



## 2026 SCHOOLING SHOW PRIZE LIST & YEAR END AWARDS

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Fulton County Fairgrounds

Closing Date: May 8<sup>th</sup>

Judge: Stephanie Likens "L"

This Prize List outlines the expectations and rules for the GLDC Schooling Show.

### 1. CLASS LIST

1. USDF Introductory Test A	14. Western Intro Level Test 4	27. USEA Novice Test A
2. USDF Introductory Test B	15. Western Basic Level Test 1	28. USEA Novice Test B
3. USDF Introductory Test C	16. Western Basic Level Test 2	29. USEA Eventing TOC
4. Training Level Test 1	17. Western Basic Level Test 3	30. Driven Dressage TOC
5. Training Level Test 2	18. Western Basic Level Test 4	31. Miscellaneous TOC
6. Training Level Test 3	19. Western Level One Test 1	32. Prix Caprilli Intro*
7. First Level Test 1	20. Western Level One Test 2	33. Prix Caprilli Training*
8. First Level Test 2	21. Western Level One Test 3	34. Dressage Seat Equitation W/T
9. First Level Test 3	22. Western Level One Test 4	35. Dressage Seat Equitation W/T/C
10. Second Level & Above - TOC	23. Western Level Second & Above	36. Western Seat Equitation W/T
11. Western Intro Level Test 1	24. USEA Starter	37. Western Seat Equitation W/T/C
12. Western Intro Level Test 2	25. USEA Beginner Novice Test A	
13. Western Intro Level Test 3	26. USEA Beginner Novice Test B	

- Class #31, Miscellaneous Test of Choice, includes any USEF/USDF/FEI and non-USEF test not already listed. This includes, but is not limited to, freestyles, Pas de Deux, Gaited, and Special Needs Riders. For non-USEF tests, riders must provide two (2) copies of tests with an entry form.
- Dressage Seat Equitation evaluates the rider's position, seat and correct/effective use of the aids required by Intro, Training, and First Level Dressage tests. Movements from Intro through First Level tests may be requested and judged. Western Seat Equitation evaluates the rider's position, seat and correct use/effect of the aids as required by Western Intro, Basic, and Level One tests. Movements from Western Intro Level through Level One may be requested and judged. Classes #34 and #36 may be held as a group class. Classes #35 and #37 may be held as a group class.
- Western Dressage and English Dressage horse/rider entries may cross-enter into English/Western Dressage classes (see cross-entry chart in Paragraph 16 below for permissible cross entering). Eventing horse/rider entries may cross enter into other dressage classes as referenced in DR119 of the USEF rule book.
- GLDC reserves the right to combine classes with less than four entries. Classes will be combined within their respective level and division.
- Any class marked with an asterisk (\*) is not eligible for the GLDC Schooling Show Awards.

### 2. CLASS DIVISIONS

The GLDC offers four (4) divisions: English, Western, Eventing, and Driven.

Classes 1-23 will be divided into separate Junior, Adult Amateur, and Open classes. All other classes will be offered as Open divisions only.

- **Junior/Young Rider:** A person who is 21 years or younger within the year.
- **Amateur:** A person, 22 years or older within the year, who engages in dressage for the pleasure of it rather than for money. An amateur may not accept payment in any form such as cash, goods, discounts, services in kind of goods or services such as boarding or training, for riding, exercising, showing, training, assisting in training, schooling or conducting clinics or seminars aside from incurred expenses.
- **Open:** Classification for a person not eligible as a Junior or Amateur. Juniors and Amateurs may participate in open classes.

### 3. RIDE LIMITS

Horse/rider combinations may enter a maximum of 3 classes, excluding Equitation.

A rider may bring more than one horse, and any horse may be ridden by more than one person, but there will be a maximum of 4 rides per horse at Introductory and Training Levels (excluding Equitation classes). At First Level and above, a horse may perform a maximum of 3 tests (excluding Equitation classes). No horse may be ridden twice in the same class and division, except for Test of Choice classes. Horses may only be shown at two consecutive levels.

### 4. ENTRY FEES

- \$20 office fee for each horse/rider entry form submitted
- \$15 Non-Member fee for GLDC non-members
- \$25 per test for all classes, except fun classes which are \$15
- \$20 late fee for post entries (if scheduling permits)

### 5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- An entry is a horse/rider combination. Any change in rider is considered a new entry with the exception of, USEF GR911(4), substitution of a rider for illness or injury only (may not substitute a rider in Equitation classes).
- Entries can be made two ways:
  - Enter online at StriderPro.com
  - Mail Entry Form to Schooling Show Secretary Sarah Hinkle, 7257 Wembley Ter W, Toledo, OH 43617. Mailed entries must be postmarked by the closing date.
- Entry forms can be obtained at <https://sites.google.com/view/greatlakesdressageclub/>. ONLY 2025 ENTRY FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- Signatures of rider and parent/guardian (if rider is not yet 18 years old) are required with entry. Illegible or incomplete entries cannot be processed until all information is provided.
- Full payment is required with entry and must be received before entry is officially accepted. Please make a check payable to Great Lakes Dressage Club. Returned checks will be assessed a \$25.00 fee.

- Certificate of negative Coggins listing horse's recorded show name (dated within 1 year of show date) required for all horses. Entry form must be in the name of horse, as recorded on the Coggins. A copy of the Coggins must be mailed with entry or emailed to show secretary prior to the show.
- The schooling show can host approximately 70 rides. Entries are accepted on a first-come, first served basis and will be processed in the order received until the show is full. Subsequent entries will be placed on a wait list and notified as times become available.
- Entries postmarked after closing date will be accepted only to fill available slots and are assessed an additional \$20.00 late fee.
- GLDC memberships may be included with the entry. A separate check for membership dues must be enclosed or membership may be purchased through our online form: <https://form.jotform.com/240576960094059>
- GLDC and the show committee reserve the right to limit entries, add, combine or cancel classes and to make whatever changes may be required by the circumstances of the competition.
- Competition, in principle, shall be run according to USEF rules. Knowledge and compliance with these rules are the responsibility of the competitor. The complete USEF rule book is available online at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). Rules for freestyles can be found at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). For specific questions contact the schooling show manager. Interpretation of schooling show rules is made by the GLDC Board.

#### 6. **SCRATCHES & REFUNDS**

The Show Manager should be notified immediately if you cannot attend. A full refund less office fee and non-member fee will be remitted by mail if the Manager is notified before the closing date. After closing date, ½ of entry fee less office fee will be remitted if a veterinarian (horse) or doctor's excuse is provided within two weeks of the show date. In the event of the death of horse, a full refund will be given. In the event of the cancellation of a competition due to extraordinary circumstances, refunds will be issued less the office fee.

#### 7. **RING SIZE**

All USDF Intro, Western Intro, and walk/trot classes to be run in a 40m x 20m arena. All other classes to be run in a standard 60m x 20m arena. The ring size may have to be changed depending on the needs of the show. The decision is up to the discretion of the schooling show committee.

#### 8. **RIDE TIMES**

Times are available online at <https://sites.google.com/view/greatlakesdressageclub/> by the Wednesday prior to the show and will be emailed to entrants. You may also call Sarah Hinkle 419.388.7331 on Wednesday or Thursday evening prior to the show.

The Show usually begins at 8:30 AM starting with equitation and upper-level rides first, but this is subject to change based on scheduling needs. The Show Office opens one hour before the first ride.

## 9. WARM UP

- From one hour prior to the start of the show until the show is over, only horses entered into the show may use the warm-up rings or show rings.
- Entry number must be visible at all times. All riders and owners must have signed the entry form or a release.
- Riders and trainers are asked to be considerate and courteous to all, especially to less experienced riders.
- Pass left hand to left hand in the warm-up ring.
- Management reserves the right to restrict the number of horses, noncompetitors, Hor Concours horses, or lunging at any time at any competition.
- LUNGING: The GLDC follows all USDF rules regarding lunging at events. There is no lunging in the warmup ring. Competitors may lunge in other areas, including west of the show ring or in the grass across from the trailer parking area. Additionally, draw reins may not be used.
- Riders may hand walk in the competition ring up to 15 minutes before the start of the show and during lunch break. Hand-walking only may be allowed during judges' breaks if time permits.
- Riders are not allowed to warm up in the show ring during the show or immediately prior to their tests. Riders may only walk along the outside of the ring prior to their test.

## 10. TACK & ATTIRE

- **HELMETS** All mounted riders (competitors and non-competitors), including western riders, must wear properly secured ASTM/SEI helmets in accordance with USEF Rule DR120.5, GR801.
- **ATTIRE** Formal attire and braiding are not required. However, care should be given to presenting a neat appearance to the judge. Riding breeches and boots (or jodhpur boots) are required. Half-chaps made of brown or black leather (or leather-like material) but without fringe are permitted. Full chaps are prohibited. A plain shirt of any color, with collar and sleeves, must be worn (i.e. polo shirts allowed). Coats are not required.
- **TACK** GLDC regulations adhere to the dressage regulations as set forth in the USEF rule book. Only snaffle bits are allowed below Third Level. No leg wraps or other protective boots can be worn in the competition ring. One whip, no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm) including lash is allowed. Any English style saddle may be used.
- **WESTERN CLASSES** Riders must wear hard soled shoes and may wear full chaps or chaps with fringe. Riders must follow tack requirements as set forth in the USEF rule book for the Western Dressage division.

## 11. STABLING/HAUL IN

Stabling is available and all fees must be paid directly to GLDC with show entry. Stalls are not assigned, and competitors are required to bring their own bedding. Only shavings are to be used for bedding. Stalls must be stripped completely before leaving the show grounds or a \$15 fee will be assessed. Competitors may haul in and show out of trailers at no cost. Trailers may not be in the stabling area during active competition.

**12. CONCESSIONS**

Full or limited concessions may be offered at the schooling show. Check the show notes at <https://sites.google.com/view/greatlakesdressageclub/> the week before the show for availability.

**13. DOGS**

Dogs are not allowed on grounds.

**14. VOLUNTEERS**

We are always in need of volunteers and no amount of time volunteered is too small. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dawn Wagstaff 734.216.1560

**15. JUDGING EMERGENCIES**

- In the event of an emergency in which the scheduled judge cannot officiate and no other eligible official can be hired, the GLDC Board must be notified as soon as possible.
- Any “unlicensed” substitute who is asked to officiate must have shown some prior indication of competency (i.e. a show record of riding at Second level or above, a career in teaching dressage or participation in the L program).
- Every attempt must be made to inform the competitors of the situation prior to the start of the show. Competitors must also be informed that scores earned from the substitute judge will be honored for GLDC’s year-end awards, but they may not count for award programs outside of GLDC’s control.
- If a rider cannot show in front of the substitute official, they must contact the show manager as soon as possible and explain the reason why they cannot show in front of that official. Show management will make the appropriate changes and/or refund the fee for the class

**16. MULTI-DISCIPLINE EQUIVALENCY CROSS ENTERING CHART**

GLDC Equivalency Cross Entering Chart for classical and western dressage: a horse/rider combination may only cross enter in classes listed per column.

Intro					
WD Intro					
Tr. Level	Tr. Level				
WD Basic	WD Basic				
	1st Level	1st Level			
	WD Level 1	WD Level 1			
		2nd Level	2nd Level		
		WD Level 2	WD Level 2		
			3rd Level	3rd Level	
			WD Level 3	WD Level 3	
				4th Level	4th Level
				WD Level 4	WD Level 4
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**17. GLDC SCHOOLING SHOW AWARDS**

- High Percent Division Champions: Horse Cooler (sponsored by Wyldewood Tack Shop) and Championship Ribbon
- High Percent Division Reserve Champions: \$25 Big Dee's Tack & Vet Supply Gift Card (sponsored by Big Dee's Tack) and Reserve Champion Ribbon
- High Percent Equitation (English and Western): \$25 Big Dee's Tack & Vet Supply Gift Card (sponsored by Big Dee's Tack)
- Ribbon Classes:
  - 1st Place: Ribbon and Glassware
  - 2nd – 5th Place: Ribbon
- Breed Awards:
  - American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA) High Percentage Morgan – Ribbon awarded to AMHA registered Morgan with highest percentage score.
  - American Warmblood Society and Sport Horse Registry (AWSSR) High Percentage American Warmblood. Ribbon awarded to registered American Warmblood with highest percentage score.
  - Thoroughbred Incentive Program (T.I.P) – Ribbon awarded to T.I.P and Jockey Club registered Thoroughbred. [The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program](#)

SPECIAL AWARDS & TROPHIES: Recipients receive a special ribbon, and their name is added to the club trophy.

- Ken Jamison Award: presented to the GLDC Member with the Highest-Level High Percentage
- Joyce Heier Award: presented to the GLDC Member in the Open Division with the Highest Percentage
- Judy Finkel Award: presented to the GLDC Youth Member with the Highest Percentage

#### **18. GLDC YEAR END AWARDS**

The GLDC offers two year end award programs: (1) Year End High Percentage Award and (2) Medals Program. Awards are presented at the GLDC annual awards dinner. For more information and entry forms, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/greatlakesdressageclub>.

#### YEAR END HIGH PERCENTAGE AWARD

The Year-End High Percentage Award is given to the horse and rider combination whose AVERAGE of the 3 submitted scores is the highest of all submitted horse and rider combination average scores.

Qualification:

- The Award Year runs from Oct. 1st of the previous year through Sept. 30th of the present year.
- An individual is to be a GLDC member, in good standing, at the time the scores are earned.
- The Year-End High Percentage Award is given to one horse and rider combination and can only be earned once by that combination.

- An individual must participate in a GLDC- affiliated clinic or show; volunteer at an affiliated event; sponsor a GLDC schooling show class; instruct one or more students during a GLDC schooling show the year of the award; or attend 4 monthly GLDC meetings this year.
- Scores come from one horse and rider combination.
- Three (3) submitted tests are to come from a minimum of two (2) different shows and two (2) different judges.
- Schooling and/or recognized show scores are eligible. One score may come from the online GLDC shows. Scores must come from judges that are “L” graduates or above.

MEDALS PROGRAM

The GLDC Medals Program was inspired by the USDF Medals Program and awards medals (bronze, silver, and gold) based on attaining the required scores at the necessary levels.

Qualifications:

- An individual is to be a GLDC member, in good standing, at the time the scores are earned.
- Scores may include both the current and previous show years.
- An individual must ride in a GLDC-affiliated clinic or show; volunteer at an affiliated event; sponsor a GLDC schooling show class; instruct one or more students during a GLDC schooling show the year of the award; or attend 4 GLDC monthly meetings this year.
- A medal is awarded to a horse and rider combination.
- A horse and rider combination is limited to one medal per year per division. A horse and rider combination may participate and earn a bronze, silver, and gold medal in English, Western, Eventing, and Driven divisions.
- A horse and rider combination is limited to one bronze, one silver, and one gold per division.
- Three (3) submitted tests are to come from two (2) different shows and two (2) different judges. One score must come from the highest test of the level.
- Schooling and/or recognized shows are eligible. Scores must come from judges that are “L” graduates or above. One score may come from the GLDC online shows.

Division	Medal	Level	Junior	Amateur	Open
English	Bronze	Training Level	64%	64%	70%
	Silver	First Level	64%	64%	68%
	Gold	Second Level	63%	63%	66%
Western	Bronze	Basic Level	64%	64%	70%
	Silver	Level One	64%	64%	68%
	Gold	Level Two	63%	63%	66%
Eventing	Bronze	Beginner Novice	64%	64%	70%
	Silver	Novice	64%	64%	68%
	Gold	Training Level	63%	63%	66%
Driven	Bronze	Training Level	64%	64%	70%
	Silver	Preliminary	64%	64%	68%
	Gold	Intermediate	63%	63%	66%

## 19. **FAQS**

### **What is meant by a “schooling” show?**

The GLDC schooling show is not recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). Schooling shows are held to introduce riders and horses to dressage shows at a considerably lower cost than Recognized shows. Although GLDC does not enforce all the rules that govern the recognized shows, we do follow the USEF rules regarding tack and saddlery. Schooling shows are not required to use “Recognized” judges, but GLDC does hire officials who either hold a USEF dressage judge’s license, retired license in good standing or who have graduated from the USDF “L” program.

### **How does being a GLDC member benefit me at the GLDC shows?**

You save money by paying lower entry fees at the GLDC schooling show. Your scores can be used to qualify you for GLDC year-end awards.

### **Can I ask for preferences in scheduling my times?**

For the show to run smoothly for ALL competitors, no special requests can be granted. Scheduling is done to allow the show to run smoothly. Rides will not be scheduled back to back.

### **Can I ride the same test twice?**

Yes. The first time you ride the test it will count for the class and awards. The second time it must be ridden hor concours and the score will not count.

### **Will there be a professional photographer at the schooling shows? How do I sign up?**

There may be a photographer at the show. Check the Show Notes posted at <https://sites.google.com/view/greatlakesdressageclub/> the week before the show for more information.

#### **2026 GLDC Board**

President: Dawn Wagstaff  
Vice President: Paige Emerson  
Treasurer, Membership: Sarah Hinkle  
Secretaries: Elizabeth Liber  
Trustees: Deb Kopka, Heidi Hakken  
Webmaster, Facebook: Lori Schroeder

#### **GLDC Schooling Show Committee**

Manager: Dawn Wagstaff  
Secretary: Sarah Hinkle