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## UConn Dressage Team

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## Our Success

The UConn Dressage Team has established a reputation for outstanding performance at both regional and national levels. In 2023, the team sent not one, not two, but three riders to the 2023 Intercollegiate Dressage Association National Championships at the Virginia Horse Park in Lexington, VA.

The UConn Dressage Team's success is rooted in their commitment to developing riders' equestrian skills and nurturing qualities such as sportsmanship, leadership, and organizational management essential for future professional success.

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## About Our Team

### The Team

The University of Connecticut Dressage Team welcomes riders of all levels and disciplines that want to improve their horsemanship through the study of classical dressage principles. In the beginning of each semester, try-outs are held to fill any open spots. The selection process is competitive, but intro through first level riders are needed. Team members pay one fee for the semester and participate in one lesson a week on the UConn horses with additional riding opportunities available within the practicum. Team members compete regionally throughout the semester. There are seven colleges within our region with around nine shows through the year. The regional team champion and the regional champion of each division is invited to the nationals competition.

Both showing and alternate members make up the team. In addition to overall improvement of riding skills, there will be a focus on strategies to help riders get the most out of test riding in a show situation.

### Competitions

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### Team Commitment

Members are required to reschedule all of their missed lessons, attend all shows in support of UConn, perform team-led community service, fundraise and promote the team as well as attend bi-weekly meetings. All team members are an integral part of planning and executing the two UConn hosted IDA shows each year. Additional commitments are needed for elected seats within the team.

### IDA

Students of all levels participate in Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) New England regional shows throughout the semester and can qualify for nationals.

IDA is a national organization that offers organized competitions and the opportunity for students to make dressage a part of their college experience.

The mission of IDA is to introduce students to the equestrian discipline of dressage and to foster continued development, understanding and appreciation in the art of dressage through organized student competitions and educational opportunities.

