

CDCTS Schooling Shows General Rules

All shows are run under the general rules of USEF, unless otherwise specified.

Approved protective headgear and footwear with appropriate heels must be worn whenever mounted.

All schooling shows offer current: USDF Introductory Levels, USEF Training through Fourth Level, FEI levels, Rider tests, USEA Eventing tests, Pas de Deux and Musical Freestyles (all levels)

It is expected that riders take pride in their turnout. Coats are encouraged, but not required. Plain white riding shirts or polo-style shirts with dark breeches are also appropriate. T-shirts or tank tops are not permitted. Note: during hot weather, riders are encouraged to show without coats in the interest of their health.

Please go to the following websites to ensure that your attire and equipment is aligned with your discipline:

<https://www.usdf.org/docs/competitions/td/DressageProtocol.pdf>

<https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/96D17ISsaCo/annex---bits-saddlery-equipment>

<https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/ZboXf7MiPE4/dressage---attire--equipment>

<https://www.usef.org/search?q=dressage%20equipment> download the document pertaining to Western Dressage equipment

Braiding the mane is encouraged, but not required.

The following equipment is forbidden at a dressage show: martingales of any kind; bearing, side or running reins; seat covers; and any form of blinkers.

The following equipment is permitted in warm-up areas: running martingales, bandages, boots and side reins.

All equipment, including whips, bits and spurs must comply with USEF rules.

Ear nets are permitted; fly masks are not allowed.

No bareback riding is allowed.

A rider should not be judged by anyone who has instructed him/her within the last 30 days (exception: attending clinics). If you arrive at the show and find that your instructor has been substituted for the judge, notify the show manager and ask to ride *hors concours*, or don't ride and receive a full credit for your entry fees.

If you are riding a musical freestyle, please bring your own music and boom box.

Check your score before you leave the show grounds. Any scoring errors must be reported and corrected before you leave the show grounds. After that time, no corrections can be made.

Please note that classes do not always go in order of lowest to highest. Classes at shows may be scheduled in any order throughout the day.

Classes may be split or combined, depending on the number and distribution of entries.

If you intend to bring a horse that is not competing onto the show grounds, this decision must be cleared with the show manager prior to the show date, and will be at his/her discretion. If permitted by the manager, you must bring a current negative Coggins test to the show grounds and present it to the manager upon your arrival, before you unload your horse and also pay the non-competition fee. Please see the entry form for details.

Show Etiquette

Be considerate of other riders in the warm-up area. Pass left-shoulder to left-shoulder and yield to those who are moving at faster gaits.

Arrive outside the ring approximately one minute before your ride time, having already warmed up your horse. You will have 45 seconds to enter the ring once the judge has rung the bell.

If your ride is not next, please do not congregate with your horse around the arena entrance.

Lunging is prohibited in the warm-up area; check with the show manager or warm-up ring steward about where lunging is permitted on the show grounds.

Be courteous to the judge and show volunteers.

Should you need to excuse yourself from the ring during your test for any reason, be sure to ask for the judge's permission prior to exiting the ring.

Leave your trailer site clean; pick up all trash and manure and dispose of it or take it with you.

Obey all rules of the facility where the show is held. (for example: where to park, no smoking, no dogs, etc)