

More Than a Ribbon

Inspiring Growth, Building Confidence & Celebrating
Achievement and Fun Along the Way



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Who are we?

Kara Stark McGrew



- In Industry for over 30 years
- PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor –
- PATH Intl. CTRI
- PATH Intl. ESMHL
- PATH Intl. Mentor
- Special Olympics Coach Certification
- Helping Horseshoe Therapeutic Riding Club – 25 years
- USEF Steward
- Has been involved in the Arabian industry for 30+ years.
- Currently on her 2nd term on the PICC for PATH Intl.

Elizabeth Pellegrino



- In Industry for over 30 years
- PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor –
- PATH Intl. CTRI
- PATH Intl. ESMHL
- PATH Intl. Mentor
- Past Certified EAGALA Equine Specialist
- Freedom Horse Farm – 17 years
- Standardbred Racing and Rehoming
- Past PATH Intl. Region 2 Rep for 2 terms

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Why is it important to participate in competitive sports??

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BUILDS RESILIENCE AND MENTAL TOUGHNESS



ENHANCES SELF-CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM



TEACHES CRITICAL LIFE SKILLS



PROMOTES HEALTHY HABITS AND PHYSICAL BENEFITS

For programs, the ribbon represents more than a placing—it represents progress, sustainability and connection.



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stats and impact of competition



- Mental and Physical Health - 40% better mental and emotional health. (Omeo America)
- Independence – 72% of participants reported improved independence in their daily lives (Move United)
- Social Growth – 94% of participants felt a stronger sense of belonging within the adaptive sports community. (Special Olympics CO.)

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The Impact: Value for Programs

Supports program retention and engagement

Creates connection to a broader community

Program visibility

Shareable accomplishments

Monetary Recognition

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Program Visibility and Promotion

Participation in virtual shows helps programs demonstrate their competitors' abilities and accomplishments through shareable videos and results. This can attract:

new participants
volunteers
donors
community partners

Fundraising and Sponsorship Potential

Competition participation and awards can create compelling stories for grant applications, sponsorships, and donor engagement.



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The Impact: Value for Instructor NOT EXTRA WORK!

Teaching tool – show prep turns into structured lessons and not an extra task

Judges feedback

Skill benchmarks

Adds structure and progressive goals to lessons

Video review opportunities

Tracking Progress or Lack of Progress

Increase participant motivation



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The Impact: Value for Competitors

Virtual showing allows competitors to grow at their own pace while still experiencing real competition.

The ribbon becomes a celebration of personal progress

Builds self esteem and confidence

Pride in achievement

Being a part of the larger equestrian community

Progression

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Mary on her Warmblood Jumping Mare



Progression

Not Comparison

Progression is:

- ❖ Individualized
- ❖ Skill-Based
- ❖ Growth Focused

Progression is Recognizing:

- ❖ Effort
- ❖ Improvement
- ❖ Personal Milestones

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Why Should Virtual Horse Showing Be Your Choice?



Mustang broodmare and her filly foal.

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Barriers to Attending Horse Shows?

Travel Limitations

Financial Constraints

Health and Energy Limitations

Program Capacity – Limited Horses and Staffing

The desire to compete exists.

The access can be challenging.

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National Adaptive Virtual Horse Shows

A Progression-Based Virtual Horse Show Model. Designed specifically for the Equine Assisted Services COMMUNITY.

- Accessible and inclusive**
- Competitors show from their home programs**
- Judged with adaptive-aware standards**



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Mission

Our mission is to provide inclusive, accessible, and educational virtual horse show experiences that support competitors of all abilities, instructors who participate in an equine assisted service program and entry level academy competitors through structured competition, skill progression, year-end recognition, and inclusion within the equestrian community.

Vision Statement

Natl Adaptive Virtual Horse Shows envisions a future in which individuals of all abilities have equitable access to equestrian sport, are empowered to pursue personal excellence through virtual competition, and are recognized for their achievements within an inclusive and supportive horse community.

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Competitions

- ❖ Adaptive
- ❖ Academy
- ❖ Veterans
- ❖ In Hand
- ❖ English Dressage
- ❖ Western Dressage
- ❖ Carriage Driving
- ❖ Equicizer
- ❖ Hippotherapy Goal Achievement

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Eligibility

To participate, an exhibitor must be one of the following

- ❖ **Adaptive Status.** Have a medically diagnosed condition that causes a permanent impairment that can be measured objectively.
- ❖ **Veteran status.** Be or have been a member of our Armed Forces participating in an Adaptive riding or horsemanship program, taking lessons on a horse that is primarily a lesson/program horse.
- ❖ **Adaptive Academy status.** Be a participant in an Adaptive riding program, taking lessons on a horse that is primarily a lesson/program horse.
- ❖ **Open Academy status.** Be a participant in an open lesson program, taking lessons on a horse that is a lesson/program horse. No privately owned horse/competitor entries
- ❖ **Hippotherapy.** A competitor who is participating in a Hippotherapy program with a licensed therapist.

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Classes and more classes...

- Equitation
- Obstacles
- Patterns
- English Dressage
- Western Dressage
- In hand obstacles
- Showmanship
- Obstacle Showmanship
- Liberty Obstacle
- Pleasure Driving
- Reinsmanship
- Obstacle Pattern Driving
- Dressage Driving – TBA
- Equicizer Equitation
- Equicizer Musical Freestyle
- Equicizer Position Challenge Pattern
- Hippotherapy Goal Achievement Award



No vaulting or roping classes

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Our classes are organized:

Division/ Skill Level
Eligibility Status/Functional Ability
Age/Peer Level Competition
Discipline
Advancement – at their own pace



The system allows competitors to grow at their own pace while still experiencing real competition.

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Year End Performance Awards

Performance Awards for competitors and programs

- Day and Year End Awards
- Competitors receive Champion awards
- Programs receive High Point awards

Mandatory requirements for participation in day and year end performance awards

- Must register and pay the one time yearly fee by closing date of show for points to count



The goal is not just participation—it is growth over time.

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Fees – Performance Awards

Competitor Fees		Program Fees for High Point Awards	
1 Circuit	\$25.00	1 Circuit	\$30.00
2 Circuits	\$40.00	2 Circuits	\$50.00
3 Circuits	\$50.00	3 Circuits	\$65.00
4 Circuits	\$55.00	4 Circuits	\$75.00
5 Circuits	\$60.00	5 Circuits	\$85.00
6 Circuits	\$65.00	6 Circuits	\$95.00

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Competitor Day and Circuit Year End Awards Champion, (ribbon and trophy) will be awarded in Circuits for the Sections in the Divisions

Circuits

- Adaptive
- Veterans
- Academy
- English Dressage
- Western Dressage
- In-Hand
- Carriage Driving
- Equicizer(Mechanical Horse)

Competitor Sections


- Adaptive; cognitive, physical, emotional
- Veteran
- Academy
- Open Academy

Divisions

- Maiden Walk Only
- Maiden Walk/Trot or Jog
- Novice Walk/Trot or Jog
- Intermediate Walk Only
- Advanced Intermediate Walk
- Intermediate Walk/Trot or Jog
- Advanced Intermediate Walk/Trot or Jog
- Advanced Walk
- Advanced Walk/Trot or Jog
- Advanced Walk/Trot or Jog, Canter/Lope
- Liberty

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<p style="text-align: center;">Program Day Awards</p> <p>High Point Award will be presented to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported • Limited Support • Independent <p>In the following circuits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive • Veterans • English Dressage • Western Dressage • In Hand • Academy • Carriage Driving • Equicizer 		<p style="text-align: center;">Program Year End Circuit Performance Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class High Point Award • Circuit High Point Award • NAVHS Best Overall. <p>Class Highpoint will be awarded to the Program with the highest number of points from all their program competitors over the year in those classes.</p> <p>Circuit Highpoint will be awarded to the Program with the highest overall number of points from all their program competitors over the year in that circuit.</p> <p>Best Overall will be awarded to the Top 3 Programs. Points will be accumulated from all program competitors in all circuits.</p>
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<h2>Program Year End Circuit Awards</h2>		
<p>Class High Point (Ribbon and Trophy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equitation • Obstacles • Patterns • English Walk Only • English Walk/Trot Level 1 • English Walk/ Trot Level 2 • English Walk/ Trot/Canter • Western Walk Only • Western Walk/Jog Level 1 • Western Walk/Jog Level 2 • Western Walk/Jog/Lope • In hand obstacles • Showmanship • Obstacle Showmanship • Liberty Obstacle • Pleasure Driving • Reinsmanship • Obstacle Pattern • Equicizer Equitation • Musical Freestyle • Position Challenge Patter 	<p>Circuit High Point. (Ribbon and Prize Money/Gift Card)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive • Veterans • Academy • English Dressage • Western Dressage • In Hand • Carriage Driving • Equicizer 	<p>Best Overall</p> <p>Top 3 will be awarded (Ribbon and Prize Money)</p> <p>Gold \$200.00* Silver \$150.00* Bronze \$100.00*</p> <p>*Minimum award. Actual monetary awards will be based on participation and updated on the website.</p>



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Horse Show Fees

OFFICE FEES - \$ 20.00

CLASS FEES

Individual classes- \$25.00

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Home Show Schedule Fees Competition Classes Entering a Show Video Submission Process
 Performance Awards Handbook Dressage Tests Patterns and Obstacles Call Sheets
 Prize Lists- contains division and class Sponsorships HorseShowing.com Inst. Manual Judging System

NEXT SHOW:
 2026- June 7th

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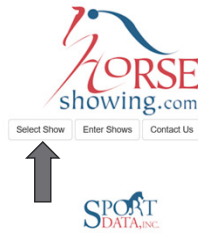
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How to Enter a Show

Go to : HorseShowing.com- found on our home page under or click on the menu link “Entering a Show”



Click on “Select a Show”



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Scroll down to June 8th – The date of the show
Select “National Adaptive Virtual Horse Shows”

2025 Apr 10 12:00pm
<u>Smithtown Hunt Horse Show</u>
June 8, 2025, Old Field Farm 2025 Apr 10 8:15am
<u>National Adaptive Virtual Horse Shows</u> ←
June 8, 2025, Online - Submit Entries via horseshowing.com 2025 Apr 16 11:18am
<u>WEC Summer Series 1</u>
June 10 - 15, 2025, World Equestrian Center - Ocala, Florida 2025 Apr 16 11:18am

Select “Enter Online” and then “Click Here to Enter Online”



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