

SOUTHEAST MOUNTED DRILL TEAM ASSOCIATION OPEN AND 4-H MOUNTED DRILL TEAM RULES

CLASSES

No rider is allowed to ride on more than one team per class.

QUADS: Four (4) minutes minimum and six (6) maximum. Music of choice. It will be Judges discretion as to the emphasis of the drill, music, theme and any costumes used. Each group of four must have a separate name and separate riders. Must submit a separate entry form and release form for each team.

PATRIOT: Any number of riders allowed. A minimum of four (4) minutes and a maximum of six (6) minutes are allowed. Team must utilize patriotic content/music. Flags are not mandatory; however, if flags are not utilized, this will affect the team's degree of difficulty and patriotic content scores.

THEME: Any number of riders allowed. A minimum of four (4) minutes and a maximum of six (6) minutes is allowed. Music of choice. Points may be scored on how appropriate the music was to the maneuvers performed and the pace the horses set to the music used and the appropriateness of the music to the theme of the drill. Safe props to enhance your Theme may be used in the arena. Props must be set up during your courtesy lap. This is not Theatrical Theme and riders are not allowed to exit and re-enter the arena. ***(Green Division only: no flags or props may be carried by riders!)***

FREESTYLE: Any number of riders allowed. A minimum of four (4) minutes and a maximum of six (6) minutes are allowed. Music of choice. Points may be scored on how appropriate the music was to the maneuvers performed and the pace the horses set to the music used. Primary emphasis shall be placed on the drill, uniforms, tack, equitation and music.

DIVISIONS

New means first competition you have ever competed in

Green Division: *Walk Trot Only.* No restriction on ages of riders. No limit on years of riding until 8 years of age. If 8 years or older, may only ride in Green two (2) years. Must have only (1) experienced rider in the Green Classes. No flags or props. ***There will be a 15 point deduction for carrying flags or props per Judge.*** If a Green team rider rides in any other Division, they are no longer eligible to ride in the Green Division, including classes within the same show season.

Novice Division: *No gait restrictions.* A new rider that has not competed in drill before (excluding Green Division). Rider is considered Novice for one competition season. Novice team must consist of at least 60% or more new riders. If a Novice team rider rides in any other Division, they are no longer eligible to ride in the Novice Division, including classes within the same show. *This does not pertain to the 40% that are not true Novice.* Adult and Youth will all be judged together.

Here is the breakdown for number of riders at 60% (20 = 12, 19 = 11, 18 = 11, 17 = 10, 16 = 10, 15 = 9, 14 = 8, 13 = 8, 12 = 7, 11 = 7, 10 = 6, 9 = 6, 8 = 5, 7 = 4, 6 = 4, 5 = 3, 4 = 3).

Youth/4-H Division: All riders in this division will be under the age of nineteen (19) years old at the beginning of the show season. One rider may be over the age of 18.

Open Division: No restriction on ages of riders.