

2025 EVUSA EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM



GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2025 Equestrian Vaulting USA Education Symposium featuring all a plethora of education for Coaches, Lungers, Vaulters, fans and parents. The symposium features World Class clinicians sharing a wealth of experience rarely under the same roof.

We return to the 2024 venue, the Grand Sierra Resort, Reno Nevada. The Biggest Little City. The Event will take place in the Silver State Pavilion inside the Grand Sierra Resort.

Equestrian Vaulting USA Membership

To attend vaulting, coaches and lunge tracks at the symposium you must be a 2025 member of the Equestrian Vaulting USA. We encourage all participants to obtain a 2025 membership. A fan membership for \$25.00 annually gives you access to EVUSA members-only site, Receive EVUSA Blasts. Attend all official EVUSA functions. To join go to :

- <https://equestrianvaulting.org>
- Click on “membership” then on Join/Renew in the dropdown menu.

Safe Sport Training

Participants 18 years of age or older, must be safe sport trained. Participants who are not already USEF competing members, can join USEF as a subscribing member and complete the safesport training.

- <https://usef.org>
- Click on “membership” select subscribing member. Complete your membership. Then go to ‘MY Dashboard’ and select safe sport training.

Travel & Hotel

The Reno airport is just a quick 7-minute drive or ride to the Grand Sierra Resort Casino and Spa located at 2500 E 2nd St, Reno Nevada 89595

<http://www.grandsierraresort.com> Booking Code [Click Here](#)

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK

AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT - use the QR code. Every participant, parent, volunteer must sign.



Airport – Hotel Transfers

Airport shuttle is available for FREE. Taxi ride from Airport The hotel is approximately 7 min ride from the Reno Airport – Taxi fee is about \$25 - \$30 one way.

GSR Casino Resort Package

- Airport Shuttle
- In-room WiFi/internet
- Fitness Center Access
- Spa Amenities
- Public Parking
- In-room coffee maker
- 24hr Business Center computer access

Dining

The GSR Casino and Spa hosts 14 restaurants. www.grandsierraresort.com

The hotel does not allow outside food to be brought into the meeting rooms or Ballroom, however there are lots of food options around the Grand Sierra Resort for groceries. Uber is just a \$18 ride (approximately) to the Walmart super store.

The Awards and Recognition Programs will be Saturday night in the Ballroom with a dessert bar free of charge. Reception starts approximately 6:30pm with a disco following awards. We will have a **silent auction** with many cool items and a raffle for **Lance Brown barrels**. If you have a donation please bring it to the Reception desk.

Silent Auction and Raffle!

Please clean out your tack room for new or like new items and pack them in your suitcase! You can turn them in with you at Registration! We will have an auction as well as a raffle as well as the silent auction at the Awards and Recognition Program. Everything from bridles, bits, boots, and vaulting gear to wine, food, jewelry, clothing, and toys will be available to “bid” on or to buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win the item(s). Please fill out the attached google form for any items you plan to donate: [Donation for Silent Auction.](#)

Refund Policy. After December 1, 2024 prepaid registration fees for the 2025 EVUSA Education Symposium are non-refundable.

In case of injury to a participant prior to the start of the Symposium, refunds will be provided less the applicable \$35 Office Fee and any processing fees incurred by EVUSA to receive fees paid (ie Paypal/Credit card fees).

Refund of fees will be considered only if Symposium management is notified in writing before the first day of the Symposium starts and the appropriate medical documentation is provided. Symposium management reserves the right to decide all issues related to potential refunds whether due to documented changes in registration or incorrect assessment of fees. All refunds will be processed after the close of the Symposium and provided to the payee named on the original payment.

A Refund request MUST be submitted to the Symposium Manager Carolyn Bland vaultingsymposium@gmail.com - Claims made via PayPal or other means, will render the claim disputed. However no refund will be issued until the disputed claim is resolved.

Any refused payment of payor/participant checks or credit card invoices submitted to EVUSA in payment of Education Symposium fees may render the payor/participant “not in good standing” as provided in the Standing Rules, Section I – Membership, Paragraph A(6-8) within the EVUSA Constitution and Bylaws.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will I need to rent a car?

The Grand Sierra Resort casino and Spa has an airport shuttle that is free. If you do rent a car with the resort fee parking is complimentary.

Does the hotel have a gym or pool?

Yes! The Hotel has a fitness Center, Full Spa, Bowling alleys, Movie Theater, swimming pool and much more. www.grandsierraresort.com

I'm thinking of coming in a day early or leaving a couple of days later. Is that a good idea?

Reno is the 'The Biggest Little City', there are so many opportunities for every taste and age in Reno. [Reno!](#)

Education Symposium General Information

A huge opportunity for learning and networking at this symposium. The schedule is structured so you'll have many occasions to meet people from the vaulting community. We promise that you'll go home with so much information your head will be spinning.

New to the Symposium?

No problem! We have scheduled an orientation for new participants Friday morning at 7:45am. You will be guided through the lay of the land. We are in the Silver State Pavilion. For the location of the Silver State Pavilion at the resort click here: [Property Map](#)

The schedule:

The schedule can be viewed at www.vaultingsymposium.com **The schedule is 'Live' so please check for changes**, you can review on your phone (the mobile app is more difficult to read) We will also post schedules to be viewed.

How to Read the Schedule

VAULTING TRACK - Click on Groups for each day

You will be placed in a group and receive specific wristbands. We try to group vaulters in like ages and levels. **YOU MAY NOT BE WITH YOUR FRIEND! MAKE A NEW ONE!**

IMPORTANT! Do not move groups or join a group with your friend. If you find you are not in the right group, you can only change by coming to the Registration desk. Requests will be considered but change may not be possible.

Each group is assigned a color - follow your color through the clinicians. Below is a small example: The schedule links to the live schedule.

Group 8 in the example starts with Jacques Ferrari Barrel A, then moves to Kathrin Meyer at Barrel B.

FRIDAY	JACQUES FERRARI BARREL A	KATHRIN MEYER (BARREL B)	QUENTIN JABET BARREL C	DANIEL JANES BARREL D	KIMMY PALMER BARREL E	LISE BERG BARREL F
7:45-8:15	WARM UP WITH YOUTH AMBASSADORS			WARM UP WITH YOUTH AMBASSADORS		
8:30-9:30	GROUP 6	GROUP 7	GROUP 8	GROUP 9	GROUP 10	GROUP 11
9:40-10:40	GROUP 5	GROUP 6	GROUP 7	GROUP 8	GROUP 9	GROUP 10

Private Lessons

You may leave your group to go to your private lesson, or your scheduled breakout session. There may be private lessons still available for purchase at www.vaultingsymposium.com until the Deadline of December 15, 2024.

After Deadline contact vpeducation@equestrianvaulting.org At the venue all requests to purchase private lessons will have to go through the Registration Desk.

- Be on time for your sessions
- Be polite and introduce yourself to the Clinician
- Bring a water bottle
- Bring a snack in your backpack
- Bring tennis shoes and vaulting shoes
- If you don't understand **ASK QUESTIONS**

Each day has a scheduled FREE session designed for you to take a rest, this is a lot of information and exercise.

COACH AND LUNGER TRACK Click on Schedule for each day

This year our logistics and planning are slightly different. Most coaching and lunging sessions will take place in the Silver State Pavilion Meeting Rooms. The coaching track is a very important step towards learning the best techniques, coaching styles, and peer communications, sharing coaching experience with other coaches. Tiny Tots to World Champions and every level in between, coaches learn valuable information to help their programs grow.

This year we will have day trips to a local Dressage facility for hands on horse training and lunging.

“Never stop learning, for when we stop learning, we stop growing”

Example Schedule:

FRIDAY	MEETING ROOM S1	MEETING ROOM S2
8:30-9:20	JUDGE AND COACHES TRAINING SEMINAR PRESENTED BY ROB DE BRUIN CLOSED SESSION	LUNGEING VIDEO REVIEW HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR LUNGING TECHNIQUE
9:30-10:20		OPTIONAL BRING A VIDEO OF YOUR LUNGING PETRA KIRCHNER CLOSED SESSION
10:30-11:20	AVA OPEN JUDGES FORUM PRESENTED BY KENDEL EDMUNDS	HORSE TRAINING BIOMECHANICS IMPROVING YOUR HORSE SCORE THE GAIT THE MUSCLES THE PITFALLS
11:30-12:20		PETRA KIRCHNER CAROLYN BLAND CLOSED SESSION

Some practical sessions may take place in the Ballroom. Be prepared to coach and be observed, this is a great learning environment to zone in on your coaching skills.

We will also schedule coaches meetings for everyone to have a chance to ask questions and meet coaches across the Country.

- Coaches and lungers can go to any of the closed sessions.
- Bring a water bottle
- Come with specific questions
- Participate in sessions - this is a learning environment no judgment

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- Have a notebook!

Parents, Fans and Volunteers.

Parents, fans and volunteers must be registered and will receive a wristband at Registration. The symposium has lots of information and education for parents and fans. Parents can watch from the **seating** in the Ballroom, attend roundtable meetings and any **OPEN SESSION**. Open sessions are denoted in Green. Please check the schedule daily as we may add interesting sessions and Regional roundtables during the Symposium. The Conference center is accessible from the Hotel rooms without going through the casino. If you are a parent volunteer at your Club there are sessions on the New Competition Management system, scribing, how to read the scoresheets, nutrition and a few other interesting sessions. Take the opportunity to find out more about our organization, meet other parents, and get involved.

- Thursday you can view your vaulter's private lesson in the Ballroom.
- Please do not crowd around the barrels during any clinician session.
- In the Ballroom you can watch from the available seating area.
- Plan lunch for your vaulter in scheduled lunch perimeters. You may have to order early if eating at Grand Sierra Resort restaurants.
- Plan snacks for your vaulter to have in their backpack
- If you have a suggestion for an informative session let us know, and we could try to add a roundtable. Contact vpeducation@equestrianequestrianvaulting.org

Volunteers

Key volunteers are needed to run this huge event. If you have time on your hands and would like to help. Contact Carolyn Bland at vpeducation@equestrianequestrianvaulting.com

- Report to the Volunteer coordinator at the Registration Desk
- Report to your slot on time
- Familiarize yourself with the layout and the job description
- Thank you for your help!

Example Schedule:

1:30-2:20	BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL FREESTYLE (C1 & C2 FOCUS) KYLYNN JAMES	HOW TO SELECT A VAULTING HORSE PETRA KIRCHNER	
2:30-3:20	OPEN SESSION	CLOSED SESSION	NUTRITION PARENTS COACHES COMPETITIONS BIANCA HERRES
3:30-4:20	COACHING ENGAGING THE YOUNGER VAULTERS CAROLYN BLAND	CAVALETTI AND POLE WORK SESSION 1 BEGINNERS PETRA KIRCHNER	READING SCORESHEETS KELLEY HOLLY
4:30-5:20	CLOSED SESSION		OPEN SESSION PART 1 AVA PRESIDENT MEET AND GREET KATHERINE RAY

DO'S AND DON'T

- Do check-in at Registration for your wristband
- Do arrive to sessions on time
- Do raise your hand to ask questions
- Do bring a Notebook and pens
- Do bring a water bottle
- Do participate in sessions and share your experiences
- Do make constructive suggestions of how things could work better
- Don't lose your wristband
- Don't bring food into any of the meeting rooms. The Grand Sierra Resort does not allow outside food
- Don't chatter amongst yourselves in meetings, be respectful of the Clinician or Speaker.
- Don't complain, constructive advice is welcomed. Be kind, this symposium is a huge undertaking for a Volunteer Organization.
- Don't forget to have FUN!