

## 2016 Rules & Regulations of the Eastern Dressage and Combined Training Schooling Association

1. Applications for show dates should be received at least 60 days before show date proposed. Applications must be submitted to the EDCTSA secretary, Attn: EDCTSA board.
2. Show Organizer Fee - \$75, nonrefundable except at the discretion of the board. Any EDCTSA member in good standing may take a \$10 discount per show organized. All proposed show dates, applications and deposits must be submitted and voted upon by/at the Annual Meeting. Any show wanting to be added after the Annual Meeting is held will need to be approved/voted on by the board at their next meeting upon receipt of request (application and deposit) and will be subject to a late application fee of \$10. All NCDCTA recognized shows are eligible for a \$10 refund after the show date. No show will be promoted on the website or in the newsletter until approved by the board and show fees deposited. Effective January 1, 2015. If show schedule is made and paid by February 1<sup>st</sup> for spring and summer shows and August 1<sup>st</sup> for fall and winter shows, rental of show box and dressage ring is free of charge.
3. Returned Checks/Insufficient Funds: A \$25 fee will be charged on all Returned Check/Insufficient Funds.
4. The EDCTSA Show Kit is available for rental by any approved EDCTSA show. The Show Kit consists of:
  - a. The test box - contains all applicable tests for an EDCTSA approved show.  
Rental Fee: Cost of tests used.
  - b. The show box - contains useful items needed to put on a show (i.e. calculators pens, envelopes etc.)  
Rental Fee: \$5.00.
  - c. Dressage ring- consists of all the elements to construct a 20m X 60m show ring with letters.  
Rental Fee: \$5.00.
5. No more than one EDCTSA recognized show per weekend allowing Saturday or Sunday dates.
6. Requirements for a tentative approval date:
  - a. Registration must be received by the EDCTSA in accordance with Rule 1 and Rule 2
  - b. Show Registration Form must be complete.
  - c. Prize List and Entry Form should be included
  - d. Members shall receive a \$2 discount on required classes
  - e. A current Coggins test within one year must be required.

7. All required EDCTSA classes are to be held and run in accordance with these rules and regulations. Mandatory ASTM approved helmet use required for all riders at all EDCTSA sponsored activities. ASTM approved helmets and vests are mandatory for all cross country.
8. The show management may check bits within a class to make sure that they are legal for dressage. It is required for bit checkers to wear a clean pair of latex gloves for each horse if touching the horse's mouth. For a list of approved bits see USEF or USEA website.
9. In addition to dressage arena and jumper field, a safe schooling area must be provided. This area should be no smaller than 70' X 200', with a minimum of two schooling fences including a cross rail and a vertical with an optional oxer with sufficient rails. Obstacles in schooling area must be flagged in the direction of travel with red on the right and white on the left. This is to ensure safety in the schooling area.
10. Judges for EDCTSA shows must be at least "L" graduate judges. Refer to USDF/NCDCTA for list of approved judges. A list of judges may be found at [www.ncdcta.org](http://www.ncdcta.org). It is strongly recommended that the same judge not be used at back to back shows. Try to mix it up and limit one judge per show per year.
11. Show Results.
  - a. All scores and placements must be listed with both raw score and percentages. This must be included for dressage, dressage equitation, and both the dressage score and jumping score must be included for combined training.
  - b. Results must be sent to the Awards Chair within 10 days of show.
  - c. Failure to comply with Show Results Rule a or b will result in a late fee of \$1 per day for each day late.
  - d. After 45 days past due, and 2 phone calls from EDCTSA, the show management will be placed on probation for 1 year.

## **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

### **Dressage Tests**

1. Intro thru Third Level tests must be offered. Intro through Training Level may be offered in a small arena 20m X 40m. First Level and above must be in a Standard Arena 20m X 60m. All tests must be current USDF/USEF Tests.
2. The Dressage arena must be enclosed with a low fence about 0.3 in height. It should be made of a material that a horse's legs cannot be entangled in. Rope concrete or unbreakable chain is not permitted. If used, stakes must be covered with a ball or similar object to prevent injury.

## **Western Tests**

1. Intro thru Level 2 tests must be offered. Intro through Basic Level may be offered in a small arena 20m X 40m. Level 1 and above must be in a Standard Arena 20m X 60m. All tests must be current USDF/USEF Tests.
2. The Dressage arena must be enclosed with a low fence about 0.3 in height. It should be made of a material that a horse's legs cannot be entangled in. Rope concrete or unbreakable chain is not permitted. If used, stakes must be covered with a ball or similar object to prevent injury.

## **Gaited Dressage (Non Trotting) Tests**

1. Intro thru Second Level tests must be offered. Intro through Training Level may be offered in a small arena 20m X 40m. First Level and above must be in a Standard Arena 20m X 60m. All tests must be current USDF/USEF Tests.
2. The Dressage arena must be enclosed with a low fence about 0.3 in height. It should be made of a material that a horse's legs cannot be entangled in. Rope concrete or unbreakable chain is not permitted. If used, stakes must be covered with a ball or similar object to prevent injury.

## **Dressage Seat Equitation**

1. Dressage Seat Equitation classes must be offered. These classes must run in accordance with USDF guidelines.
2. It is up to the discretion of the show secretary on whether classes should be split into junior and senior. It is also up to the discretion of the show secretary whether classes should be combined. It is encouraged by the board to split juniors and seniors. If the show secretary chooses to combine juniors and seniors, combinations must occur within same test level. The test each entry rides must be specified on the score sheet if classes are combined.

## **CT Tests**

1. Tadpole through Training Level must be offered. All CT dressage tests will be held in a small 20m X 40m arena. All tests must be current USDF/USEA tests.
2. Please see "Jump Construction and Course Design" for rules of jumping phase CT.

## **Additional Classes**

1. Additional levels and classes may be added to any EDCTSA recognized show. Some suggestions for these classes are: Gambler's Choice, Pas DE Deux, and Prix Caprilli.

## **COURSE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION**

The Stadium Course should be a minimum of 50 meters by 80 meters but can vary at each show. The perimeter of the arena should be defined and it is recommended that it be enclosed.

The course should be designed with changes of direction but it should flow easily.

Red and white markers or flags are to be used at each jump, including those in the warm-up area. The red flag should be placed on the right and the white flag on the left, to mark the direction of travel. In addition each jump must be numbered and combinations lettered "a" and "b".

The starting line must be between 6 meters and 25 meters from the first obstacle, and the finishing line between 15 and 25 meters of the last obstacle.

A plan of the course must be posted at the show, with the starting line, finish line, each obstacle, numbers of obstacle, track to be followed, length of course and time allowed clearly marked.

Obstacles allowed are as follows:

Tadpole	All obstacles must be cross rails no greater than 18" in height at the center point. The course should consist of no fewer than 8 obstacles, and no more than 10. No combinations will be allowed. No Liverpool will be used. Time penalties will not be incurred at this level.
Maiden	The height of up to half of the obstacles should be a maximum height of 2'. The course should consist of no fewer than 8 obstacles, and no more than 10. No combinations will be allowed. No Liverpool will be used. Time penalties will not be incurred at this level.
Beginner Novice	The height of up to half of the obstacles should be a maximum height of 2'7". One two-strided combination with a minimum distance of 33' may be included in the course. There should be a variety of obstacles, including vertical and spreads. Spreads may be no wider than 2'7" at the highest point. There should be no less than 8 obstacles, and no more than 11. No Liverpool will be used. It is recommended that the course be between 400 and 450 meters, and the speed of the course be 300mpm.
Novice	The height of up to half of the obstacles should be a maximum height of 2'11". One double combination should be included. A variety of obstacles should be used, including vertical and spread fences, and one triple bar. Spreads may be no wider than 3'3" at the highest point.

There should be no less than 9 obstacles and no more than 11. No Liverpool will be used. It is recommended that the course be between 350 and 450 meters in length, and the speed of the course be 320mpm.

Training

The height of up to half of the obstacles should be a maximum height of 3'3". Two double or one triple combination should be included. A variety of obstacles should be used, including straight and spread fences, and one triple bar. Spreads should be no wider than 3'9" at the highest point. There should be no less than 10 obstacles and no more than 12. A Liverpool may also be used at this level. It is recommended that the course be between 350 and 450 meters in length, and the speed of the course be 325mpm.

**SCORING**

**Dressage:** Dressage is a straight percentage score. Add up total points received divide by total possible points and multiply that number by 100 to get percentage. Be sure to round off to 3 decimal places.

Example: Total good marks	=	126
Minus any errors (i.e.1 error)	-	<u>2</u>
	=	124
Divided by total possible points	÷	<u>190</u>
= Raw Score		0.65263
Multiply by 100 to get %	<u>X 100</u>	
= Final Score Written as a %	=	65.263%

All scores should be checked twice, and a tape with the addition should be attached to the test.

If there is a tie, the collective marks break the tie. If the collective marks are the same, then the judge should be asked to break the tie.

**Combined Training:** (CT tests are scored in penalty points)

Dressage Scoring:

Penalties are computed based on the dressage percentage.

- 1) Divide the good marks (minus any error of course or test) by the maximum good marks obtainable (same as dressage in above example).
- 2) Multiply by 100 and round the result to three decimal digits. This value is shown as the individual mark for the judge.
- 3) Subtract the value from 100. The result is the score in penalty points.

Example:  $100 - 65.263 = 34.737$  penalty points

Jumping Scoring:

Faults at obstacles

Knocking down an obstacle . . . . .	4 penalties
First disobedience. . . . .	4 penalties
Second disobedience . . . . .	8 penalties
Third disobedience. . . . .	Elimination
First fall of rider. . . . .	8 penalties
Second fall of rider. . . . .	Elimination
First fall of horse. . . . .	Mandatory Retirement
Time faults. . . . .	1 penalty per second over allowed time
Elimination if time limit exceeded (2X time allowed)	

Penalties incurred during jumping phase will be added to penalties from Dressage to make up the final score

All USAEF, USDF and USEA rules may be downloaded from the organization's websites. Website addresses are: (USEF) [www.equestrian.org](http://www.equestrian.org), (USDF) [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), (USEA) [www.eventingusa.com](http://www.eventingusa.com).