

GENERAL RULES

CONDUCT OF SHOW: Show Management reserves the right to limit entries, add or divide classes, to add or substitute judges, to cancel awards and prizes and/or make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications listed herein. Show Management reserves the right to refuse entries in accordance with USEF Rules GR914.1 and GR915. Management reserves the right to limit the number of times per day a rider may show and/or the number of times per day a horse/rider combination may show. Management reserves the right to move a ride from the test of choice class if that test is being offered that day in another class. Divisions will be pinned separately.

Show management reserves the right to refuse any exhibitor for cause; to have any horse removed from the grounds for cause; to return any entry fee and eliminate the exhibitor for cause; all without being liable for damages or compensation.

Show management reserves the right to allow or disallow competitors around or in show arenas prior to or during competition.

The show will be run in accordance with current U.S.E.F. rules, including warm up practices, bits, bridles, tack, and equipment (no Training Reins, etc. in the show arena) with the following exceptions:

- a. Judges are allowed to talk with the exhibitors – judge to initiate the conversation.**
- b. Judges are allowed to judge present or past students. Judges are allowed to judge horses that they have bought, own or sold.**
- c. Competitors at the schooling shows will be allowed to wear half chaps with appropriate footwear (i.e. must have a heel), any color breeches, and any color of shirt with sleeves (no tank tops). Jackets are not required.**

Entry Procedures: For each horse/rider combination entered, please send your completed entry form and all fees to the show secretary. Make checks payable to **PDNDS**.

Entries must be **RECEIVED** by the closing date.

All entries must be made on the official show entry form, one horse/rider combination per form

No telephone or fax entries will be accepted.

All fees must be included with the entry. Entries received without full payment will be returned.

RIDER'S SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRIES

A parent's signature is required for a rider under 18 years of age.

MINOR EXHIBITORS: Parents or guardians of minor exhibitors shall hold the Competition Management harmless for injury to such minor. No minor's entry will be accepted unless it is signed by a parent or guardian. The signature of instructors, agent or other unrelated persons will not be acceptable.

Incorrect or Incomplete Entry: A fee of \$10.00 per error may be charged for any incomplete entry.

Late/Post Entries: A late entry is any entry **RECEIVED** after the closing date. Late entries will be permitted only as the show schedule permits or as cancellations occur.

An additional fee of \$10.00 will be charged.

Office Fee: \$5.00 Nonrefundable

PDNDS NON-MEMBERS: For each PDNDS non-member rider there will be a PDNDS non-member fee of \$5.00 per competition. To qualify for year-end awards both the rider and the horse's owner must be PDNDS members in good standing at the time the score is earned.

Refunds: NO REFUNDS, UNLESS THE SHOW IS CANCELED BY PdNDS

RETURNED CHECKS: Checks returned by the bank will be handled according to the following procedure: A \$30.00 fee will be assessed for each returned check.

Scratches: Exhibitors have the responsibility of informing the show office of their intention to scratch. Scratches before the closing date may be made for any reason and all fees will be refunded except the office fee. Competitors must inform the show office of individual class scratches. If no notice is given, competitor may be assumed to have scratched all classes for the balance of the show.

Class Fees: \$15.00 PER CLASS

A horse may not be ridden in more than two adjoining levels in one show. USDF Introductory Level tests A and B and C are one level below Training Level.

Numbers: Any horse entered in the show must wear its assigned number at all times except when in its stall or trailer.

Ride Times: Preliminary ride times and a show schedule will be available on PDNDS's website, www.pasodelnortedressage.org. Final ride times will be posted outside the show office.

Class schedules will be posted outside the show office. An unofficial show schedule will be posted on the website www.pasodelnortedressage.org . Individual ride times will be emailed to addresses specified on the entry form.

No rider will be required to enter the arena prior to the time posted; however, if circumstances permit, it is a courtesy to the show and the judge to agree to a request to ride earlier.

It is the rider's responsibility to inform the Management of any time conflicts at least 24 hours before the scheduled ride. A move can sometimes be made if there is a scratched time slot opening. Classes may be scheduled out of order. It is the competitor's responsibility to find out his/her official ride time. Failure to enter the arena at the specified time will result in elimination. **Show management will make every attempt to offer riders competing in more than one class or on multiple horses at least 50 minutes between ride start times but reserves the right to shorten this time if necessary. By signing the entry, riders have agreed to this and this signature constitutes written consent specified in USEF Rule DR126.3.**

Non-Competing Horses: This rule includes horses, young or otherwise, that are "brought along" to the show for "seasoning." **A liability form must be signed for all non competing horses.**

Lungeing and Schooling: Lungeing is not allowed in the competition and warm-up arenas. **Use designated lungeing areas only.**

Schooling, riding or lungeing of horses is permitted only in designated areas.

FACILITIES: Facilities are multi-use and show management is not responsible for, or in control of, other activities at the facility.

Helmets: Effective March 1, 2011, for Dressage: Anyone mounted on a horse **must** wear protective headgear except those riders *age 18 and over* while on horses that are competing *only* in FEI levels and tests at the Prix St. Georges level and above (including FEI Young Rider Tests, the USEF Developing Prix St. Georges Test and the USEF Brentina Cup Test).

PETS: Dogs are welcome at most show grounds, but must be leashed and attended to at all times.

RIDE LIMIT: Horses are limited to a maximum of three Dressage rides per day at Fourth Level and below or two Dressage rides per day above Fourth Level. A horse may not be ridden in more than two adjoining levels in one show. USDF Introductory Level tests A and B and C are one level below Training Level.

STALLIONS: All stallions must be attended to or stabled (if available) at all times.

TESTS: The current USEF and FEI Tests. All USDF Tests offered will be 2011 or most current version. Tests will not be released until a class is completely scored and posted. No test will be released to anyone other than the rider or the rider's representative. Riders are urged to check their tests for errors before leaving the show grounds.

All tests may be called. The reader must be at ringside (standing at either B or E) before the judge's signal and the rider enters the ring. Each movement must be read **only once** exactly as it is written; however, a movement may be repeated if there is reason to doubt that the rider heard the original call.

20) DIVISIONS: O=Open, JR=Junior, YR=Young Rider

TIES: Class placings, including ties in prize money classes, if offered, are specified in the USEF Rule Book. DR123.3. "In all competitions the winner is the competitor having the highest total points, the second placed competitor is the one with the next highest total points and so on. In case of equality of points the competitor with the highest marks received under General Impressions shall be declared the winner. When the scores for General Impressions are equal the horses must remain tied." DR123.6. "When the total of the scores for General Impressions is equal, ties in classes which involve prize money shall remain tied for the purpose of dividing prize money."

Attire and Equipment: Competitors at the schooling shows will be allowed to wear half chaps with appropriate footwear (i.e. must have a heel), any color breeches, and any color of shirt with sleeves (no tank tops). Jackets are not required.

Bits must be only those allowed by USEF rules for dressage competitions.

Tack may be checked before entry into the arena, or in the warm-up at the discretion of the ring steward or show management.

The horse cannot have any boots, bandages, or martingales on when in the show ring.

Whips must be 43.3", including lash.

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TEST OF CHOICE: Show management may move a rider from a test of choice class to a scheduled class if that level test is offered that day. Test of Choice class placing will be determined by division, ranking scores by percentage, regardless of which test is ridden within each class.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and management reserves the right to bar any person acting in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interests of the sport. GR702 will apply. Participants (including family members) should note GR 702.1.e "Any act committed or remark made in connection with the competition considered offensive and/or made with the intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the licensed officials, approaching a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the show committee or steward/technical delegate, inspecting a judge's card without the judge's permission, or public verbal abuse of competition officials."