

Great American Insurance Group / United States Dressage Federation
REGION 8 DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP
Recognized by US Equestrian Federation
at
New England Dressage Association
FALL FESTIVAL OF DRESSAGE
for benefit of
Region 8 "Next Gens"

Wednesday late afternoon through Sunday ~ September 18 / 19 / 20 / 21 / 22, 2019
HITS on the Hudson, Saugerties NY

The Festival, the largest American dressage competition, consists of three competitions, featuring close to 700 horses competing in classes from Training Level, the first step on the dressage ladder, to Grand Prix, the pinnacle of the sport as seen at the Olympic Games.

Within this event are the New England **Region 8 Regional Championships** sponsored by the Great American Insurance Group and United States Dressage Federation, and recognized by US Equestrian Federation. Championship classes, at all levels, will be held Thursday through Sunday, featuring freestyle championships Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Winners of these Championships classes are eligible to compete at the National Dressage Finals at the Kentucky Horse Park in November.

Secondly, this event is one of the few internationally recognized American competitions (**CDI-W Y/J Saugerties**) recognized by the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI). International competitors earn scores toward representing their countries at competitions such as the World Games or the Olympics. On Wednesday late afternoon this **International Competition** begins with the formal inspection of the horses by FEI Officials, certifying their identity and their fitness to compete. Riders from many countries will compete. Classes are held Thursday, Friday and Saturday with the **Grand Prix de Dressage** on Thursday, the Grand Prix Freestyle on Friday afternoon and the Grand Prix Special on Saturday morning.

Finally, Thursday through Sunday a **National Competition** features hundreds of local competitors, amateurs and professionals, as well as riders who have competed in international events. Within this competition, NEDA sponsors the **NEDA Adult Amateur Championships** and the **NEDA Junior/Young Rider Championships**, as well as high score awards for current NEDA members.

Freestyles will be held all four days, competitors riding their horses to music in specially choreographed programs reminiscent of the famous "dancing" Lipizzan horses of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. Because there are very few competitions in this country featuring world class horses and musical rides, ringside will be packed with excited spectators. Everyone loves to watch!

A large **Equestrian Trade Fair** will be held, featuring artists, horse supplies, boutiques, trailers. **VIP Hospitality and Reserved Seating** in the enclosed and covered Pavilion features hot breakfast, hot lunch and afternoon wine and cheese available duration of the Event. **Two parties, one at the FEI Jog Wednesday late afternoon and the other Friday evening**, are open to all.

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Admission: No admission charge / \$5 Show Program

Directions:

Take Mass Pike to end and NY Thruway south to Exit 20. After toll turn right onto Route 32 North and go 1 mile. Turn right onto Peoples Road and go 9/10 mile. Turn left after RR tracks onto Canoe Hill Road and go 5/10 mile. Canoe Hill becomes Mike Krout Road, 8/10 mile. Grounds will be 1 8/10 miles on right.

Website:

www.neda.org for detailed show information.