

## RULE XIV – DRESSAGE CLASSES

**Section A:** Riders must wear appropriate attire: short riding coat of conservative color, with tie, choker or stock tie; breeches or jodhpurs, boots or jodhpur boots; required safety helmet (ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet with approved safety harness). Half chaps and/or leggings are not allowed. Gloves of conservative color are recommended. Regulation spurs are optional.

**Section B:** Two (2) classes in the Novice, Freshman and Jr. Varsity divisions will be offered as follows:

1. NOVICE – Current Training Level Tests 1 & 2: Open to horse/rider combinations that have not earned more than 6 scores of 60% or higher at a USEF, USDF, CDS, DASC or IEL show at Training Level Test 2 or above.
2. FRESHMAN – Current Training Level Tests 3 & 4: Open to horse/rider combinations that have not earned more than 6 scores of 60% or higher at a USEF, USDF, CDS, DASC or IEL show at Training Level Test 4 or above.
3. JR. VARSITY – Current First Level Tests 1 & 2: Open to horse/rider combinations that have not earned more than 6 scores of 60% or higher at a USEF, USDF, CDS, DASC or IEL show at First Level Test 2 or above.

For Varsity dressage riders, the following classes will be offered; Varsity dressage riders may pick no more than two (2) of the **four (4)** tests offered, **and by their submission of their entry form for whichever class(es), each Varsity dressage rider and that rider's trainer represent that the rider is qualified to ride in the tests he or she has selected:**

4. VARSITY – Current First Level Tests 3 & 4: Open to horse/rider combinations that are competent to show at First Level Test 3 and above.
5. VARSITY (Optional) – Second Level Tests **1 & 2**: Open to horse/rider combinations that are competent to show at Second Level or above. A qualified horse/rider combination may also elect to ride in First Level Test 4 and Second Level Test 1.

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For riders new to dressage:

Introductory Tests A & B: The I.E.L. offers the opportunity to enter one or both introductory dressage classes, Introductory Test A and Introductory Test B. While ribbons will be awarded in these classes, no points will be awarded to the rider or the rider's school. Any rider that earns a score of 65% or above will be assigned to an appropriate dressage division by show management for the purpose of entering dressage classes at subsequent I.E.L. shows.

**Section C:** Dressage classes shall be pinned according to the scores earned in the class. However, points shall only be awarded to riders (and their schools) whose score is 50% or better **for Novice and Freshman dressage riders; 55% or better for JV riders; and 57% or better for Varsity riders.**

**Section D:** Dressage classes will be conducted according to Dressage Association of Southern California (DASC) rules and shall change tests as prescribed by the DASC time schedule.

**Section E:** The total number of dressage rides is 120 per show, **unless additional tests can reasonably be scheduled by management**; riders will be assigned their ride time(s) prior to the show. Priority in assigning rides will be given first to those riders competing in dressage and flat equitation only; second priority will be given to riders in jumper and flat equitation classes only; should any times be available thereafter, those riders competing in hunter and equitation classes will be assigned rides. In the event there are more requests for rides than time slots available, priority will be determined by the postmark date on each entry, or the date such entry is received in the Show Office. Entries shall not be submitted prior to the pre-determined opening acceptance date; any entry received or postmarked before the open date will NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**Section F:** EQUIPMENT ALLOWED: Regulation whips are permitted. A plain snaffle bridle is required with either a regular cavesson, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband, a crescent noseband or a crossed noseband with a smooth and solid bit, entirely of the same metal. Breastplates and/or cruppers are permitted.

EQUIPMENT NOT ALLOWED: Pelhams, twisted wire or roller bits, bit guards, flexible rubber bits, nose guards, earplugs, bandages, boots, martingales, side reins or draw reins.

**Section G:** EXECUTION OF TESTS:

1. All trot to be sitting unless specified rising.
2. Tests may be called, but no coaching is allowed.
3. The rider's use of voice is a 2-point deduction for each occurrence.
4. Going off course constitutes a 2-point deduction the first time, 4-point deduction the second time, and elimination the third time.
5. Errors of the test such as rising instead of sitting the trot or saluting with the reins in both hands will be penalized as an error off course.
6. A test begins with the entry at "A" and ends after final salute.
7. A competitor who does not enter the arena within forty-five seconds after

- the entry bell is rung shall be eliminated.
8. No competitor can be required to ride prior to the scheduled time. The assigned ride time is the time the rider is expected to enter the arena. It is the rider's responsibility to arrive at the arena on time.
  9. Dressage times shall take precedence over jumping classes. Every effort will be made to prevent conflicts in classes.
  10. If the rider misses his/her dressage time, he/she will be eliminated from the class and will not receive a refund.

**Section H:** ELIMINATIONS: The use of illegal equipment, unauthorized assistance, three (3) errors of the course, late or inappropriate entry into arena, resistance of longer than twenty (20) seconds, cruelty, marked lameness, and if all four feet of the horse leave the arena before the test is done will constitute elimination.

**Section I:** ENTRIES: All riders must be pre-entered (one horse per rider) and submit \$45 per class as an entry fee. Class fees are non-refundable after closing date.

**Section J:** TESTS: Copies of the current tests will be posted and available to download from the IEL's web site. I.E.L. will not be responsible for providing tests at the show or when tests change in mid-season (every four years).

**Note well:** See Rule VII, Section B regarding the sharing of horses.

## **RULE XV – REPORTING PROBLEMS/DISCREPANCIES/COMPLAINTS**

**Section A:** Any member of the I.E.L. community who feels it appropriate to notify the Board of an alleged problem, discrepancy, or complaint shall do so promptly (i.e., within one week of the alleged incident), either by email (addressed to [iel@theiel.org](mailto:iel@theiel.org)) or by regular mail (addressed to IEL, 11333 Moorpark St. #204, Studio City, CA 91602), together with any and all relevant documentation. The Board will evaluate and notify the complainant in a timely manner of any decision made or action taken. The only exception shall be the reporting of any perceived problems or discrepancies as to points earned at a show by any particular rider or team, which shall be handled as provided for in Rule IX, Section B.