



Iowa Dressage and Combined Training Association

Schooling Show Walk Classes

Purpose- The intention of the Walk classes at Iowa Dressage and Combined Training Association schooling shows is to provide an opportunity for beginning riders and horses to be introduced to the sport of dressage.

The focus is to be on the rider, not the horse. The gait of the horse is not considered. As in US Pony Club competitions, the horse should be serviceably sound.

Tack and apparel is to be classic Dressage, Eventing, or Western Dressage.

Class	Restrictions	Evaluated Skills
Lead-Line	Riders aged 8 or under must be led by an adult. Riders may not show in any other riding class.	Rider's posture, alertness, and proper hold of the reins at a walk in both directions of the arena. At the end, pairs will line up facing the judge.
Walk-Whoa!	Beginning riders. Riders may not show in any class requiring the canter/lope gait.	Rider's ability to transition the horse forward at a walk and halt numerous times on the rail in both directions. At the end, pairs will line up facing the judge. They may be asked to assume the two-point position (stand up in their stirrups) at the halt. In the line, riders may be asked to drop and pick up, lengthen, and shorten the reins.
Walk-Trot/Jog on the Rail	Riders may not show in any class requiring the canter/lope gait. They may enter tests requiring canter/lope.	Rider's posture, alertness, and proper hold of the reins at a walk and trot/jog in both directions of the arena. Riders may sit or post the trot. At the end, pairs will line up facing the judge. Riders may be asked for a rein back. The judge may discuss the evaluation with the riders at that time.
Walk Tests A, B, and C	Beginning riders and/or horses.	Riders' and horses' ability to manage the geometry, figures, transitions, and requirements of a dressage test. The rider must strive for an active gait, accurate transitions, correct figures, and balanced equitation.