

2019 WESTERN DRESSAGE RULEBOOK

The Western Dressage Rulebook is in final review and is targeted to be available in early summer 2019. In the meantime USPC Western Dressage is operating under the USEF/WDAA rulebook, with information found at <https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/disciplines/western-dressage>

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 Western 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 competition attire. Any competitors not seeking Championships eligibility may turnout and compete in appropriate competition attire or in basic riding attire as in the Tetrathlon rulebook.

USPC WESTERN 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.

WESTERN DRESSAGE TESTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships 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

Western Musical Freestyles: 2017 WDAA at the appropriate Level

Modified Divisions

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

Note: Modified Divisions do NOT perform Musical Freestyles.

Note: ALL Western Dressage Tests are available for download at <https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/l-pp8VYnto8/2017-western-dressage-tests-link>.

CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A reminder that certified B and A members wishing to compete at Championships do not have to participate at a regional Western Dressage rally but must have permission of their RS.

Championships Divisions

Competitors must earn a 60% or higher score on Test 3 of their competition level at a standard rally.

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, and there are no exceptions to the age or certification requirements. All competition exception requests must come from the Regional Supervisor to the Western 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.

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