

IEA Dressage Seat Equitation Judges Specifications

Directives:

1. In dressage seat equitation classes, only the rider is being judged, therefore, no penalty should be assessed because of the horse's conformation, color or way of going.
2. Judges should not feel it necessary to test
3. Riders will be judged on seat, hands, ability to control and show horse
4. 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.
5. A rider must be prepared to perform the tests appropriate for the class in which the rider is participating.

Class Routine:

1. Riders must enter the ring collectively on the rail at all required gaits in both directions prior to any individual testing.
2. Riders must be judged at the medium walk, working trot, and working canter in both directions (except for W/T classes). A judge may, but is not required, to choose to request that all riders perform movements listed below on the rail as a group:
 - a. Free walk
 - b. Transitions from one gait to the next in both direction
 - c. Transitions from walk to halt and vice versa
 - d. Change of direction across the diagonal, down the centerline, across the arena, and/or by making a half circle.
 - e. Half-circle at the walk or trot
3. Following required rail work, a judge may, but is not required, to also choose to do additional testing to be ridden in small groups or independently using the appropriate tests listed in Rule 3.N: Dressage Seat Equitation Rider Tests.

USEF DSE Rider Work out tests for IEA are available and may be used at show managers discretion

Optional additional testing list

1. Ask and appropriate question tailored to the ability level
2. Halt
3. Transitions using the walk, rising trot and canter
4. 20m Circles
5. Change Horses
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6. Figure eight or serpentine at the trot demonstrating change of diagonals  
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7. Figure eight or serpentine at the canter demonstrating change of lead through the trot
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8. Sitting trot
9. Lengthening at the Trot  
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10. Lengthening at the Canter
11. 10m circles at the trot
12. 15m circles at the canter

Class 2. Varsity Open Dressage Seat Equitation: 1-12
Class 4. Varsity Int. Dressage Seat Equitation: 1-9
Class 6. JV Novice Dressage Seat Equitation: 1-7
Class 7 (7X) . JV Beginner Dressage Seat Equitation: 1-6
Class 8 (8X). JV Beginner Dressage Seat Equitation: 1-5
Class 10. Future Int.Dressage Seat Equitation: 1-9
Class 12. Future Novice Dressage Seat Equitation: 1-7
Class 13 (13X).Fut. Beg. Dressage Seat Equitation: 1-6
Class 14 (14X). Fut. Beg. Dressage Seat Equitation: 1-5