

2021 WESTERN DRESSAGE RULEBOOK

The 2021 rulebook is now available online and through Shop Pony Club. Minor edits (shown in red font) were made since 2020, and replacement pages are available on the rulebooks page of the website. The key changes are listed below:

- *Article 6* – Changes made to the Member in Good Standing Policy.
- *Article 21 & 55* – Rally discipline ground juries now have the ability to assign a Yellow (Warning) Card and potential penalties to competitors who commit disqualifiable offenses. This allows it to become a teachable moment for competitors instead of expulsion from the competition.
- *Article 27 & Appendix III* – Chaperones and Emergency Contact information was updated.
- *Article 36* – Competitor Attire wording received some clarifications and minor corrections.
- *Article 61* – The position of technical delegate has been replaced by the position of steward to follow the USEF officials position.
- *Appendix VI* – The Coaching Form received updates.

Reminders

- All competitors at USPC competitions must wear ASTM/SEI certified helmets. Competitors may use English-style helmets, Western-style helmets, or modify English-style helmets by adding a helmet cover or brim so long as the structure of the helmet is not affected.
- Jeans are considered appropriate attire for USPC Western Dressage competition. Attire must be safe, neat and clean.

USPC WESTERN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Festival Western Dressage Championships 2021 at the Kentucky Horse Park, July 19-23. Cross-entering not permitted. Please remember there is a new registration process which requires the member to register themselves. More details about the competition and registration process will be included in the Guidebook to Championships and posted on the Championships Competition Information page of the USPC website.

WESTERN DRESSAGE TESTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships Divisions

Western Basic Level: 2017 WDAA Test 3 and Test 4
Western Level 1 and Up: 2017 WDAA Test 3 and 4 at the appropriate Level

Western Musical Freestyles: 2017 WDAA at the appropriate Level

Modified Divisions

Western Basic Level: 2017 WDAA Test 2 and Test 3
Western Level 1 and Up: 2017 WDAA Test 2 and 3 at the appropriate Level

Note: Modified Divisions do NOT perform Musical Freestyles.

Note: ALL Western Dressage Tests are available for download at <https://westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-tests/>

CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Due to the postponement of Festival 2020, the eligibility period for Championships was extended to June 1, 2019— June 27, 2021. Recognizing the difficulty of currently hosting rallies, members without access to a rally are encouraged to apply for exceptions. No exceptions will be granted for age or certification.

A reminder that C-3/B/A certified members are not required to participate at a regional rally in order to attend Championships. To enter they must have the permission of their RS.

Championships Divisions

Competitors must complete test 2, 3 and a musical ride of their competition level at a standard rally. They must earn a 60% or higher score on test 3.

If no Western Dressage classes are offered at a standard rally. Participate in a WDAA recognized show and earn a minimum score of 60% on Test 3 and participate in a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at the minimum HM certification level.

Modified Championships Divisions

Competitors must earn a 55% or higher score on test 2 of their competition level at a standard or modified rally.

If no Western Dressage classes are offered at a standard or modified regional rally. Participate in a WDAA recognized show and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2 and participate in a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at the minimum HM certification level.

Exceptions

Competition eligibility exception requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. There are no exceptions to the age or certification requirements. All competition exception requests must be submitted by the Regional Supervisor using the online system, www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx.

If a region does not hold a standard rally with Western Dressage classes. Please contact Becky Smith, the Western Dressage Chair or Erin Woodall, Activities and Events Director, activities@ponyclub.org for suggestions on additional ways to earn eligibility.

Mount Substitutions

Mount substitution requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. All mount substitution requests must be submitted by the regional supervisor using the online system, www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx.

WESTERN DRESSAGE RALLY SUPPORT

Rally Amid COVID-19

Rally organizers must consult and follow the guidelines outlined in the USPC Requirements and Recommendations for Mounted Rallies During COVID. The current guidelines are available on the Rally Resources & Materials page of the USPC website.

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Rally Resources & Materials Web Page

The Rally Resources & Materials page of the USPC website received a significant overhaul. You must be logged into the Pony Club website to access the page. Rally organizers are encouraged to check out the new resources in addition to the current USPC Requirements and Recommendations for rallies. The new Rally Organizer's Guide is available for download from the website, or for purchase from Shop Pony Club. Suggestions for the page? Please email them to Activities@ponyclub.org.

Rally Technical Delegate Reports

Regional rally organizers are reminded that Technical Delegate Reports are REQUIRED for standard rallies and requested for all rallies because they aid the discipline committees in monitoring the number of Pony Club competitors participating in the discipline across the U.S. Electronic versions of TD reports are always preferred, but hardcopy versions are also acceptable. Please make sure that your Technical Delegate is submitting the reports to the National Office.

USPC WESTERN DRESSAGE IN SOCIAL MEDIA

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