



Etowah Riding Club

Working Equitation Clinic August 22, 2020

with Maria & Arielle Blackstone

Online Registration & Prepayment Required

The discipline of Working Equitation, which is very popular in Europe, especially Spain and Portugal, is quickly growing in popularity in the US because of the unique blend of classical riding movements, reining movements and negotiating obstacles.

Through the challenges of Working Equitation patterns, you will develop a better communication with your horse. This clinic will be geared for those riders who are beginning in Working Equitation or those who are looking to expand their limited experience for their first W.E. Show. Speed will not be the goal in this clinic. Instead we will concentrate on the "Ease of Handling" & "Negotiating Obstacles" portion of Working Equitation. Working Equitation obstacles will be used along with the prescribed patterns and methods of negotiating the obstacles. Grass footing in an outdoor arena. Restrooms, horse water, covered picnic area, & drinks for sale.

\$75 Adult Ticket

\$60 Junior Rider (8-17 years)

\$10 Auditor Tickets

1 Free Adult Auditor per Junior rider

ONLINE REGISTRATION: www.EtowahRidingClub.com

REGISTER BY APRIL 29th, 2020

Clinic will be divided into 1 & 1/2 hour sessions (max of 4 riders per group) w/ mixed riding levels within each group. Tickets purchased by session time on a first come first serve basis. Max number of riders is 16 total for the clinic so register & pay early. Unlimited Auditor tickets (PA System) available: \$10 advance/\$12 at gate. Wait list for rider cancellations available.

RULES: Negative coggins, helmet, liability waiver, & proper safe tack required. No stallions unless pre approved by email with host and marked with blue tail ribbon. No excessive use of spurs, crops, or force by other means will be tolerated.

Rule calls at the discretion of the clinicians.

[Rain Date: August 29th, 2020](#)

Clinicians: Maria Blackstone, Southeast Director Confederation of Working Equitation. Arielle Blackstone, L1 Open Champion for 2018 & 2019. Both are Provisional Technical Delegates.



Confederation of Working Equitation

What is Working Equitation?

Working Equitation includes three to four different trials in which horse/rider team demonstrate their partnership while gaining points. Highest total combined points wins. It's a competitive sport, from Portugal that's taking hold in the U.S. Working Equitation is **open to all breeds and welcomes a variety of tack/attire**. You can participate at any level as well. There's something for everyone with Working Equitation.

The Four Trials include:

1. **Dressage Trial:** horse and rider complete a set pattern and are scored on how well they perform each of the required movements as well as the overall quality of the performance. For details on the dressage trial (including tests at each level) see www.confederationwe.us. Dressage in Working Equitation is the proof that the horse/rider team has the skills necessary to progress onto the Ease of Handling trial with obstacles.
2. **Ease of Handling Trial** allows competitors to demonstrate their ability to negotiate a set course of obstacles. In this phase each obstacle is judged for quality as well as correctness. Collection, impulsion and regularity of gate all count.
3. **Speed Trial** is again about negotiating an obstacle course but now you are being timed. Competitors are scored on their overall time to complete the course with added time faults for errors. Introductory Level riders do not compete in the speed trial.
4. **Cow Trials** are offered at team competitions only. This trial includes teams of 3-4 riders that move the designated cattle individually across the arena and into a secondary pen. This is a timed event.

