

Virginia Dressage Association Hosts 2008 USDF Region 1 Adult Team Competition at Commonwealth Park, Culpeper, Virginia

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Hosted by the Virginia Dressage Association (VADA), The Region 1 United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Adult Team Competition will be held on August 2nd and 3rd at Commonwealth Park, centrally located in Culpeper, Virginia. This competition is not licensed (recognized) by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) but will be run in accordance with USEF rules (found at www.usef.org) and the Region 1 Adult Team Competition Rules.

Opening date for entries is May 1, 2008 Closing Date for entries is July, 2008

Commonwealth Park, now operated by HITS, is spacious and user friendly and has recently been the site for the HITS Culpeper Hunter/Jumper Shows, Pony Club Rallies, and Arabian Shows. New roofing and front stall gates have been installed in the stable areas, while all arenas, both warm-up and competition, feature improved rubber/sand footing.

The competition management team includes Bettina Longaker as Secretary, Nancy Lowey as Manager, Cindy Aspden as Stable Manager and VADA President Beth Ripple as Volunteer Coordinator. The show features an excellent panel of enthusiastic judges. Volunteers are welcome and there are many jobs that need to be filled!

Teams may represent the Region's GMOs (Group Member Organizations of USDF), private stables, or a group of dressage friends. Solitary riders can be grouped into "scramble" teams, so anyone can enter, whether with a group or not. This year, we have added teams with mixed levels (in addition to teams all at the same level) to make entering easier. While USDF membership is encouraged it is not required. Teams may be made up of amateurs or professionals. Team competition starts at Introductory level and continues through the FEI levels. Tests may be read from Intro level through 4th level. There will also be open freestyle classes, including pas de deux and quadrille. Team costs are \$400 a team for a 3 or 4 member team and \$75.00 per horse or tack stall for the weekend (Friday through Sunday) Stalls do not need to be cleaned at the end of the show. Ample hotel rooms, restaurants and shopping are nearby in Culpeper. There will be a party for competitors and friends on Saturday night as well as vendors on site.

A summary prize list is in the Region 1 Omnibus. The official prize list and the Adult Team rules can be found at <http://www.bglongaker.com/2008AT.htm>. Questions regarding the show should be directed to: Manager Nancy Lowey, nlowey@rocketmail.com or 540-672-3454 or secretary Bettina Longaker, vadvirag8@gmail.com.

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