

2019 US SADDLE SEAT INVITATIONAL TEST EVENT

South Africa ■ United States

July 4-5, 2019 ■ Cascade Stables, New Orleans, Louisiana



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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DRAW AND PRACTICES

Monday, July 1

5:00 p.m. Draw/Meet Horses/Walk Patterns

Tuesday, July 2

15 minute practice for each section/team-starting at 8:30 a.m.

Three-Gaited Practices (Day 1 Horses):

8:30-8:45 a.m. South Africa (Junior Team)

8:45-9:00 a.m. United States

9:00-9:15 a.m. South Africa (Senior Team)

Break

Five-Gaited Practices (Day 1 Horses):

9:45-10:00 a.m. South Africa (Junior Team)

10:00-10:15 a.m. United States

10:15-10:30 a.m. South Africa (Senior Team)

10:30-12:00 p.m. Arena open for walking patterns

Wednesday, July 3

15 minute practice for each section/team-starting at 8:30 a.m.

Three-Gaited Practices (Day 2 Horses):

8:30-8:45 a.m. South Africa (Junior Team)

8:45-9:00 a.m. United States

9:00-9:15 a.m. South Africa (Senior Team)

Break

Five-Gaited Practices (Day 2 Horses):

9:45-10:00 a.m. South Africa (Junior Team)

10:00-10:15 a.m. United States

10:15-10:30 a.m. South Africa (Senior Team)

10:30-12:00 p.m. Arena open for walking patterns

US SADDLE SEAT INVITATIONAL/TEST EVENT COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 4

Competition starts at 5:30 p.m.

5:00-6:00 p.m. **3-GAITED COMPETITION**

Phase 1 - Group A

Phase 1 - Group B

Break

6:30-7:30 p.m. **5-GAITED COMPETITION**

Phase 1 - Group A

Phase 1 - Group B

Friday, July 5

Competition starts at 5:30 p.m.

5:00-6:00 p.m. **3-GAITED COMPETITION**

Phase 2 - Group A

Phase 2 - Group B

Break

6:30-7:30 p.m. **5-GAITED COMPETITION**

Phase 2 - Group A

Phase 2 - Group B

8:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony

INVITATIONAL/TEST EVENT FORMAT

CLASS CONDUCT

- A. Approximately six (6) appropriate individual workouts per competition will be furnished to each country's representative a minimum of one month prior to the Event. Two of these workouts (per section) will be randomly drawn at the draw of horses to be used in the Event competition.

The following tests are not permitted:

1. Ride without stirrups for a brief period of time, no more than one minute at the trotting phase.
 2. Exchange horse, no more than three pairs of riders to exchange.
 3. Backing
- B. The competition will be structured as follows:
1. There will be a three and five gaited section of competition.
 2. There will be two Phases of the competition, referred to as Phase I and Phase II.
 3. Each Phase will consist of two segments:
 - a. Rail work: athletes will work at a walk, trot, and canter (five gaited may include slow gait and rack depending on horse availability) both directions of the ring. The competition manager will divide athletes into groups of sizes deemed manageable with regard to the horses being used for the competition. Sections may be divided at the discretion of the hosting nation and the Event Rules Committee.
 - b. Pattern work to be executed individually. Each element will be scored.
 4. The above segments will be scored by a panel of judges (refer to Article 7, Scoring).
 5. Each segment will count equally, and each Phase will carry equal weight in the final calculation.
 6. Countries may elect to use their sixth rider at the beginning of the next segment (rail or pattern) in accordance with Article 4, section C.
 7. Athletes will compete on not less than two horses during the competition. (Exception: Riders who are interchanged between segments may not compete on two horses.)
 8. If these above guidelines are followed, all points from both Phases will be considered valid.
 9. Substitution of horses
 - a. There will be NO SUBSTITUTION of horses unless a horse is sick, injured or a safety risk.
 - b. The Judges and /or the Event Rules Committee may rule on the safety risk of a horse. A rider may, in this circumstance, complete the competition on that team's sixth horse.
 - c. When a horse is eliminated because it is a safety risk, if there are still horses remaining in the pool, the team can redraw in order to replenish their quota of horses.
 - d. The official Veterinarian will be the only person authorized to validate a horse's soundness, sickness or injury and declare that horse withdrawn.
 10. The Judges and/or the Event Rules Committee may rule on the safety risk of a rider. In this circumstance, a rider may be excused from competition and/or replaced with another member of the team.
 11. Time outs
 - a. A competitor is entitled to request a time-out for a period not to exceed five

minutes in aggregate in order to make obvious adjustments or to repair broken equipment or to rectify a similar condition. Should a rider require a second time-out (also five minutes), that rider must use their team's sixth horse. Failure to do so will result in elimination from that segment.

- b. One time-out (five-minute) per horse per segment can be used for shoeing. If a shoe cannot be replaced, the horse's liaison may agree to let the horse continue without the shoe. If a horse cannot continue, refer to rule 11a.
- c. During a timeout, the farrier if applicable, a groom, one representative for the horse and one representative for the rider (as appointed by the Country) may enter the arena and assist with the time out.

12. FALLS. The fall of horse or rider does not necessarily cause elimination, but is penalized at the Judge's discretion.

13. Rider Attire

As this is an open breed competition, the following rules regarding attire will apply:

- a. Riders must wear informal attire for all segments and phases of the Event Competition, regardless of the time which the competition is being held. (Exception: In extreme weather, the Event Rules Committee may allow riders to adjust their attire accordingly). Informal attire is defined as: jacket with collars and lapels of the same conservative color with matching jodhpurs, a collared shirt, tie, vest, and complimentary gloves, jodhpur boots, and derby or soft hat (protective headgear may be worn without penalty).
- b. Blunt end (unrowelled only) spurs and/or riding crops are optional and should be cleared with the hosting nation.

14. Tack

- a. Bridle: Entries shall be shown in full bridles (curb and snaffle) or snaffle bridle with two reins. The horses will use the same bridle for the entire event, regardless of which rider is competing.
- b. Saddle: Flat English-type. Forward seat, Western and side saddles are prohibited.

15. Coaching during competition

- a. Allowed during rail performance
- b. Not allowed during pattern work

16. Warm up

- a. Riders will be given a five (5) minute warm-up prior to the start of their rail work segment.
- b. Riders will be given a one (1) minute warm-up, of rail work only, prior to their individual pattern segment, which will start when the rider before them starts their pattern.

C. Practice sessions

- 1. Two practice sessions, limited to twenty (20) minutes each, will be scheduled prior to the start of the competition, with times provided to each team coach.
- 2. If a rider has to substitute his/her horse from the general back-up pool only due to circumstances beyond the rider's and/or competition committee's control, that rider only will have the chance to an additional twenty (20) minute practice session, and not any other rider of that team and/or the whole team involved. Exception: Even under such circumstances, no additional practice session will be allotted to a

team if the substitution occurs either during competition or in too close proximity to the start of competition to make holding such practice time feasible.

3. Beginning with the first official day of the competition, which is established by the latest arrival date as determined and publicized to all participants by the hosting nation, teams may not engage in private practice sessions. Private practice session is further defined as any group session not included in the official schedule of events as established by the hosting nation.
4. The practice sessions are closed sessions - no parents/supporters and/or competitors allowed. (Exception: Coaches and managers of other teams and trainers of horses being used may attend.)

D. Team members may not compete in classes outside of the Event at the competition where the Event is being held.

TEAMS

A. Riders.

1. Each country's three and five gaited section will consist of up to six (6) riders, any five (5) of which will compete, but if there are six (6), all six (6) must compete in at least one segment unless an injury or illness prohibits such participation. Scores will be tied to back numbers so riders being activated for a segment must use the same back number as the rider in the previous segment.
2. A rider must be at least 12 years of age as of the first day of practice before the Event competition to be eligible to ride in that The Event competition.
3. Each team member must meet the specifications for amateur status as dictated by their own national policy.
4. Riders must be citizens of or domiciled in the Country they are representing.
5. Each rider participating in the Event will be required to pay a \$50.00 tip per section shown (three and/or five gaited) at the competition.
6. Each rider (or their parent for minors under 18) will be required to sign waiver forms provided by the hosting nation one month prior to the Event Competition.
7. Saddles are to be provided by each rider. Specific arrangements can be made prior to the Event with the Event Committee Chairman of the host nation, but the nation requiring assistance in locating saddles will need to compensate host nation for use of borrowed saddles.
8. Teams must be declared to ISSEA six months prior to the Event Competition including the names of each rider and section they will be competing in, names of coaches and other support staff attending with the team.

B. Coaches/Managers/Assistants.

1. Teams may have at least one coach per section (three and five gaited) and may choose to have additional representatives assisting the team.
2. Team awards will be limited to two positions per section (three and five gaited) of each team.

C. Use of the sixth rider. Countries may elect to use their sixth rider at the beginning of the next segment (rail or pattern) during the competition, however, the following restrictions apply:

1. Teams must declare all six riders when submitting their participation for the Event. Riders may not be changed after 10 days prior to the start of practices for the Event Competition.
2. All six riders will be permitted to attend official functions.
3. All six riders may participate in official team practices.

4. Teams must declare sixth rider use within one hour prior to the start of each day's competition.
5. If sixth rider is used at the beginning of second segment, rider must be mounted on same horse that was used during the previous segment.
6. Rider may ride horse on the rail one day and the same horse on pattern the next day or vice versa.

D. Each country's team should be prepared to appear at presentations in uniform apparel, which easily identifies the nationality of that team.

E. Participation in the Event constitutes acceptance by team members and coaches to abide by the procedure, rules and judgments of ISSEA and the Event Rules Committee.

HORSES

A. Horses for Competition

1. Will be carefully selected from breeds that are used for and trained in Saddle Seat Equitation.
2. Should be carefully selected for their soundness, their safe manners and their training/suitability as either 3- or 5-Gaited Equitation horses.
3. Countries hosting the event will make every effort to provide a minimum of six horses for each section, as well as several reserves in case of emergency. In the event there are not six horses/team for each section, the number of horses/team will be evenly distributed amongst the team members keeping fairness and horse welfare in mind.
4. Breeds and Crossbreeds which are recommended, but not limited to consist of the following: American Saddlebred, Arabian, Friesian, Morgan, National Show Horse and South African Boerperd.
5. Each horse will use its own bridle and girth.

B. Draw of Horses

1. In a lottery style drawing to be held at a designated time, the riders/coaches from each of the teams will draw six horses.
2. They may observe these horses previously as the horses complete their owner-specified daily workout and make temporary assignments of horses to each team member.
3. Coaches will be furnished a biography of each horse selected for their team. Whenever a trainer or groom is present to supply background personally, the coaches may utilize that resource. Recommended settings for equipment for each horse will be provided in the biographies furnished to the coach.
4. An official will be provided to act as a liaison between the owner / trainer of each horse and the team coach for any matter relating to health or training measures.
5. No rider may compete on a horse, which they have owned, trained, ridden or shown within six months prior to the Event. If such a horse is drawn, it must be used for another member of that team.
6. Coaches may experiment with various horse / rider combinations during the practices.
7. ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION, final assignments of horse / rider combinations must be submitted to the official The Event horse show office. Exceptions to this rule may be granted by majority agreement. Teams must declare horse/rider combinations for each segment within one hour prior to competition.
8. The hosting country's rules regarding Drugs and Medications must be strictly enforced.

9. Any substance must be administered by the donated horse's trainer, designated agent or veterinarian. Such administration should be disclosed to the team riding the horse.
10. No one from the competing teams may enter a pool horse's stall without express permission of that horse's trainer or designated agent.
11. Adjustments are allowed. Any changes (i.e., new bit) must be made to a horse after working through the horse's trainer or designated agent.
12. After the draw, horses cannot be moved without the consent of the team's manager.

SCORING

A. The Hi-Low scoring system with a three-judge panel will be used and Scoring will be numeric throughout. In the event of a team tie, the tie will remain. An explanation of the hi-low scoring system is as follows (hi-low scoring system adopted 9-3-18):

1. RAIL: Rail work will be evaluated using a numerical system based on a perfect score total of 100 from each judge.
2. PATTERN:
 - (a) The individual workouts shall each be worth 100 points.
 - (b) Equal points for each element, proposed to be 10 points per element
 - (c) A workout to consist of 10 elements in total being 8 x pattern elements + 1 x Overall Picture element + 1 x Horsemanship element.
3. ORDINAL CONVERSION: The numerical score given by the judges for each athlete at the conclusion of each segment will be converted into an ordinal, with each judge's highest numerical score converting to a '1', the next highest a '2', etc.
4. The highest and lowest ordinal for each rider (to include both riders if substituted) will be dropped at the conclusion of each combined phase (rail and pattern).
5. Ties to be broken after each combined phase (rail work and pattern).
 - (a) In the first instance to break a tie, the combined placing (ranking) of all three judges of that combined phase prior to high-low scores being dropped will be used.
 - (b) If still tied after (a) above, the rail scores of all three judges after high-low will be used.
 - (c) If still tied after (b) above, the combined placing (ranking) of all three judges for the rail will be used.
 - (d) If still tied after (c) above, the placing (ranking) of the call judge for the rail will determine the outcome.
6. The grand total score for each team shall be a combination of the ordinals awarded by all judges after the hi-low calculations. The team with the lowest total ordinal score will be named the Gold Medal Winners, with the next lowest Silver and next lowest Bronze.
7. Individual workouts are posted for coaches and riders to review and /or practice usually the day before the workout competition.
8. Individual workout scores are totaled using a scribe and figures are relayed to the Ringmaster. Each rider's total workout scores (not individual workout element scores) from the judges will be announced. Rail work scores are not to be announced. These scores will only be made public following the announcement of the Medal winners at the Awards Ceremony. Judges' names will be announced in association with the scores being read.
9. Following the first combined phase, each team's Coach/Manager will be provided with a printout of all teams individual workout and rail scores (amended 9-3-18). The judges are not permitted to have access to each riders' scores following each

combined phase (amended 9-3-18). Pattern score sheets will be made available electronically to each team representative after each session. (amended 3-13-17). During the second combined phase, the individual workout scores will also be announced, but no distribution or announcement of teams' rail scores will be made. The rail scores are not to be distributed until after the competition and will remain confidential to the scorer and the auditor only. Copies of full results to be provided by the host nation to the ISSEA representative for each nation within 30 days of the close of the competition.

B. Awards for the World Cup will be presented to the top three scoring teams - customarily Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Medals of participation are to be awarded to teams from any non-medal winning country.

C. At the awards presentation, the national anthems of the top three teams will be played. There are no specific regulations on team presentation. The Hosting Country will make a point to follow all countries' customs. All countries must supply in writing all requests for anthem and any national customs to the hosting country at least six (6) months prior to the competition.

D. Team captains are asked to receive the award on behalf of their team.

E. Coaches are asked to be present with their team at the awards presentation.

F. The judging and scoring system can and may be changed within 1 year from commencement of the competition.

AWARDS

The event will conclude with the announcement of the Bronze, Silver and Gold Medal winning Teams. Medals will be awarded to each team member accordingly.

RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The 2019 US Saddle Seat Invitational Test Event is covered by the 2019 rules and specifications of the current USEF Rule Book and will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.
2. STABLING: Permanent stalls are of wood construction 10'x10' with permanent doors.
3. DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS OF THIS COMPETITION.
4. PARKING: All vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas. Access roads adjacent to the barns are for loading and unloading.
5. MOTORIZED VEHICLES: Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/legal guardian, or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. *BOD 1/12/19 Effective 4/1/19* Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.
6. ARENAS: the warm-up and covered arena contain dirt mix footing.
7. PRIZE MONEY: NO PRIZE MONEY WILL BE AWARDED

DIRECTIONS & INFORMATION

Hotel Information

Sheraton Metairie New Orleans hotel
4 Galleria Blvd.
Metairie, LA 70001
TEL: 504-837-6707

Show Grounds Information

Cascade Stables
700 East Drive
New Orleans, LA 70118
TEL: 504-891-2246

Directions from the Airport to the Hotel

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY)
900 Airline Dr.
Kenner, LA 70062
8.9 miles / 20 minutes

1. *Head northeast on Jerome S. Glazer Airport Access Rd. (144 ft).*
2. *Slight right to stay on Jerome S. Glazer Airport Access. (295 ft)*
3. *Turn left to stay on Jerome S. Glazer Airport Access Rd. (0.3 mi)*
4. *Use the left lane to take the Interstate 10 E ramp to New Orleans. (1.4 mi)*
5. *Merge onto I-10 E. (4.0 mi)*
6. *Use the right lane to take exit 228 for Causeway Blvd toward Mandeville/Bonnabel Blvd. (0.1 mi)*
7. *Keep right, follow signs for Causeway Blvd S and merge onto N Causeway Blvd. (0.4 mi)*
8. *Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Galleria. (0.2 mi)*
9. *Turn left onto Galleria Blvd. (0.2 mi)*

Directions from the Sheraton Hotel to Cascade Stables

1. Head north on Galleria Blvd toward S Interstate 10 Service Rd. E. (213 ft)
2. Turn left onto S Interstate 10 Service Rd. E. (479 ft)
3. Turn left onto Ridgelake Dr. (0.2 mi)
4. Turn right onto W Napoleon Ave. (486 ft)
5. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto N Causeway Blvd. (2.0 mi)
6. Continue straight onto Causeway Blvd. (0.3 mi)
7. Turn left onto River Rd. (1.4 mi)
8. Continue onto Oak St. (417 ft)
9. Turn right onto Leake Ave. (1.7 mi)
10. Turn left onto Magazine St. (0.6 mi)
11. Turn right onto Calhoun St. (0.2 mi)
12. Turn right at the 3rd cross street onto Laurel St. (0.1 mi)
13. Turn right onto East Dr. (0.1 mi)
14. Turn left and Cascade Stables will be on the left. (16 ft)

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