

2018 – 2019 Dressage Discipline Addendum to the IEA Rules and Regulations

1 - General

- A. This addendum shall provide rules and guidelines to accompany the current IEA Rules and Regulations in relation to the Dressage Discipline. Any reference in this addendum relating to a Rule will be referring to the 2018-2019 IEA Rules and Regulations.
- B. The 2018-2019 IEA Rules and Regulations shall take precedence over all other rules and regulations of other similarly situated organizations. However, if a topic is not covered by the 2018-2019 IEA Rules and Regulations, first the rules and regulations of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association [“IHSA”] and then, if not resolved, the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. [“USEF”], United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) may be used as a reference for guidance in making an equitable decision under the circumstances.
- C. The IEA reserves the right to refuse participation to any individual who does not meet eligibility requirements outlined in Rule 2000 and anyone found in violation of Rule 9501, unless otherwise noted within this addendum.

2- Membership

- A. All participants in the Dressage Discipline must be part of a dressage team and have a valid membership application form on file with the IEA prior to participation.
- B. Dressage teams shall be placed in a single zone with multiple regions. The following is a list of dressage regions, and the states which comprise each region:

Region 1: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island

Region 2: New York

Region 3: Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

Region 4: Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi

Region 5: Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan

Region 6: Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska

Region 7: Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana

Region 8: Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico

Region 9: Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska

Region 10: California, Nevada, Hawaii

Region 11: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia

- C. Members are not eligible for any benefits due an IEA member such as Zone and National Scholarships, Benevolent Fund programs, National Sportsmanship Award and the Horsemanship Program.
- D. A dressage team requires a minimum of one rider.
- E. Dressage Teams are not required to host a competition to fulfill membership requirements.
- F. Coach Members must be eligible according to Rule 2303. Proof of insurance as stated in Rule 2303 is required at the time the Coach Membership form is submitted.
- G. Rider Members must be eligible according to Rule 2304.

H. To be eligible to compete in the IEA Dressage Pilot Program, an IEA Coach Member must accompany each Rider Member. The Coach Member will be required to show photo identification upon check in at the competition, and will be expected to produce the identification upon request at any time during the competition.

3. Classes and Test: Rider Placement and Eligibility

- A. Riders shall be classified in accordance with guidelines established in the Dressage Discipline Class Descriptions found in this addendum.
- B. The Coach Member of each Rider Member will be responsible for assigning the rider to the appropriate division, and class within the discipline.
- C. The rider's total riding experience, not just riding experience with IEA shows, must be considered for class designations as per Rule 3000.
- D. The Dressage Discipline Class Descriptions are designed to aid in initially placing Rider Members participating in IEA Dressage Scrimmages.
- E. All riders will compete within the same class eligibility level. Competing on two different levels is not permitted.
- F. All riders must have one year of professional instruction prior to participating in an IEA Dressage event.
- G. Class placement in an IEA Dressage event will not impact future IEA Rider Member class eligibility in the dressage discipline.
- H. Crossover Riders: Riders competing in multiple disciplines can be placed one division lower in their crossover division than their primary discipline placement. Returning Open or Intermediate hunt seat and western riders should be placed no lower than the Novice Dressage Seat Equitation division.
- I. Dressage Discipline Class Descriptions

Varsity Open Division

Class 1. Varsity Open Dressage Seat Equitation

Class 8. Varsity Open Dressage

Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders need to be able to walk, trot, canter & halt in a group class, perform simple changes of lead in canter and a turn on the forehand. Riders should also be capable of showing: a lengthening at the trot and canter, 10 and 20m circles, a half circle and a rising trot in which the horse is allowed to stretch forward and downward.

Varsity Intermediate Division

Class 2. Varsity Intermediate Dressage Seat Equitation

Class 9. Varsity Intermediate Dressage Test

Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders need to be able to walk, trot, canter & halt on an unfamiliar horse in a group class, change rein in trot or canter with a trot transition and perform simple changes of lead in canter between the letters. Riders should also be capable of showing a 20m circle in the trot and canter and a rising trot in which the horse is allowed to stretch forward and

downward. This division is open to all riders who have not competed in a recognized or schooling dressage competitions at Second level. Riders may not have competed in the FEI 5 year old test or above. Riders may not have been rated B or higher by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons in jumping events at 3'3" or higher must be placed in the Open Varsity Division.

IV Novice Division

Class 3. JV Novice Dressage Seat Equitation

Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders needs to be able to walk, trot, canter on an unfamiliar horse in a group class, perform walk- trot transitions, trot- canter transitions, show a change of rein, perform a 20m circle at the trot. This division is open to all riders who have not competed in 6 or more first level tests or competed at a level higher than first level in any recognized or schooling dressage competition guidelines on equivalent FEI and foreign federation tests are in the appendix of the rules). Riders may not have competed in the FEI 4 year old test or above. Riders may not have been rated C+, C-3 or higher by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

IV Beginner Division

Class 4. JV Beginner Dressage Seat Equitation

Open to riders in grades 9-12. These riders needs to be able to walk, trot, canter and halt on an unfamiliar horse in a group class, perform walk- trot transitions, trot-halt transitions, show a change of rein, perform a 20m circle at the trot. This division is open to any rider that has not competed in 6 training level test or competed at a level higher than training, in any recognized or schooling dressage competition; including those recognized by USDF, USEF or USEA. Riders may not have been rated C-2 above by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

Future Intermediate Division

Class 5. Future Intermediate Dressage Seat Equitation

Class 10. Future Intermediate Dressage Test

Open to riders in grades 6-8. Riders need to be able to walk, trot, canter & halt on an unfamiliar horse in a group class, change rein in trot or canter with a trot transition and perform simple changes of lead in canter between the letters. Riders should also be capable of showing a 20m circle in the trot and canter and a rising trot in which the horse is allowed to stretch forward and downward. This division is open to all riders who have not competed in a recognized or schooling dressage competitions at Second level. Riders may not have competed in the FEI 5 year old test or above. Riders may not have been rated B or higher by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

Future Novice Division

Class 6. Future Novice Dressage Seat Equitation

Open to riders in grades 6-8. These riders needs to be able to walk, trot, canter on an unfamiliar horse in a group class, perform walk- trot transitions, trot- canter transitions, show a change of rein, perform a 20m circle at the trot. This division is open to all riders who have not competed in 6 or more first level tests or competed at a level higher than first level in any recognized or schooling dressage competition guidelines on equivalent FEI and foreign federation tests are in the appendix of the rules). Riders may not have competed in the FEI 4 year old test or above. Riders may not have been rated C+, C-3 or higher by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

Future Beginner Division

Class 7. Future Beginner Dressage Seat Equitation

Open to riders in grades 6-8. These riders needs to be able to walk, trot, canter and halt on an unfamiliar horse in a group class, perform walk- trot transitions, trot-halt transitions, show a

change of rein, perform a 20m circle at the trot. This division is open to any rider that has not competed in 6 training level test or competed at a level higher than training, in any recognized or schooling dressage competition; including those recognized by USDF, USEF or USEA. Riders may not have been rated C-2 above by the United States Pony Clubs, Inc.

4. Competitions: Requirements, Procedures and Responsibilities

- A. Dressage competitions must comply with the current IEA Rules and Regulations as well as the guidelines outlined in this addendum.
- B. Only classes listed in Dressage Discipline Class Descriptions are covered by this addendum and must comply with the IEA rules, regulations, and required event insurance requirement. IEA is not responsible and will not accept liability for any non-IEA sanctioned classes.
- C. Classes held during a dressage competition carry a point value for post-season competition as outlined in Rule 8100.

D. Tie Breaker Rule –

Team Competition: At all regular season dressage competitions, for all placings, team ties shall be broken first by the total number of first (1st) place finishes, then by total number of second (2nd) place finishes, then by total number of third (3rd) place finishes, then by total number of fourth (4th) place finishes, then by total number of fifth (5th) place finishes. If a tie still exists, then it shall be broken by using the highest Final Score earned by a point rider representing the team in question. If a tie still cannot be determined, then it will be decided by a coin toss.

Individual Competition: At all competitions, including post season, individual ties in the Dressage Test classes will be determined by the adding the Collective Marks for both “Rider Seat and Position” and “Rider’s Correct and Effective Use of Aids”. If a tie still cannot be determined, then it will be decided by a coin toss.

D. The EHC, Show Manager and Show Secretary must be a member of the IEA.

E. Event Host Coordinator (EHC)

1. The EHC must be appointed by the IEA National Office.
2. The EHC will be the primary decision maker and ultimately responsible for running a safe and quality competition that complies with the applicable IEA Rules and Regulations and the guidelines outlined in this addendum.
3. The EHC shall provide suitable facilities, horses and equipment for all entries.
4. The EHC, in cooperation with the IEA National Office, will choose the dates of competition no less than 60 days prior to the competition.
5. The EHC will submit an application for insurance as outlined in Rule 4202.10.

F. Arena Requirements

1. The arena intended for riders to perform a test will be either a small arena: 20 meters x 40 meters or a large arena: 20 meters x 60 meters, and contain all necessary letter markers.
2. The boundary of the arena shall be no lower than .3 meters (approx 12 inches) and shall be fully enclosed except with the entrance at A. The boundary shall not be comprised of unbreakable materials to eliminate the chance the horse will become entangled. If the arena

being used has a permanent boundary (outside arena fencing or indoor walls) that meet arena size requirements than no boundary is necessary.

3. Show hosts that anticipate having an issue providing a large or small arena for competition should contact the Zone Administrator for discussion. If the size of the arena is called into question the day of the competition, Show Steward discretion is acceptable.

G. Schooling

Dressage horses may be schooled in the manner that best prepares them for the class.

H. Rider Warm-Up

Riders participating in Dressage Test classes will be allowed a minimum of two (2) minutes of warm up prior to the bell, either in the show square, or in a designated warm up area. Show hosts may expand this time as long as each rider is allowed the same amount of time for warm-up.

I. Dressage Seat classes will be split at twelve (12) riders.

J. All competitions will run in compliance with Rule 4500.

K. Dressage Test participants may use a reader during their test.

L. Tack and Aids

1. The saddle can be dressage or all-purpose styles.
2. A plain snaffle bridle with a regular cavesson, a dropped noseband or a flash noseband is required.
3. Bits must comply with the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Rulebook for Second Level and below.
4. Martingales are not permitted.

M. Whip and Spurs

1. Spurs are not permitted in Beginner Divisions.
2. Spurs may be no longer than 1 inch, must be blunt/smooth and provided by the horse provider.
3. In the Dressage discipline the whip may be no longer than 120 cm (approx 47 inches). Adjustable whips are not permitted at any time.

N. Dress and Headgear – Proper Show Attire

1. It is the tradition of the show ring that riders are correctly attired for the class in question and horses properly presented. Show management may, at its discretion, bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience and must bar riders without protective headgear.
2. At all times while mounted, riders in all classes must wear a harnessed and fully fastened protective ASTM approved safety helmet. The IEA will follow the guidelines of USEF in the matter of what constitutes a safety helmet. Riders whose headgear becomes lost or unfastened while in the show ring will be disqualified and immediately excused from the ring. Helmets and chinstraps must be fitted properly according to manufacturer's instructions.
3. Dressage Attire - It is mandatory for all riders to use appropriate Dressage tack and Dressage attire while showing. This would include a short coat with tie, choker, stock tie or stand-up collar, white or tan breeches/jodphers, boots, a safety helmet compliant with Rule 4508.2.

5 – Prize List, Entry Blank, Entry Fees and Program

- A. The EHC, in cooperation with the IEA National Office, will create a prize list containing all pertinent information listed in Rule 5100.
- B. Entry to an IEA dressage competition be opened first to other teams in the Region, and then if space permits, may be open to the entire Zone.
- C. Entries received for dressage competitions will be confirmed by the EHC no later than the closing date listed in the prize list.
- D. Entry fee for classes will be \$40 each.
- E. Fees for participation must be paid prior to the start of the competition.

6 – Officials, Judges and Stewards

A. Judge

1. To officiate an IEA dressage competition, the judge must be USEF registered “r” or recorded “R” in dressage.

B. Steward

An IEA steward must be twenty-one (21) years of age, an IEA member in good standing (coach or contributing member), and must have read and fully understands the Rules and Regulations of IEA, and the supporting organizations in accordance with Rule 1700 and holds any one of the following qualifications:

1. Licensed USEF steward for the Dressage discipline; or
2. Current IEA Board Member or employee; or
3. IEA Member coach, in good standing, whose team is not, and members of the coach’s team are not, otherwise participating in the competition; or
4. IDA member coach or IDA Board Member, in good standing, who is not otherwise participating in the competition.

C. A Judge or Show Steward not meeting qualification criteria outlined in items A & B may be used only with prior written consent from coaches of teams participating in that region. The official that does not meet qualification criteria must be approved every time she/he is to be hired.

7 – Judging Requirements

- A. In equitation/horsemanship/dressage seat classes, only the rider is being judged; therefore no penalty should be assessed because of the horse’s conformation, color or way of going.
- B. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, ability to control and show horse.
- C. Results as shown by performance of the horse are NOT necessarily to be considered more important than the method used by the rider in obtaining them.
- D. A rider must be prepared to perform the tests appropriate for the class in which the rider is participating.

E. Dressage Discipline – Hands and Seat

1. The rider should be well-balanced, elastic, sitting deep in the center of the saddle, smoothly absorbing the movement of the horse with his loins and hips, supple thighs with the legs steady and stretched well down.
2. The heels should be the lowest point.
3. The upper part of the body should be tall and supple. The contact should be independent from the rider's seat. The hands should be carried steadily close together, with the thumb as the highest point and a straight line from the supple elbow through the hand to the horse's mouth. The elbows should be close to the body.

F. Dressage Class Routine

1. Dressage Test

- a. The performance begins when the horse enters the ring or is given the signal to proceed after entering the ring.
- b. When performing movements during the test, faults of the horse are not to be considered unless it is the fault of the rider.
- c. Although a flying change of lead is preferable, a well-executed simple change must not be penalized.

2. Dressage Seat Equitation

- a. Contestants shall enter ring and shall proceed at least once around the ring at each appropriate gait and on command, reverse and repeat.
- b. Riders must be judged at the medium walk, working trot (sitting and rising), and working canter in both directions. When rising trot is permitted or requested, the rider should change the diagonal when changing directions, except during a lengthening. The correct diagonal is considered to be when the rider is sitting when the outside front foot and inside hind foot are on the ground.
- c. After completing requirements, entries shall then line up on command, and any or all riders may be required to execute any appropriate tests included in class requirements.

8 – Points, Scoring and Post Season Qualification

- A. Riders will earn points at regular season dressage pilot events as outlined in Rule 8101.
- B. There is no minimum competition requirement to qualify for post season.
- C. There will be no more than 10 riders in a class during post-season competition.
- D. Each *active* dressage region will be given one spot at the National Dressage Invitational. The remaining spots will be allocated as outlined in Rule 8504.3.
- E. The IEA will use the total point accumulation of each team and rider to determine eligibility for post season competition.