



2019 DRESSAGE RULEBOOK

The new, completely reorganized 2019 Dressage rulebook is now available online. There have been extensive changes to the 2019 Dressage Rulebook. Be sure to read completely the new Rulebook and this Newsletter. Members and leaders will enjoy a streamlined structure and uniform presentation throughout every rulebook. Key changes to the Dressage rulebook include:

- Regional rallies redefined.
- Updates to competition divisions.
- Updates to competition attire requirements (all competition attire is now available in the discipline rulebook).
- New 2019 Dressage scoring formula.
- Expanded Championships opportunities and updated eligibility requirements.

Regional Rallies Redefined

With the expanded opportunities for Championships participation, an update to rally terminology was needed. As a reminder, regions may hold more than one rally per discipline, per year as necessary with the approval of the RS.

Standard Rallies – Always the preferred type of rally. Standard rallies specifically follow all the rules outlined in the discipline rulebooks including utilizing a chief horse management judge from the approved CHMJ list on the USPC website, and any other specified licensed officials.

Modified Rallies - Modified rallies do not specifically follow the discipline rulebooks and generally occur because of limited resources. While attendance of a modified rally makes some members eligible for the modified Championships divisions, it does not meet the minimum eligibility requirements for other divisions.

Competitors aiming for the standard divisions of Championships must compete precisely per the rulebook at the standard regional rally and at Championships. Competitors aiming for the modified divisions of Championships may have rule (attire, saddlery, etc.) allowances at the regional rally, but must be prepared to follow the rulebook exactly at Championships.

Rally Attire

Depending on the activity, different attire expectations exist. Competition attire requirements have been updated to follow common Dressage show attire. With these changes, D attire exceptions no longer specifically apply. Turnout and competition attire requirements are based on the competitors' intent to earn eligibility for Championships. Competitors seeking Championships eligibility must turnout and compete in appropriate competitor attire. Any competitors not seeking Championships eligibility may turnout and compete in appropriate competition attire or in basic riding attire as outlined in the Dressage rulebook.

Rulebook Attire Correction

Please note in Article 36—Competition Attire, 3. Basic Riding Attire for Dressage:, D-2 and up, Permitted, *Half-chaps*-Any type/color. was accidentally omitted. Half-chaps of any type and color are permitted for members competing in basic riding attire.

Scoring Formula

Based on feedback from competitors and leaders on the 2018 scoring change, a new formula has been approved for 2019. The new Dressage scoring formula is:

Overall Score = Riding Score + HM Bonus Score

HM Bonus Score = Maximum HM Score — (Total HM Penalties X multiplier)

The Maximum HM Score and the multiplier vary according to the number of rounds

- For a four-round rally, HM Bonus Score = 300 — (Total HM Penalties X 3)
- For a three-round rally, HM Bonus Score = 225 — (Total HM Penalties X 2.25)
- For a two-round rally, HM Bonus Score = 150 — (Total HM Penalties X 1.5)

USPC DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Championships East and Central in 2019. Please note a new registration process for Championships 2019. 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.

Championships East

Cross-entering not permitted. All competitors must be moved in by Thursday, July 25th and will compete July 26th-28th.

Championships Central

Cross-entering permitted. See the Guidebook to Championships Central for specifics. Move in Wednesday, August 7th and compete August 8th-9th.

DRESSAGE TESTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships Divisions

Training Level: 2019 USEF/USDF Training Level Test 2 and Test 3
First Level and Up: 2019 USEF/USDF Test 2 and Test 3 at the appropriate level

Musical Freestyles, Pas de Deux, and Quadrille Freestyles: 2019 USDF tests at the appropriate level

Modified Divisions

Training Level: 2019 USEF/USDF Training Level Test 1 and Test 2
First Level and Up: 2019 USEF/USDF Test 1 and Test 2 at the appropriate level

Note: Modified Divisions do NOT perform Musical Freestyles.

Note: ALL Dressage Tests are available for download at www.usdf.org by searching for dressage tests.



CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A reminder that B/A 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. FEI level riders must earn a 60% or higher score at a recognized competition on their highest test.

For example: FEI riders doing Prix St Georges at Championships will ride the PSG test twice, Fourth Level Test 3 once, and a Fourth Level Musical Freestyle.

Modified Championships Divisions

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

Exceptions

Competition eligibility exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis. There are no exceptions to the age or certification requirements. All competition exception requests must come from the Regional Supervisor to the Dressage Committee Chair. If an RS has a member that they believe will need an exception, it is recommended that the RS contact the Chair as early as possible for guidance as to the materials needed for different circumstances.

DRESSAGE RALLY SUPPORT

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.

Electronic TD reports, scoring programs, and other rally support documentation can be found by logging into the USPC website and then going to Parents/Volunteers/Resources/Rally Organizers.

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