USEF/USDF DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION CLASS SCORE SHEET

(FOR USE IN ALL DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION CLASSES INCLUDING MEDAL SEMI FINALS AND FINALS CLASSES)

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Class

Purpose: To evaluate the dressage rider's correct position, seat and use of aids. See back of score sheet for rules and additional specifications.

Judges' Directives: Judges are required to give a final percentage score for all riders competing in each class. At their discretion, judges may use a numerical or other system of their choice, to arrive at a final score. Preliminary scores/marks are NOT required. Verbal comments are strongly recommended.

NO / DESCRIPTION	WALK	TROT	CANTER	PRELIM SCORE	PATTERN	FINAL SCORE	PLACE

Judge's Name _____ **Judge's Signature** _____

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RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS

This Dressage Seat Equitation score sheet must be used. Please print on legal size paper.

Dressage Seat Equitation classes may be offered for Juniors, Young Riders, Adult Amateurs and/or Open riders according to the following specifications:

In judging the position, seat and use of aids, judges may include the following movements and exercises as required at Training and First Level.
May be ridden as a group:

- Free walk
- Transitions from one gait to the next in both directions
- Transitions from walk to halt and vice versa
- Change of direction across the diagonal, down the centerline, across the arena, and/or by making a half-circle at the walk or trot

Additional tests from which judges may choose movements and exercises, as required at Training and First Level, to be ridden in small groups or independently:

- Transitions
- Leg-yield
- Changes of lead through trot
- Serpentine at the trot
- Shallow loop serpentine in canter, maintaining lead
- Trot lengthening and/or canter lengthening

USEF rules are subject to change throughout the Test Cycle.
Reference DR 133 for Dressage Seat Equitation specific rules:
https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/F3p8pgrWgAo/dr-dressage-division

JUDGES' DIRECTIVES

Judges should familiarize themselves with USEF DR117, DR 133, and the Guidelines for Judging Dressage Seat Equitation Classes, which describe the criteria and methodology for evaluating riders in equitation classes and keep in mind that the goals of correct riding are the security of the rider, the ability of the rider to positively influence the horse, and the unity of the rider with the horse in motion. To be effective rider must have a correct position and weight distribution.

Judges are encouraged to provide verbal comments to riders after the class, but the actual judge(s) score sheets must not be posted.

The Equitation judging guidelines and suggested patterns for additional tests are posted on the USDF and USEF websites.
https://www.usdf.org/competitions/competitionschampionships/equitation/index.

RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR USEF DRESSAGE SEAT MEDAL CLASSES

Judges must officiate together for Semi Finals and Finals classes, using one score sheet. They should gather initial impressions of the class by standing in various locations in or around the arena while the class works as a group, but they must consult prior to arriving at the scores. For individual workouts, the judges sit together in the place best suited to observe the pattern. For Dressage Seat Medal Semi Finals and Finals classes, a final percentage score for EACH rider must be posted at the conclusion of the class. At their discretion, judges may use a numerical or other system of their choice, to arrive at a final score. Preliminary scores/marks are NOT required.

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