

Newsletter: February 2017 - New Members

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You may have noticed that the [Event Calendar](#) is filling up fairly quickly, with licensed competitions, schooling shows, and clinics offered all around the United States (and, yes, even some in Canada!).

This weekend, for example, heralds licensed competitions in both **Texas** (a two-day opener for the 2017 Heart of Texas Show Series at Highlander Ranch - McLennan Community College, 223 Cobbs Ln, Waco, judged by Doreen Atkinson) and **Oregon** (a two-day show judged by Barbara Price at the Oregon Horse Center's Emerald Arena in Eugene). Both competitions are expecting over 25 competitors, and both will provide WE United members with the opportunity to earn points toward their year-end awards as well as scores to determine eligibility to compete at the National Championship Show in September. In addition, because these competitions are being judged by WE United licensed judges, scores earned will count toward members' Lifetime Rider Medals.

Look for an updated [Leaderboard](#) by this time next week, as official results from the next two licensed shows are sent to us for tabulating and adding to our online database of competition results.

Next month, WE enthusiasts in **Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, and Texas** have more opportunities to compete in licensed shows, while fans in **Wisconsin, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, New Jersey, Texas, New York, and New Jersey** can partake of a variety of learning opportunities in the form of clinics, seminars, horse expo demonstrations, and schooling play days.

Judge and TD Seminar

We are delighted to report that our Judge Seminar, taking place March 14-18, 2017, has nearly reached maximum capacity!

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We look forward to a week of intensive instruction provided by International WE judges Mário Pimentel and António Vicente, who will travel from Portugal to provide the seminar.

Both judges come highly recommended by João Ralão Duarte, the President of the World Association for Working Equitation, and Pedro Torres.

The seminar will provide not only an in-depth exposure to judging WE, but also the opportunity to forge friendships and make connections with the international Working Equitation community.

We are particularly excited about the diversity of the group who have registered for the seminar.

Only two spots remain in the Judge Seminar. If you would like to join us for either the Judge or Technical Delegate Seminar (or both!), please click on the appropriate button, below, to register.

The hotel rooms must be booked by Friday, February 17, to receive the guaranteed special event rate of \$89 plus tax/night. Please write to us at WorkingEquitationUnited@gmail.com if you have any questions about the seminars.

Register for Judge Seminar

Register for Technical Delegate Seminar





Recently, WE United Region 4 Director and "R" judge, Doreen Atkinson, taught a clinic on Working Equitation. One of the attendees wrote to us to share her thoughts about the event:

"I was pleased with the clinic. It was well attended by riders in a variety of disciplines and at different stages in their knowledge of Working Equitation."

Because of this, Doreen structured the clinic in a way that she could work with each participant in the dressage arena and on the obstacles at their level of experience. She took two to three participants at a time and carefully instructed them on the requirements of each obstacle, allowing them to practice until they were comfortable enough to move to the next one. There were 11 obstacles set up in the arena, providing a good selection on which to practice. The participants were pleased and expressed their appreciation for the training.

I attended the clinic as an auditor, and enjoyed learning from Doreen. She is an outstanding teacher/trainer. Doreen provided an excellent clinic. She shared her valuable experience and skills with all the participants in a way that they easily understood what was expected and how to communicate that to their horses. As each participant learned how to best ride the obstacles, Doreen praised them for their efforts. I like that best about Doreen - she really wants and seeks success for the participants, and then celebrates those successes with them. As time with each participant ended I saw happy, satisfied faces.

I left motivated to be more involved with Working Equitation."

Thank you, Doreen, for being such a great ambassador for the sport!

2017 National Championship Show

Make plans now to join us for the first official National Championship Working Equitation Competition to be held in the United States of America.

We warmly welcome competitors from all countries to join in the fun!

The event includes:

- Individual and Team Competitions from Introductory through Masters level.
- A very special ticketed WE Symposium featuring Pedro Torres and the Pedro Torres Academy of Working Equitation, USA.
- Opportunities to visit with others from around the world who share an interest in this great sport.
- Wine tastings, featuring award-winning wines from the Pacific

Northwest.

- Great vendors, offering a variety of quality products.
- Ample opportunity to enjoy the great natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest in its most tourist-friendly season.
- The chance to meet Pedro Torres, get his autograph, and share meals and laughter.
- Both National Championship and A-Rated Show divisions, providing an inclusive opportunity for all people to participate.

Qualification Requirements

The *United States Rules for Working Equitation* stipulate that to compete in a National Championship, horse/rider pairs must qualify by earning a 58% or higher in both Dressage and Ease of Handling, without being disqualified in Speed. (Exception: Intro/Children do not have the Speed requirement). The scores must be earned in a 2017 licensed competition. They must be earned in the level you are signing up for.

To be as inclusive as possible, WE United is clarifying that the qualifying scores can be earned while at the 2017 Championship itself.

Here's how it works.

- Enter at the level at which you are competing.
- If you have ALREADY earned your qualifying scores prior to the National Championship, you are automatically entered in the National Championship Division!
- If you have not previously earned your qualifying scores, but you earn them during the National show, you will automatically be promoted to the National Championship Division and eligible for the National Championship prizes!
 - Order of go for the Speed Trial will be determined by reverse order of placing after Dressage and Ease of Handling, with those who have earned their qualifying scores prior to the National Championship show riding after those seeking qualification at the Championship show.
- If you do not meet the National Championship qualification requirements, you still get to compete and enjoy all the fun of the show, and you will be eligible for the A-Rated show prizes awarded at the event!

Scores earned at all Licensed WE competitions held after December 1, 2016 count for the 2017 National Championship Show qualification requirement. WF United will track qualifications from all licensed

...requirements. WE United will track qualifications from all licensed competitions for which scores (percentage earned in Dressage and EOH, and final results from the Speed trial) have been published and will add the list of those qualified to our website as we receive results.

If you earn qualifying scores at a WE Competition licensed by a group other than WE United, please send complete competition results to WE United at WorkingEquitationUnited@gmail.com so your qualifying scores can be included.

The National Championship Show Committee will be adding additional information to our website and Facebook page in the months to come. Stay tuned!



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