

Elite Schedule

Coach: Miss Elizabeth

Assistant: Miss Ashley

- ❖ Prerequisites: prior participation on Competition or Elite teams
- ❖ 2 seasons a year (Spring and Fall)
- ❖ Performance at the Fall Showcase
- ❖ Attends every competition (5 total Sept, Nov, Feb, April, June)
- ❖ High speed Loping with Flags and advanced intricate maneuvers with tight spacing.
- ❖ Two routines performed in one competition day (Theme routine and Freestyle routine will have different required maneuvers).
- ❖ Sponsorship participation required
- ❖ Each competition cost per rider on average is \$250 per show. (These fees can be paid for by the team sponsorship money raised.)
- ❖ New riders to the Elite team must have Personal Horses only

These practices are scheduled for Mondays at 5:30pm.

- **Practice dates:** 8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17
 - With practice times being at 5:30pm, that means you and your horse are here, tacked up and ready to start groundwork at 5:30pm. You can drop your rider off as early as 5:00pm.

Performance Dates:

- 9/19/25 - 9/21/25 - SEMDTA competition - Tiger, GA - Rabun Arena
- 11/14/25 -11/16/25 - SEMDTA competition - Tiger, GA - Rabun Arena
- 11/22/25 - Fall Showcase - Dabney Riding Academy

Other Important dates:

- 9/22/25 - 9/26/25 - After competition break
- 10/25/25 - Dabney Spring Fun Show (participation optional, personal horses only, no renting school horses)
- 10/13/25 - 10/17/25- Mid-season break. This week will be used for any makeup practices or extra practices needed. If no makeup practices or extra practices are needed, then no practice will take place.

Tuition / Fees

August payment: \$200 **Due 8/18/25**

September payment: \$200 **Due 9/1/25**

October payment: \$250 **Due 10/6/25**

Or you may make a 1 time payment of \$650 for the full semester.

*September Competition Fees **Due 8/15/25**

* November Competition Fees **Due 10/10/25**

Competition fees

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Costume fees

Are based upon specific costumes chosen by the instructor for each team (\$35 - \$65).

Dress Code

Please come to practice and performances wearing appropriate clothing and undergarments.

In colder weather, please dress in layers and bring gloves, scarf, hat etc in order to be able to comfortably ride in the elements during practice. In warmer weather, please dress accordingly with no bra strap, cleavage or midriff showing at any time.

Performance Items needed

- Black Bling Belt*
- White Bling Belt*
- Black Suede Chaps with full seat fringe and 4" drop*
- White gloves (with palm grip)
- Helmet
- Black Helmet cover *
- Grooming supplies*
- Blue Team T-Shirt
- Sponsor T-shirt (Will give out at comp)
- Black Felt cowboy hat*
- Black Sport boots for horses front legs (some variation)*
- Costume bag
- Black or dark oil breast collar (nylon or leather)*

Starred items (*) have a direct link to the product on our website under the Horse Gear page labeled: "Show Attire" <https://www.dabneyridingacademy.com/about-6>

Mission Statement

Diamond D Cowgirls mission is to enrich the lives of young girls by building confidence, encouraging positive teamwork and developing character through sharing a love for horses.

We accept the responsibility of teaching life lessons to our riders to further their growth inside the riding arena and out. We are committed to making the sport of drill team a

pleasant, safe and rewarding experience for everyone involved through quality coaching, sound leadership and genuine sincerity. Our atmosphere is one that will always strive to glorify God. Each practice will include a prayer time for riders to share praises and prayer requests.

1 Timothy 4:12 “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

Guidelines

1. Diamond D Drill Teams operate on two 14-week semesters: Spring Season runs from January through May and the Fall season runs from August through November.
2. Tuition can be paid either in full by the first practice or in 3 monthly payments at the first practice of the new month.
3. A \$10 late fee is added if tuition is not paid by the appropriate date.
4. We accept personal checks, cash, or debit/credit cards. Payments can be made to Dabney Riding Academy (DRA) or by using the link below:
<https://dabney-riding-academy.square.site>.
5. Tuition fees cannot be altered if the rider is unable to attend a certain practice day.
6. Repeated absences may result in removal of rider from performances at the discretion of the instructor. Please notify the coach promptly if a child will be unable to participate in any practices/performances so appropriate arrangements can be made. Dates and times for the show will be announced at the beginning of each semester.
7. There is ZERO tolerance for disrespectful attitudes, drama or bullying from riders, parents and guardians. There will be consequences for negative and unacceptable behavior. If there is an issue, you should address your coach immediately.
8. There is no cursing, drinking, or smoking while at practice or while wearing any Diamond D apparel or costume.
9. As all people are image-bearers of God, each student should treat their fellow teammates, the coaches, and parents of all students with respect.
10. In case a class must be canceled due to weather-related issues, a makeup class will be offered on another day in order to complete the 14 practices for that semester.

Expectations

Expectations of the Riders:

- Be on time to practices and performances.
- Be willing to work hard during practices without complaining or being disruptive.
- Be respectful of the coach, assistant coach, teammates and other adults.
- Follow all team guidelines and rules.
- Follow the coaches instructions in the barn and arena.
- Be a positive influence to your teammates by providing encouragement and camaraderie.
- Do not be a distraction to the rest of the team.

Expectations of the parent:

- Be sure the rider is willing to make the commitment necessary before accepting the invitation to join the team.
- Have the rider arrive at practices and performances on-time. Communicate with the coach if an issue comes up that will cause a delay.
- Understand that the coach must make decisions that are best for the team as a whole.
- Communicate with your rider's coach if any issues or concerns arise during the season. The sooner something can be brought to our attention, the quicker it can be resolved.
- When traveling in and out the driveway of the barn, please drive slowly and be aware of children and animals.
- Encourage your rider to check in with their coach before leaving practices and shows to make certain all tasks and responsibilities are completed.