

Oregon Dressage Society League Show Rules

Purpose of ODS League Shows

League shows are ODS approved shows intended to prepare the horse and rider for USEF/USDF/licensed shows and to provide a “second tier” level of competition. These shows also provide judging experiences for USDF “L” program graduates. In addition these shows provide training for show management and volunteers.

Entering a ODS League Show

ODS League shows are open to all. You do not need to be an ODS member to compete at an ODS League Show. However, there is a \$25 fee for non-ODS riders.

- A completed entry is required for every horse brought onto the show grounds. (Horses not entered in the show may not be brought onto the show grounds without prior permission of show management.) There is a \$25/day fee for horses to be on the grounds that are NOT entered in the League show.
- Each horse/rider combination is considered as one entry and issued a number. Therefore, a completed entry form is required for each rider/horse combination PER DAY.
- Entries for Pas de Deux and Quadrille classes, each rider/horse combination must fill out an entry form.
- An entry is not complete without full payment, proper signatures, and proof of any required memberships and horse enrollments. Competitions have the right to refuse entries that are in any way incomplete.
- Separate signatures are required for Rider, Owner and Trainer. Even if all are the same person.
- If the rider is a minor a parent must sign the entry form.
- You may use the current year ODS League Show entry form for all shows listed as ODS League Shows. Photocopy the master entry form at the back of this prize list, or download the appropriate form from the ODS website, www.oregondressage.com/entryforms.html.
- Do not sign the entry form before photocopying. Only original signatures, in ink, are valid.
- Mail entry forms to the show's secretary unless the prize list instructs you to mail the entry to a different person.
- Entries will be processed by postmark date unless otherwise stated. When all ride times have been filled remaining entries will be placed on a waiting list, even if before closing date.
- Early entries — entries postmarked before the published opening date — may be penalized by being considered to be postmarked up to three days after opening date, at the discretion of show management.
- Phoned, faxed, e-mailed or hand-delivered entries will not be accepted unless otherwise stated.
- Musical Freestyle: ODS League Shows do not require a prior score at any level for Musical Freestyle rides.
- Read refund policies closely as they differ from show to show.
- Unless stated otherwise, competitions will not refund entry fees in the event that classes are cancelled due to severe weather, health risk or other emergency.

At the Show

- Nobody may be on foot in the warm-up area.
- If a mathematical error on the scoresheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of that competition day.
- In the case of a dispute, a protest should be filed with the show management within one hour of the occurrence. Show management will appoint a three-member committee consisting of show officials to adjudicate disputes. A decision must be made within one hour of the time a complaint is filed, and, once ruled upon, the decision of the committee is final.
- Unless it is stated otherwise, entrants must provide buckets and feed .

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Signatures and Documentation

Rider: If you are an ODS member, be sure to enclose a copy of your membership ID. Scores will not be recorded for year-end awards if evidence of membership is not provided.

Minors: In the case of the rider is a minor, the parent also must sign on the entry form

Owner: No documentation or membership requirements is required for League shows.

Horse: There is no ODS horse registration. However, several breeds recognize scores from ODS League Shows for their awards. It's always a good idea to include a copy of your horse's breed registration papers with your entry.

Trainer: Trainer means the adult who is responsible for the horse while it is on the show grounds. All horses **MUST** have a trainer, this may be the rider, owner or coach. In the case of a minor, the parent or another adult must assume the responsibilities of "trainer."

Coach: A coach is a person who receives remuneration for "instructing, teaching, schooling or advising" the rider. If there is no coach put the letters N/A on the line for coach.

Rider Divisions

Classes at ODS League shows may be split by division — Open, Youth, Adult Amateur, or any combination — at the discretion of show management. Be sure to indicate rider's division on entry, or you will be put into the Open division by default. Eligibility for the various divisions is specified in the *U.S. Equestrian Rule Book*, which is available online at www.usef.org. See rule DR119.3 for Juniors and Young Riders; GR105 and 106 for Amateur.

- Divisions are: Youth, Adult Amateur and Open — Be sure to indicate rider's division on entry, or you will be put into the Open division by default.
- Riders are Youth until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 18. *They must provide their birthdate on the entry form as proof of age.*
- For the shows in this section, adults are Amateurs (Am or AA) only if the USEF has certified them as such. Please be aware that, per the adult amateur definition in the Dressage rules, riders cannot compete as an adult amateurs until they are no longer eligible to compete as Young Riders. USEF members who apply for amateur certification will find the word amateur printed on their membership cards. *A photocopy of this card is required as proof of eligibility for Amateur classes.*
- Riders who don't fit any of the above categories must compete in the **Open** division.

Classes

- Management reserves the right to split, combine, cancel or re-order classes. Add or substitute judges, or make any other changes required.
- Classes may be scheduled out of order. **It is the competitor's responsibility to find out his or her ride times**, and to immediately notify show management of any time conflicts that may have escaped the scheduler's notice.
- *Classes must be run in their entirety and may only be scheduled out of sequence to allow at least 50 minutes between scheduled start times for a rider entered on more than one horse in a class. (DR126.b (4) (5)).*
- Failure to enter the competition arena at the assigned time will result in elimination.
- Classes offered at third level and above do not qualify for ODS year end awards

Para Equestrian Dressage Classes

- Special equipment required for a Para Equestrian is the responsibility of the rider.
- Tack and equipment shall follow USEF rules - see USEF DR121, with the exception of Aids / Equipment Allowed as stated on the Riders Official Dispensation Certificate.

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Para Equestrian Dressage Classes (continued)

- Attire shall follow ODS League Show Rules with the exception of Aids / Equipment Allowed as stated on the Riders Official Dispensation Certificate .
- Para Equestrian classes offered at ODS league shows do not qualify for year end awards.
- Must have an ODS "Official Dispensation Certificate" to enter Para Equestrian classes.

Western Dressage Classes

- If a horse is cross-entered in Western and regular dressage classes, the regular dressage class must be scheduled before the western dressage class.
- Tack and equipment shall follow USEF WD 118. 1 & 2, WD 119. Western tack and equipment is permitted for warm up for Western dressage classes.
- Attire shall follow WD 121 except that protective headgear per DR120 & GR801 MUST be worn at all time while mounted.
- All western dressage classes must be judges by a USDF L program graduate or a USEF licensed dressage judge.
- USEF Western dressage tests must be used. Can be downloaded from www.usef.org
- Western dressage classes offered at ODS league shows do not qualify for year end awards.

Attire

The dress code for ODS league shows consists of informal show attire. For example:

- A short or long sleeved shirt or polo shirt, turtle neck sweater or similar (tee shirts, sleeveless shirts and tank tops are not permitted)
- Breeches, jodhpurs or casual pants (jeans are not permitted)
- Boots, Long or short boots with a heel are compulsory. Half chaps, gaiters and/or leggings are allowed.
- At any time while mounted on the competition grounds, all riders must wear protective headgear as defined by the USEF Rule DR120 and otherwise in compliance with GR801. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.
- Riders may wear English traditional/formal show attire.

Tack

- Tack and equipment requirements both in the show ring and in the warm-up arena MUST follow current USEF rules - see USEF DR121. They apply to both competing and non-competing horses from the time horses are admitted to the show grounds and to the end of the show.

Horses

- A horse must be 36 months of age (from foaling date) to compete under saddle in the Dressage division. It must be at least 6 years old (January 1 of foaling year to January 1 of competition year) to compete above Fourth Level, and 7 years old to compete at Grand Prix.
- A horse may be entered in a class only once.
- A horse may compete in a maximum of three dressage tests per day at Fourth Level and below, or two tests above Fourth Level. Freestyles are included in these counts; equitation and materiale classes are not.
- A horse can be entered in no more than two consecutive levels at any one competition, even if being rode by two different competitors. (Exception: Pas de Deux.)
- Numbers must be worn at all times when a horse is out of their stall. . (This includes being tied to a trailer if haul ins are allowed).
- Drugs and Medications: Competitors are expected to comply with the current USEF regulations.