

Oklahoma Dressage Society

2025–2026 GMO Report

USDF Region 9 Summer Meeting | July 2026

Mission Statement

The Oklahoma Dressage Society promotes and supports dressage, offering year-round opportunities and events. We organize shows and educational opportunities throughout the state, while cheering on competitors at all levels. Our overall mission is to share, to learn, and to contribute to the art of dressage.

2026 Board of Directors

President	Nicole Riffe	Vice President	Valerie McNair
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At Large	Laurie Hedlund	At Large	Linda Whitley

Membership

ODS currently has approximately **100 active members**, with typical annual membership ranging between 100–110. ODS is a USDF Group Member Organization (GMO) and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1978.

2025 Year in Review

Recognized Shows

ODS hosted its annual Spring Recognized Shows and Summer Oasis show weekends in 2025, offering competitors the opportunity to earn USDF scores and Region 9 qualifying points. The Summer Oasis show moved to a new location at Southern Hills Riding Academy in Bixby for 2026 and beyond.

Schooling Shows

ODS ran a full schooling show series throughout 2025 at venues across the state, including Riverfield Farm (Tulsa), Southern Hills Riding Academy (Bixby), and Revery Equine. Both traditional dressage and western dressage riders participate in ODS schooling shows. Year-end awards are presented for both recognized and schooling show competitors. In 2025, ODS added a new **Musical Freestyle award category** for schooling show competitors.

Educational Events

ODS offered clinic opportunities for members in 2025. Members also participated in enriching experiences beyond Oklahoma, including training with two-time Spanish Olympian **Luis Lucio** in Omaha and attending the **2025 USDF Convention**. ODS provided a convention stipend for its GMO delegate. ODS member Anne Kuhns represented the club at the convention, reporting on key topics including horse welfare, GMO social media strategy, new USEF rule changes, and the 2026 convention in Lexington, KY.

Annual General Meeting & Awards Banquet

The 2025 AGM and Awards Banquet was held **January 17, 2026** at the Tulsa Country Club. The event included a business meeting, financial review, board elections, a bylaws vote, silent auction, raffle, trivia contest, and new ODS

merchandise. Year-end awards were presented and the 2025 ODS Volunteer of the Year was honored.

2025 Member Highlights

- **Janelle Williams** – Hanoverian 4th Level Open & Amateur Musical Freestyle Champion
- **Payton Wilson** (age 13) – USDF Bronze Medal and Bronze Freestyle Bar, awarded at the 2025 USDF Convention

2026 Highlights to Date

Spring Recognized Shows I & II | May 2–3, 2026 | Tulsa Expo Center

ODS kicked off the 2026 recognized show season with a **Level 3** show at the Tulsa Expo Center. Competitors from across the region came together for two days of quality dressage. The weekend featured a **Kentucky Derby-themed raffle and prize table**, adding a festive community spirit to the competition. Judges: **Brian MacMahon (S)** and **Sue Mandas (S)**.

Spring Schooling Show #1 | May 16, 2026 | Riverfield Farm, Tulsa

ODS launched its 2026 schooling show series with a wonderful day at Riverfield Farm. Judge **Sherry Guess** provided thoughtful and encouraging feedback throughout the day. Both traditional dressage and western dressage riders participated.

2026 Scholarships Awarded

ODS received **eight scholarship applications** in 2026 and proudly awarded scholarships to:

- Valerie McNair — \$400
- Cathy Orban — \$300
- Linda Whitley — \$300

Grants Received

ODS was awarded a **\$500 grant from USDF Region 9** and a **\$1,000 grant from USDF** to support the upcoming Kristi Wysocki Symposium — a wonderful recognition of ODS's commitment to dressage education in Oklahoma.

Upcoming 2026 Events

Event	Date	Location
Kristi Wysocki Symposium	June 6–7, 2026	Southern Hills Riding Academy, Bixby, OK
ODS Schooling Show #2	July 18, 2026	Southern Hills Riding Academy, Bixby, OK
ODS Annual Summer Meeting	August 1, 2026	Oklahoma City, OK (sports psychologist speaker)
ODS Schooling Show #3	Sept 12, 2026	Revery Equine, Mounds, OK
Summer Oasis Recognized Shows I & II	Sept 19–20, 2026	Southern Hills Riding Academy, Bixby, OK
ODS Schooling Show #4	Oct 10, 2026	Riverfield Farm, Tulsa, OK
Anne Cizadlo Clinic	Nov 14–15, 2026	Southern Hills Riding Academy, Bixby, OK