



USPC DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Championships East and West in 2018. With the regionally located Championships, we will be able to accept all qualified competitors in all disciplines. There have been several updates to the 2018 Dressage Rulebook, most of which are highlighted in this newsletter.

Championships East

Cross-entering not permitted. All competitors must be moved in by Thursday, July 26th and will compete July 27th-29th.

Championships West

Cross-entering permitted. See the Guidebook to Championships West for specifics. Move in Wednesday, August 8th and compete August 9th-10th.

DRESSAGE TESTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Training Level: 2015 USEF Training Level Test 2 and Test 3
- First Level and Up: 2015 Test 2 and Test 3 at the appropriate Level
- Musical Freestyles, Pas de Deux, and Quadrille Freestyles: 2015 USDF tests at the appropriate Level
- Western Basic Level: 2017 WDAA Test 2 and Test 3
- Western Level 1 and Up: 2017 WDAA tests at the appropriate Level
- Western Musical Freestyles: 2017 WDAA at the appropriate Level

Note: USEF Dressage Tests are available for download at www.usef.org by searching for dressage tests. USDF Musical Dressage Tests are available for download at www.usdf.org by searching for dressage tests. Western Dressage Tests are available for download at www.westerndressageassociation.org and visiting Education&Tests/WDAA Tests.

2018 DRESSAGE RULEBOOK

The updated 2018 Dressage Rulebook is now available with changes or additions in red. In an effort to equalize the Horse Management Score impact across all disciplines, Dressage has altered the formula for calculating the Horse Management and Overall Score.

Please note, on page 23 of the rulebook, the line that states "Overall Score = Riding Score – HM penalties" SHOULD read, "Overall Score = Riding Score – HM Score". Further details about the new scoring formula are below.

- $HM\ Score = (\# HM\ penalties) \times (\# Rounds\ (aka\ Dressage\ Tests\ Ridden) \times 3\ (the\ factor))$
- $Overall\ Score = Riding\ Score - HM\ Score$
- $Final\ Placings = Highest\ Score\ Wins$

CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFICATION REMINDERS

Reminder - Competitors must earn a 60% or higher score on Test 3 of their competition level at the qualifying rally (does not currently apply to Western Dressage Competitors).

Reminder - B/H-A/A members are not required to qualify at a regional rally in order to compete at Championships. Rather, they must have the approval and recommendation of their RS.

Reminder - Costumes will be allowed for Musical Freestyles as well as Pas de Deux and Quadrille Freestyles. Competitors must have the approval of their RS as to the suitability of the costumes. Guidelines for costumes are as follows:

- Approved helmets, footwear, and tack
- No whips, as this is still a Championships class
- Prohibited tack as described in Rulebook is still prohibited, except polo wraps or other boots in certain circumstances
- Clothing for the rider must be safe--no long capes, nothing wrapped around the neck, nothing that can get tangled around the rider or the horse
- Mounts may not have their bodies covered
- Polo wraps are discouraged, however they are allowed if they significantly contribute to the costume.

DRESSAGE RALLY SUPPORT

Regional rally organizers are reminded that Technical Delegate Reports are requested for submission from all rallies (qualifying and non-qualifying) because they aid the discipline committees in monitoring the number of Pony Club competitors participating in the discipline across the U.S. Please make sure that your Technical Delegate is submitting the reports to the National Office whether it be online, or via hardcopy.

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