction, CO. 81503

Opening Date: March 24, 2025 **Closing Date:** April 7, 2025

Judge: Judy Downer "S" Florida

Show Manager: Pat White (970) 216-0056; pwhite9882@aol.com

Show Secretary: Darby Savoca (970) 314-1454; gvdsshowsecretary@gmail.com
4525 U Rd. De Beque, CO. 81630

Divisions:

O-Open; **J**-Junior; (13 and under as of Jan. 1) **YR**-Young Rider; (14-21 years of age as of Jan. 1)

A-Adult Amateur; **P**-Pony

TOC – Test of choice

Tentative Schedule

Friday:

101	Intro A	O, J/YR, A, P
102	Intro B	O, J/YR, A, P
103	Intro C	O, J/YR, A, P
104	Training 1	O, J/YR, A, P

105	Training 2	O, J/YR, A, P
106	Training 3	O, J/YR, A, P
107	First 1	O, J/YR, A, P
108	First 2	O, J/YR, A, P
109	First 3	O, J/YR, A, P
110	Second 1	O, J/YR, A, P
111	Second 2	O, J/YR, A, P
112	Second 3	O, J/YR, A, P
113	Third 1	O, J/YR, A, P
114	Third 2	O, J/YR, A, P
115	Third 3	O, J/YR, A, P
116	Fourth 1	O, J/YR, A, P
117	Fourth 2	O, J/YR, A, P
118	Fourth 3	O, J/YR, A, P
119	FEI TOC	O, J/YR, A, P
120	Musical Freestyle – Introductory Level	O, J/YR, A, P
121	Musical Freestyle – Training thru 4 th TOC	O, J/YR, A, P
122	Musical Freestyle – FEI TOC	O, J/YR, A, P
123	Lead Line Dressage Test – 12 and Under	J
124	Pas de Deux/Quadrille TOC	O
125	Materiale TOC (Group)	O
126	USPEA Para Eventing Dressage TOC	O
127	USEA Eventing Dressage TOC	O
128	Dressage Seat Equitation (Group)	O, J/YR, A, P
129	Gaited Dressage TOC	O, J/YR, A, P
130	Gaited Dressage Freestyle TOC All Levels	O, J/YR, A, P
131	Western Dressage Intro 1	O, J/YR, A, P
132	Western Dressage Intro 2	O, J/YR, A, P
133	Western Dressage Intro 3	O, J/YR, A, P

134	Western Dressage Intro 4	O, J/YR, A, P
135	Western Dressage Basic 1	O, J/YR, A, P
136	Western Dressage Basic 2	O, J/YR, A, P
137	Western Dressage Basic 3	O, J/YR, A, P
138	Western Dressage Basic 4	O, J/YR, A, P
139	Western Dressage Level 1 Test 1	O, J/YR, A, P
140	Western Dressage Level 1 Test 2	O, J/YR, A, P
141	Western Dressage Level 1 Test 3	O, J/YR, A, P
142	Western Dressage Level 1 Test 4	O, J/YR, A, P
143	Western Dressage Level 2 Test 1	O, J/YR, A, P
144	Western Dressage Level 2 Test 2	O, J/YR, A, P
145	Western Dressage Level 2 Test 3	O, J/YR, A, P
146	Western Dressage Level 2 Test 4	O, J/YR, A, P
147	Western Dressage Level 3 Test 1	O, J/YR, A, P
148	Western Dressage Level 3 Test 2	O, J/YR, A, P
149	Western Dressage Level 3 Test 3	O, J/YR, A, P
150	Western Dressage Level 3 Test 4	O, J/YR, A, P
151	Western Dressage Level 4 Test 1	O, J/YR, A, P
152	Western Dressage Level 4 Test 2	O, J/YR, A, P
153	Western Dressage Level 4 Test 3	O, J/YR, A, P
154	Western Dressage Level 4 Test 4	O, J/YR, A, P
155	Western Dressage Level 5 Test 1	O, J/YR, A, P
156	Western Dressage Level 5 Test 2	O, J/YR, A, P
157	Western Dressage Level 5 Test 3	O, J/YR, A, P
158	Western Dressage Level 5 Test 4	O, J/YR, A, P
159	WDAA Exceptional Rider Tests TOC	O
160	Western Dressage Musical Freestyle – Intro	O, J/YR, A, P
161	Western Dressage Musical Freestyle Basic – 5 th	O, J/YR, A, P

Tests for the 2025 USEF/USDF Introductory Level through Fourth Levels are available on the [USDF website](#).

Test for the [Lead Line Dressage class](#) can be found on the GVDS website. Exhibitors must use this specific Lead Line Dressage test for this show.

Exhibitors must use the correct Introductory Freestyle test for their discipline for this show. Please see these links for the Classical [Introductory Level Freestyle](#) and the [WDAA Western Freestyle Test](#)

RULES AND REGULATIONS: GVDS Schooling Shows are governed by United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rules, except where noted. Please see [USEF Dressage Division Rules](#) or [USEF Western Dressage Division Rules](#) for complete information. Please refer to the [GVDS website](#) for more information about dressage training and rules or the Dressage FAQ's found in the Education & Resources section of the GVDS website. The Dressage FAQ's sheet will also be posted outside the show office. Minors (17 and under) may not ride stallions in any class.

USEF WESTERN DRESSAGE RULES AND TESTS: Please refer to [Western Dressage Association of America](#) website for detailed information. **Western tack must conform to Western Dressage Association of America standards. Please refer to the [WDAA Equipment and Attire Guide](#) for more information.**

GAITED DRESSAGE TESTS: See the Friends of Sound Horses [IJA Manuel](#) for Gaited Dressage for rules and tests.

EVENTING TESTS: See the [United States Eventing Association](#) for the most current eventing tests.

PARA-EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION TESTS: See the [United States Para-Equestrian Association](#) for the most current Para tests.

FEI LEVEL TESTS: See the [Federation Equestrian International](#) for the most FEI current tests.

Entry Fees:

DESCRIPTION	FEES
Class Fees per class for GVDS Members or GVDS Associates (A/O)	\$25
Class Fees per class for non-GVDS Members or GVDS Associates (A/O)	\$30
JR/YR Class Fees per class	\$15
Office Fee (per entry and non-refundable)	\$25
AQHA Processing Fee (per horse/rider combo)	\$10
Stabling per night (includes 2 bags of shavings)	\$40
Tack Stall (per night)	\$15
Shavings (per additional bag)	\$10
Haul In Fee	\$5
RV Hookup (per night, first come, first served, no charge if no hookups used)	\$35
Post Entry Fee (time stamped after closing)	\$35
Non-Sufficient Funds Fee	\$50
Late or Change Fee (plus class fee)	\$35
Incomplete Entry Fee	\$35

ON-LINE ENTRIES ARE AVAILABLE through HorseShowOffice, go to [HorseShowOffice.com](#) to enter the show and pay on-line. Entries accepted on a first come, first served basis, based on timestamp. Post entries (timestamped after closing) will be accepted on a space available basis with applicable late fees.

No rider packets/bridle tags will be released until all fees are paid in full.

Please note that the **trainer's signature** would be the person who is responsible for the horse while on the show grounds and must be 18 years of age or older.

PLEASE NOTE: The initial payment for stalls includes two bags of shavings. At least two (2) bags of shavings are mandatory as per the Mesa County Fairgrounds rules, day stalls included.

ENTRIES: Entries accepted on a first come, first served basis, based on timestamp. Post entries (timestamped after closing) will be accepted on a space available basis with applicable late fees. The GVDS Entry Form must be used. Once the competition is filled a wait list will be established. The wait list will be maintained through the Wednesday before the show. If the entry is incomplete, the horse/rider combination will be placed on the wait list until the required paperwork is received. Bridle tags are always required when a horse is outside of a stall. An entry form is required even if the horse is only schooling. Anyone not appearing for any of their dressage tests without prior notification to the show secretary will be "scratched" from their remaining classes. No refunds will be issued. Those rides will be filled if possible.

AQHA PROCESSING FEE: For horses registered with AQHA that would like their scores submitted to AQHA. This is a one-time per horse/rider combo fee. Western classes only.

SHOW COMMITTEE: The show committee reserves the right to cancel or split classes; limit class size; change arenas; limit the number of rides and the number of horses per rider; and cancel or add judges. The show committee also reserves the right to refuse any entries.

CLASS SPONSORSHIP: Sponsor a class for either \$20 per class, or \$50 to sponsor one level and division group. (ex. 3d Level, AA/O). Class and level sponsors will have the option to list their name, or business name of choice, printed on the day sheets, and will have their name announced throughout the show as a sponsor.

PONY CLASSES: Pony classes are for ponies that do not exceed 148cm in height without shoes, or 149 cm with shoes. Ponies and small horses may be measured by GVDS officials at the show for eligibility for GVDS/NDPC high score and reserve high score awards. Measurement must be prearranged with the Show Secretary.

MUSICAL FREESTYLE: No minimum score requirement. Please don't forget to bring your music on a CD formatted as WMA or MP3 or email your music to gvdsshowsecretary@gmail.com. Sound check times will be posted in the show office.

MATERIALE CLASS: Judged as a group on the rail at walk, trot and canter, both directions. Judging is on the horse.

DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION: Judged as a group at medium walk, working trot (sitting and rising) and canter both ways of the ring. Minors (17 and under) may not ride stallions.

RIDE TIMES: To accommodate as many rides as possible each day, the 20m x 40m short court will be used if there are significant numbers of English Introductory and/or Western Introductory and Basic Level entries. If the short court is used, non-Introductory and Basic classes will be held in the 20m x 60m full court arena and will be held first both days. The short court classes will follow later each day. There is no guarantee that the full court rides will only be in the morning and the short court rides will only be in the afternoon. All freestyles will be held in the 20m x 60m ring. Provisional ride times will be available at the [GVDS website](#) and will be emailed to those entrants who provide a valid email address. Official times will be posted at the show office. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to check the official ride times at the beginning of each day of the show.

SUBSTITUTION: Substitution of rider, horse, ride time or class will be made only at the discretion of show management and will require a fee of \$10.00 per test in addition to the Change Fee.

SCHOOLING (OUT OF COMPETITION) HORSES: A horse may be brought to the show but must be registered on an entry form, with signatures and the office fee per horse/rider and any other appropriate fees (i.e. stabling, etc.) paid. Bridle tags must be worn on the horse whenever it is out of the stall. Areas where they may be ridden or hand walked may be restricted, and priority given to horses in competition. Check with the show office for details.

MINIMUM SHOW ATTIRE: Helmet, boots with heels, and clean clothes (gloves and breeches would be appreciated but are not mandatory).

HORSE TACK: Tack must follow USEF rules regarding acceptable tack. Disciplines may not “mix-n-match”; polo wraps/boots allowed. Please address any requests for exceptions with show management prior to riding your test. Our goal is to direct all riders toward using correct equipment. Only with the permission of competition management may a horse/rider combination enter a class Hors de Concours (HC). Such entries must pay the full entry fee but scores for these entries will not be published or recorded, nor shall they count towards any prizes, placings, or Year-End awards.

NEW as of 10/01/2023: Junior dressage riders (13 and under) who want to ride in GVDS Schooling Shows only and in only **Introductory classes** using non-USDF/WDAA approved tack, may request approval by the show management to ride in alternate tack. Show management will, on a case-by-case basis, determine if the alternate tack is deemed necessary to increase safety for the child. The alternate tack must be presented in the horse show office before competing in a class. Riders must enter the Introductory class as HC (Hors de Concours) so the score sheet can be flagged for the judge. Although the child will be classified as an “HC rider” for the show and may earn a ribbon in their class, they will be ineligible for the High Score Introductory Rider for the show. ***Scores earned will be eligible for year-end awards.***

USEF HELMET RULE: Per USEF DR 120.6, and GVDS’ insurance, all classical dressage riders and anyone under age 18 regardless of western or classical discipline mounted on a horse on the competition grounds, which includes non-competing riders, must wear properly fitted protective headgear. The Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) rules (applicable to all Western Dressage classes) encourage but do not require wearing of protective headgear. If an exhibitor chooses to wear protective headgear, they will not be penalized. GVDS Management strongly encourages all exhibitors to wear protective headgear, however we understand that not all western dressage exhibitors choose to wear this headgear. Therefore, ALL western dressage riders must execute a waiver of liability. This releases GVDS from all liability pertaining to non-use of protective headgear for any western dressage exhibitor should they choose not to wear protective headgear. No western dressage bridle tags will be released until the waiver is executed.

SHOW OFFICE: Office will be open from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on the day prior to the start of the show and one (1) hour prior to the first class each day of the show; as well as 30 minutes following the last ride each day.

REFUNDS: Up through the closing date, all fees refunded except office fee will be refunded. From the day after closing to the Wednesday before the show, class fees will be refunded only if ride(s) can be filled from wait list. Stabling fees will be refunded if cancellation is on or before the Wednesday before the show. During competition days **no refunds including Acts of God. Office fee is non-refundable. The two (2)-bag shavings minimum (\$20) and any pre-ordered shavings are non-refundable.**

SHARPS CONTAINERS: Sharps containers will be available in the stabling area. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

GVDS YEAR-END AWARDS: Exhibitors MUST be a current RMDS/GVDS member or a GVDS Associate PRIOR to entry for scores to qualify. See www.GVDS.org for GVDS Year-End Awards rules. Horse owners must also be RMDS/GVDS members or GVDS Associates to be eligible for year-end awards. Riders in the GVDS Dressage Team Challenge must be declared with the GVDS Points Chairperson, [Rhiannon Rowe](#), prior to the start of the show for scores to count. See [GVDS Awards Program](#) for rules.

GVDS YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: Scholarship Recipients must enter their applicable show entry or

show fee credit on their entry form. Additionally, Scholarship Recipients must schedule their two (2) show assistance hours with the Show Manager, Pat White pwhite9882@aol.com or Volunteer Coordinator, Barbara Progress, starman7@comcast.net.

AWARDS: Ribbons awarded 1st through 6th place. Overall High Score and Reserve High Score will be awarded each day for the English dressage classes (classes 101-119). Overall High Score and Reserve High Score will be awarded each day for the Western dressage classes (classes 133-160). Separate Introductory High Score Awards will be presented each day for English (classes 201-203) and Western (classes 233-236); no Reserve Introductory High Score Awards will be presented. HC riders in the Junior (13 & under) Introductory classes will not be eligible for the Introductory High Score award. **High Score competitors are responsible for having awards picked up or shipped if they are not present at the time the awards are presented/announced.** GVDS/NDPC high score and reserve high score ribbons will be awarded with Classical and Western Dressage combined.

TIES: In the event of a tie, the total of the collective marks will determine the placing. If the tie remains, then the tie stands.

STABLING: Permanent 10 x 12 and 12 x 12 stalls with full doors; bedding required and 2 bags will be provided with initial stall purchase, if stall ordered at time of entry. Additional bags of bedding may be ordered. Stabling available at noon on Thursday, April 17th, unless prearranged. Stalls DO NOT need to be cleaned or cleared after the show.

ARENAS: Competition arena is the larger of the two covered arenas at the facility which is a 20m x 60m covered arena with sand/dirt footing. A short court arena, 20m x 40m, may be used for Introductory, Pony Club classes and Western Dressage Introductory and Basic level classes. Use of the short court arena will be posted at the show office. Warm-up arena is also a large covered arena with sand/dirt footing located next to the competition arena. Both covered arenas watered and worked throughout the show. Lunging area will be posted. Show arena open for schooling Thursday afternoon/evening until show office closes. **Exhibitors may hand walk horses around the exterior of the show arena 30 minutes prior to the start of the show and during the lunch break.**

DOGS: Dogs are welcome but must be leashed, held by a human or tied securely at all times.

DIRECTIONS: From East of Grand Junction: Take I-70 Westbound to Exit 37 (Clifton, I-70 Business Loop Exit) and proceed South to the second stop light (32 Rd, Hwy 141) and turn left. Stay on this road until it ends at the junction with Highway 50 (approximately 5-6 miles). At this junction, turn right and proceed 3.5 miles on Highway 50. You will see the Mesa County Fairgrounds on your left. At the Fairgrounds sign, enter and immediately turn left and follow the road towards the barns.

From West of Grand Junction: Take I-70 Eastbound to Exit 26. Turn right off the exit ramp onto Highway 6 & 50. Stay on Highway 50 as it winds through town. Turn right at Fifth Street at the sign for Highway 50 to Delta. Follow Fifth Street as it goes over the Colorado River and continue 2.3 miles. You will see the Mesa County Fairgrounds on your right. At the Fairgrounds sign, enter and immediately turn left and follow the road towards the barns.



Entry Form

Grand Valley Dressage Society Schooling Shows

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
	No.

Only one horse/rider per entry form. Every horse must be named. Both side of this form must be completed.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

Name of Competition:	Date:
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Name of Horse	Breed	Sex*	Height	Color	Age (DOB)
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*M = Mare, S = Stallion, G = Gelding

Rider	Name	E-mail address	Phone Number
	Address	Cell Phone Number	Junior/Young Rider Birthdate
Trainer (see below)*	Name	E-mail address	Phone Number
	Address		Cell Phone Number
Owner	Name	E-mail address	Phone Number
	Address		Cell Phone Number

***TRAINER:** Person responsible for the horse during the show, must be 18 years of age or older and must be on the show grounds during the show.

Class #	Division	Class Description	Class Fees

BEFORE MAILING, BE SURE YOU HAVE:

- ❖ Enclosed a check for the total fee, one check per entry
- ❖ Completed both sides of the entry form
- ❖ Obtained all required signatures on this entry form in **BLUE** ink

Entries will not be accepted without all required signatures, and full payment

Subtotal Class Fees	
Stabling Fees	
Office Fee	
RV Parking Fee	
AQHA Processing Fee	
Class Sponsorship (optional)	
Pony/Small Horse Measurement Fee	
GVDS Donation	
GVDS Scholarship Deduction	
Total Fees	

STABLING FORM

Name and phone of competitor's lodging during competition

Name of Lodging	Phone Number
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Rider: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Name of Horse: _____ Sex: _____ Dates of Stabling: _____

*M = Mare, S = Stallion, G = Gelding

Approx. Date/Time of Arrival: _____ Approx. Date/Time of Departure: _____

Special Requests: _____

GRAND VALLEY DRESSAGE RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

WARNING: Under Colorado Law, an Equine Activity Sponsor is not liable for an injury to, or death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Sections 13-21-119 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Grand Valley Dressage Society ("GVDS") is an Equine Activity Sponsor.

The undersigned assumes the risks inherent in all equine activities and equine related activities, including but not limited to, bodily injury and physical harm to horse, rider and spectator.

In consideration of the opportunity of participating in an equine activity sponsored by GVDS, the undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify GVDS and any owner of the address and facility at which the equine activity is located, and their agents, employees, and staff, and further release them from any liability or responsibility for accident, damage, injury, death or illness to the undersigned, to any horse owned by the undersigned or to any person, whether or not they are accompanying the undersigned, and agree that they participate voluntarily in the equine activity fully aware that horse sports and equine activities involve inherent dangerous risk of serious injury or death. By participating in the equine activity the undersigned expressly assumes any and all risks of injury or loss, and agrees to hold GVDS, and its officials, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against all claims including claims based on negligence, breach of contract, strict liability, and/or otherwise for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the equine activity.

I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, that the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable - casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or organizer.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Rider's or Agents Signature

Trainer's Signature (Even if Rider, Owner, or Agent)

Must be Over 18 and present on Show Grounds. This is the person responsible for the horse, on the property, during the show.

Signed: _____

Owner's or Agent's Signature

If rider is under 21 years of age, the parent or guardian must read and sign the above, indicating his/her acceptance.

I, _____, know of the potential and assume the risk of injury to my child/ward while involved in equine activities and give my permission for _____ to participate in equine activities, including but not limited to horseback riding and other related activities. I hold harmless and indemnify GVDS and any owner of the address and facility at which the equine activity is located, and their agents, employees and staff from any liability or responsibility for any injury to my child/ward while he/she is participating in any equine activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian

I would love to help out with the show! Please count on me to: _____ Help out before the show (set up arena Friday morning, etc.)

_____ Help out during the show (we will schedule around your ride times) _____ Help out after the show (take down arena Sunday after show, etc.)



Equine Helmet Waiver of Liability

(Required for any ADULT Western Dressage rider who participates in any Grand Valley Dressage Society activities)

I understand that the Officers of the Grand Valley Dressage Society strongly encourage the use of a properly fitted helmet for the protection of its members, exhibitors, and participants at all Grand Valley Dressage Society mounted equine activities.

I understand that there are inherent risks associated in equine activities which may cause, contribute to or result in serious injury or even death.

I understand the following: *WARNNG: Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to Section 13-21-119, Colorado revised statute.*

I understand that the Grand Valley Dressage Society recognizes that not all western dressage riders choose to wear a properly fitted helmet when engaged in mounted equine activities.

I understand to the extent that I choose to ride without a properly fitted helmet, I hereby protect, defend and hold harmless the Grand Valley Dressage Society, its officers, employees, volunteers and officials, free and harmless from, and against any and all losses, penalties, damages and liabilities of every kind and character arising out of or relating to any and all claims, obligations, actions, proceedings, liens or causes of action arising directly or indirectly out of my failure or refusal to wear a properly fitted helmet while participating in equine activities presented by Grand Valley Dressage Society.

I understand that the Grand Valley Dressage Society has adopted a policy to require execution of this Equine Helmet Waiver of Liability before participating in any Grand Valley Dressage Society mounted event.

THEREFORE, I understand and agree to the terms of this Equine Helmet Waiver of Liability as is affirmed by my signature below.

DATE _____

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

GRAND VALLEY DRESSAGE SOCIETY EVENT