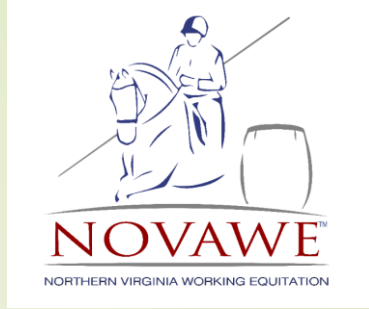


Northern Virginia Working Equitation (NOVAWE) Annual Members Meeting

January 15, 2023

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. State of NOVAWE
3. Events – 2024
4. Volunteers
5. 2024 Rule Changes
6. Awards Presentation
7. Q & A Session

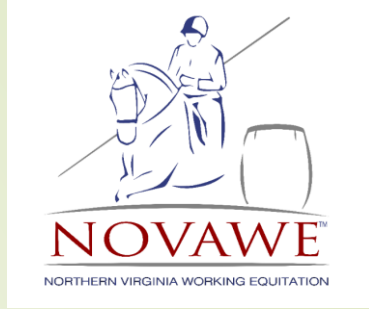


NOVAWE Board Members



- ❖ Biddie Lowry
- ❖ Chelsea Tinsley
- ❖ Laura Guillaudeu
- ❖ Mills Smith
- ❖ Nancy Wilochka
- ❖ Stephanie Jennings

State of NOVAWE



NOVAWE is a volunteer run organization and an Affiliate Organization of USA Working Equitation. We produce playdays, clinics, schooling shows, and licensed shows.

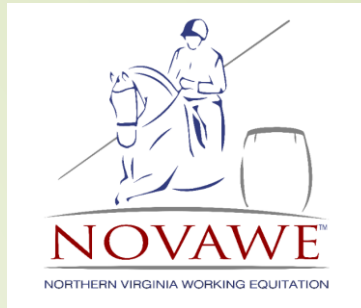
The Board meets most every month. You can read the meeting minutes on our website (<https://novawe.org/novawe-information-documents/>)

Currently, we have 39 members for 2024!

NOVAWE 2023 Financial Report:



NOVAWE 2023 United Bank Report			
Dates (Acct #1780)	Debit	Credits	Calculated Balance on last day of quarter
Jan 1 - Mar 31	\$ 4,244.15	\$ 11,554.75	\$ 8,815.73
Apr 1 - June 30	\$ 5,578.05	\$ 2,849.16	\$ 16,008.14
Jul 1 - Sept 30	\$ 1,585.71	\$ 10.33	\$ 12,817.44
Oct 1 - Dec 31	\$ 928.79	\$ 59.40	\$ 11,214.06
TOTAL	\$ 12,336.70	\$ 14,473.64	
Dates (Acct #0352)	Debit	Credits	Calculated Balance on last day of quarter
Oct 1 - Dec 31	\$ 0.26	\$ 50.26	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 0.26	\$ 50.26	
Yearly Balance from both accounts			
Account numbers	Debit	Credits	Overall gain/loss on Dec 31
Acct # 1780	\$ 12,336.96	\$ 14,523.90	\$ 2,186.94



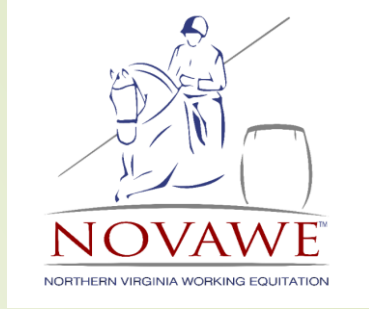
NOVAWE 2024 Calendar of Events

- March 23-24 Jane Renner WE Clinic
- June 7 Polly Limond WE Clinic
- June 8-9 NOVAWE Licensed Show
- Fall Schooling Show
- Nov 8-10 NOVAWE Fall WE Camp (with Lise LeBlanc & Kim Hillyer)

All scheduled events are at Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon, VA

In addition, NOVAWE will have a booth at the LCEA Equine Expo on March 20th & Frying Pan Horse Expo on April 13th. Looking for members to help host a USAWE booth at the PA Horse World Expo in March!

Volunteer Positions Needed

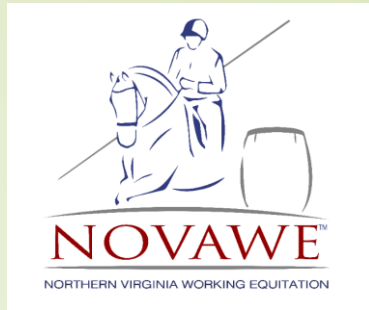


- Set up Crew, Ring Crew, & onsite person for two-day clinic on March 23-24, 2024
- Licensed Show in June – many positions available!
- Show Manager/Secretary for Schooling Show in fall
- Fall WE Camp Committee – a 3-day event with 2 instructors (Looking for creative planners!)

Our Volunteer Coordinator is Mills Smith. Please contact her if you can help with these events.
novawe.msmith@gmail.com



Calling on Event Organizers!

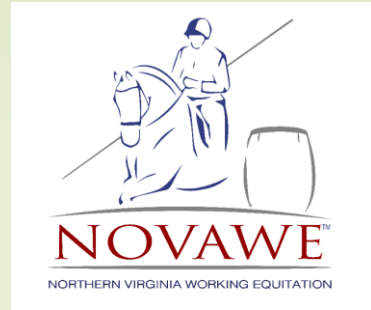


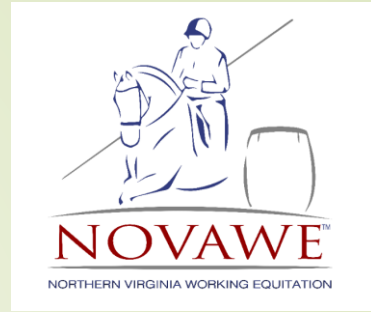
1. In order to provide more events for our members, we are reaching out to the membership to encourage others to organize an event!
2. Under our Insurance rules, you can organize an event as a member of NOVAWE, preface it as a NOVAWE event, and our insurance can cover your event as long as all participants are members (for the year or for the event).
3. If anyone wants to organize a playday, clinic, or show, please reach out to us for help to get you started and explain the requirements to be a NOVAWE event!

USA Rules for Working Equitation

There are many clarifications and a few new rules in the version 7 rulebook.

If you have a question, raise your hand (button in zoom at the bottom of your screen), and I will answer a couple of questions from each slide. If I don't get to your question, please keep it in mind as we will have a Q & A session at the end.





USA Rules for Working Equitation

- A horse is limited to no more than 6 rides in one day. (Section 1.8.e)
- Drop, flash, or figure 8 nosebands may not be used with bits having a curb chain or strap. (Section 1.9.1.d)
- Rider salutes with a nod of the head and a drop or sweep of the hand. (Section 1.12)
- Biosecurity procedures must be practiced when inspecting horses. (Section 3.8)
- L3 (Novice B) riders can no longer have a Dressage Test reader. L1 and L2 riders may still have a test reader for the Dressage test. (Section 5.5)
- Only L1 riders may have a test reader for EOH. (Section 6.6) (This is not a new rule.)

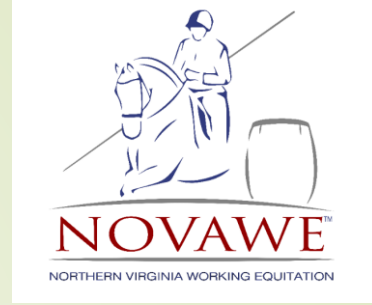
Table 6-1. Obstacle Requirements Summary
(see Appendix B for obstacle descriptions, execution, and assessment criteria)

Obstacles	L1 Intro	L2 Nov A	L3 Nov B	L4 Inter A	L5 Inter B	L6 Adv	L7 Masters
Minimum required	10	10	10	13	13	15	15
Gait btw obstacles	T	C	C	C	C	C	C
1. Bridge	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
2. Figure 8	W or T	T	C, CT	C, SC	C, FC	C, FC	C, FC
3. Pen	W	W	W	W	W or C	W or C	W or C
4. Jug							
5. Remove Pole	W or T	T	C	C	C	C	C
6. Spear Ring	W or T	T	C	C	C	C	C
7. Replace Pole	W or T	T	C	C	C	C	C
8. Switch Cup							
9. Bell Corridor	W	W or T	W or T	W or C	W or C	W or C	W or C
10. Reinback "L"		W or T	W or T	W or C	W or C	W or C	W or C
11. Rounding Posts	W	W or T	W or T	W or C	W or C	C	C
12. Single Slalom	T	T	T	C, SC	C, FC	C, FC	C, FC
13. Double Slalom	W or T	T	T	C, SC	C, FC	C, FC	C, FC
14. Gate	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
15. Jump	W or T	T or C	C	C	C	C	C
16. Sidepass Rail		W	W	W	W	W or C	W or C
17. Water	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
18. Bank		T or C	C	C	C	C	C
19. Drums	W or T	T	C, CT	C, SC	C, FC	C, FC	C, FC



- L1 riders are limited to carrying the pole only in the Remove Pole, Spear Ring, and Replace Pole obstacles. (Section 6.4)
- Course Maps may be posted 1 week prior to the start of a show. (Section 6.4)
- All four of the horse's feet must clear the obstacle boundary. (Section 6.6)
- L2 riders are not required to canter between any obstacles associated with the bull line (i.e., while handling the pole).(Section 6.6)
- If L1 riders knocks over part of an obstacle that is required to complete its execution, they will have the obstacle element reset for them. (Section 6.6)





Course Errors (Section 6.7) -EOH

- Course errors receive a negative mark and **will result in disqualification if not corrected**. To avoid disqualification, the obstacle must be performed again in its entirety **(including entry/exit markers if present)** before passing through the entry markers of the next obstacle. **This may require replacing an obstacle part (e.g. cup) in its original position before restarting the obstacle.**
- Clarification of going the wrong way through a Start/Finish. **The correction must be made before the first obstacle or the final salute to avoid disqualification. The mark for this error is reflected in the collective mark for **Transitions/Navigation**.**

Course Errors (Section 7.6) – Speed

Course Errors as defined in Section 6.7 for the EOH trial apply to the Speed trial with the following exceptions:

- The rider is penalized by time taken to perform the obstacle again in its entirety.
- Going through the course Start or Finish marker in the wrong direction or the wrong sequence is a disqualification.

Appendix B Some Execution Clarifications:

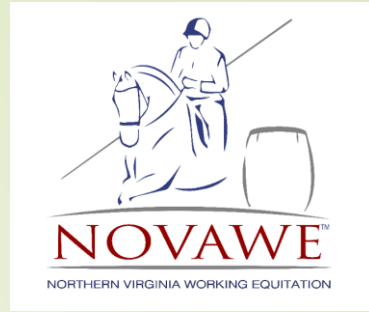
- Figure 8: Horse enters on a line perpendicular to the two drums.
- Pen: A perpendicular entrance is the preferred execution for levels L1-L5 and may earn a higher mark; a perpendicular entrance is required for levels L6 and L7.
- Double Slalom: This obstacle must have five upright posts for L1-L5 and seven upright posts for L6 & L7.
- Jump: L1 jump consists of a cross-rail no higher than 12 inches at the center.



Appendix B Some Deletions:

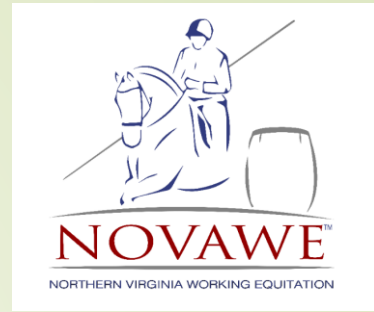
- Option to execute left barrel first in the Drums obstacle removed.
- Reinback "L" and Rounding Posts: Riders do not have to halt when replacing the cup at the end of the obstacle.
- Sidepass Rails: Zig-Zag configuration removed.
- Sidepass Rails: Horses do not have to have the head to the inside of the "L" configuration.
- Non-WAWE obstacles removed from rule book: Move Sack, Drag Item, Varied Footing, and Herding Cattle.

Questions? Contact the Rules Committee at rules@usawe.org.



Awards Presentation

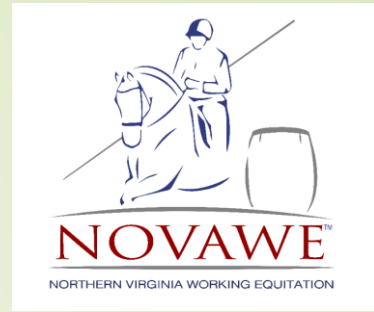
- Highest Dressage Score
- Volunteer of the Year
- Joseph Klosek Perpetual Trophy Award



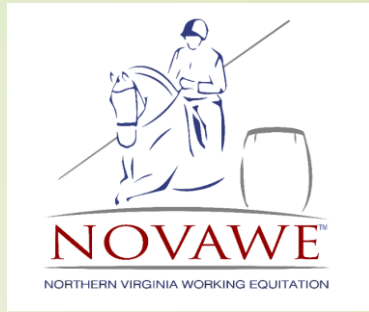
Highest Dressage Score

This award goes to the NOVAWE member who had the highest dressage score at any USAWE Licensed Show or NOVAWE Schooling Show.

Jordon Koepke & Golden Feather
75.37% at NOVAWE's Licensed
Show on April 23, 2023!



Volunteer of the Year Award



This award goes to the person (s) who volunteered the greatest number of times.

Awards goes to:

Hila Wever and
Mark Wallace

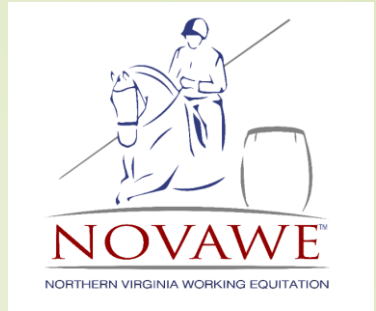


Hila Wever



Spidey- Mark's his
Dad- no picture of
Mark 😊

Joseph Klosek Perpetual Trophy

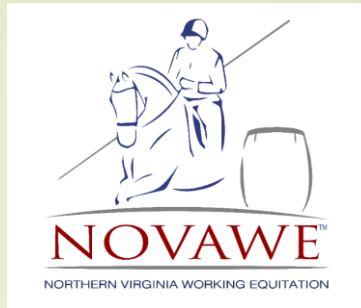


Kim Ellis, Founding Member of NOVAWE, sponsors the **Joseph Klosek Perpetual Trophy: NOVAWE Ease of Handling Overall Champion**. The trophy is awarded each year to the NOVAWE member with the highest average Ease of Handling score after removing the highest and lowest scores. Riders must have at least 3 scores from licensed and schooling shows to be considered.

Joseph "Joe" Klosek
July 25, 1944 – March 26, 2021

This year, the award goes to:
Stephanie Jennings and BOH High
Cal Ada.





Year End Awards Program for 2024

- This year we are bringing back the Year End Awards Program
- Awards will be given to the Champion and Reserve Champion in each level and in each division: youth, amateur, and open
- Average of Dressage/EOH scores will be recorded from:
 - USAWE Licensed Shows
 - NOVAWE Schooling Shows
 - Any WE Schooling Show in Virginia



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**Thank you for attending
our meeting!**

