Big Cheese Schooling Horse Trial, Combined Test and Dressage Show Prize List & FAQ

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Welcome to the Big Cheese Horse Trial, Combined Test & Dressage Show Series! Now in our 7th year at Ashland Farm in Covington, GA, we are excited to continue bringing a positive, educational and FUN show series to the local community. This year our entries will be moving to a new show platform, HorseSpot, which will help us provide a better experience with the entry process as well as live scoring (to come!) and online results available after the show. It does require the setting up of an account (free) to sign up for shows, but all information is saved so entering future Big Cheese competitions will be a breeze! The HorseSpot team is wonderful and ready to help with any questions you may have. They have also put together a fabulous How-To guide to get you started, that you can find on our show dashboard under "Stall Chart PDF", so be sure to reference it as needed!

CLOSING DATE

Closing dates for all Big Cheese HT, CT & Dressage shows is the MONDAY before the show date at 11:59PM. Any entry received after this date is not guaranteed entry into the show. If your entry is accepted, it will be assessed a late fee.

GDCTA Recognition

All of the Big Cheese Horse Trials, Combined Tests and Dressage shows are recognized by the Georgia Dressage & Combined Training Association (GDCTA). If you want your scores from this show to count towards GDCTA year-end awards, your membership form and payment must be received BEFORE this show.

You can fill out the GDCTA ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM HERE

Entry Requirements

No entry is considered complete until entry form, payment, current coggins, and waivers (Ashland Farm, Big Cheese Eventing, & GDCTA) are filled out and submitted.

Waivers

You do not need to fill out a new Ashland Farm waiver if you are a member, have ridden at

Ashland Farm as a guest, or have competed at a previous Big Cheese competition.
The **Ashland Farm** digital waiver can be **SIGNED HERE**

You do not need to fill out a new Big Cheese Eventing waiver if you have previously competed at a previous Big Cheese competition.
The **Big Cheese Eventing** digital waiver can be **SIGNED HERE**

GDCTA requires a new waiver for each competition year.
The **GDCTA waiver** can be downloaded, signed & emailed back by **CLICKING HERE** OR can be signed at the Secretary's tent on the morning of the show.

Payment & Refunds

Preferred method of payment is through Stripe via the entry form. Beginning in 2026 ALL Big Cheese Schooling Show entries will require a debit/credit card be on file with Stripe through HorseSpot. Cards are not charged until AFTER the show. Competitors can still opt to pay via cash or check during the day, in which case their card will not be charged.

Refund Policy

Scratches received in writing on or before the closing date receive full refund less office fee. **NO REFUNDS** after the closing date unless letter from vet provided, then refund less office fee. Credit to a future show will be at Show Manager's discretion, but always less the office fee.

Dressage

Competition arenas are on sand. If one competition arena runs, dressage warmup will be in lower sand arena and competition will be held in upper sand arena.
If two competition arenas run, warmup will be in grassy area behind secretary tent and both sand arenas will be used for competition. Lunging **ONLY** in designated warmup areas.
NO LUNGING in competition arenas.

Show Jumping

Show Jumping warmup will be on grass.
Show Jumping competition will be in the Hilltop Arena (sand).
Course map and course specifics will be posted by in gate under the oak tree.

Cross Country

All cross country is located up the driveway from the Secretary's tent. Course maps will be posted at the start box.

Warmup will be separate from course, 2 small logs. Option to jump smaller fence #1 for Beginner Novice & above as part of warmup.

LUNGING ALLOWED AT THE TOP OF CROSS COUNTRY FIELD OR IN GRASS AREA BETWEEN SHOW JUMPING ARENA AND UPPER DRESSAGE ARENA – please do not lunge while competitors are in the show jumping arena or while cross country is running! If warmup for dressage is in the sand arena, the grassy area behind the secretary tent is open for lunging.

Tentative Show Day Schedule

The show day normally starts at 8:30am in dressage. The day may begin earlier if the weather is forecast to be extremely hot/humid or to avoid afternoon storms. Shows run from lowest level to highest level as much as possible (ie. all Amoeba division rides will happen before Beginner Novice division rides). Exceptions are made for the dressage-tests-of-choice as standalone tests, or dressage tests in the Standard sized arena, as scheduling conflicts may have tests ridden out of level-order. We normally run straight dressage AFTER all HT & CT divisions have completed their dressage tests. Our shows are meant to be educational, laid back and fun and we do our best to accommodate the needs of every horse & rider, which means we do not rush people and can be flexible, within reason, when situations come up.

Combined Tests

Horses may compete in 2 consecutive CT levels from Pre-Amoeba through Beginner Novice (i.e. BN could do both BN and Novice CTs). Any additional jump rounds done by a CT rider at the same level will be done AFTER their CT round.

Horse Trials

No horse may compete in more than one horse trial division per day, with the exception of riders sharing a horse in PreAmoeba or Amoeba divisions. Protective vests **MUST** be worn for all cross country rounds (HT divisions as well as XC Just Jump Rounds). Protective vests are allowed and optional in dressage & show jumping.

Ride Times

TENTATIVE ride times will be EMAILED by the Wednesday before the show, with subsequent updates sent as needed. PLEASE make sure your email address is correct when you enter it into HorseSpot.

The tentative schedule (NOT ride times) will be posted in HorseSpot as well as on our Facebook page; https://www.facebook.com/bigcheeseshows

Dress Code & Permitted Tack

Riders may choose to wear formal competition attire (ie. show jackets) but they are never required. Attire should be clean, neat and safe (ie. helmet, proper riding pants, tall or paddock boots, polos or other riding-appropriate top). Braided manes are completely optional. Tack should be clean and neat, with an emphasis on safety. Please reference the USEF Eventing Tack Annex (National Level) FOUND HERE and the USEF Rules for Eventing Subchapter EV-10 Saddlery FOUND HERE for more specific information about permitted tack, specifically for the dressage phase.

Parking

All passenger vehicles MUST park along the tree lines and leave the middle area available for trailer parking and horses. Please be kind to your fellow competitor and remind your students, parents, friends and family members that dropping off people or items at the trailer is fine, but leaving a vehicle that is not attached to a trailer is NOT fine and we will make an announcement to have the vehicle removed.

Use & Respect for Ashland Farm

Clay & Lucy Calhoun, the owners of Ashland Farm, are incredible for allowing us to use their incredible facility for these shows. Entry to this show **DOES NOT GRANT ACCESS TO ANY OTHER PART OF THE FARM**. As competitors, you are limited to the parking lot, warmup areas, dressage & show jumping arenas and XC course ONLY. If you are an Ashland Farm member, you may "Book" the trails as normal.
You can easily become an Ashland Farm member by **CLICKING HERE.**

Dressage Tests

Find all USDF Dressage Tests HERE
Find all USEF Eventing Dressage Tests HERE
Find all WDAA Western Dressage Tests HERE
Find all USAWE Working Equitation Dressage Tests HERE

Competition Level	Dressage Test (CT & HT)	Show Jumping (CT & HT)	Cross Country (HT only)
PreAmoeba	2023 USDF Intro B	Crossrails, simple fillers **NOT TIMED**	6-8 fences, mild terrain, few @ max **NOT TIMED**
Amoeba	2023 USDF Intro C	18" verticals, simple fillers **NOT TIMED**	10 fences, mild terrain, optional water **NOT TIMED**
Starter	2026 USEA Starter A	2'3" verticals, one oxer, simple fillers **TIMED**	12 -13 fences, mild terrain, optional bank & water crossing **TIMED**
Beginner Novice	2026 USEF Beginner Novice A	2'7" verticals, 2-3 oxers, various fillers. 2-stride combo **TIMED**	14-16 fences over moderate terrain. Ditches/bank/water appropriate for level **TIMED**
Novice	2026 USEF Novice A	2'11" verticals, 2-3 oxers, various fillers. 2-stride combo **TIMED**	14-16 fences over moderate terrain. Ditches/bank/water appropriate for level **TIMED**
Training CT & Training LITE HT	2026 USEF Training A	3'3" verticals & oxers. Various fillers **TIMED**	14-16 fences over moderate terrain. Mix of Novice & Training fences. Ditches/bank/water appropriate for level **TIMED**
Modified CT	2026 USEF Modified A	3'5" verticals & oxers. Various fillers **TIMED**	**N/A**
Preliminary	2026 USEF Preliminary A	3'7" verticals & oxers. Various fillers **TIMED**	16-18 fences over moderate terrain. Mix of Training& Preliminary fences. Ditches/bank/water appropriate for level **TIMED**

CLASS OFFERINGS - Office Fee $30

USDF Dressage

1. Intro A $30
2. Intro B $30
3. Intro C $30
4. Training 1 $35
5. Training 2 $35
6. Training 3 $35

6B. Training 3 Lisa Seegar AA Medal $35

7. First 1 $35
8. First 2 $35
9. First 3 $35

10.1 Second 1 $35
10.2 Second 2 $35
10.3 Second 3 $35

11.1 Third 1 $35
11.2 Third 2 $35
11.3 Third 3 $35

TEST OF CHOICE

12.L1/L2 USAWE Working Eq. L1 or L2 $35
13A/B USEA Starter A or B $30
14A/B USEA Beginner Novice A or B $30
15A/B USEA Novice A or B $30
16A/B USEA Training A or B $30
17A/B USEA Modified A or B $30
18A/B USEA Preliminary A or B $35
19 FEI 1* Test $35
20. FEI 2* Test $35

WESTERN DRESSAGE

40.1 WDAA Intro Level 1 $30
40.2 WDAA Intro Level 2 $30
40.3 WDAA Intro Level 3 $30
40. 4 WDAA Intro Level 4 $30
41.1 WDAA Basic Level 1 $30
41.2 WDAA Basic Level 2 $30
41.3 WDAA Basic Level 3 $30
41.4 WDAA Basic Level 4 $30
42.1 WDAA Level 1 Test 1 $35
42.2 WDAA Level 1 Test 2 $35
42.3 WDAA Level 1 Test 3 $35
42.4 WDAA Level 1 Test 4 $35

43. NonCompete Horse $15

Combined Tests

21. PreAmoeba CT $55
22. Amoeba CT $55
23. Starter CT $60
24. Beginner Novice CT $65
25. Novice CT $65
26. Training CT $70
27. Modified CT $70
28. Preliminary CT $75

Horse Trials

30. PreAmoeba HT $100
31. Amoeba HT $110
32. Starter HT $120
33. Beginner Novice HT $130
34. Novice HT $130
35. Training/Novice HT $135
36. Training LITE HT $145
37. Preliminary LITE HT $150

Just Jump Rounds

38PA PreAmoeba Just Jump Round $25
38PA2 PreAmoeba Just Jump Round $25
38AM Amoeba Just Jump Round $25
38AM2 Amoeba Just Jump Round $25
38S Starter Just Jump Round $25
38S2 Starter Just Jump Round $25
38BN Beginner Novice Just Jump Round $25
38BN2 Beginner Novice Just Jump Round $25
38N Novice Just Jump Round $25
38N2 Novice Just Jump Round $25
38T Training Just Jump Round $25
38T2 Training Just Jump Round $25
38M Modified Just Jump Round $25
38M2 Modified Just Jump Round $25
38PR Preliminary Just Jump Round $25
38PR2 Preliminary Just Jump Round $25

39XPA PreAmoeba XC Just Jump Round $40
39XA Amoeba XC Just Jump Round $40
39XS Starter XC Just Jump Round $40
39XBN Beginner Novice Just Jump Round $40
39XN *Novice XC Just Jump Round $40* (only available if Novice HT also running)