



## USAWE Schooling Shows 101



### Schooling shows are a great way to:

- Help riders and organizers get familiar with the sport in a relaxed and welcoming setting.
- Introduce Working Equitation to new areas.
- Provide an opportunity for existing competitors to get meaningful practice and to try out a higher level without officially “advancing”.
- Serve as a training opportunity for “L” judges and “L” judge candidates.
- Start to build the “critical mass” necessary to support licensed competitions in an area.
- Keep costs down while still giving people the chance to get involved in the sport.

### Ideas to keep costs down:

- Get creative with awards (consider carrots for horses / candy bars for riders, coupons valid for discounts off your future events).
- Find someone experienced in WE to donate their time as judge or bring in an “L” Judge or “L” judge candidate to officiate (at approximately \$250/day in honorarium for “L” Judges and likely less for “L” judge candidates, this can save you \$100-\$350/day).
  - Find “L” judges at: <https://usawe.org/competitions/licensed-officials-list/>
  - Contact [LOC@usawe.org](mailto:LOC@usawe.org) for a list of “L” judge candidates.
- You are not required to hire a TD (this can save you \$250 in honorarium, as well as \$ for travel expenses, housing, and food).
- Try to find someone with a facility they are willing to donate use of for the event (this can save \$500 - \$1500/day depending on facility costs in your area).

### To help make your schooling show successful, we recommend that you follow the USAWE rulebook, but you MIGHT want to incorporate the following exceptions:

- No one gets disqualified. Deduct 5 points for anything that would normally be a DQ in Dressage or EOH; add 30 seconds for Speed.
- Consider reducing the # of obstacles (but make sure that the obstacles are still the proper dimensions).
- Offer lead-line classes for young horses or inexperienced/young riders.
- Offer additional “fun” divisions such as “children,” “senior,” and “first-time WE rider.”
- Organize people into fun “teams” for your event and encourage team members to help each other out / cheer each other on throughout the event.
- Allow readers for L1 – L3 in all trials.
- Run a Fix-A-Test format if the show is small (rider does the test one time, then comes up to the judge to receive feedback, and then immediately rides the test a second time, which the judge scores).

### Promoting your show:

- Fill out the online request to Add Event to the USAWE calendar at: <https://usawe.org/we-events/event-info/>
- Create a Facebook Event or Event Poster and ask your USAWE Regional Director to share it on the USAWE Regional and main FB pages.
- Share photos of as many participants as you can after the event on social media and ask people to share their photos with their friends (this really helps get the word out about your event and can help generate interest for future events as well).

**For more information or support requests**, please contact USAWE Competitions Committee member Kim Hillyer at: [Competitions2@usawe.org](mailto:Competitions2@usawe.org)