
HEARTLAND
SPRING SHOWCASE
A UDJC FOUNDATION SHOW
AT ALWAYS AUGUST FARM



Entries close April 5th, 2026 @ 11:59pm

Always August Farm | 530 Habberton Road | Fayetteville, AR 72703

Welcome

Welcome to Heartland Horse Shows! We are truly excited to have you join us and be part of our growing show community. It is an honor to partner with the United Dressage and Jumping Club (UDJC) to bring nationally sanctioned competition to Arkansas and the greater Midwest region—creating new opportunities for riders to compete, develop, and earn recognition closer to home.

Our mission is to provide a welcoming, well-run, and competitive environment that supports riders of all levels, from first-time competitors to experienced horse-and-rider teams. We are deeply committed to fostering horsemanship, sportsmanship, and a positive atmosphere for exhibitors, trainers, owners, and spectators alike.

Thank you for being here and for supporting Heartland Horse Shows—we look forward to a fantastic show season and to continuing to grow the sport together in our region.

Yours truly,

Jessica Goldstein Holmes | *Founder* | *Heartland Horse Shows*

About UDJC

The United Dressage & Jumping Club (UDJC) is a nationwide show organization offering affordable, fair, and horse- and rider-focused competition in dressage, jumping, and hunters. We operate under a qualification-based system, riders must demonstrate readiness before moving up. This protects horses, ensures higher-quality riding, and gives riders and horses a clear path for improvement and development. Find out more at www.udjc.org .

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Show Officials

- Manager: Jessica Goldstein Holmes
- Judge: Kathy Hickerson
- Secretary: Michelle Bien Wadley
- Starter: Scarlett Joski
- Announcer: To Be Determined

Official information on the UDJC Rulebook, Equipment Catalog, Jumping Heights, Dressage Levels, and Drug Policy can be found on the UDJC website here: 🌐 Rule Book | UDJC

An abbreviated version of this information is provided below.

WHAT MAKES UDJC DIFFERENT

- **Judge's Feedback** – Detailed comments to support rider and horse development.
- **Qualification System** – Riders must prove readiness before moving up.
- **Style Judging in Jumpers** – Correct riding takes priority over speed.
- **Ability Dressage** – Classes focus entirely on rider skill.
- **Auxiliary Reins in Low-Level Dressage** – Helps beginners work on seat and steering.
- **Lower Costs** – Around 30% of the cost of a USEF A-Show weekend.
- **All Disciplines Together** – Dressage, Jumping, and Hunters under one roof.
- **Clear Development Path** – Progress up the levels through thorough education.
- **Class Limit** – Horses may compete in a maximum of three classes per day for welfare.
- **No Lower Level Hunters** – Riders should succeed in dressage and style jumping first.
- **Balanced Education** – Ride in all three rings; avoid early specialization.

Judging

Judges in all UDJC classes provide verbal feedback after each ride to help riders improve. Dressage riders may request a copy of their Benchmark Tests with written feedback. Whenever possible, judge feedback shall be entered digitally on HorseSpot for riders to view.

Dressage Classes

There are two types of Dressage class offered by UDJC: Benchmark Dressage & Ability Dressage.

Benchmark Dressage

The Benchmark Tests are regular Dressage Tests as you know them. You can find all the UDJC Benchmark Tests here: **Download Dressage Tests Here**

- Tests are ridden individuals
- Riders must achieve THREE qualifying scores to move up a level (7.5 or higher in E, A, or L, or a 65% or height in M Level and beyond)
- Focus is mainly on horse performance

Ability Dressage

These are judged on the rider ability only and not on the quality or performance of the horse.

- No qualification necessary
- Ridden in two parts:
  - **Free Test** - Groups of 2-4 riders at a time. Riders follow the judge's instructions with level-specific movements. Verbal feedback is provided afterwards.
  - **Short Pattern** - Each rider performs a short, level-specific pattern individually
- Final score = combined score from both parts
- Judging criteria: rider's position, aids, accuracy, and influence over the horse as well as the horse's rideability & responsiveness to the rider (but not horse quality).
- Ability Tests can also be viewed and downloaded here: **Download Ability Tests Here**

Dressage Levels

- **B** - Entry Level - walk/trot or walk/trot/canter (group classes only)
- **E** - Similar to USDF Training Level
- **A** - Similar to USDF First Level
- **L** - Similar to USDF Second Level
- **M** - Similar to USDF Third Level
- **S** - Similar to USDF Fourth Level
- **FEI Classes** available: Inquire with show organizer

Jumper Classes

All jumping classes up to, and including, 0.85m classes are judged on style, not on speed. This aims to develop correct technique and safe riding before introducing time pressure.

Jumping Level Overview: You can find sample courses and more information about the jumping levels and heights here: Tests, Scoresheets & Courses | UDJC

Style Jumping Classes (0.40m-0.65m)

- Each of these class heights will have a required Flat Test embedded within the first class at each height. Riders will ride in a group format with up to 4 individuals. The flat phase will run first, followed by a short individual course jumping test. Riders will receive feedback from the judge, as well as their score, right after the jumping round.
- The Flat Test is required for all riders at the designated height.
- After the Flat Test is completed the rider may come back for up to two over fences rounds at that height which shall be judged on Style (not time).
- **Pre-B Jumper 0.40m** - The course consists of four cross rails from the trot.
- **B Jumper 0.50m** - The course consists of two cross rails from the trot and four 0.50m verticals from the canter.
- **E* Jumper 0.65m -** The course starts with a gymnastic line: Trot into a cross-cross-bounce, followed by a one stride to a vertical and a two stride to an oxer. The course continues in the canter over 5-6 additional verticals and oxers of 0.60-0.65m. *Ponies

may elect to skip the grid and jump a single designated fence for jump 1 with no penalty. Knock downs in the grid do not count for fault deductions.

E Jumper 0.75 & A* Jumper 0.85m**

- No flat tests are required at these heights, however they are still judged on style and scored out of 10 total points.
- Each course is performed individually.
- The course contains 7-10 jumps with a mix of verticals and oxers.
- All riders receive feedback as well as a score for their round.

A Jumper 0.95m & Higher**

- Timed jumper classes begin, with style sill encouraged but faults and time determine placings in most modes.
- **Jumping Modes Overview**
  - **Jump-Off (JO)** - Riders first complete an initial round. All clear rounds qualify for a second round (the jump-off) over a shorter course. In the jump off the lowest penalty score with the fastest time wins.
  - **Against The Clock (ATC)** - Riders compete over a set course with the fastest clear round winning. Penalties are added for faults (rails down, refusals, time over).
  - **Time (T)** - Similar to an ATC class, but every fence knocked down adds time instead of penalty points. The rider with the lowest total time wins.
  - **Style (S)** - Judged on rider position, use of aids, rhythm, accuracy, and execution of the course. Decimal score given; penalties for rails/refusals deducted from style points.
  - **Joker (J)** - A class where the last fence (the "joker") is higher or more challenging and offers bonus points if cleared, but extra penalties if knocked down.
  - **Combined (C)** - The first round is a style round. If the rider receives a score of 7.5 or higher they will stay in the ring and ride a jump-off for time.

Additional Levels and Heights

A** Jumper	.90-.95	S* Jumper	1.40
L* Jumper	1.00-1.05	S** Jumper	1.45
L** Jumper	1.10-1.15	S*** Jumper	1.50+
M* Jumper	1.20-1.25		
M** Jumper	1.30-1.35		

Find your class

0.50 - 1'8	1.00 - 3'3"
0.60 - 2'0"	1.10 - 3'7"
0.70 - 2'3"	1.20 - 4'0"
0.80 - 2'7"	1.30 - 4'3"
0.90 - 3'0"	1.40 - 4'6"

Special Classes

We are excited to offer two Jumper Derbies at our Spring Showcase!

These classes will be set with a mixture of regular jumper jumps (striped poles, planks, fillers, etc.) and natural obstacles (logs, brush, rolltops, coops, etc.). Both classes will be judged as hunter rounds, with a handy round callback for the top 5 riders from the first round.

What the judge will look for:

- Rhythm & Pace: Consistent, even canter throughout
- Straightness & Track: Smooth approaches and correct lines
- Jumping Form: Horse should jump round, with knees up and straight
- Overall Picture: Horse and rider working in harmony

Seat & Aids: Rider effectively communicates with the horse

The total possible score for each round is 100 points (10.0).

Each round shall be judged according to the following four categories:

a) Rider's Seat & Aids (maximum 30 points)

b) Rhythm & Balance (maximum 30 points)

c) Track & Planning (maximum 20 points)

d) Horse's Jumping Form (maximum 20 points)

High options: In courses where height options are available, the rider may earn two (2) bonus points for each height option successfully completed. These points are added after the base score has been calculated.

Pros & Non-Pros: Shall compete together but shall be judged on separate cards and pinned separately for awards. Prize money shall be split between pros and non-pros evenly.

Judges in UDJC hunters always provide verbal feedback after each ride to help riders improve.

Young Horses at UDJC

We offer a full range of young horse classes in dressage, jumping, and hunters for horses aged 3 to 7 years old, running from Level E to Level M. These classes are designed specifically for correct, age-appropriate development, ensuring young horses progress without being over-faced.

The goal across all disciplines is to give young horses the best possible start in competition by focusing on correct training, confidence-building, and long-term soundness rather than short-term results.

More details on Young Horses Classes can be found here: **Foundation Prize List**

Show Fees

Warm Up Classes

- Jumpers - $20

- Dressage - $25

Special Classes (Jumper Derbies, Mini-Prix, Team Relays, etc.) - $50-75

Regular Classes

- Level Pre-B, B, E, and A: $35
- Level L: $40
- Level M: $45
- Level S: $50

Office Fee - $20

Medic Fee - $10

Stalls - $85 per weekend

- *Stalls are extremely limited at this venue - please contact management to inquire*
- *No shows shall be responsible for payment of the weekend stall fee, office, and medic fees*
- *Payment for stalls are due by the closing date*
- *There are no refunds for stalls unless show management is able to fill the stall at their discretion*

Shavings - $12/bag

Haul-Ins - $15/horse (required if horse does not board at show facility & is not getting a stall)

Non-showing horse fee - $50 for the weekend

Late entry fee (after closing date) - $35

Same day scratch - $5

Same day add - Free

Reusable Show Numbers - $12 (required or bring your own - must present it at check in otherwise you will be provided one and billed for it)

Refunds - no refunds will be given after the closing date.

Returned check or failed payments are subject to a $45 handling fee.

Entries which are not closed out by the end of the last day of the horse show are subject to a $45 late handling fee.

Placings

In Levels Pre-B and B, every competitor will be placed and receive a ribbon. Beginning at Level E, only the top third of horses in the class will be placed, with a minimum of four

placings awarded.

Prize Money

This table shows the minimum amount that is paid out to the top 6 placed competitors (in a class with at least 6 starters or more). Special classes may have additional prize money. Prize money will be applied toward your show fees, and if the prize money exceeds your fees, your will receive the remaining balance as a check or payout.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Level E Total $100**	$35	$20	$15	$10	$10	$10
Level A Total $150	$50	$30	$25	$15	$15	$15
Level L Total $200	$70	$40	$35	$25	$20	$10
Level M Total $300	$100	$60	$50	$35	$30	$25
Level S Total $500	$170	$100	$80	$60	$50	$40

Attire

General Guidelines

- Clothing must be clean, neat, and well-fitted.
- Helmets are mandatory for all riders when mounted.
- Boots must have a defined heel for safety.
- Gloves are recommended in all disciplines.

Dressage

- Light-colored breeches (white, beige, cream)
- Solid-colored riding coat (black, navy, dark grey, or dark brown)
- Stock tie or tie with a collared shirt.
- Tall black boots, short boots with matching half chaps allowed at lower levels.

Jumping (Style & Timed)

- Breeches in conservative colors (beige, tan, grey, white, black)
- Polo shirt or show shirt with collar; jacket required unless otherwise noted
- Protective vests permitted in all classes
- Tall boots or paddock boots with half chaps or garter straps.

Special Classes

- Formal attire - white or beige breeches, dark colored show jacket, tall black or brown boots, show shirt with white or light colored collar.

General Information

Start Time - The rings will start at 9:00am unless otherwise noted in the show schedule. Start times may be changed at management's discretion.

Open Schooling - Open schooling for both dressage and jumpers shall take place from 7:30-8:45am OR until 15 minutes prior to the first class. There is no charge for open schooling. There is NO jumping allowed during open schooling. If you would like to jump prior to your judged classes please enter a Warmup Class. Show numbers must be worn while schooling.

Secretary Desk - The secretary desk shall open no less than one (1) hour prior to the start of classes.

Entries

- The entry deadline is April 5th, 2026 at 11:59pm
- All entries must submit a valid form of payment to be accepted
- Late Entries may be accepted after the deadline, if space allows. Late entries are billed a $35 late entry fee.
- To enter go to:
  UDJC Heartland Equestrian Spring Showcase | Horse Show in Fayetteville, AR, US | A...

Horse Welfare - The management and horse show officials reserve the right to limit showing and schooling if it is believed to be in the best interest of the horse.

Unjudged Rounds - If time permits, it is at the management's discretion to allow an unjudged round. Once an animal has appeared on a card "not to be judged" it is no longer eligible to be judge in that card thereafter with any entry number.

Additional Rules & Information

- The gate will NOT be held for late comers. Please make sure to arrive early, and check in at the in-gate and check the starting list. There will be no refunds for missed classes.
- Braiding is highly encouraged in all judged classes throughout all disciplines. General appearance is part of the score.
- Make sure to attach your reusable number to your bridle, saddle pad, or breastplate.
- Helmets are to be worn and properly fastened at all times when mounted on a horse.
- All persons should demonstrate horsemanship and sportsmanship. The show organizer and/or staff reserve the right to ask anyone to leave the showgrounds whose behavior is considered inappropriate. Entry fees will not be refunded.
- For more information on the UDJC Performance Levels (qualifying scores, rider badges, and point accumulations for Championships) see here: **UDJC Foundation Prize List**

Schedule (Tentative)

Saturday April 11th

7:30-8:45am - Open Schooling

9:00-1:00pm - Dressage (starting with Pre-B and going through L level in consecutive order)

1:45-2:45pm - Open Schooling for Special Classes (Jumping allowed for all participants entered in special classes)

1:45-2:15pm - 2'3" Schooling

2:15-2:45pm - 3' Schooling

3:00pm - 2'3" Jumper Derby

4:30pm - 3' Jumper Derby

Sunday April 12th

7:30-8:45am - Open Schooling

9:00-2:00pm - Jumpers (starting with Pre-B and going through 1.10m in consecutive order)

A schedule will be posted on HorseSpot no later than 8:00pm Thursday April 9th, 2026

Schedule updates can also be viewed on HorseSpot live on the day of the show

Online Entries

Daily Schedule & Start Times

Real Time Results

heartland.horsespot.net

Search your name for quick views

We can't wait to see you there!

Please contact us with questions. We would love to help you!

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