

*Saddle Seat Equitation*  
**WORLD CUP**

**UNITED STATES**

**UNITED STATES SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION WORLD CUP TEAM SELECTION TRIALS**

March 26-28, 2010

William Woods University Saddle Seat Stables—Fulton, Missouri

Local Member Competition—US Equestrian Federation

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**EVENT OFFICIALS**

**JUDGES**

Michael Craghead ..... Fresno, CA  
Cecile Hetzel-Dunn ..... Lady Lake, FL  
Anne Judd ..... Dade City, FL  
Gayle Lampe ..... Fulton, MO  
Cindy Mugnier ..... Belchertown, MA  
Renaë Van Zomeren ..... Leighton, IA

**INTERVIEW PANEL—3-GAITED**

Sandy Backer ..... Fulton, MO  
Karen Minnick ..... Columbia, MO  
Stephanie Wells ..... Columbia, MO

**INTERVIEW PANEL—5-GAITED**

Julian Hertzog ..... Fulton, MO  
Anna Marie Knipp ..... Jefferson City, MO  
Jeff Vogel ..... Columbia, MO

**ANNOUNCER**

Mark Farrar ..... Shelbyville, TN

**USEF STEWARD**

Jean Kraus ..... Fulton, MO

**EVENT SECRETARY**

Laura Hundley Ritts ..... Austin, TX

**EVENT MANAGER**

Christy Judd O'Donnell ..... Wesley Chapel, FL  
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**HOST FACILITY**

William Woods University ..... Fulton, MO  
*Sandy Sessink, Clinical Instructor, Saddle Seat  
Laura Ward—Associate Professor, Equestrian Studies*

**ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS**

SCRIBES: Student Volunteers ..... William Woods University  
VETERINARIAN: ..... Posted at Show Office  
FARRIER: ..... TBA

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**THREE-GAITED FINALISTS**

**Jordyn Broten—Montrose, MN**  
*Application*

**Audrey Burt—Ozark, MO**  
*UPHA NSH Senior Challenge Cup*

**Maggie Cramer—Hanover, MA**  
*AMHA Breed Representative*

**Angela Darrow—Hartland, WI**  
*Application*

**Mallory Hartigan—Glen Ellyn, IL**  
*Application*

**Jordan Hodge—Duluth, GA**  
*NSHR Breed Representative*

**Ali Judah—Louisville, KY**  
*Application*

**Nick Maupin—Sussex, WI**  
*Application*

**Brittany McGinnis—Fishers, IN**  
*Application*

**Victoria McHenry—New Orleans, LA**  
*Application*

**Jessica Moctezuma—Hardwick, NJ**  
*Application*

**Katie Moeller—St. Louis, MO**  
*Application*

**Alexis Muniz—Coconut Creek, FL**  
*UPHA Senior Arabian Challenge Cup*

**Abby Mutrux—St. Louis, MO**  
*Application*

**Taylor Newton—Lizton, IN**  
*Application*

**Cori O'Brien—Dousman, WI**  
*Application*

**Sarah Jane Smith—Cincinnati, OH**  
*Application*

**Bailey Strange—Edmond, OK**  
*AHA Breed Representative*

**Casey Morgan Tibolet—Charleston, WV**  
*Application*

**Eleanor Watkins—Louisville, KY**  
*Application*

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**FIVE-GAITED FINALISTS**

**Brittany Baird—Hinsdale, IL**  
*Application*

**Jacqueline Beck—Aliso Viejo, CA**  
*Application*

**Angela Darrow—Hartland, WI**  
*Application*

**Drew Taylor Hewitt—Bermuda Run, NC**  
*Application*

**Ali Judah—Louisville, KY**  
*Application*

**Nick Maupin—Sussex, WI**  
*Application*

**Brittany McGinnis—Fishers, IN**  
*Application*

**Alexis Pearson—Salisbury, MA**  
*Application*

**Lindsay Rinehart—Hickory Corners, MI**  
*NSH Five-Gaited Horsemanship Finals*

**Scooter Scheurich—New Orleans, LA**  
*Application*

**Cydni Simmons—Burlington, KY**  
*Five-Gaited Horsemanship Finals*

**Casey Morgan Tibolet—Charleston, WV**  
*Application*

# **2010 US SADDLE SEAT WORLD CUP**

## **SELECTION TRIALS RULES**

These trials covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith:

### **CHAPTER EQ-EQUITATION DIVISION SUBCHAPTER EQ-3. SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION SECTION.**

#### **EQ118 Requirements for Specific Classes; Sec. 20. US SADDLE SEAT WORLD CUP SELECTION TRIALS**

##### **Appointments.**

a. Personal: Riders are to wear Kentucky Jodhpurs in conservative colors with a closely fitted shirt or sweater tucked into the waist of their pants. The shirt/sweater should also be of conservative nature in design and color. Jodhpur boots and riding gloves are mandatory. Optional items include a conservative belt, non-roweled spurs, and protective headgear. Ties, vests or hats of any kind (exception: protective headgear) are not allowed. Hair shall be neatly groomed so as not to detract from the riders' general appearance.

b. Tack: Bridle shall be light, show type; either single snaffle, curb and snaffle or Pelham bit. Martingales are allowed. Riders are to provide their own saddles, stirrups/leathers and whips.

##### **Class Conduct.**

a. Riders will compete on not less than two horses during the duration of the riding portion of the competition. During the rail work phase riders will work at the walk, trot, and canter (Five-Gaited may include slow gait and rack depending on horse availability) both directions of the ring. The hosting director will divide riders into groups of sizes deemed manageable with regard to the horses being used for the competition.

b. Patterns will be executed individually by each rider on a minimum of two different horses. The patterns to be performed will be divided into segments, each of which will have an assigned score. Copies of the patterns will be distributed to the riders at the drawing of the horses. The order of go for the patterns shall be determined by a draw, to be conducted in conjunction with the riders' draw of horses.

c. There will be absolutely NO coaching while riders are being evaluated by the judging panel. This rule includes both instructors and members of the audience. This rule will be STRICTLY ENFORCED. Violations of this rule could result in the elimination of a rider and/or the expulsion of the person doing the coaching from the arena area. The decision of the USEF Steward, in consult with attending members of the Executive and Selection Trials Committee or the designees shall be final.

d. The hosting director shall determine the number of rail and pattern rides based on horse availability. This will be announced no later than the riders' draw of horse/order of go assignments, which is typically conducted the day before the trials.

e. Rides and interviews will be scheduled by the hosting director as deemed appropriate. The contestants' ride/interview schedules will be given to them at the same time that the draw is conducted. Breaks will be scheduled during each day's events. Should time restraints require any adjustments to the set schedule, such changes will be announced by the official Event Announcer as far in advance as possible.

f. Competitors will be allowed two five minute time outs for breakage of equipment or a cast shoe during the competition. If in the second time out a successful repair/replacement cannot be satisfactorily achieved an emergency alternate horse may be substituted by the host. If the five-minute time allotment for the second time out for the same horse is insufficient to make the repair or replacement, an additional five minutes will be awarded. At the conclusion of the allotted time, the rider must proceed on either the same horse or on the emergency alternate or withdraw from that phase of the competition. A rider who withdraws will not receive a score for that phase of the competition but may continue in the next phase in which they are entered either with repaired equipment, replaced shoe or on an alternate horse.

##### **Interview.**

The inclusion of an interview as a scored portion of the competition is at the discretion of the Council. The council and Selection Committee will determine if the interview portion will be included in the selection process for a given team selection competition. When the Council elects to include the interview, the percentage assigned to that portion of the competition shall be declared prior to the opening of the application process and publicized to all finalists prior to their acceptance of the finalist bids. When included, interviews shall be conducted by a panel of three interviewers, generally to be provided by the hosting institution. The duration of each interview will be ten minutes. The interview will consist of five questions, to be selected from a list of ten questions that will be provided to the riders in advance of the interview. Questions will be likely to include such topics as current world and national events, history, geography, etc. Riders will be evaluated primarily for their ability to conduct themselves in a positive, articulate and professional manner, as befitting a representative of both the United States and the Saddle Seat Equitation community. The Council and the hosting director reserve the right to change the number of interviewers based on availability, but will make every effort to secure a minimum of three panelists.

##### **Scoring.**

a. RAIL: Rail work will be evaluated using a numerical system based on a perfect score total of 100 from each judge.

b. PATTERN: Each pattern will be divided into segments, which will carry possible score values as determined by the panel of judges and/or organizers prior to the competition. Each pattern will have a total possible score of 100 points from each judge, resulting from the combined total of the segment scores. c. INTERVIEW: Each rider will earn a score of up to 100 possible points from each member of the interview panel.

d. ORDINAL CONVERSION: The numerical score given by an evaluating official (either judge or interviewer) for each rider at the conclusion of each phase (with phase defined as a railwork, pattern or interview segment completed by all finalists for that particular team trials) will be converted to an ordinal, with each judge's highest numerical score converting to a '1', the next highest a '2', etc.

e. Numerical scores for each ride of every contestant will be announced at the conclusion of the ride with the exception of the final rail ride scores. These scores will only be made public following the announcement of the team at the Awards Ceremony.

f. The grand total score for each rider shall be a combination of the ordinals awarded by all judges/interviewers from all railwork, patterns and interview phases. Those riders who hold the five lowest cumulative ordinal scores will be named as members of Team USA, and will represent the United States at the International Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup for the designated competition year.

g. In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the rider with the lower combined rail ordinal scores from all judges. If a tie still exists, preference will be given to the rider with the lower combined pattern ordinal scores from all judges. If the above methods are insufficient to break the tie, preference will be given to the rider with the lower combined interview ordinal scores from all interviewers. If none of the above methods are sufficient to break the tie, preference will be given to the rider with the total ordinal scores from all interviewers. If none of the above methods are sufficient to break the tie, the lower combined total ordinal scores for the railwork and pattern segments of the competition as issued by ONE judge determined by the Council to serve as the Referee shall have precedence. The referee shall be announced prior to the start of the competition, generally at the event where riders draw for horses, order of go, etc.

#### **Alternate Rider Status.**

The 6th place rider will be named the alternate and is considered "on call" to replace any member of the top five who must step down for health or emergency personal matters prior to the official start of the International World Cup event. In the case of an away competition, the 'official start' has generally been defined as the time at which the team members depart for the host country. Any exception to this rule shall be strictly the jurisdiction of ISSEA (International Saddle Seat Equitation Association), and their judgment on such matters is final. The US Council MAY, at their discretion, elect to provide apparel or other official team items to the alternate. Participation by the alternate in promotional and fundraising events within the US is strongly encouraged. The alternate will not be sponsored as a team member for travel to the International competition, but is encouraged to attend and support the US team. It is left to the discretion of the host country for each International Saddle Seat World Cup event to set policy regarding the level of participation that alternates may have in the various ceremonies or functions associated with the event. It is the current policy of the US Council to be as inclusive as possible to alternates and auxiliary officials of visiting teams who attend competition here in the US, and we have encouraged other hosting nations of ISSEA to make every effort to extend the same courtesy.

#### **Judging.**

- a. The riders are to be judged 45% on rail work (22.5% each on two rides), 45% on patterns (22.5% each on two patterns), and 10% on personal interview. The percentages allocated to each phase may be changed by vote of the Council for a given competition year; however, the percentages allocated to each portion must be publicized prior to the start of the application process and must be disclosed to finalists prior to their acceptance of the finalist bids.
- b. Riders will be scored by a panel of six judges. Judges shall be selected from the current United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Licensed Officials list. It is preferable that all judges hold a Registered (R) designation in Saddle Seat Equitation, although judges holding Recorded (r) designations in Saddle Seat Equitation may also officiate. In rare circumstances, a judge who does not hold current designation from USEF may be utilized provided that the proper Guest Card procurement procedures are followed. In the event that a judge is unable to begin or complete the scoring of the entire event, it shall be the right of those members of the US Council Executive Committee, Selection Trials Committee and their designees in attendance to vote to amend the number of judges or utilize substitutes. Every effort to maintain the integrity of the scoring and the fairness of the competition will be made in such case.
- c. Judges will use the standards from Subchapter EQ-3, Saddle Seat Equitation, in the Federation Rule Book as their guideline for evaluating each rider. The scoring used will be a numerical system for all phases and the scores will be announced and posted with the exception as noted above in "Scoring". The scoring system to be used will be explained in depth to each judge before the start of the competition. Judges may only call for tests 1-13 (see EQ119.1-13).
- d. It is the Council's wish that the judges make a special effort to analyze each rider's form as well as his/her horsemanship abilities while keeping foremost in mind the unusual demands of the World Cup competition itself. A rider's resiliency after a "rough" class should also be given due consideration in the scoring. The format for the trials event competition, which requires competitors to ride horses with which they have little or no familiarity\*, was specifically designed to parallel the premise of the International event conditions. Further, the format is designed give judges the opportunity to evaluate each rider's ability to respond to these unusual demands. [\*Due to the nature of the horses often being donated for the competition, it is possible that riders may have ridden some of the horses used in the trials. Thus the Council will observe the ISSEA rules that a rider may not compete on a horse that he/she has previously owned or exhibited. In cases involving other types of familiarity, the hosting director will make every effort to ensure that there are no significant advantages given to riders who may have had experience with horses used in the trials competition. Such measures may include, but are not limited to the following: procurement of additional donated horses for the duration of the competition; availability of videotape for review by other finalists for the team in question prior to the competition which shows the hosting director giving instruction on the horse(s) in question in a noncompetitive setting, etc.]

#### **Awards.**

No ribbons will be awarded to competitors in the trials. The event will conclude with the announcement of the teams at an Award Ceremony, generally held at the conclusion of the competition. Certificates of Participation will be presented to each trials finalist. Each of the top five riders will also receive a commemorative certificate identifying them as a member of Team USA. The sixth-place rider shall be declared the alternate and will also receive a commemorative certificate identifying them as the alternate member of Team USA. Additional awards may be offered at the discretion of the Council.

#### **Entries.**

- a. All competitors who are 18 years of age or older on December 1 of the current competition year must possess current Amateur certification issued by the Federation (see Subchapter EQ-3. Amateurs and Professionals).
- b. The Federation Fee of \$12 will be waived for the World Cup Selection Trials. Chapter GR4, Drugs and Medications, will remain in effect.

#### **Resolution of Issues.**

All matters arising in connection with the execution of the trials competition that are not specifically addressed under USEF rules shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the US Saddle Seat World Cup Council Executive Committee and Selection Trials Committee or their proxied designees who are in attendance. Decisions of those Committee members in such matters shall be final.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY

March 26: 7:30 p.m. Welcome Dessert Reception  
Aldridge Hall  
Dress: Casual

## SATURDAY

March 27: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Three-Gaited Interviews  
McCallister Room, Rm. 204  
Academic Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

8 – 10 a.m. Five-Gaited Interviews  
President's Conference Room  
Academic Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

1 – 6 p.m. Three-Gaited Riding  
Indoor Riding Arena/  
Saddle Seat Stables

7:30 p.m. Dinner Reception  
Tucker Dining Hall  
Dress: Sunday Best/Cocktail

## SUNDAY

March 28: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Five-Gaited Riding  
Indoor Riding Arena/  
Saddle Seat Stables

1:30 p.m. Luncheon/Awards Ceremony  
Tucker Dining Hall  
Dress: Business

*\*\*\* Luncheon & Awards Ceremony should conclude by 3:00 p.m. \*\*\**

### **IMPORTANT USEF RULE REGARDING MOTORIED VEHICLES:**

In accordance with GR1301.7:

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. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

# DIRECTIONS & INFORMATION

## WILLIAM WOODS UNIVERSITY

is an approximately 1 ½ hour drive West of St. Louis, MO. It is an approximately 2 ½ hour drive East of Kansas City, MO. Take I-70 to the Fulton Exit (Hwy. 54) and go South 7 miles to Fulton. Take the first Fulton exit (exits to the left, so get over into left lane) and go to the Texaco station (on the left). Turn directly opposite the Texaco station to the right where there is a sign for William Woods University.

## ALDRIDGE HALL

Entering from University Avenue, go straight up the hill and cross a railroad track to a stop sign. On the right is a large grey domed building (McNutt Campus Center). Turn right past the grey dome. Aldridge Recreation Center is the last building on your right. At the Welcome Reception for the riders on Friday night, a campus map will be available to help locate the arena/stables area and other important sites.

## ACADEMIC BUILDING

The Academic Building is a three-story red brick building with black window frames. It is attached to the Campus Library. To get to the Academic Building from the barn, cross the street in front of the Saddle Seat brick barn and follow the sidewalk to the flagpole. It is to the left of the lake. Enter the building by the flagpole and go up the stairs at either end of the hall.

The **McCallister Room** (Room 204) is on the side of the building that faces the duck lake (South side). The **President's Conference Room** is across the hall from the McCallister Room and on the end of the building furthest from the barn.

## TUCKER DINING HALL

Tucker Dining Hall is located just off 12<sup>th</sup> Street between the Rosa Parks Center and Jones Hall.

## **AREA HOTELS**

Holiday Inn Express  
2205 Cardinal Drive  
Fulton, MO 65251  
PH (573) 642-2600

Country Hearth Inn & Suites  
556 Amerihost Drive  
Fulton, MO 65251  
PH (573) 642-0077

For more information about William Woods University, please visit the official website at [www.williamwoods.edu](http://www.williamwoods.edu)

## DINNER RESERVATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PH: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUESTED:

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$65      **BOTH DINNER & LUNCHEON**  
SAT Mar. 27 & SUN Mar. 28

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40      **DINNER ONLY—SAT Mar. 27**  
*\*Attire: Sunday Best/Cocktail*

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30      **LUNCHEON ONLY—SUN Mar. 28**  
*\*Attire: Business*

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

### IMPORTANT:

**\*\*\* Deadline for reservations: Monday, Mar. 22, 2010 \*\*\***

You will NOT receive actual event tickets—you will simply have a reservation and your party will need to check in and pay by cash or check at the door. Please be advised that ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE CHARGED unless cancellation is received and confirmed by Monday, Mar. 22, 2010.

Return your reservation via e-mail or fax to:

E-mail: [WCEquitation@aol.com](mailto:WCEquitation@aol.com) Fax: (813) 907-0736

A confirmation message will be sent to the e-mail address you list above.

For questions or additional information, please contact:



Christy O'Donnell, Executive Secretary at (813) 760-0465



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Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):


USEF# 315493



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## USEF Member To Do List:

Mow the fields.  Haul the hay.  Paint the barn — and the  
Auto Buying Program


house.  Re-order supplements  and office supplies.

**Office DEPOT.** Make sure we're covered  on the road and in the

ring.  Get ready for the big competition.  Win! Ship the trophy

home without a scratch.  Rent a car and drive to the coast. 

Take a vacation. Relax!  **LifeLock** You don't have to bet the farm to check  
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