



Dressage Zone Requirements and Split Guidelines 2024-2025 (revised 9/24/24)

Section 1: Zone Information

- Dressage is divided into 6 Zones.
- Zones are made up of 1-6 regions initially assigned.
- Regions are made up of 3-8 teams.
- Regions that show significant growth by October 1st 2024 will be split.
- Regions that have less than 3 active teams or less than 5% of the total Dressage population as of November 1, 2024 will be combined with the nearest Region.
- All shows:
 1. must hold priority show entry to their region before opening to other regions;
 2. may not open entries to other regions if entry limits have been imposed on teams from within the region;
 3. must limit rides to 125 per day. Additional rides, if needed, must be approved by the zone administrator no later than the closing date of the show; and
 4. may not hold WT warmup or Adult classes, if youth entries have been limited in any way.

Section 2: Postseason Format, Qualification, and Allotments

- The regular season will begin on 8/3/2024
- The last regular season show can be no fewer than twenty (20) business days before the postseason competition date (Zone Finals).
- **Region Finals will not be held during the 2024-25 competition season for the Dressage discipline. Eligible riders will advance directly to Zone Finals in 2024-25 in accordance with the following details:**
 - **Zone Finals should have no more than 125 rides per day and should have 12 riders per class.**
 - **If entry limits are needed, only the top twelve (12) Individuals per class and top 12 teams will compete at Zone Finals.**
 - **Individuals become eligible to qualify for Zone Finals by earning 15 or more points during regular season competitions. If there are more than 12 individual qualifiers per class with 15 points or more and entry limits are needed, only the top 12 (determined by overall individual point totals in that class per the IEA database) will qualify to compete. Ties will be broken using the method defined in rule D4601 (first by total number of 1st place finishes, then 2nd place finishes...).**
 - **Teams become eligible to qualify for Zone Finals by earning 20 or more points during regular season competitions. If there are more than 12 team qualifiers within the Zone with 20 points or more and entry limits are needed, only the top 12 (determined by overall team point totals per the IEA database) will qualify to compete. Ties will be broken using the method defined in rule D4601 (first by total number of 1st place finishes, then 2nd place finishes...).**

- All Dressage Zone Finals must be completed at least twenty (20) days prior to Dressage National Finals
- **Each active Zone will be allotted 2 individual and 2 team spots at Dressage National Finals.**
- All Dressage post-season shows (Zones and Nationals) must be considered a community effort by all qualified participating individuals and teams, and all qualifiers are expected to help fundraise, volunteer and/or provide horses based on required needs of the postseason competition.

Section 3: Post Season Dates (Zone Finals)

D1: March 7-9, 2025 - Gardnertown Farms - Newburgh, NY (3 day show)

D2: February 15-16, 2025 - Delaware Valley College - Doylestown, PA

D3: March 22-23, 2025 - Virginia Tech - Christiansburg, VA

D4: Feb 21-23, 2025 - Otterbein University - Westerville, OH (3 day show)

D5: March 22-23, 2025 - Texas Rose Horse Park - Tyler, TX

D6: March 1-2, 2025 - Los Angeles Equestrian Center - Burbank, CA

Section 4: Fundraising Information

- Each Zone will be responsible for fundraising to support their Zone.
- Pre-approved fundraisers for regular season and postseason shows include program ad sales, raffles, VIP table sales, t-shirts, scrimmage competitions, clinics, and donations. (G4701 & G2803.10)
- Region Presidents will work together with the Zone Administrator(s) to plan and execute postseason competitions as a group effort.
- All Zone Finals are expected to cover their own costs and break even financially.
- Any requirements of community effort (contributions of horses, sponsorships, volunteers...) or fundraising for postseason competitions will be listed in the prize list.
- Any fundraising requirements must be submitted with the entry by the closing date of the postseason competition.
- Teams are also encouraged to participate in any fundraisers or fundraising programs that benefit IEA Dressage throughout the year (e.g. T-shirt fundraiser).