



USPC FESTIVAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

For Festival Championships 2017, we have the Kentucky Horse Park to ourselves! With this additional space, we will be able to accept all qualified competitors in all disciplines.

Dressage rallies will be governed by the USPC Handbook and Rules for Dressage Competition 2017, the USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competition 2017 and the respective 2017 Newsletters. The Dressage rulebook did not change significantly from 2016 to 2017, and you may use your 2016 rulebook and change out the new pages available on the Rulebooks page of the USPC website.

Important Reminders for Championships

- **NEW QUALIFYING CRITERIA:** Starting at Championships 2017, a competitor must earn a 60% or higher score on Test 3 of their competition level at the qualifying rally.
- Championships will be divided into divisions. Training Level, First Level and Up and Western (as entries warrant)
- Competitors riding at the FEI level should contact the Dressage Championships Organizer or Secretary for Test details.
- Competitors will ride the same tests to qualify at the Regional Rally as they will ride at Championships. This includes Tests 2 and 3 of their division and a Musical Freestyle, Pas de Deux, or Quadrille at the same level.
- D-3 Members qualifying at their Regional Rally or competing at Championships are not eligible for "D Exceptions" with regard to required attire, tack or biting.
- Dressage whips are not allowed in the competition arena at Dressage Championships; their use results in elimination for that ride. Whips are however, allowed in the warm-up arena.
- B/H-A/A members are not required to qualify at a regional rally in order to compete at Championships. Rather, they must have the approval and recommendation of their RS.
- Horsemasters are invited to participate in the 2017 Dressage Championships. Horsemasters will compete either as individuals or on teams, depending on the number of Horsemasters entered in the competition. Horsemasters will compete at the same levels as described previously, and will be judged in Horse Management. More details about team make-up will be available in the Goldbook.
- Costumes will be allowed for Musical Freestyles as well as Pas de Deux and Quadrille Freestyles. Competitors must have the approval of their RS as to the suitability of the costumes. Guidelines for costumes are as follows:
 - ◇ Approved helmets, footwear, and tack
 - ◇ No whips, as this is still a Championships class
 - ◇ Prohibited tack as described in Rulebook is still prohibited, except polo wraps or other boots in certain circumstances
 - ◇ Clothing for the rider must be safe--no long capes, nothing wrapped around the neck, nothing that can get tangled around the rider or the horse
 - ◇ Horses may not have their bodies covered
 - ◇ Polo wraps are allowed for Pas de Deux and Quadrille, they are discouraged, as are other protective boots, for Freestyle unless they clearly contribute to the costume theme
- Amplification of Article 25 - Officials. At regional and local rallies, in addition to selecting Dressage Judges from the Roster of USEF Dressage Judges, USDF L Graduates, (*current with their education requirements*.) may be utilized as dressage judges (list available from USDF 859/971-2277).

2017 Dressage Tests

We will be using the USEF and USDF 2015 tests. For all Musical Freestyles, pay special attention to the "allowed" and "forbidden" movements at your level, as well as the "Compulsory Elements" on the score sheets, which are the required movements.

The tests for each level (Training and above) ridden at USPC Championships will be the 2015 USEF Test 2 and Test 3 for that level. The tests for Musical Freestyles, Pas de Deux, and Quadrille Freestyles will be the 2015 USDF versions.

Master Dressage scoresheets to be used for 2017 USPC competitions are available at www.shopponyclub.org.

USEF Dressage Tests to be used for USPC competition are available for download from the USEF website, <https://www.usef.org/compete/resources/forms/disciplines/dressage/dressage-tests>.

USDF Dressage Tests (Introductory Tests, Freestyles, Pas de Deux, Quadrille) to be used for competition are available for download from the USDF website, <http://usdf.org/education/other-programs/musical-freestyle/index.asp>.

Western Dressage Tests to be used for USPC competitions will be the WDAA 2017 tests. Available for download from the WDAA web site, www.westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-tests/.

SPECIAL DRESSAGE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY AT FESTIVAL, July 23-24, 2017

Dressage4kids, Inc. is very proud to offer the Dressage4Kids' TEAM Program for dedicated, determined young dressage riders of all ages and all levels. The goal of the program is to find, to help, to educate, and to be part of the development of talented youth to become the international riders, teachers, and trainers of the future.

Information regarding the D4K TEAM Program can be found here: <http://www.dressage4kids.org/emerging-dressage-athlete-program-information/edap-info/>

And the application form here: <http://www.dressage4kids.org/emerging-dressage-athlete-program-information/emerging-dressage-athlete-program-application/>

Once registered (limit is 10) then contact Connie Jehlik, instruction@ponyclub.org for further information and additional fees.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Lendon Gray's Youth Dressage Festival—The Dressage Committee will again, send a team to represent Pony Club at Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival in Saugerties, New York, on August 10-13, 2017. More information will be available on the USPC website.

USPC/USDF Recognition Awards—Pony Club members who participate in both a USPC Dressage Rally and a USDF competition during the same competition year are eligible to receive a certificate of recognition. More information is available on the USPC website at <https://www.ponyclub.org/Members/Disciplines/Dressage/Awards.aspx>.

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