



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.

Program Goals

The primary goals of the TESCTC Lecture Series and Certificate Programs are to provide the opportunity for:

- All T.E.S. and Van Dahn students to obtain a well-rounded education in general horsemanship
- Current and potential Eventing students to study all aspects of event grooming and competition
- TESCTC members to earn their Competition Division Certification.

Program Design

The program is designed for students who want to gain a general understanding of horse management and Event horse management. Participants can choose to attend lectures for information purposes or to complete the structured certificate programs, which include exams. Students will receive detailed information through lectures, demonstrations, and textbook material, as well as hands-on experience, and will be taught by a highly qualified and experienced instructor. All lectures will be videotaped and will be available to students for review or for students obligated to miss a lecture. The program is divided into three levels:

Level I: General Horse Management—8 sections.

Level II: Event Horse Management—6 sections.

Level III: TESCTC Competition Division Certification—6 divisions.

Levels I and II are open to all T.E.S. students. Level III is open only to TESCTC members.

Certification

Students who enroll in the certificate program must pass a written and oral/practical exam for each section in Levels I and II with a score of 80% or better to receive a Certificate of Completion. Students who are already knowledgeable about a section may take the relevant exam at the times offered; enrollment in lectures/labs is optional, but highly recommended. Private or semi-private lessons for additional practice in weak areas may be available. Students must receive their Certificate of Completion for each level before they can proceed to the next level. Certified TESCTC members will also receive a pin or badge for each level.

Schedule

Lectures and exams will generally be scheduled for Saturday afternoons. Lecture/Lab sections run approximately three hours. The Event Practicum runs a full day.

Program Fees

Each section costs \$25 for TESCTC members and \$30 for non-members—final exam is included. Exams taken without the accompanying lecture sections are free for TESCTC members and \$5 for non-members.

Level I -- General Horse Management

- 1. Horse Grooming, Handling and Safety (Lecture/Lab)**
Principles, correct procedures and equipment for grooming horses (including washing, clipping, trimming, mane-pulling, and braiding); and proper methods and safety rules for handling horses (including approaching, haltering, leading, and tying).
- 2. Horse Identification, Conformation, Psychology and Training (Lecture/Lab)**
Horse breeds, types, colors and markings; parts of the horse, conformation, performance, soundness; basic horse psychology; and theory of training the horse and rider.
- 3. English Tack and Equipment (Lecture/Lab)**
Parts, types and fitting of English tack (bridles, saddles, bits, nosebands, martingales, breastplates, and protective boots); and proper tack cleaning, care and safety.
- 4. Longeing the Horse and Rider (Lecture/Lab)**
Theory, equipment and procedures for longeing the horse; teaching the horse to longe; and purpose for longeing the rider (safety rules are emphasized).
- 5. Stable Management I: General Horse Care (Lecture)**
Principles of horse care (including watering, feeding, bedding, conditioning, exercising, and daily routine schedule).
- 6. Stable Management II: Bandaging and Horse Clothing (Lecture/Lab)**
Correct and safe methods for applying stable, shipping, tail and polo wraps; and types, fitting and usage of blankets and other horse clothing.
- 7. Stable Management III: Veterinary Basics (Lecture/Lab)**
Principles for horse health and preventive maintenance; wounds, lameness, ailments, and vices; the foot and shoeing; and methods for taking the pulse, respiration, and temperature.
- 8. Stable Management IV: Farrier Science (Lecture/Farrier Demonstration)**
Anatomy of the foot, types of shoes, and principles of shoeing.

The required text is *The Manual of Horsemanship: The Official Manual of The Pony Club*, British Horse Society, 10th edition (available at local tack stores).

Although there are no prerequisites, the lecture/labs sections should be taken in the sequence listed above, since knowledge of the previous lecture material is assumed in later lectures.

A lecture/lab designation indicates that the session includes a lecture and demonstration, followed by hands-on training.

A Certificate of Completion in General Horse Management will be awarded after all eight lectures and exams have been passed. TESCTC members will also receive a General Horse Management pin or badge.

Level II -- Event Horse Management

A Certificate of Completion in Event Horse Management will be awarded after the practicum and final exam have been passed. TESCTC members will also receive an Event Horse Management pin or badge.

Level III -- TESCTC Competition Division Certification

Upon completion of a minimum of three Horse Trials at any of the six divisions, members will receive a Certificate and a pin or badge indicating the competition level achieved. The six divisions are Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced.

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1994 Certificate Programs Checklist

Name: _____ Member # _____

Level I -- General Horse Management Lectures/Labs

Lectures/Labs	Date Completed	Date Tested	Written/Oral Exam Scores	Demo Exam Scores	Instructor's Signature
1. Grooming, Handling & Safety					
2. Identification, Conformation, Psychology, and Training					
3. English Tack and Equipment					
4. Longeing the Horse and Rider					
5. Stable Mgmt I: General Horse Care					
6. Stable Mgmt II: Bandages/Clothing					
7. Stable Mgmt III: Veterinary Basics					
8. Stable Mgmt IV: Farrier Science					

Level II -- Event Horse Management Lectures/Labs

1. Introduction to Eventing					
2. Eventing Tack and Equipment					
3. Feeding and Conditioning					
4. Event Grooming					
5. Travel Preparations/Trailering					

Horse Trial Practicum

Date	Horse Trial	Practicum Score	Supervisor's Signature

Certification Information

General Horse Management Certificate of Completion awarded on: _____

Event Horse Management Certificate of Completion awarded on: _____

TESCTC Competition Divisions Certifications awarded:

Beg. Novice _____ Training _____ Intermediate _____
 Novice _____ Preliminary _____ Advanced _____

Education/Competition Coordinator's signature: _____ Director's signature _____