



HOUSTON DRESSAGE SOCIETY

Hello everyone –

First and foremost, I hope this finds all of you and your loved ones safe and healthy. My reason for writing today is to update everyone with regards to the status of the Tex-Over Farms CDI 2*/HDS Spring Classic I&II currently scheduled at the GSWEC in Katy, TX on April 23-26, 2020.

As I'm sure many of you already know, the USEF has recommended that shows be canceled for the next 30 days, with the time period beginning on March 16. With that time frame, the HDS show is outside of the hold period and, as of now, will be allowed to go forward. HDS currently plans to go ahead with the show as scheduled, naturally reevaluating as new information and possibly new restrictions come into play. HDS plans to follow precautions as recommended by the CDC and State Public Health Directors to prevent the spread of respiratory diseases.

Naturally, we hope all is much improved in April and that our communities will be returning to a semblance of normalcy. We would like to see everyone at the show, so long as it's safe. If you plan on showing, please continue your normal show preparation, and for those of you planning to compete in the CDI, make sure your FEI documents are ready to go. With all of that being said, we don't want you to sign up for the show yet. As there are fees we cannot refund, we don't want anyone out money for no reason. We will likely extend the closing date until the weekend before the show, and we understand that people may not want to sign up until very close to the show date.

In addition, the show will be run somewhat differently in order to facilitate social distancing. It will be a bare-bones show, with no parties, banquet or other social activities. There are also other things that will be different with regards to interactions with the show staff and offices, but those will be spelled out in detail to everyone once we know for sure the show will proceed. We also ask everyone's patience and understanding, as moving the closing date until the last possible day will mean a serious time crunch for the show organizers, with ride times and other information not available until the last minute.

I am also in communication with all of the show officials, to make sure they are available and willing to come, and I will continue to update them, as well as all of you, as I receive more information. Stay safe, everyone.

Regards,

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Vice President and Recognized Show Chair