

Special Olympics New Jersey  
Remote Equestrian Competition

Saturday October 22, 2022

**REMOTE SHOW**

Judging will begin at 10:00 am on October 22  
Ribbon Presentation Date and Time TBD

<b>Judges:</b>		<b>Show Manager:</b>	
<b>Equitation &amp; Pattern:</b>	TBD	<b>Christine Cardinal</b>	609-439-1605
<b>Obstacles:</b>	TBD		609-730-9059 x 401
<b>Dressage:</b>	TBD		csc1605@yahoo.com
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The 2022 SONJ Virtual State Competition will run according to USEF and Special Olympics rules.

Late entries will not be accepted. Late video submissions will not be accepted.

Important Dates:

Entry Opening Date: 9/1/22    Entry Closing Date: 9/30/22

Video Submission Opening Date: 9/20/22    Video Submission Deadline: 10/20/22

**Attention Instructors, Coaches, and Programs**

Please remember, the proper paperwork (LTP, medicals, releases) needs to be sent to SONJ-Susan Mejia in order for programs and riders to be eligible to participate.

Susan Mejia: SM@sonj.org

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**Non-Independent Divisions**

*A Leader is required and one or two side-walkers may be used. The horse will be on the lead at all times.*

**Walk Only Divisions:**

1. **Walk Only Equitation** - Judged at the walk only in both directions. May be asked to halt, circle, or reverse direction.
12. **Walk Only Obstacles** - Course will consist four obstacles, at least one change of direction, and a halt.

**Novice Walk/Trot Divisions:**

*A Leader is required and one or two side-walkers may be used. The horse will be on the lead at all times.*

2. **Novice Walk/Trot Equitation** - Riders may be asked to halt, circle or reverse direction at the walk, and to trot (posting or sitting) a short distance in each direction.
13. **Novice Walk/Trot Obstacles** - Course will consist four obstacles, at least one change of direction, a halt, and a short trot.

**Intermediate Walk/Trot Divisions:**

*A Leader is required and one or two side-walkers may be used. The horse will be off lead at the walk and on lead at the trot.*

3. **Intermediate Walk/Trot Equitation** - Riders may be asked to halt, circle or reverse direction at the walk, and to trot (posting or sitting) a short distance in each direction.
14. **Intermediate Walk/Trot Obstacles** - Course will consist four obstacles, at least one change of direction, a halt, and a short trot.

## **Independent Divisions**

***For safety reasons, all programs with riders participating in the Independent Classes must provide a spotter for each rider in the ring. Any verbal or physical assistance given will be penalized.***

### **Intermediate Walk Only Division:**

**Rider will have a spotter in the ring who will remain close to the horse's head. The horse will be off lead at all times. Any assistance from the spotter will be penalized.**

**4. Independent Walk Only Equitation** - Judged at the walk only in both directions. May be asked to halt, circle, or reverse direction.

**5. Independent Walk Only Pattern** - At the walk riders will be asked to follow a straight line, circle left, halt, then return to the line-up.

**15. Independent Walk Only Obstacles** - Course will consist of four obstacles, at least one change of direction, a halt.

### **Advanced Intermediate Walk/Trot Division:**

**Rider will have a spotter in the ring who will remain close to the horse's head. The horse will be off lead at all times. Any assistance from the spotter will be penalized.**

**6. Advanced Intermediate Walk/Trot Equitation** - Riders may be asked to halt, circle or reverse direction at the walk, and to trot (posting or sitting) a short distance in each direction.

**7. Advanced Intermediate Walk/Trot Pattern** - Riders will be asked to follow a straight line at the walk, then trot, and finally halt.

**16. Advanced Intermediate Walk/Trot Obstacles** - Course will consist of four obstacles, at least one change of direction, a halt, and a trot.

### **Advanced Walk/Trot Division:**

**Riders will ride independently at the walk and trot. Riders must have a spotter who will remain in the center of the ring. Any assistance from the spotter will be penalized.**

**8. Advanced Walk/Trot Equitation** - Riders may be asked to halt, circle, and/or reverse direction at the walk and/or trot (posting or sitting) in a group.

**9. Advanced Walk/Trot Figure 8 Pattern** - Riders will ride independently at the walk and trot. Riders will be asked to demonstrate a figure 8 pattern at the trot.

**17. Advanced Walk/Trot Obstacles** - Course will consist of five obstacles, at least one change of direction, a halt, and a trot. Riders must ride the course independently but their spotter will remain just outside of the course area.

### **Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter Division:**

**Riders will ride independently at the walk, trot, and canter. Riders must have a spotter who will remain in the center of the ring. Any assistance from the spotter will be penalized.**

#### **10. Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter Equitation**

Riders may be asked to halt, circle, and/or reverse direction at the walk and/or trot (posting or sitting) in a group. Riders will be asked to canter in both directions for a short distance, one rider at a time.

#### **11. Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter Pattern**

Riders will be asked to demonstrate a figure 8 pattern at the trot and canter in a straight line for a short distance.

#### **18. Advanced Walk/Trot/Canter Obstacles**

Course will consist of five obstacles, at least one change of direction, a halt, a trot, and a canter. A jump will be included as an optional obstacle. Riders must ride the course independently but their spotter will remain just outside of the course area.

## ***Dressage: All level of riders can compete in the dressage class***

**All tests are Special Olympics 2023 World Summer Games, Berlin. Tests may be ridden or driven in carriage.**

**DC Class 1A: (Walk) Special Olympics Eq Level C1 Test 1**

**DC Class 1B: (Walk) Special Olympics Eq Level C1 Test 2**

**DC Class 2A: (Walk/Trot) Special Olympics Eq Level B1 Test 1**

**DC Class 2B: (Walk/Trot) Special Olympics Eq Level B1 Test 2**

**DC Class 3A: (Walk/Trot/Canter) Special Olympics Eq Level A Test 1**

**DC Class 3B: (Walk/Trot/Canter) Special Olympics Eq Level A Test 2**

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**Entry Information and Important Dates**

- Programs entering SO riders must complete and submit LTP form, waivers, and new medicals prior to their first practice.
- Entry Opening date: September 1, 2022.
- SO medical forms and Code of Conduct must be completed and submitted by September 30, 2022.
- Refer to SO rules for specific details.
- SO-NJ will validate an athlete's participation for the SO ribbons and medals. The Horse Show Manager/Committee will not have any influence over SO participation.
- Entry Closing date: September 30, 2022.
- Video submission opening date: September 20, 2022, only after registration and athlete validation is complete.
- Video submission deadline: 11:59 pm on October 20, 2022. Please note that this is two days before the judging, one day earlier than last year.
- Each rider may enter one equitation class, one pattern class (if available for rider's level), one obstacle class, and up to two dressage tests of the same level, test 1 & 2.

**Video Submission Information**

- You do not need a special camera to record videos. A cell phone video will work!
- Videographer Placement: The videographer needs to stand and tape from the following locations-
  - Equitation and Pattern Classes- Center of the ring
  - Obstacle Course- Outside of the ring behind letter C
  - Dressage Classes- Outside of the ring behind letter C
- **Step 1.** Using a phone or video camera, have a helper video your ride from the time you enter the ring, ideally in an outdoor arena/field during the daytime. For best results, the phone/camera should be held horizontally and not be facing into the sun. An indoor or covered arena may be used if the lighting is good—the better the lighting conditions, the better you will look. Make sure the sound is turned ON.
- **Step 2.** Prior to entering the ring, your videographer must show a cell phone displaying the date and time. Without stopping the video, speak into the camera stating the rider's name and the horse's name, the class or the level and test you are riding and then continue, without editing (no stopping and starting) into the arena.
- **Step 3.** As soon as the class/test is finished, the camera must approach the horse for a close up view of the horse and rider.
- **Step 4.** Following the instructions from SONJ, upload your video to the SONJ website.