

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC



When: Sunday, Oct 3 (rain or shine)

Where: Fair Hill NRMA, MD (Gallaher Rd area)

What: Dressage Only, Combined Test (CT), Horse Trials (HT), Bear Trials (BT)

Who: Drivers must be BVDC members

The Bears will offer **Training, Preliminary and Intermediate** levels.

AWARDS: Ribbons for Dressage Only, Combined Test (CT: Dressage/Cones), Horse Trials (HT: Dressage/Cones/Hazards), Bear Trials (BT: Dressage/Cones/Tasks), Best Dressage and Best Marathon for each level.

New for 2021: TBP will run like a "continuous drive" event. There will be NO CONES RING - the cones course is divided into 5 sections and located at "Zones" along the cross-country course. Each Zone will also have a Hazard and a Task.

Entries will do their Dressage Test first and go immediately to the start of cross-country. Cross-country will have an assigned starting order and 10 minute spacing between entries but not exact start times. Highlights of the event are below.

All entries start with Dressage. Then CT, HT and BT entries will go to the start of cross-country. HC (no ribbons) entries can do cross-country only and may choose either Hazards or Tasks in each zone.

Five Zones are located along the cross-country track. Unofficial Map: <http://CarriageDrivingVolunteers.org/TBPPages/Maps/TBP2021CourseMap.pdf>

Each Zone has 3 activities available: Cones, Hazard and Task. Unofficial Maps: <http://CarriageDrivingVolunteers.org/TBPPages/TBPHazardMap/TBP2021ZoneMaps.pdf>

- CT will only do the Cones activity in each Zone.
- HT will do Cones and Hazard activities in the order shown on the Zone Map.
- BT will do Cones and the Task as shown on the Zone Map.

Cones will be scored only on knockdowns; the time taken in the cones patches is just part of the total time allowed for the overall course.

Hazards will be scored as usual on accuracy and time between IN and OUT gates.

Time Penalties for cross-country will be scored as usual. **Course Penalties** for the cross-country and zones will only be given for Groom Down, Driver Down or Break In Pace.

Training entries must walk or trot only. Preliminary may use any pace in Hazard and Cones but must only walk or trot outside the Zones. Intermediate may use any pace.

FOOD: The Bears will have a limited picnic tent if we get at least 25 folks who want to pay for an \$8 picnic lunch. Volunteers will get Panera Lunch Boxes as they did last year.

PORT-A-POTTIES: There will be 2 port-a-potties on-site (they are shown on the course map).

NO STALLS and NO CAMPING this year because those facilities are closed down for the Maryland 5-Star. A few stalls may be available at BVDC member locations nearby. The Bears will try to match you with a host member if you are unable to trailer in on Sunday. **Course will be open to walk on Friday October 1.** Packets will be available only online.

Covid Considerations: The Bears strongly suggest that only vaccinated folks participate in TBP this year. Unvaccinated folks may attend, but we will not be providing any special precautions to protect you from Covid. Therefore, **everyone will be asked to sign a special Covid Release that absolves BVDC and FHI from all liability should you get Covid at TBP.** Masks are optional unless mandated by Fair Hill but are considered courteous in areas where you must be close to others outside your bubble.

ALL DETAILS & ENTRY FORMS will be emailed via Elines SOON.