

TUCSON DRESSAGE CLUB SCHOOLING SHOWS

SCHOOLING SHOW RULES

- ❖ **CONDUCT:** All schooling dressage shows recognized by the Tucson Dressage Club are run according to US Equestrian Federation rules for dressage competitions with some exceptions regarding attire. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the USEF rules as well as these rules. Competitors at the schooling shows recognized by the Tucson Dressage Club will be allowed to wear half chaps with appropriate footwear (i.e. must have a heel), any color of breeches, and any color of shirt with sleeves (no tube tops). Bits must be only those allowed by USEF rules for dressage competitions. The horse cannot have any boots, bandages, or martingales on when in the show ring. Whips must be 47.4" or 120 cm, including lash. All tests may be called.
- ❖ **TESTS:** All tests are current 2015 USEF tests and the 2015 USDF Introductory to Dressage tests. Horses can be entered in two consecutive levels only. Special tests such as Prix Caprilli or Quadrille may be obtained from the individual show management offering the class by requesting the test and including a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- ❖ **MAIDEN DIVISION:** Some shows offer a Maiden division. Maiden classes are open to horse and rider combinations who have not yet won a blue ribbon at that level. No yearend awards are given for this division.
- ❖ **INTRODUCTORY DIVISION:** Only Juniors/Young Riders and Adult Amateurs are allowed to compete in this Division.
- ❖ **CLASSES:** Each show management reserves the right to cancel, combine, split classes, and close classes before the closing date when the maximum number of rides has been reached.
- ❖ **ENTRIES:** Entries are accepted under these conditions: The entry must be accompanied by full payment of all fees. The entry must have correct and complete signatures of all persons required to sign the entry. **A competitor submits his/her entry with the full understanding that it is a condition of entry to these shows and any show grounds where a TDC recognized schooling show is taking place, that every competitor, owner, handler, trainer, and parent agrees to assume ALL risks of showing at these schooling dressage shows under the Arizona Equine Limited Liability Act, A.R.S. 12-553. By submitting an entry, a Competitor further agrees that they, the owner, handler, trainer, parent, and anyone associated with exhibiting a horse at any of the Schooling shows waives all claims against the Tucson Dressage**

Club, the show, the show management, its employees; the facility, the facility owners and employees for any injuries to themselves, attendants, or horses.

- ❖ **REFUNDS:** Most shows give a refund before the closing date. After the closing date, there is no refund unless the ride times are filled. Check each show for individual refund policies.
- ❖ **RETURNED CHECKS:** A processing fee of \$25.00 may be charged by the show for any checks returned by the bank. Failure to promptly settle indebtedness to a show will result in a loss of all points toward year-end awards.
- ❖ **POST ENTRIES:** Some shows allow post entries depending upon time available. Check each show for their post entry policy.

SCHOOLING SHOW AWARDS

- ❖ **GENERAL INFORMATION:** It is the rider's responsibility to check the accuracy of scores and horse and rider names recorded by the TDC Awards Committee. Discrepancies must be reported to the TDC Awards Committee by the fifteenth of the month following the show report. Scores may be verified in the TDC newsletter, *Transitions*, or on the TDC Website, www.tucsondressageclub.org.
- ❖ **ELIGIBLE SHOWS:** All TDC recognized schooling shows will count towards year-end Schooling Show Awards. Recognized shows and schooling shows will be tallied and awarded separately.
- ❖ **ELIGIBLE HORSES:** Horses or mules may be of any age, sex, or breed unless otherwise specified in an individual award description.

Please pay extra attention to how your information is filled out on each entry blank and to how that information is recorded by the show secretary. The horse's name must be recorded the same way for each ride. If there is a name or status change during the show season, please notify the Awards Chairperson immediately. Example: An Arabian who earns a Legion of Honor symbol during the year would change its name from Star to Star +.

- ❖ **MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING:** A member in good standing is defined as one whose paid membership has been recorded by the TDC Membership Chairperson.

- ❖ **OWNERS:** Owners of all horses ridden in the Open and Adult Amateur Divisions must be members in good standing at the time of the show for scores to count.
- ❖ **ELIGIBLE RIDERS:** Riders may be of any age or sex, unless otherwise specified in an individual award description. Riders must be current TDC members in good standing at the time of the show for scores to be eligible.

It is the rider's responsibility to notify the Awards Chairperson of any changes that affect year-end award status. Such changes include, but are not limited to, a change in status (i.e. Open to Amateur); or horse name change. Failure to notify the Awards Committee Chairperson of any changes may result in the loss of the award.

- ❖ **SCORES:** All scores for year-end awards are tabulated using percentage scores earned by each horse/rider combination throughout the show year at each level and in each division.

Scores for Maiden Horse, Maiden Rider, Quadrille, Pas de Deux, Prix Caprilli, equitation, suitability, bareback, or other specialty classes do not count toward schooling show awards.

The top six scores per level earned in at least three TDC-recognized schooling shows will be used to tabulate the awards for each Division in Introductory (Open riders except Young Riders may not compete at this Level), **Training, First, and Second Levels.**

The top three Freestyle scores earned in at least three TDC-recognized schooling shows will be used to tabulate this award.

All awards will be presented at the TDC Year-end Awards Banquet. For further details on award requirements, please refer to specific award descriptions or contact the TDC Awards Chairperson.

- ❖ **SCHOOLING SHOW AWARDS:** Schooling show awards will be given in four divisions: Adult Amateur, Junior, Young Rider, and Open. Awards in the Junior Division will be given for riders 13 and under and for riders 14-18. In each division year-end awards and recognition will be given to the horse/rider combinations for each level of Introductory (Open Division may not compete at Introductory except as noted below for Young Riders) through Second Level. Champion through sixth place will be awarded for each level. Champion may not be won more than three times by the same horse/rider combination.

- ❖ **Junior/Young Riders:** Riders are classified as Juniors by USEF, USDF and TDC until the end of the calendar year in which s/he reaches 18 years of age and as Young Riders until the end of the calendar year in which s/he reaches 21 years of age.

If there are no classes specifically designated as Young Rider classes, riders meeting the Young Rider criteria shall ride in the Open Division. All scores earned by a Young Rider in the Open Division will be counted towards year-end awards.