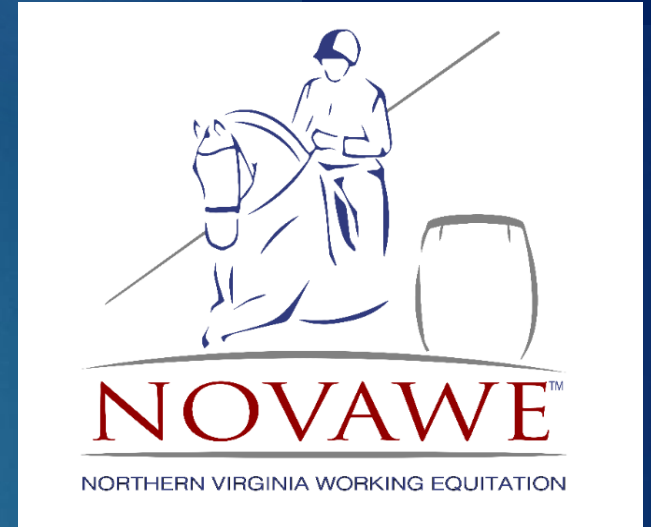


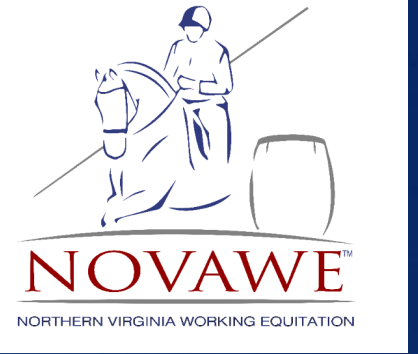
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Members' Meeting

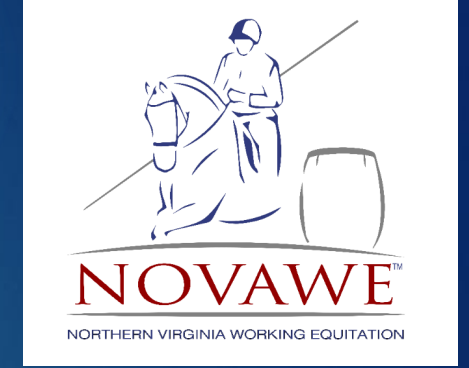
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WELCOME – Meeting Order of Go



- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Guest Speaker, Susan Watkins
(followed by Q&A)
- ▶ Member Survey Results

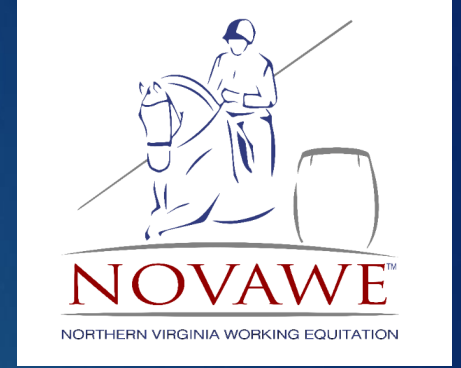
Introductions:



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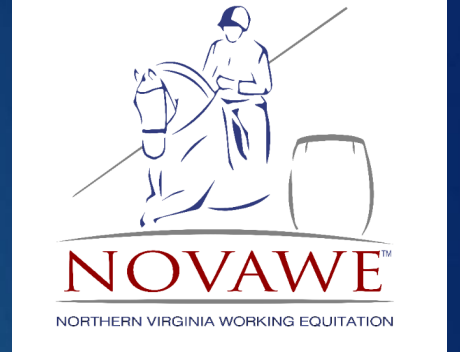
- ▶ Biddie Lowry, President
- ▶ Diane Hutchinson, Vice President Marketing
- ▶ Laura Guillaudeu, Vice President Membership
- ▶ Nancy Wilochka, Secretary
- * Laura Kniffin (Treasurer)

NOVAWE



- Non-profit member organization, volunteer run
- Dedicated to promoting the growth of the equestrian sport of Working Equitation (WE) in Northern Virginia
- Provides education and WE activities
 - Clinics
 - Shows
 - Community
- We welcome all equestrian disciplines and all breeds

NOVAWE 2021 Recap



- ▶ 4 Clinics
- ▶ 1 Horseless Intro to WE session
- ▶ 1 WE Dressage Fix-a-Test
- ▶ 3 Schooling Shows
- ▶ Numerous clinics / lesson opportunities provided by Business Members & other members of this organization

SUSAN WATKINS

- ▶ USAWE LICENSED "R" JUDGE
- ▶ USAWE LICENSED TECHNICAL DELEGATE
- ▶ PROFESSIONAL WE INSTRUCTOR AND TRAINER
- ▶ RIVERSIDE CALIFORNIA
- ▶ WELL EXPERIENCED IN MANY ENGLISH AND WESTERN DISCIPLINES



SUSAN WATKINS

► Dressage Trial Questions

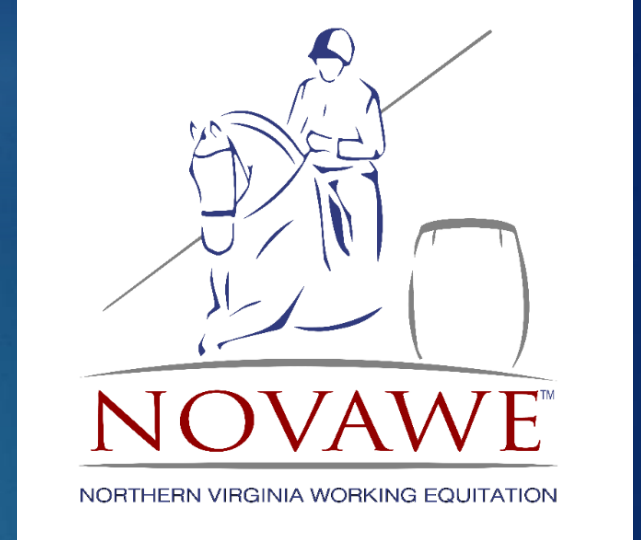
1. Is it more difficult to judge a Western rider vs a gaited horse rider vs a dressage rider?



2. As a judge, what are you looking for in a horse for moving forward or needing energy?



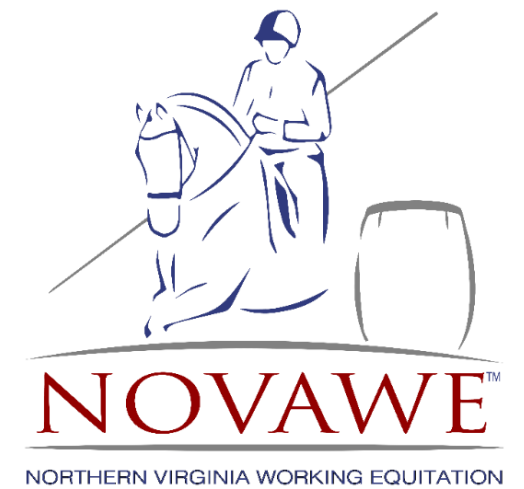
3. What are the top ways competitors get lower scores in the Dressage Trial?



ASK SUSAN WATKINS

► Ease of Handling Trial Questions

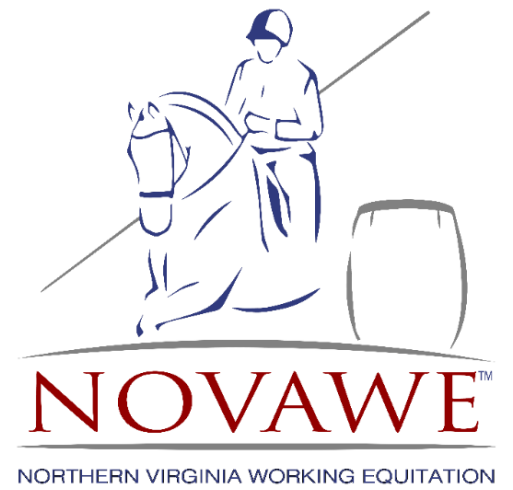
1. There is no required gait for the Jug obstacle in Table 6-1 (EOH Trial). Does that mean that L1s ideally should trot/halt and L2 & up canter/halt?
►
2. Also, similarly in EOH, the gait in Table 6-1 for Switch Cup for L2 says Trot. Does this mean L2 has to show the trot before the obstacle instead of a canter to walk or canter to halt?
►
3. If there are two Sidepass Rails in a line for L2 & up, the rider must change direction before side passing over the second rail. Which change of direction movement is most highly rewarded?
►
4. At the Lexington, VA show, the judge mentioned that it is preferable to, where feasible, NOT to execute an obstacle where your back is facing the judge. Is this a common practice among judges?
►
5. Does wearing spurs negatively affect dressage and/or EOH scores?
►
6. In general, what are the top ways riders earn higher scores in EOH?



ASK SUSAN WATKINS

► Speed Trial Question

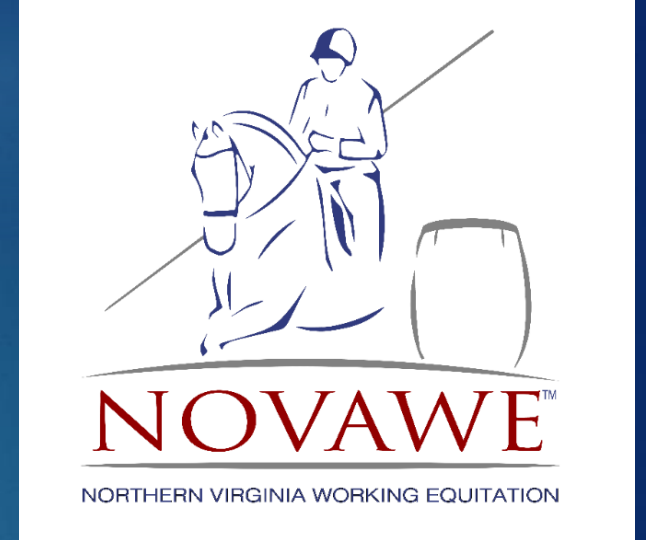
- In the Speed Trial – Sidepass Rail. The rule states that if a horse steps over the rail and returns the hoof to the correct side, it is only a 5 second penalty. What if the horse steps over the rail at the end of the rail (one or two steps) and the rider doesn't correct the hoof placement, is that considered not completing the technical movement required of the obstacle and thus a DQ?



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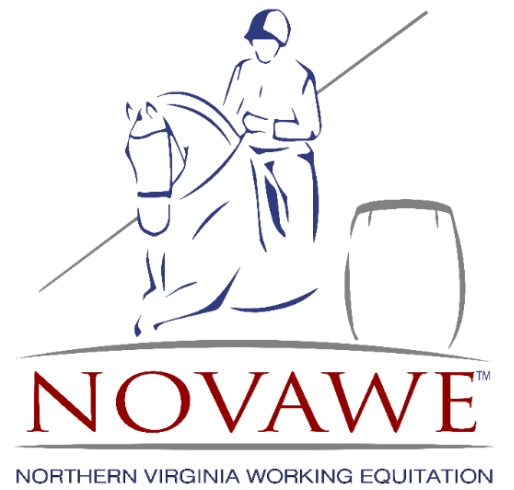
► General Questions about Working Equitation

1. Do you judge/score schooling shows differently from rated shows?
►
2. One of the (many) attractions of WE is that all "disciplines are welcome." What does having all the different breeds and disciplines competing together bring to the sport?
►
3. Can you give us some training guidance for the working horse?
►
4. What is your number one word of advice for anyone wanting to do Working Equitation--besides have fun?



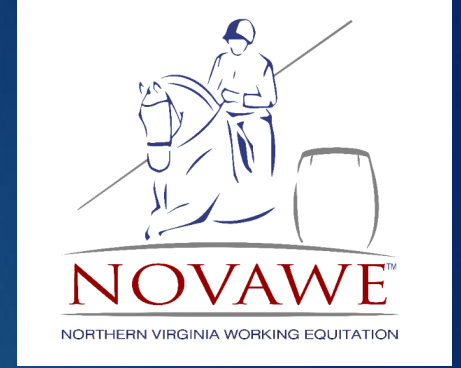
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Thank you, Susan!



2021 MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

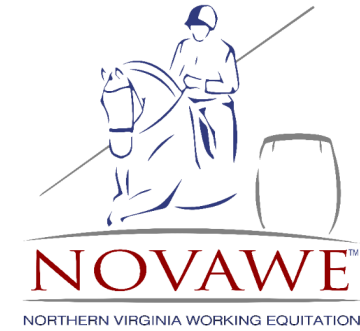
August 18th Survey -



- ▶ 48 responded (46%)
- ▶ 42 (87%) plan to renew NOVAWE in 22
- ▶ 28 (58%) would like MORE clinics
- ▶ 41 (85%) would pay more for National Clinician flown in
- ▶ Equally split (50%) want >3 NOVAWE schooling shows next year and 50% don't want more
- ▶ 28 (58%) interested in Year-End Awards Program
- ▶ 36 (75%) yes to in-person 2022 Kick-off Member Meeting 😊

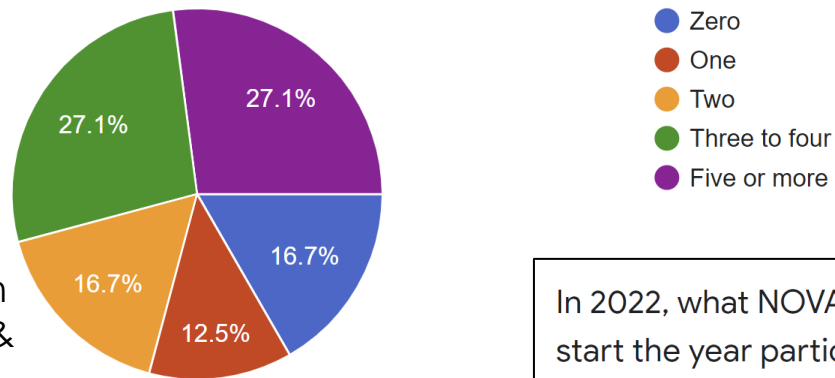
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CLINIC PARTICIPATION AND LEVELS



How many NOVAWE hosted clinics have you participated in since 2019?

48 responses

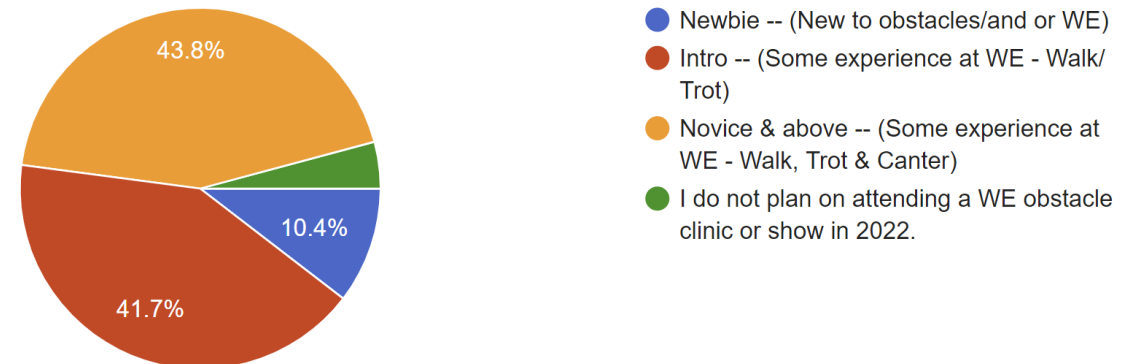


26 participated in 4 or more clinics & 14 in two or less

Proud of our Members Growth – so many ready to move up!

In 2022, what NOVAWE clinic level would you want to participate in (or would you want to start the year participating in)?

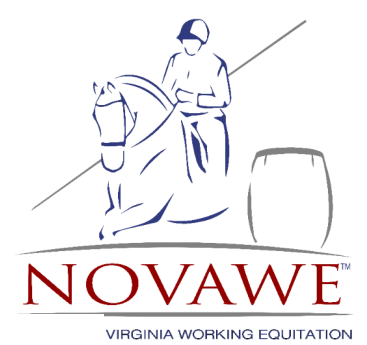
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21 Novice & Above

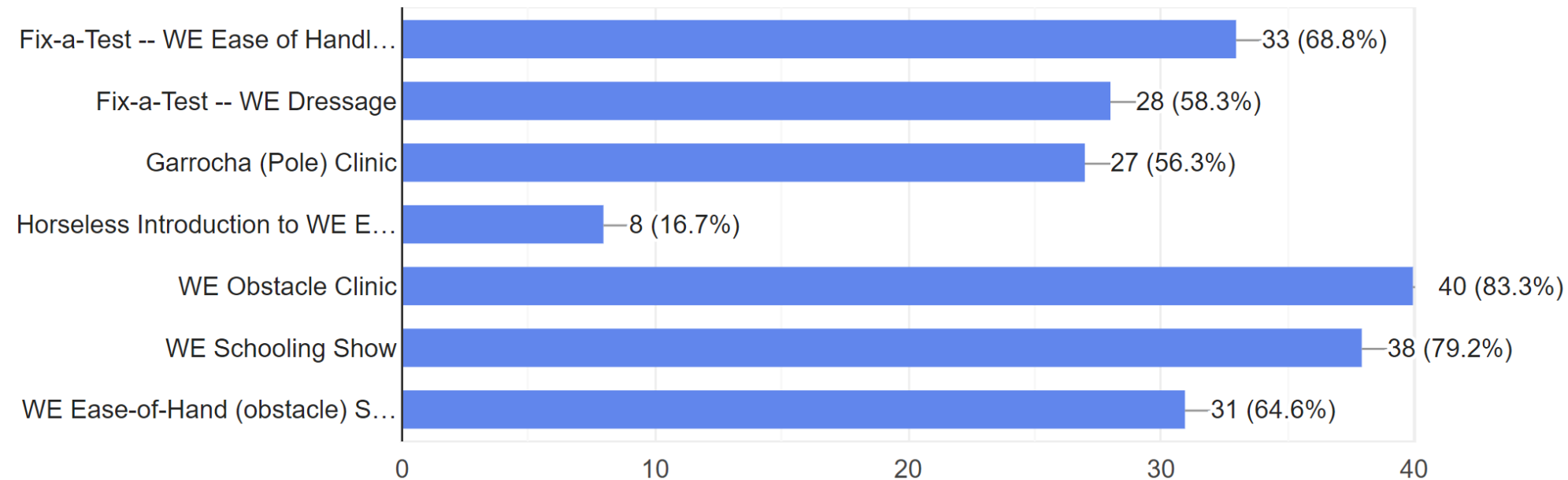
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2022 EVENT TYPE INTEREST

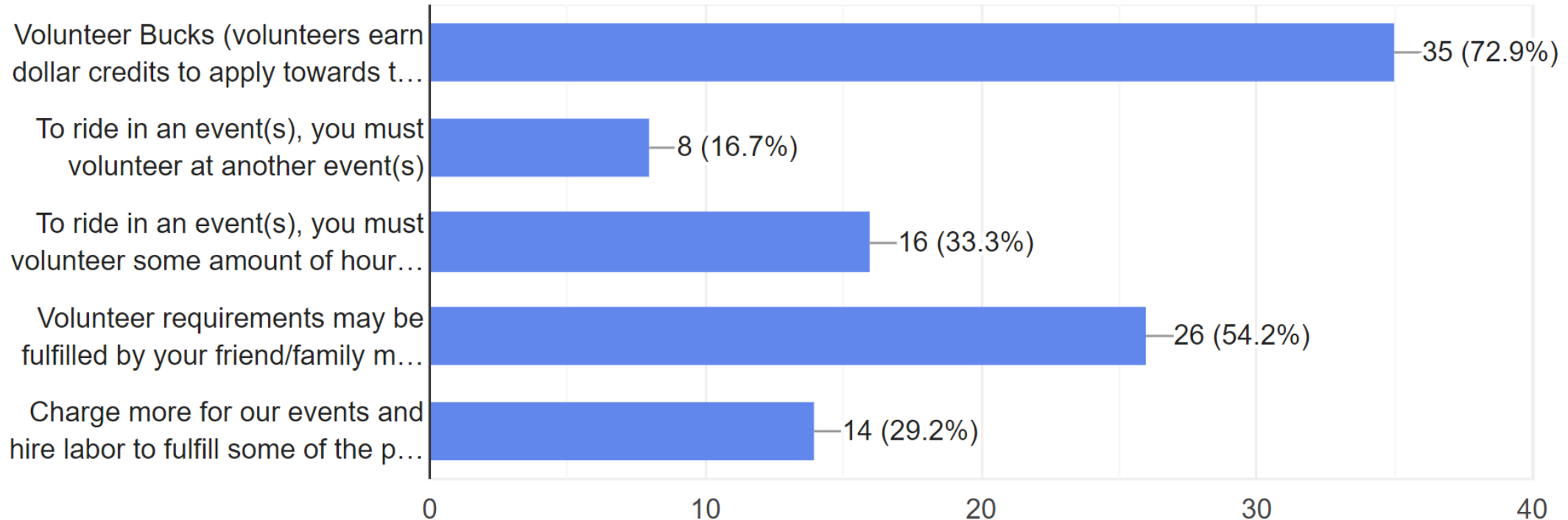


Please select all the NOVAWE event types that you would be interested in participating in next year if NOVAWE planned them:

48 responses



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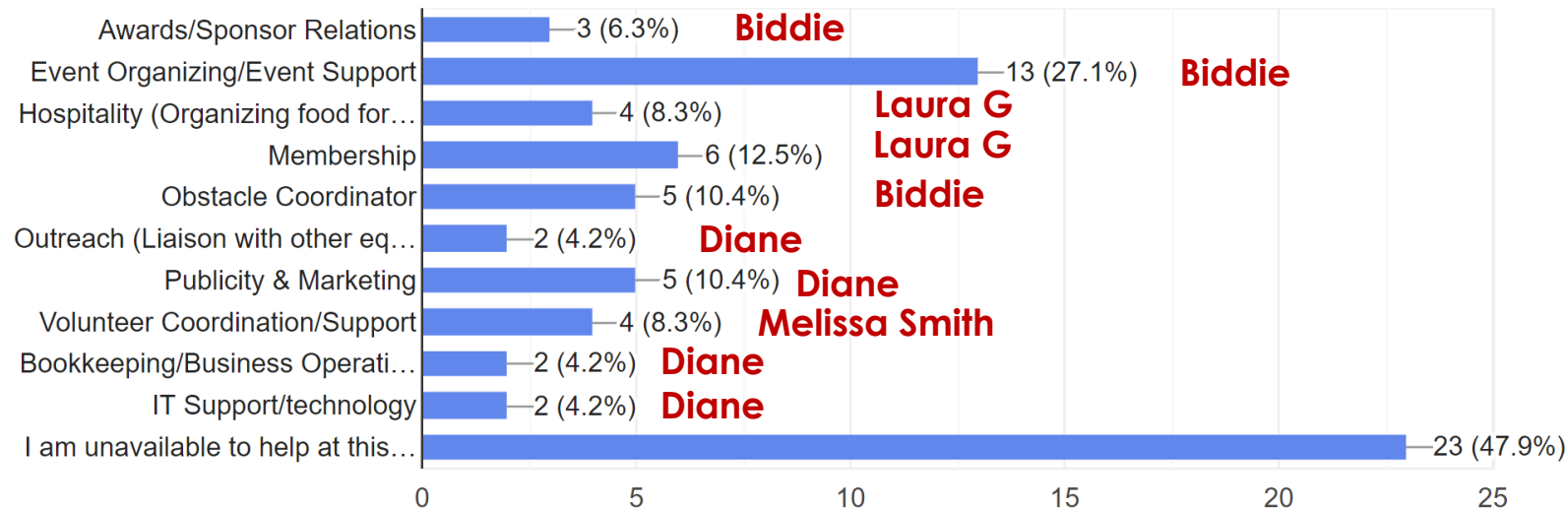
WHO TO CONTACT



Operating NOVAWE requires diverse talents -- how can you contribute? Check all that interest you.

48 responses

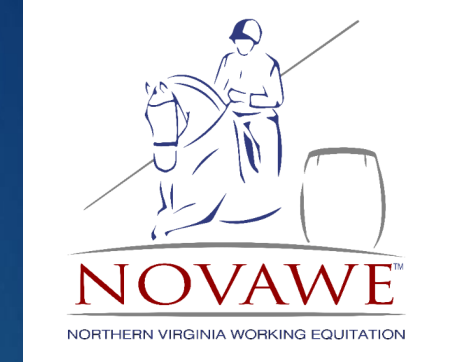
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