

## **The 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VADA CHAPTER CHALLENGE SCHOOLING SHOW**

The VADA Chapter Challenge Schooling Show will return to the Western region of the state on August 26, 2017, hosted by Shen-VADA, VADA-CH, and SWVADA. This year's venue is really exciting – the East Complex indoor arena at the Virginia Horse Center! Here is a chance to ride in a really nice show venue while representing your VADA chapter.

New, this year, is the Musical Freestyle (MFS) Stakes Class for VADA members only. The money pot is currently \$500.00 and growing. It will be split: 1<sup>st</sup> place 60%, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 30% and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 10%. It doesn't get much better than that. If you are a member of a local dressage chapter, then you are automatically a member of VADA. Non-members can enter the show but are not considered for the Chapter Challenge or MFS Stakes. If a second ring is needed, it will be the Northern Ring.

Remember, this show does not require you to enter as a Chapter team, so there is no need to round up folks to enter with you. This schooling show is open to all VADA members. All you need to do is decide what tests you want to ride, complete the entry form and indicate what VADA chapter you are representing. All USEF/USDF dressage tests are offered and included in the Chapter Challenge. Other tests such as the MFS Stake, Western & Gaited dressage will be available as well, but those scores will not count towards the Chapter Challenge. Each class will be individually pinned through 6<sup>th</sup> place. Then, individual scores will be used to determine which VADA chapter reigns supreme. Bragging rights go to the winner, along with special awards to the top six placing chapters. If your chapter does not have enough riders entered to compete in the Chapter Challenge part of the show, you can still enter and be part of a VADA mixed chapter team.

In addition, each chapter is sponsoring a “special award” including high score rider over 50 years old, “blind us with your bling”, oldest horse and rider combined ages, high score pony, high score Jr/YR, best turned out rider and many others.

This show is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to show in one of the state's premier facilities, the Virginia Horse Center, but may not want to enter a licensed show there. Since this show rotates throughout the state, it will be some time before this opportunity presents itself again.

If you are a VADA member and want to volunteer, please contact a member of show management. This show is a great way to earn volunteer hours.

Check out all the show details in the prize list and find the entry form at [www.virginiadressage.org](http://www.virginiadressage.org) (scroll down and look on the right-hand side of the page and click on 5<sup>th</sup> Annual VADA Chapter Challenge).

Save the date –August 26<sup>th</sup>!! Come ride, volunteer or cheer your favorite entry in the MFS! It will be an exciting day of dressage competition and team spirit. We look forward to seeing everyone at the show.