

# 2023 DRESSAGE NEWSLETTER

## 2023 DRESSAGE RULEBOOK

The 2023 rulebook is now available online and through Shop Pony Club. Edits and clarifications (red font) were made, and the important changes are listed below:

**Article 5:** Updates to participation in a rally.

**Article 12:** Changes to the Veterinary Care and Medications policy and discontinuation of the vet note.

**Article 15:** Updates to the Protective Headgear Policy.

**Article 21:** Changes to the assignment of Yellow (Warning) Cards.

**Article 32:** The addition of an alternative eligibility process for Championships.

**Article 34:** Updates to Turnout and Competition Attire.

**Appendix VIII:** Following USEF rules updates to permitted bits and bridles.

## USPC DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Championships Central and East in 2023. See the Championships Competition Resources page of the USPC website for additional eligibility information. Information about Championships will be posted on the event website in March.

### Championships Central

The competition will occur at the National Equestrian Center in St. Louis, MO. Limited cross-entering permitted. See the USPC Championships Central event website for specifics. Move-in Monday, June 5, and compete on June 6 - 8.

### Championships East

The competition will take place at the Tryon International Equestrian Center. Cross-entering is not permitted. All competitors must be moved in by Thursday, July 27, and compete July 28 - 30.

*Championships is offered in two locations as a service to our membership. Members who meet the eligibility requirements are more than welcome to participate in either (or both) locations in the same or different disciplines.*

## DRESSAGE TESTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Championships Divisions

**Training Level:** 2023 USEF Training Level Test 2 and Test 3

**First Level and Up:** 2023 USEF Test 2 and Test 3 at the appropriate level

**Musical Freestyles, Pas de Deux, and Quadrille Freestyles:** 2023 USDF tests at the appropriate level

### Modified Championships Divisions

**Training Level:** 2023 USEF Training Level Test 1 and Test 2

**First Level and Up:** 2023 USEF Test 1 and Test 2 at the appropriate level

**Note:** ALL dressage tests are available for download at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) by searching for dressage tests.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY

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

### Championships Divisions

Competitors must complete Tests 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.

OR

If no standard Dressage rally is available, participate in a Dressage show and earn a minimum score of 60% on Test 3 and complete a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at or above the C-1 HM certification level.



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

OR

If no standard Dressage rally is available, complete a modified Dressage rally and earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2.

OR

If no modified Dressage rally is available, participate in a Dressage 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 or above the D-2 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. The RS must submit all competition exception requests using the online system, [www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx](http://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 RS using the online system, [www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx](http://www.ponyclub.org/Events/Championships/CompetitorInformation.aspx).

## DRESSAGE RALLY SUPPORT

### Rally Resources & Materials Web Page

You must be logged into the Pony Club website to access the page. The Rally Organizer's Guide is available for download or purchase from Shop Pony Club. Suggestions for the page? Please email them to [Activities@ponyclub.org](mailto: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 DRESSAGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Dressage in USPC on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/DressageinUSPC/>, for more information about Dressage in Pony Club.

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