

The purpose of the dressage club is to give students the opportunity to compete and represent their schools in a sport they work year round on. The club will allow for students of different riding capabilities and experience to compete as a team. Non-riders are also encouraged to join so that they may also learn about horse-care and the sport of dressage.

**Junior Varsity letters** are awarded to members who successfully compete at the designated team show in the Spring, attend a minimum of three Dressage Club activities during the year, and submit 10 volunteer hours (see below).

**Varsity letters** are awarded to members who, in addition to the requirements for earning a JV letter, submit three individual test sheets showing three scores of 60% or higher at Training Level or above. Test scores may be earned at USDF/USEF recognized shows or schooling shows under a USDF "L" Graduate or USEF Judge. If you are unsure of the judge's qualifications, you can see a list of "L" graduates here:

<http://www.usdf.org/about/contact/lprogram.asp?TypePass=Graduates&RegionPass=1>

Scores do not need to be earned in the same calendar year.

Examples of approved volunteer hours:

Therapeutic riding Center volunteer

Dressage show volunteer (assist show secretary in posting scores, running tests, etc)

Horse rescue volunteer (Hugs to Horses/ Horses Haven)

Other club activities might include:

Auditing local clinics

Attend local recognized shows as spectators

Organize/host braiding, grooming, test, and riding clinics

Discussion of dressage books, magazines, and DVDs

Suggestions welcome! Make it your club!

TBD: date and location of Team Spring Show. Ideas and suggestions welcome. Might consider hosting own show. Show location must be within 60 miles of NHS. Members may attend as helper/volunteer only. If showing, need to provide horse/transportation/adult helper.

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