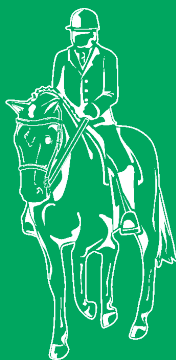
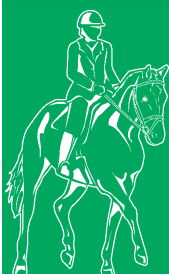


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All Dressage Rallies will be governed by the *USPC Handbook and Rules for Dressage Competition 2006*, "The 2008 Dressage Annual Newsletter," *The Uniform Officiating Rules of USPC*, and *USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competitions 2007 and Addenda*.

NOTE: A double bridle is now optional for both Third and Fourth Level dressage tests.

Consistent with USEF, whips will not be allowed for Championship rides, but they may be used for warm-up.

2008 Dressage Tests

1. Dressage test packets, which include a single copy of all USEF, USDF and USPC tests that are used for Pony Club competitions, are available from the USPC Bookstore. The test packet does not include the Quadrille tests or FEI tests, which may be purchased separately.
2. **2007 USDF Musical Freestyle score sheets will be used for all levels except Training Level, which will use the 2004 USPC score sheet.**
3. 2007 USPC Pas de Deux Score Sheets will be used. Note that these list the required movements. They are available from the Bookstore.
4. Before Pony Club members start preparing for 2008 Rallies, all RS's and DCs should be sure that riders have been provided with the correct dressage tests. Rally organizers should obtain the correct score sheets in advance of their Rallies.

Recommended Dressage Tests for 2008

LOWER LEVEL TESTS

- D-1: 2007 USDF Introductory Level Test A
- D-2: 2007 USDF Introductory Level Test B
- D-3: 2007 USEF Training Level Test 1

HIGHER LEVEL TESTS

- D-1: 2007 USDF Introductory Level Test B
- D-2: 2007 USEF Training Level Test 1
- D-3: 2007 USEF Training Level Test 2

C and Up Dressage Tests for 2008

Required Tests:

TRAINING LEVEL – All riders qualifying for Championship at Regional Rallies must have ridden Training Level 2 and 4.

FIRST LEVEL – All riders qualifying for Championship at Regional Rallies must have ridden First Level 2 and 4.

SECOND LEVEL – All riders qualifying for Championship must have ridden Second Level 2 and 4.

THIRD LEVELS – All riders qualifying for Championships must have ridden Third Level 1 and 3.

FOURTH LEVELS – All riders qualifying for Championships must have ridden Fourth level 1 and 3.

USDF INTRODUCTORY TESTS – Regions may allow Cs and up to ride USDF Introductory tests, but these would **not** be accepted as qualifying tests for Championships. In regions not planning on sending a team to Championships, the region may set its own requirements for participation.

Schedule of Tests at Championships:

In all levels, each competitor will ride their lower level test twice and the higher level test once.

Scoring Dressage Rallies

All riders' percentage score shall become the positive point score (i.e. 60.28% = 60.28 points).

Scoring elements for Musical Freestyles and Pas de Deux are listed on the back of the score sheets.

Horse Management scores will count as given. No factors will be used.

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Championships 2008

Championships 2008 will be open to qualified competitors.

1. It is anticipated that we will only be able to accept one team per region per level and any second teams will be on a space available basis, giving preference to First Level and Up divisions.
2. The Secretary must be notified as early as possible about riders and stable managers available for scramble teams. Please send **all** information and monies due with entry. We will notify the RS as soon as we know if we can accept additional competitors.
3. Eligibility: C-1 through A level Pony Club members at least 12 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2008. During the test period of the age increase, all 22-25 year olds qualify and compete the same as any other USPC member. **One D-3 rider will be allowed on any Quadrille & First Level and up team if they meet the age requirement above.**
4. Championships will be divided into:
 - Training Level Championships
 - First Level & Up Championships
 - Quadrille Championships
5. All riders must perform a Freestyle or Pas de Deux in their division.
6. As in 2007, the Freestyles and Pas de Deux riders will be pinned as individuals, in a separate division and their scores will also be a part of the team score.
7. The Quadrille **Division** will be offered if there are **three** or more teams.
8. A competitor at Championships must ride the same tests used to qualify at the Regional Rally.

Composition of Teams

TRAINING LEVEL – Each team shall consist of 4 riders and a stable manager or a short team of 3 riders and a stable manager.

FIRST LEVEL & UP – Shall consist of three or four riders and a stable manager, entries permitting. Depending on the number of entries in the division, the Secretary will make up teams if necessary.

Scoring at Championships

As in the past, on a 4-rider team, the lowest score will be dropped. On a 3-rider team, all scores will count. The team with the greater number of points (after the HM penalties have been subtracted from the percentages scores counted in each round) will be the USPC Training Level or First Level & Up Champions.

2008 Quadrille Tests

2007 USDF Quadrille Tests are available from the Bookstore and will be used for all Pony Club Quadrille competitions.

2007 USDF Quadrille Freestyle Score Sheets will be used .

Before Pony Club members start preparing for 2008 Rallies, all RSs and DCs should be sure that teams have been provided with the correct Quadrille Tests/score sheets. Rally organizers should obtain the correct sheets in advance of their Rallies.

All Quadrille tests must now be ridden in a standard (large) arena.

Please note if a rider falls during the Quadrille test, it is cause for immediate elimination, however the riders should wait to be excused by the Judge before leaving the arena.

Recommended D Quadrille Tests for 2008

LOWER LEVEL TEST

2007 USDF Basic Level Quadrille Test

HIGHER LEVEL TEST

2007 USDF Training Level Quadrille Test

C and Up Quadrille Tests for 2008

LEVELS OF CHOICE: In Regional Rallies, a Team qualifying for Championships may choose any Option in which it feels their horses would be able to perform. Championship Teams must ride the two tests required within each option.

OPTION 1: Riding the USDF 2007 Basic & Training Level Tests.

OPTION 2: Riding the USDF 2007 Training & First Level Tests

In Regions not planning on sending a Team to Championships, the Region may set its own requirements for participation.

National Quadrille Championships 2008

Teams will not have to qualify for Quadrille 2008, but must have written permission from their RS.

The closing date for the Quadrille entries will be June 7th. This is to allow time to notify competitors if there are enough teams for a competition.

1. Eligibility: C-1 through A level Pony Club members at least 12 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2008; one rider may be a D-3 and must meet age requirements.

2. **There will be only one Quadrille Champion at Championships, regardless of the Option entered.**

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- In addition to the individual tests of each Option, each Team will be required to perform a Freestyle at that level, which will also be a part of the Team score. Each Team shall consist of 4 riders and a stable manager. Each team may bring one additional substitute horse, which may be used in the event that one horse on the original team is unable to compete due to illness or lameness, provided that each riding member can safely use this mount, and that there is stabling available (at extra cost). **Note: No Team may compete with fewer than 4 riders.**
- Each Team will be required to ride Test 1 of their Option twice, Test 2 of their Option once, and a Musical Freestyle. **Music will be allowed for the freestyles only.** All scores will count toward the Championship.
- The Team with the greater number of points (after the HM penalties have been subtracted from the percentages scored in each round) will be the USPC Quadrille Champion.

Scholarships and Awards

LONDON'S YOUTH DRESSAGE FESTIVAL

The Dressage Committee is pleased to announce we will, again this year, send a team to represent USPC to *Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival*.

The competition is in Saugerties, New York, July 18-20. Take note that the competition is one month earlier than in previous years, so the deadline for application to the national office will be changed. Please see our web page for more information.

USDF/USPC RECOGNITION AWARDS

USPC Pony Club members will be recognized for their participation in both USPC Rallies and USDF Competitions. USPC members will receive a certificate at the end of each year based on the criteria below. It will be the responsibility of the Pony Club member to get all the information together and send it to the National Office by the November 15th deadline each year.

BLUE RIBBON CLUB Completion of 1 USPC Dressage Rally at the Walk/Trot Level or above and 1 USDF or USEF Dressage Show at the Walk/Trot Level.

MEDALLION CLUB Completion of 1 USPC Dressage Rally at the Training Level or above and 1 USDF or USEF Dressage Show at the Training Level.

BRONZE MEDAL CLUB Completion of 1 USPC Dressage Rally at the First Level and 1 USDF or USEF Dressage Show at the First Level.

SILVER MEDAL CLUB Completion of one USPC Dressage Rally at Second Level and one USDF or USEF Dressage Show at Second Level.

GOLD MEDAL CLUB Completion of one USPC Dressage Rally (this can be in competition at any level or by being a volunteer for the rally) and completion of 1 USDF or USEF Dressage Show at Third level or above.

All competitions must be done during the current year. Interested Pony Club members should get their applications from their DCs or download them from the Forms page of the USPC website www.ponyclub.org. Riders may apply for more than one award each year.

Direct questions to the USPC Activities Director, Wayne Quarles, (859) 254-7669 activities@ponyclub.org.

BETSY RAINE FUND

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Betsy Raine Fund is designed to support Dressage training for clubs or regions which would not otherwise have access to top notch Dressage training.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The application process for the Betsy Raine Fund is a one-step process. A request for application may be made at any time during the year. Application forms may be obtained by calling or writing the USPC Development Office.

APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES: Complete proposals, including the application and all accompanying materials, are due in the USPC office no later than midnight on December 1st. Any applications which are not complete or do not meet the requirements will not be reviewed by the committee.

Review Process: Grant applications are reviewed by the Betsy Raine Committee. The review and selection process begins in early January by a committee whose members are selected on the basis of their ability to remain objective and on their demonstrated commitment to the USPC Mission Statement and Guiding Beliefs.

Notification: Those clubs and/or regions whose grant applications have been selected for funding by the Betsy Raine Committee, will be notified no later than February 15th.

Who May Apply? Any active club in good standing may apply to the Betsy Raine Fund as long as all youth members of the club will be eligible to benefit from the activity requesting funding. Regions may also apply under the same guidelines.

For more details check the USPC Dressage Website

Grant Applications

[Betsy Raine Dressage Grant Application](#)