## ABOUT THE SPORT

**USA WORKING EQUITATION**. The logo represents the four trials of Working Equitation and highlights the diversity for which the sport is known in the United States.

- The first image depicts a mule, being ridden in Western tack and attire in the Dressage trial.
- The second image showcases an Iberian horse in traditional Iberian tack and attire performing in the EOH trial.
- The third image shows a horse of indeterminate breeding and a rider in English tack and attire, competing in the Speed trial.

Together, all three riders represent a team competing together in the Cattle trial. Although the cow is not shown directly, the three teammates are working in concert. The image is intended to elicit the feeling of excitement and movement as the team moves their designated cow toward the holding pen to the far right, off the page.

#### **Dressage Trial**

The first of the Working Equitation trials is the Dressage trial. During this trial, the horse and rider ride a pattern of movements prescribed by the official test for their level. WE dressage tests are performed in a 20 x 40 meter "short court". The judge scores each movement on a scale of 0-10, and provides Collective Marks at the conclusion of the test for gaits, impulsion, submission, rider and presentation.

### **Ease of Handling**

Ease of Handling (EOH) is the second trial comprising a Working Equitation competition. The EOH trial is required at all performance levels–Introductory, Novice A/B, Intermediate A/B, Advanced, and Masters.

As with the Dressage trial, the judge scores each obstacle on a scale of 0-10 and also provides Collective Marks for transitions/navigation, gaits, impulsion, submission, and rider.

### **Speed Trial**

The third trial in a Working Equitation competition is the Speed trial. This is a test of a horse and rider's ability to navigate obstacles with accuracy as quickly as possible. It is thrilling to watch!

The Speed trial is first encountered by

horse/rider pairs competing at the Novice A level. Riders soon learn that precision in the obstacles, coupled with strategic course lines, translate to winning speed rounds.

### **Cattle Trial**

During the Cattle trial, a team of three or four riders work together as each rider separates a designated cow from the herd and moves it across the enclosure to a holding pen.

The Cattle trial is not always offered at WE competitions, but it is a crowd and competitor favorite when it is available. Riders use the same tack/attire for this trial as they did for Dressage, EOH, and Speed.

#### 4 TRIALS

- > Dressage
- > Ease of Handling
- > Speed
- > Cattle

For more information about the 4 Trials, go to these links on the usawe.org website.

https://usawe.org/ dressage-trial/

https://usawe.org/eoh -trial/

https://usawe.org/ speed-trial/

https://usawe.org/ cattle-trial/

# **Region 1:** Alaska, Washington,

Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.



Western Zone