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2018 WDAA/USEF Western Dressage Judges Seminar

Hosted by the Western Dressage Association of America

February 6th - 8th 2018

Hilton Garden Inn

7675 E Union Ave. Denver, CO 80237

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Tentative Schedule for Tuesday, February 6, 2018

- 5:00 - 6:00PM **Check-in and Packet pick-up**
- 6:00 - 7:00PM **Welcome - Cindy Butler, President WDAA.**
Brief introduction of clinicians and staff.
Tack Talk with Cliff Swanson - attendance mandatory
We will start the seminar with a very important introduction to legal and illegal bits and equipment. Western Dressage and traditional dressage saddles and equipment will be available for inspection and comparison. Discussion is encouraged.
- 7:00 - 8:00PM **Welcome to Colorado cocktail party, no host bar plus heavy hors d'oeuvres.**
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Tentative Schedule for Wednesday, February 7, 2018

- 8:00 - 9:30AM **Introduction to judging methodology** - Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez
***attendance optional only for renewing R licensed WD judges.
- 9:30 - 9:45AM ***Break***
- 9:45 - 10:35AM **The Western in Western Dressage** - Joyce Swanson
- 10:35 - 12:00PM **Continuation of judging methodology** - Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez
Scoring, Errors, Collective marks and comments;
*Developing the final/further remark
*Judging mechanics, scoring, test purpose and directives

Tentative Schedule for Wednesday, February 7, 2018 - continued

12:00 - 1:00PM	Lunch provided at hotel - introduction of attendees
1:00 - 1:45PM	Errors and other judging challenges - Joyce Swanson
1:45 - 2:45PM	Criteria of gaits and paces - Cliff Swanson
2:45 - 3:00PM	*Break*
3:00 – 4:15PM	Movement Video – Joyce Swanson and Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez
4:15 - 5:00PM	Practice Judging
5:00 - 5:15PM	ABC's of licensing

Tentative Schedule for Thursday, February 8, 2018

8:00 - 8:45AM	Review USEF Rules Test - Cliff Swanson, Joyce Swanson
8:45 - 9:45AM	Group discussion on scoring of gaited horses video review - Joyce Swanson, Julie Haugen
9:45 - 10:45AM	Freestyle rules - Dolly Hannon *Scoring methodology *Scoresheet *Artistic/technical
10:45 - 11:00AM	*Break*
11:00 - 12:15PM	Practice scoring freestyle videos - Dolly Hannon
12:15 - 1:00PM	Lunch provided at hotel
1:00 - 2:30PM	Group practice scoring Level 2 and 3 tests. Emphasis on Pivot, Turn on the Haunches, Transitions, Half pass, Haunches in, Renvers. - All Clinicians

Tentative Schedule for Thursday, February 8, 2018 - continued

- 2:30 - 3:30PM **Suitability and Hack**
*Discussion on class mechanics/class calls
*Video review – Cliff Swanson, Joyce Swanson
- 3:30 - 3:45PM ***Break***
- 3:45 - 4:30PM **Equitation** - Joyce Swanson
*Judging mechanics of equitation on the rail with patterns.
*Developing a score sheet.
- 4:30 - 5:00PM **Scoring, scenarios of equitation classes**
- Joyce Swanson
- 5:00 - 5:30PM **Closing Panel Discussion** - Western Dressage trends and
issues with judging and competition.

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