



USEF/USDF DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION CLASS SCORE SHEET

(NOT FOR USE IN DRESSAGE SEAT MEDAL SEMI FINALS AND FINALS CLASSES)

Effective 12/1/2022 – 11/30/2026

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.

Judge's 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 encouraged.

*****ONLY the "TOTAL SCORE" and "PLACE" columns are REQUIRED to be marked for EACH rider.*****

Rider No.	Walk		Trot		Canter		Additional Tests (Notes)	Total Score (%)	Place
	LEFT	RIGHT	LEFT	RIGHT	LEFT	RIGHT			

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

RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION CLASSES

USEF DR133.

This Dressage Seat Equitation score sheet must be used.

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

- Medium walk, working trot and canter both ways of the ring must be performed. The rider's position, seat and specifically the correct use and effect of the aids required by the Training and First Level Dressage tests are to be judged as outlined in DR117.1.
- The movements shall be performed by the exhibitors simultaneously; however, the judge(s) may ask for additional independent tests as listed on this page. Additional test patterns are on the USDF and USEF websites.
- No change of horses shall be allowed.
- Whips and spurs are allowed. Horses shall be shown in a plain snaffle.
- The size of a group shall be limited to no more than 25 riders. Groups may be divided into smaller sections, at the discretion of the judges, for safety and convenience. Judge(s) may limit the number of horses required to canter at the same time, at their discretion. If a standard arena is used, no more than 6 horses may canter at one time.
- Only the rider is judged, however, lameness of horses will be penalized per DR122.6.
- Two saddle pad numbers must be provided to Equitation riders and they must be positioned to be clearly visible at all times.
- Stallions may not be ridden in Dressage Seat Equitation classes.
- Protective headgear, as described in GR801 and DR120, is REQUIRED of all riders.

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:

- 1 – Free walk
- 2 – Transitions from one gait to the next in both directions
- 3 – Transitions from walk to halt and vice versa
- 4 – 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:

- 1– Transitions
- 2 – Leg-yield
- 3 – Changes of lead through trot
- 4 – Serpentine at the trot
- 5 – Shallow loop serpentine in canter, maintaining lead
- 6 – Trot lengthening and/or canter lengthening

Judges' Directives

Judges should familiarize themselves with USEF DR117 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.