2027 USDF Materiale Class Scoresheet

USEF Rules: Materiale Classes may be offered in the following categories: Three-year-old Fillies, Three-year-old Colts and Geldings, Four-year-old Mares, Four-year-old Stallions and Geldings, Five-year-old Mares, and Five-year-old Stallions and Geldings. *Classes for fillies and/or mares may not be combined with classes for colts, geldings and/or stallions (except in Championship classes).* Horses will be evaluated according to the criteria listed on this score sheet, and classes must be conducted according to the USDF "Procedures to Host USDF DSHB Materiale Classes". Horses or ponies may not be required to show in any in-hand, group or under saddle class in order to compete in a Materiale Class.

Directive Ideas: Horse must be a riding horse type. Movement should demonstrate purity & quality: clear rhythm, regularity & relaxation (judged mainly in profile); correctness (judged mainly coming to & going from judge). Movement at trot and canter should be active, light & springy, with clear cadence. Should have scope & volume, maintaining uphill balance. Must show rideability, potential to become competitive dressage horse & potential to progress through the levels.

ONLY BASIC GAITS ARE REQUIRED; NO EXERCISES OR MOVEMENTS ARE ALLOWED. Exception: Only four and five-year old horses may be asked to lengthen the stride at the trot and canter. Decimals may be used in scoring.

Name of Competition _____ **Name of Class**_____ **Class No.**_____

Entry Number and Description of Horse	Walk 30%			Trot 30%			Canter 30%			General Impression 10%	Final Score (100 pts possible) List Score as Percentage	Place
	Criteria: Regular, four even beats, straight, active & even strides, with correctly aligned steps, articulation of joints, freedom of shoulders & haunches, balance, elastic & swinging back, overstep, reach, ground-covering steps with marching quality.			***Criteria:*** Regular, two even beats, straight, active & even strides, with correctly aligned steps, articulation of joints, freedom of shoulders & haunches, balance, elasticity, swinging back, natural engagement & impulsion from hindquarters, ground-covering steps, suspension, cadence, power from upward thrust & roundness.			***Criteria:*** Regular, three even beats, straight, active & even strides, with correctly aligned steps, articulation of joints, freedom of shoulders & haunches, balance, elasticity, swinging back, natural engagement & impulsion from hindquarters, ground-covering steps, suspension, cadence, power from upward thrust, roundness & "uphill" strides.			***Criteria:*** Includes rideability (acceptance of rider's aids). Demonstrates character, presence & temperament necessary for training, harmony (relationship of conformation to movement), athleticism (strength & mobility), development related to age & condition.		
	Points	Coefficient	Total	Points	Coefficient	Total	Points	Coefficient	Total	Points		
		X3 or 30%			X3 or 30%			X3 or 30%				
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Judge's Name(s)_____; Judge's Signature(s) _____

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2027 Procedures to Host USDF DSHB Materiale Classes

The following Materiale Classes may be offered at any US Equestrian Federation licensed competition, including those offering Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, or competitions offering only dressage classes (see USEF DR134 & Subchapter DR-2):

a. Three-year old Fillies
b. Three-year old Colts and Geldings
c. Four-year old Mares
d. Four-year old Stallions and Geldings
e. Five-year old Mares
f. Five-year old Stallions and Geldings

Materiale Classes must be conducted according to the following rules and procedures:

1. Horses will be evaluated according to the criteria listed on the "USDF Materiale Class Scoresheet", and classes must be conducted according to the USDF "Procedures to Host USDF DSHB Materiale Classes".
2. Entries in Materiale and Under Saddle classes must be issued a separate number only if the rider did not also show the same horse in hand.
3. Saddlery and Equipment must conform to USEF DR121, except that all horses using a bridle are required to compete in a snaffle pictured in USEF DR121.1.
4. Dress must conform to USEF DR120. From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds must wear protective headgear as defined by USEF DR120 and GR801.
5. Horses will be evaluated under saddle at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the arena. In addition**, only four and five-year-old horses may be asked to lengthen the stride at the trot and canter**. Only the basic gaits are required, no exercises or movements are allowed.
6. If necessary, classes can be combined as follows: Three-year-old fillies may be shown with four- and five-year-old mares, and three-year-old colts and geldings may be shown with four- and five-year-old stallions and geldings. However, classes for fillies and mares may NOT be combined with classes for colts, geldings or stallions (except in Materiale Championship classes), and horses may NOT be asked to lengthen stride at trot or canter when three-year olds are shown together with older horses.
7. Depending on local conditions, Materiale classes may be divided at the judge's discretion. If classes are held in a standard dressage arena, no more than six horses should be worked under saddle at the same time. Large Materiale classes (12 or more horses), should be divided prior to the class by management and judged in groups of six or fewer, then placed according to scores. No more than six horses at a time should be asked to canter.
8. All horses must compete together as a group in Materiale classes, unless a class is divided into smaller sections by management. All groups are placed together as one class. Riders in any materiale class are permitted to ride only one horse per class, including classes divided for judging purposes per USEF Rule Subchapter DR-2.
9. Horses must be at least 36 months of age to participate in Materiale classes.
10. A competition with a Federation Licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding division must have a Federation licensed Dressage Sport Horse breeding judge and a Federation licensed dressage technical delegate. When Materiale classes are held at a Dressage Competition that offers only Dressage classes or both Dressage and Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, they may be judged by any classification of Dressage judge.
11. When two or more judges are officiating, competition management may require them to use the same score sheets and agree on each score before informing the scribe, or they may judge independently. Class score sheets, rather than individual score sheets, are permitted for Under Saddle classes only. At least two judges judging independently, using individual score sheets, are required for USDF Breeders Championship classes.
12. All pertinent USEF rules must be followed.
13. ***Materiale "Test of Choice" (TOC) classes are not permitted.***