

2016 HMDC Schooling Show Rules

All fees must be paid in full before ride times are assigned. The show office \$5 fee is mandatory.

Before the closing date all fees except the office fee will be refunded upon request.

There will be no entry fees returned after closing day. NO REFUNDS. Please don't ask. This includes notes from the vet after the closing day.

The show manager must be notified in advance of all scratches. Not showing up for your scheduled time is disrespectful and abuse of this policy and will not be tolerated. Do not make your scratches at the arena gate.

USEF Rules will apply including use of whips, bits, etc. However, informal dress will be acceptable and, except in Prix Caprilli jumping tests, Western tack with a USEF permitted snaffle bit is allowed (no "gadgets" i.e. draw reins, breast collars, tie downs, martingales, etc.). Bits may be checked by the ring steward at the show management or judge's request. Go to www.usef.org/_iframes/rulebook/rules.aspx to read the dressage part of their rule book if you have a question about equipment.

You may ride a test more than once if desired. Limit of 4 tests per horse.

All shows are run under the general rules of the USEF unless otherwise specified.

An approved ASTM protective helmet and proper footwear with a heel must be worn whenever mounted. This applies to all participants, including Western Dressage competitors.

All our schooling shows offer current USDF Introductory levels, USEF Training through 2nd Level, and Western Dressage Tests. Other classes may be offered at show management's discretion.

No more than four (4) tests per horse in any show.

No more than two (2) horses per rider may be entered in any show, unless the show does not fill.

Ride times will be emailed to individual competitors and posted ([at the facility](#)) by 8:00am the day of the show. It is the rider's responsibility to check their official ride times for any changes upon their arrival at the show. It is the rider's responsibility to inform the Management of any time conflicts at least 12 hours before the scheduled ride. Classes may be out of order. Failure to enter the arena at the specified time will result in elimination.

6 High Point/Championship awards will be given for:

USEF Tests Training Level through Second Level — Junior & Adult

"Special" classes, USDF Intro Tests/Cavaletti Tests/Prix Caprilli Tests — Junior & Adult

Western Dressage Tests — Junior & Adult

Note: Championship awards will only be awarded to scores of 60% or over.

NEW RULE: If you intend on bringing a non-competing horse onto the show grounds, there will be a non-compete \$10 fee charged for each horse brought to the show grounds.

Show Etiquette:

Please talk to the ring steward for permission to lunge in the warm-up arena.

Be considerate to other riders in the warm-up arena. Pass left shoulder to left shoulder and yield to those that are moving at faster gaits.

Be courteous to the judge and the show volunteers.

Should you need to excuse yourself from the ring during your test for any reason, make sure you ask for the judge's permission prior to exiting.

Leave your trailer site clean. Pick up all your trash and manure.

Obey all the rules of the facility where the show is held. (example: no smoking, no dogs, etc.)