2026 Traverse City Schooling Shows

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https://www.traversecityschoolingshows.com/
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TCSS Solstice Showcase - June 20-21, 2026
Judge: Shari Wolke Masi
Closing date June 13th

TCSS Harvest Finale - September 19-20, 2026
Judge: Jennifer Kaiser
Closing date September 12th

Enter Online at www.horsespot.com
Shows are sanctioned and scores eligible for All Dressage Association, Glass-Ed, Western Dressage Association of Michigan, and USDF Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob awards.
More information on page 4.

Class List

Leadline - Walk Only Test
USDF Intro A
USDF Intro B
USDF Intro C
USDF Training Level Test 1
USDF Training Level Test 2
USDF Training Level Test 3
USDF First Level Test 1
USDF First Level Test 2
USDF First Level Test 3
USDF Second Level Test 1
USDF Second Level Test 2
USDF Second Level Test 3
USDF Third Level Test of Choice
USDF Fourth Level & Above Test of Choice
Dressage Musical Freestyle
USEA Dressage Test of Choice
Para Dressage Test of Choice
Dressage Equitation
Suitable to Become a Dressage Horse
Gaited Dressage Test of Choice

WDAA Intro Test 1
WDAA Intro Test 2
WDAA Intro Test 3
WDAA Intro Test 4
WDAA Basic Test 1
WDAA Basic Test 2
WDAA Basic Test 3
WDAA Basic Test 4
WDAA Level 1 Test 1
WDAA Level 1 Test 2
WDAA Level 1 Test 3
WDAA Level 1 Test 4
WDAA Level 2 Test 1
WDAA Level 2 Test 2
WDAA Level 2 Test 3
WDAA Level 2 Test 4
WDAA Level 3 Test of Choice
WDAA Level 4 Test of Choice
Western Dressage Musical Freestyle
Saturday Only: Anything Goes Musical Freestyle or Pas De Deux

All classes offered both Saturday and Sunday unless specified.

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Divisions

Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur, Open

● Junior (JR): Individuals are eligible as Juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18.
● Young Rider (YR): Individuals are eligible as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.
● Adult Amateur (AA): Riders aged 22 & over as of January 1st, 2024 who do not qualify as professionals
● Open: All riders who do not qualify as JR/YR or AA
● Test of Choice Classes: Classes will be split by test, or JR/YR, AA, and Open if there are enough entries.

Policies

Office fee: $35 per rider/horse combination.

Class fee: $25/class
Entries received after the closing date will only be accepted if there is space and $15 per class late fee will apply. Please contact Betsy Hill directly to enter after the closing date.

Stabling: $120 for Friday-Sunday. 12'x12' with concrete floors and electric outlet at each stall. Shavings are available to purchase at $10 per bag. Stabling is available from 1PM on the day prior to the show. $150 cleaning fee for stalls not stripped before departure.

Tack Stalls: $120 for Friday-Sunday and available based on capacity and show manager's discretion.

Haul-In: All horses showing from trailers will be charged $30 per day haul-in fee. $50 fee for haul-in spaces not cleaned before departure.

Camping: $35 per night, includes electric hook up at each site. Full bathroom and shower facilities.

Non-Compete Horse: $30 per day with stabling preference given to competing horses.

Refunds: No refunds given after closing date. Before closing date, full refund minus $35 office fee.

Dogs: Dogs must be on a 6ft or shorter leash and be attached to a responsible person at all times.

Awards: Ribbons 1st-6th place awarded. Champion and Reserve for high percentage in each level with at least 3 entries awarded at the end of each day.

Dressage Tests: The USDF/USEF dressage tests, 2022 WDAA, and most current USEA, Para Dressage, and Gaited Dressage tests to be used. All tests can be read. Horse/Rider combinations may only show in two consecutive levels.

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Combining/Splitting of Classes or Tests: Tests may be combined if there are less than three entries and split if there are more than 12 entries at management's discretion. If you do not indicate your division on your entry form, you will be entered into the open division.

Headgear: DR 120.6. From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds, including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, mounted participants in exhibition classes, and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para-Equestrian tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. Any rider violating this rule at any time must be immediately prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted.

Attire: Riders may compete wearing breeches and shirts of any color as permitted in DR120.8. Jackets or vests of any type are allowed but not required and neckwear may be worn only if the rider chooses to compete in a riding jacket. Boots and protective headgear are required as specified in DR120.1-6.

Ride Times: Ride times will be available the Thursday prior to the show. Ride time requests will only be honored if they do not disadvantage other riders. After ride times are posted, changes will be accepted at management's discretion and open ride times due to scratches will be posted in the show office. Ride times will be posted on https://www.traversecityschoolingshows.com/ and social media.

Travel Information

Not sponsored or affiliated with TCSS. High volume tourism schedules in TC may impact availability.

Nearest Hotels

Econo Lodge Traverse City South - 1.62 miles from Fairgrounds
Spark by Hilton Traverse City - 4.96 miles from Fairgrounds
Baymont by Wyndham Traverse City - 5.09 miles from Fairgrounds
Courtyard by Marriott Traverse City - 5.27 miles from Fairgrounds

Veterinary Clinic

Classic Equine - Traverse City
7542 E M-72 Highway
Williamsburg, MI
(616) 642-6784

Hospital

Munson Medical Center
1105 Sixth Street
Traverse City, M

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Sanctioned Organizations

ADA: All TCSS shows are sanctioned by the All Dressage Association (ADA). If you wish for your points to be counted towards ADA year-end awards, you must join the ADA prior to the show and include your membership number on the entry form.

Glass-Ed: All TCSS shows are sanctioned by Glass-Ed. If you wish for your points to be counted towards Glass-Ed year-end awards, you must join Glass-Ed prior to the show and include your membership number on the form.

USDF Region 2: All TCSS shows are eligible for the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Awards.

WDAMI: All TCSS shows are eligible for the Western Dressage Association of Michigan (WDAMI) year-end awards. If you wish for your points to count towards their awards program, you must join WDAA/WDAMI prior to the show.

Any additional sanctioning opportunities will be announced on the Traverse City Schooling Shows website and Facebook page!

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