

2023 WESTERN DRESSAGE NEWSLETTER

2022 WESTERN DRESSAGE RULEBOOK

The 2023 rulebook is now available online and through Shop Pony Club. Edits and clarifications (red font) were made, and the entire rulebook was formatted in a new program. The fundamental 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.

Reminders

- All competitors at USPC competitions must wear ASTM/SEI certified helmets. Competitors may use English-style helmets, Western-style helmets or modify English-style helmets by adding a helmet cover or brim so long as the helmet's structure is not affected.
- Jeans are considered appropriate attire for the USPC Western Dressage competition. Attire must be safe, neat, and clean.

USPC WESTERN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

USPC is pleased to host Championships Central and East in 2023. See the Championships Competition Resources page of the USPC website and event website for additional details.

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.

WESTERN DRESSAGE TESTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships Divisions

Western Basic Level: 2022 WDAA Test 3 and Test 4

Western Level 1 and Up: 2022 WDAA Test 3 and 4 at the appropriate Level

Western Musical Freestyles: 2022 WDAA at the appropriate Level

Modified Championships Divisions

Western Basic Level: 2022 WDAA Test 2 and Test 3

Western Level 1 and Up: 2022 WDAA Test 2 and 3 at the appropriate Level

Note: ALL Western Dressage Tests are available for download at <https://westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-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 3, 4, and a musical ride of their competition level at a standard rally. They must earn a 60% or higher score on Test 4.

If no Western Dressage classes are offered at a standard rally. Participate in a WDAA recognized show and earn a minimum score of 60% on Test 4 and participate in a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at the minimum HM certification the level.

Modified Championships Divisions

Competitors must earn a 55% or higher score on Test 3 of their competition level at a standard or modified rally.

If no Western Dressage classes are offered at a standard or modified regional rally. Participate in a WDAA recognized show, earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 3 and participate in a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at the minimum HM certification level.



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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.

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.

WESTERN DRESSAGE RALLY SUPPORT

Rally Resources & Materials Web Page

The Rally Resources & Materials page of the USPC website received a significant overhaul. You must be logged into the Pony Club website to access the page. The Rally Organizer's Guide is available for download from the website or purchase from Shop Pony Club. Suggestions for the page? Please email them to 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 stewards reports are always preferred, but hardcopy versions are also acceptable. Please make sure that your steward is submitting the reports to the National Office.

USPC WESTERN DRESSAGE IN SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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