DRESSAGE NEWSLETTER 2020

2020 DRESSAGE RULEBOOK

The 2020 rulebook is now available online and through Shop Pony Club. Minor edits (shown in red font) were made since 2019, and replacement pages are available on the rulebooks page of the website. The key changes are listed below:

- **Article 28** – Clarification about competitors also coaching other competitors.
- **Article 33** – C-3 and above certified Dressage members wishing to compete at Championships do not have to participate at a regional Dressage rally but must have permission from their RS.
- **Article 56** – Disqualification scoring has been updated and clarified.
- **Article 57** – Shortened team scoring has been added for short teams that lose a rider during competition (does not apply to the creation of teams).
- **Article 60** – Clarification about breaking team ties.
- **Appendix IV** – The Junior/Senior Team Formation Form has been added to the rulebook.
- **Appendix V** – There is a new TD Evaluation and Report Form in the rulebook.

Please note that after publishing, there were several USPC National Policy updates approved by the USPC Board at the January 2020 meeting. The most current USPC National Policies as listed on the website always supersede any previous USPC Policy. Corrections to Section I policy references will be included in the 2021 rulebook.

USPC DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Festival Dressage Championships 2020 at the Kentucky Horse Park, July 13-17. 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 Rulebook to Championships and posted on the Championships Competition Information page of the USPC website.

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 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. 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 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.

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.

DRESSAGE RALLY SUPPORT

Rally Organizer’s Web Page

The Rally Organizer’s page of the USPC website will be receiving a reorganization and expansion in the coming months. Keep your eyes open for the new Rally Organizer’s Guide and an increased number of resource materials for organizing rallies.

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.

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