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**Record number of entries for Super Ride V:  
2007 United States Equestrian Drill Championship**

June 6 – 9, 2007  
Myrtle Springs, Texas (USA)

[Super Ride V](#): **The United States Equestrian Drill Championship** (USEDCC) will be held June 6 – 9 at the [Austin Arena](#) in Myrtle Springs, near Canton, Texas.

Following a day of practice, the event will be highlighted by three action packed days of drill team and mounted color guard competitions.

The Quadrille, Color Guard and Theatrical Theme Divisions will be contested on Thursday, June 7, with Drill Teams taking center stage on Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9.

Boasting a record number of entries, the 2007 competition will feature 58 teams in 12 competitive divisions.

The [Cowgirl Express Rodeo Drill Team](#), from Ohio, will return to defend its National Open Division Championship. The only team from East of the Mississippi River to capture the top prize at the USEDC, Cowgirl Express is considered a strong early favorite to repeat.

Also returning to the Championship are the 2006 Open Division Reserve Champions, the [Bellville Heritage Cowgirls](#). Having finished last year's contest a mere two (2) points from the Open Division championship, the team from Bellville (the County Seat of Austin County), Texas will be clearly focused both on defending its USEDC Rodeo Division title and on capturing the 2007 Open Division title.

Another strong contender is the Southwest Missouri based [EasyRiders Drill Team](#), a squad that is well known for its star formation and for beautifully choreographed side-passes along the length of the arena. All moves are performed by horses in simple snaffle bits, without the use of spurs or whips.

Perhaps the most unique team in the competition is [Finisimo](#) - the world's only youth drill team using the elegant and distinctive Paso Fino horses. Known for the smooth four beat rhythm of its natural gait, the Paso Fino is a rare and desirable equine partner.

Founded over Spring Break in 2004, with just three horses and 6 riders, Finisimo has evolved into a team that includes 37 riders, 27 Paso Fino horses and a goal of successfully defending the earned title of National Champions in the USEDC's Gaited Horse Division.

The [Matagorda County Thundering Hooves](#) from Bay City Texas, the 2004 USEDC Open Division Champions and current Theme Division National Champions, also return with winning on their mind.

A long shot for the Open Division title, the Canton, Texas based [Ghostriders](#), will defend their Quadrille and Theatrical Theme Division Championships. As the 'host team' for the

National Championships, the Ghostriders carry the extra responsibility of providing a positive experience for both competitors and members of the general public.

Following a strong third place finish in the 2006 Open Division by the Ghostriders Precision Drill Team, the Ghostriders Adult and Youth squads are in a rebuilding period under the direction of highly regarded Drill Master, **Pamela Bonner** and Youth Coach **Kelly Jayroe**.

Competition on **Thursday, June 7** will start at 10 a.m. and conclude around 4:30 p.m.

Due to the large number of entries, the start time for **Friday, June 8** has been pushed forward one hour to 8 a.m., with the competition running well into the evening hours.

On **Saturday, June 9**, the competition will begin at 8:30 a.m., and will be followed at around 7:45 p.m. with a live concert by the popular band “**Finding Shade**”. The awards ceremony will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m.

The Austin Arena is located between Canton and Wills Point, Texas on State Highway 64, two miles north of Interstate Highway 20.

Food service, gifts and specialty items will be available at the arena during the competition.

Representatives of the [Canton Chamber of Commerce](#) will be on-site throughout the event to provide information and assistance to contestants and visitors to the area.

Video highlights and interviews from Super Ride V will be available on-line via the [SportsQuest.tv – Equestrian Channel](#) and [Google Video](#).

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**Photo Editors:** High resolution images from previous Super Ride competitions are available upon request.

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