



## **NORTH AMERICAN WESTERN DRESSAGE —NAWD—**

### **2018 TRAX TEAM PROGRAM**

For 2018, North American Western Dressage's popular Team TRAX year-end recognition program is better than ever! It's open to all equestrians (youth, adult amateurs and professionals) and all breeds of horses who are interested in competing as a team. Each team (two or more riders) compete on a Virtual Team. NAWD Western Dressage riders choose from USEF Western Dressage, NAWD Six Feet on the Ground, NAWD Ranch Horse Western Dressage, NAWD Trail tests, NAWD All-Around Freestyle or Long-Reining. Dressage on a Dime Teams may choose from USDF/EF Dressage Tests, NAWD Trail, Six Feet on the Ground, NAWD All-Around Freestyle, or Long-Reining. Teams can consist of riders/handlers contributing scores from ground tests and other team members may be putting in scores from USEF or NAWD WD tests.

- Each team must have at least 3 tests submitted in Western tack
- Each team must have at least 3 tests submitted "on the ground".
- Pre-Intro Lead-line, and Therapeutic tests are not eligible for Team TRAX competition.

The choices and opportunities to be part of a team are unlimited! Truly, this is an experience for all to come together and work on bettering your horsemanship and horses.

**Who can be on a team?** NAWD TRAX team competition is ideal for anyone interested in team camaraderie, including ....

- 4-H club members
- High school and post-high school equestrian teams
- Barn buddies & stable mates
- Families
- Friends
- Pony clubs
- Saddle clubs

Competition runs January 1 to November 30. Team TRAX may be a mix of youth, adult amateurs and professionals. There is a limit of one professional member per team. Youth may compete on adult teams or form teams that are made up of only youth, which will be eligible for youth awards.

## TRAX Teams- score submission

(2 or more riders)

Virtual Teams submit scores from the NAWD virtual shows and virtual testing 24/7 between January 1 and November 30

Virtual tests may be video'd from the comfort of home, boarding stable, nearby arena(s) or anywhere that an appropriate working area is available.

NAWD Virtual judges hold licenses for the categories that they are assigned to judge. Every effort will be made to avoid having NAWD judges assigned to judge their own students. In the rare occurrence that judges are unavoidably assigned to score individuals that they have coached or given lessons to in the past 6 months (due to a shortage of judges in some areas); a second NAWD judge will review rides to ensure judging fairness and accuracy.

Virtual test videos are uploaded Youtube as 'unlisted' and judged by NAWD Licensed Judges. Test results are stored in a personal NAWD Vault so rider can watch video as she/he reviews their judge's scorecard and comments.

Virtual scores are entered in a document by the team captain and submitted to NAWD when the team has completed the season. Please email [NAWDTrax@gmail.com](mailto:NAWDTrax@gmail.com) with questions

**How are team scores determined?** Scores from each team member are added together for a cumulative team total (i.e. If a team member has three test scores, 65.000% + 62.000% + 67.000% = 194 points that will be awarded. At least two (2) team members must submit at least three scores. Scores from team members that do not have all three scores will also be used for the purpose of qualification but will not be used in computation of the final team average.

Any team that accumulates a total of 750 points or more in the competition season (January 01 - November 30) will receive team recognition at the end of the year and will qualify for the team championships. Team Champions and Team Reserve Champions will be decided by averaging the top three scores from each team member.

**Team TRAX Prizes:** If a minimum of five teams sign up nationwide and compete as a team in the Division (Adult (mixed) or Youth), a Division National Team Champion and Reserve National Team Champion will be named based on an average of the top 3 scores for each teammate that completes 3 tests.

The National Championship Team and the Reserve Championship Team will be awarded credit towards NAWD Championship prizes.

The Team TRAX Championship credit amount shall be based on the number of registrations received. 50% of revenue generated from registrations or a maximum of \$100 per team member program will be awarded as prize credit. Prize credit can be used to purchase a variety of awards, including buckles.

## Virtual Test Information:

- NAWD Six Feet on the Ground tests & Long-Reining Exercises may be performed in any safe, level area that has adequate space for completing the tests.
- NAWD Western Dressage & Dressage on a Dime Dressage tests may be ridden in a small dressage court (20m x 40m); or ridden in an area that is at least 50 feet wide with correctly proportional length (per NAWD's Dressage Court Calculator). Tests may also be ridden in a large dressage court ((20m x 60m) dressage court. Contact NAWD to help you determine the right space configuration for your tests.
- USEF/WDAA Western Dressage Intro and Basic tests may be ridden in small or large dressage court. Levels 1-2-3-4 require a large court. The WDAA rulebook must be followed
- USDF/EF Dressage tests require a large or small court depending on the level (see test) The USEF Dressage rules must be followed
- NAWD Ranch Western Dressage requires eight cones and a space that is 50 feet wide x 100 feet long.
- NAWD Trail Tests require additional items to create trail "obstacles"