

ABC/BTA

BENEFIT HORSE TRIALS

LOCKWOOD FOREST, BOXFORD, MA

Sunday, September 14, 2008

GENERAL INFORMATION

ENTRIES: Limited to the first 120. No entry will be accepted or refunds given after September 6th

EVENTING DIVISIONS	DRESSAGE TEST	ARENA SIZE	JUMP HEIGHT
PRE-ELEMENTARY	2003 USDF – Intro. Test A	Small-grass	18"
ELEMENTARY	2003 USDF – Intro. Test B	Small-grass	2'
Modified BEGINNER NOVICE	USEA 2006 Beg. Novice Test B	Small-grass	2'
BEGINNER NOVICE	USEA 2006 Beg. Novice Test A	Small-grass	2'7"

FEES: \$75 all Eventing divisions; Divisions may be divided Jr./Sr. if entries warrant.
\$30 / test Dressage Only (Tests offered if time permits: listed on other page.)

1. A current negative COGGINS TEST (within 12 mo. For MA and 6 mo. for out of state residents) is required for all horses. Please enclose a copy of your horse's Coggins test with your entry.
2. No REFUNDS will be given after September 6, 2008 without a certificate from your vet or doctor.
3. DRESSAGE and CROSS COUNTRY TIMES will be posted on the BTABOLT.org website on September 10^h.
4. PROBABLE SCHEDULE: Dressage, Cross Country followed by Stadium Jumping

DIRECTIONS TO LOCKWOOD FOREST AND ABC/BTA BENEFIT HORSE TRIALS

From the North or SOUTH: From I-95 take the Endicott St. Exit (#51) in Topsfield. At the end of the ramp go East for ½ mi. to 3rd street on left (Lockwood Lane). Go left onto Lockwood Lane (if you reach a stop sign you have gone too far.) Follow approximately 1mi. and watch for ABC signs. Carefully turn right into the field.

From I-495: Take 114 Middleton exit (#42) (near Lawrence). Follow Rte. 114 East until you reach I-95-N. Go North on I-95 to Exit #51 then follow the directions as above.

Although the ABC/BTA Benefit Horse Trial is not officially recognized by the USEA or USAEq, it is considered a learning experience for many horses and riders. For that reason the ABC Organizing Committee thinks it is important to observe and follow the official USEA/USAEq Rule and Guidelines to ensure the safety of both horses and riders as well as providing an opportunity for those less familiar with the rules to prepare for recognized competition.

For more information on eventing log onto the official USEA (US Eventing Assoc.) web site:
www.useventing.com.

The official 2008 USA Equestrian Rule Book may be viewed online and downloaded at
www.usef.org > Rules > Rule Book 2008

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1. A **BODY PROTECTING VEST** must be worn by all riders while jumping in the cross country warm-up area and on the cross country course.
 2. **MEDICAL ARM BANDS:** A completed medical card is required any time while jumping. Official USEA Medical cards may be purchased for \$10 from the US Eventing Assoc. (USEA), 525 Old Waterford Rd, Leesburg, VA 20176 (703-779-0440) or from local tack shops.
 3. **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR:** Anyone riding a horse on the flat or over fences at the ABC/BTA Benefit Horse Trials is required to wear protective headgear secured by a fastened retention harness. Failure to do so may result in elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury.
 4. **WHIPS** are now permitted in dressage, and may be used in XC and Stadium Jumping.
 5. **CALLING of DRESSAGE TESTS** is not permitted in Combined Training.
 6. **The CROSS COUNTRY COURSE in LOCKWOOD FOREST will be OFFICIALLY CLOSED TO ALL RIDERS from September 5, 2008 through September 14, 2008 for construction.**
 7. **WATER and FOOD** will be available on the grounds.
 8. An **AMBULANCE, VET and FARRIER** will be ON CALL the day of the event.
 9. **ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES** and dogs are **NOT EVER ALLOWED** on the cross country course or in the warm up areas.
 10. **SMOKING is NOT PERMITTED** anywhere on the ABC grounds at the request of the landowners.
 11. The organizers reserve the right to exclude any horse or rider for dangerous or unsportsmanlike behavior, obvious unsoundness, or abuse.
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Please note the following Elimination Rule changes for 2008.

CROSS COUNTRY

NEW FOR 2008!

Rider is eliminated after a FIRST fall in cross-country and must leave the course at a walk if re-mounted.

Riders are eliminated after four (4) refusals on the whole cross country course (the number used to be 5). The existing rule about elimination after three (3) refusals at any one obstacle still applies.

Rider must leave the course at a walk.

STADIUM JUMPING

Riders are eliminated in Stadium Jumping if there is any fall of the rider. **They may not take a courtesy fence after the fall. If rider is eliminated for three (3) refusals on course, they may only take ONE courtesy fence and only at the discretion of the judge.**

CLARIFICATION FOR 2008:

If rider is eliminated in the Cross Country phase, they may be allowed to participate in the Stadium phase at the discretion of the TD or ground jury, provided there are no safety, injury and/or lameness issues for the horse or rider.

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ENTRY FORM

Entry Deadline Sept 6

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COMPETITOR:

Name: **Age: (if under 18):**

Street:

Town: **State:** **Zip:**

Evening Telephone:

HORSE:

Name:

Sex: **Age:** **Height:** **Color:**

ENTERING:

Level (Please check one) Junior (18 & under) Senior (over 18)

Division (Please check one) Pre-Elementary Elementary
(\$70) Mod. Beginner Novice Beginner Novice

Dressage Test Only 2003 USDF Intro A 2003 USDF Intro B
(\$30) USEA 2006 Beg Novice Test A USEA 2006 Beg Novice Test B

Special Requests:

Please Mail:

- Entry (must be signed)
- Copy Negative COGGINS
- Check payable to ABC Masconomet

To Show Secretary:

Diane Reed
P.O. Box 87
West Boxford, MA 01885
Tel: 978-352-6922

Office Use Only:

Entries will be accepted only if completed with signature, full payment of entry fees, proof of negative Coggins Test, and received before September 6, 2008. Late entries will be accepted only if space permits.

I understand that this competition can be dangerous for both horse and rider. My entry is made at my own risk and subject to the rules of the USEA and BTA/BOLT. I release from liability BTA/BOLT, their members, volunteers, organizers and land owners (The Moore family and Town of Boxford) from any liability related to this event.

SIGNATURE: (Parent or Guardian if entrant is under 18)