

# TMDS Spring 2020 Newsletter

## COVID-19 Edition

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### From the President:

Hello to all!!

Here's to hoping we can begin to reopen next month. Please look to your local barns for their show schedules and updated protocols regarding Covid-19.

This show season will certainly be a different one for many of us but I sincerely hope we are all able to get out and enjoy our equine partners! The Facebook page will have updates from USA Equestrian, USDF, and Region 8.

TMDS has made some changes to our year end awards program to reflect the shortened season. Please look for those later in this newsletter.

Planning re-opening is a tedious process for everyone in addition to being novel territory. I'd like to thank all of the show managers whom have implemented new policies to stay safe and I hope we are able to support these shows.

TMDS would love to share our local barns decisions on our Facebook page so please send your decisions and implemented protocols for reopening barns and shows and we will share it on the page.

In the meantime I hope everyone is safe, happy and healthy and while we don't know what the future holds at least we can enjoy our horses.

Rebecca Reed

Your TMDS President

## News From the Board of Directors:

The TMDS Board of Directors met via ZOOM meeting on May 5th. Our agenda for this meeting was of course centered around the Coronavirus Safety Measures and restrictions that are necessary in order to “flatten the curve” and keep everyone safe. We are very pleased to announce that in fact we can have a show season in our sport, however it is imperative that we follow protocols outlined by farms and clubs. Several shows that were to have taken place this Spring have been or will be rescheduled. In an attempt to get the news out to all of our members, this edition of the newsletter is focused on the changes that are being put in place. Please carefully read and adhere to the guidelines put forth by the organizers, and if you are unsure then always err on the side of caution. We are so fortunate to be able to have competitions this year, as most other disciplines are not able to compete. Let’s all do our best to follow the rules and keep each other safe this summer!

### IMPORTANT CHANGE TO END OF YEAR SCORE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020:

Due to COVID 19, many of us have not been able to train this spring and our show season has been shortened as well. As a result, the TMDS Board would like to announce the following change to the score reporting requirements for 2020:

**Intro through 2nd Level:** You will need at least 4 scores from two shows and two different judges.

**3rd Level and above:** You will need to submit at least 2 scores from 2 shows and 2 different judges.

**Medal requirements have not changed.**

**Horse registrations are the same. You need to register your horse BEFORE your competition.**

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NMDA will host 4 shows for 2020 show season as follows:

Saturday June 27, 2020 Judge – Melanie Peabody

Saturday August 15, 2020 Judge – Bryn Walsh

Saturday September 12, 2020 Judge – Kristy Nordgren

Saturday October 17, 2020 Judge – Jane Tremlett

**Please join us in sending love and prayers for Michelle Zambrano**





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**\*ATTENTION ALL 2020 COMPETITORS\***

EMDA would like to announce a change to the year-end score reporting requirements:

In order to qualify for EMDA year-end awards, members need to submit their top 4 scores from at least 2 judges at any EMDA show for Intro through First Level. Members need to submit their top two scores from at least two judges at any EMDA show for 2nd Level and higher. Competitors will no longer be required to submit all of their scores earned, only their top scores. This will hopefully encourage our members to attend more shows without fear of having a negative effect on their median score at the end of the season.

**Puckerbrush Farm has cancelled their USDF show for 2020. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2021**

**We have rescheduled our May schooling show to the Sunday that our recognized show was supposed to be on- so our May schooling show will now be held on July 19,2020. The judge will be Jane Tremlett!**

**EMDA will not be rescheduling the May schooling show at Peppergrass Farm**

## **Puckerbrush Farm's 2020 Schooling Show protocol**

Complete entries may be mailed including payment by check, or emailed with payment through PayPal friends and family option. Entries must be received prior to the day of the show!

Complete entries include:

\*Proof of coggins, rabies, and ewt within one year

\*Proof of rhino/flu within the last six months

\*An entry form with rider/owner signatures

\*If you are trailering with another competitor, list this person on your entry form

\*Payment in full

In an effort to get riders in and out quickly and efficiently, each competitor's ride times will be scheduled close together. Riders who are trailering together will also be scheduled close together. Ride times will be posted on our website [www.puckerbrushfarm.net](http://www.puckerbrushfarm.net) There will be no rider numbers! Competitors must introduce themselves to the judge just before their test.

We ask that when your rides are finished, you leave. Once tests are scored, a picture of the front and back of each rider's test sheet will be text to that rider. Please make sure your cell number is clearly listed on your entry so this can happen! Final results will be posted online at the conclusion of the show! If you indicated on your entry form that you would like your ribbon, pick up will be arranged!

Spectators are prohibited.

Social distancing must be observed at all times! 6' minimum!

Face masks are strongly suggested at all times for any support staff, and on riders when not riding. **The goal is to stay under 10 people at the show at any given time.**

We ask you to refrain from touching anything that isn't necessary.

Our bathrooms will be sanitized throughout the day, but we ask you to limit use if possible. There will be hand sanitizer available.

**Infinity Farm will be rescheduling our May 17 Dressage show and 2-phase event for a later date in 2020. Please check back on our Facebook page for updates on the new date!**



**The May 2nd CMDA dressage show will be rescheduled to May 30th and will be held at Esprit. The judge will be Paula Foote.**

**The Esprit dressage and 2 phase show on May 17th will be rescheduled to June 6th. The judge will be Laura Mitchell.**

#### **ESPRIT'S "SHOW & GO" PROTOCOL FOR 2020**

There will be no secretary at the show grounds. Entries must be mailed including payment by check or e-mailed with payment by paypal using friends and family option. If you are trailering with somebody or coming with a group from your barn, please state this on your entry.

Ride times will be available online. No numbers will be assigned, and no show schedules will be handed out at the show.

Spectators are prohibited.

Please observe the minimum of 6 feet of social distancing at the show. Spread out when you park. Don't congregate at the warmup or show ring to watch. If you need your instructor or an assistant or somebody to call your test that's okay. It's suggested that you wear face masks for everybody's protection.

Rides for each competitor will be scheduled close together and competitors from the same barn or trailering together will have ride times scheduled close together.

It is strongly suggested that 2-phase competitors ride the dressage phase in their jumping saddle. Riders will need to go to the jumping warm-up, very quickly after their Dressage test.

Rides won't be scheduled by class which will make results for the day slower to come out. We ask that when your rides are finished you leave. Results will be posted online and can either be picked up later or mailed out. Your tests may be ready before you leave but placing will take longer. The goal is to stay under 10 people at the show at any given time.

There will be a porta potty on the grounds. We ask you to limit use if possible. There will be hand sanitizer available.



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**Hidden Brook farm isn't planning to reschedule at least one possibly both of their cancelled shows (wmda affiliated). At this point we are still planning to have the team show although it is highly likely we will have to change it up to meet protocols. Please watch for updates on our Facebook page!**

**[www.facebook.com/WesternMaineDressageEventingAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/WesternMaineDressageEventingAssociation)**



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