



T.E.S. Combined Training Club 1994 Lecture Series and Certificate Programs

Dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in horsemanship

The T.E.S. Lecture Series and Certificate Programs aim to educate T.E.S. riding students in all aspects of Eventing competitions, including preparation, competition and grooming for Horse Trials. It is divided into six sections and a final exam:

1. **Introduction to Eventing** (Lecture)
Eventing rules and regulations; types, phases and divisions of competition at all levels; and comparison with other disciplines of riding.
2. **Eventing Tack and Equipment** (Lecture/Lab)
Event-specific tack and equipment for the horse and rider; different requirements for each phase; and the foot and shoeing.
3. **Feeding and Conditioning the Event Horse** (Lecture)
Principles of health care for the Event horse; diet and daily routine; conditioning and interval training.
4. **Event Grooming** (Lecture/Lab)
Responsibilities of the Event groom before, during and after the Event; equipment lists and usage; creating and maintaining the rider's schedule; and horse care after the cross-country phase.
5. **Travel Preparations and Trailering Safety** (Lecture/Lab)
Preparing the horse for travel; types and use of equipment; proper loading and unloading techniques; trailer safety checks; and care en route.
6. **Horse Trial Practicum**
Prerequisite: Event Lectures/Labs. This practicum provides students with the opportunity to apply all of the skills and information obtained in the lectures at an actual Horse Trial under the supervision of an experienced Head Groom.

The four required texts are:

1. The Start Box, available from the USCTA
2. The Event Groom's Handbook--Care of the Horse and Rider (revised edition)
3. 1994-1995 AHSA Rules for Combined Training
4. Horse and Stable Management by Houghton-Brown/Powell-Smith.

