

IDCTA Schooling Show Series General Information

IDCTA is pleased to join with the stables listed in this Omnibus to present this schooling series. In general, it will be a reflection of typical USEF/USDF/USEA recognized shows. Our goal is to help all riders feel more comfortable showing and to give you a year-end goal at a local level. If you should decide to show at a recognized show in the future, hopefully you will find this series has prepared you.

Listed in this Omnibus you will find prize lists for all the shows that we are working with this year. Each stable has the right to set their own policies regarding fees, refunds, stabling, warm-up areas, parking, pets, etc. Read each prize list for details. Each show must offer the basic classes that IDCTA recommends. They may offer additional classes. Show management shall act as the Technical Delegate (TD) and have authority of a TD. A current, negative Coggins is mandatory. Please make copies of the entry form on pages 8 and 9 of this Omnibus. **Mail completed entries to the show secretary, not IDCTA.** Refunds will not be issued for any reason after the closing date.

If you have questions about the schooling show series, please contact the schooling show coordinator, Anita Schadeck, by phone or email at 847-244-4121 or Anita@FieldsandFences.com.

BECOME AN IDCTA MEMBER:

Go to www.idcta.org, click on "Membership Application" and register or renew your membership on-line!

DIVISION DEFINITIONS:

Adult Amateur: Competitors shall compete as Adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22. An Adult Amateur does not accept payment for teaching lessons, training or showing horses for others.

Junior/Young Rider: Competitors are Junior/Young Riders until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.

Open: Competitors who accept payment for teaching lessons, training or showing horses for others must compete in the Open Division or compete Hors de Concours.

FINALS: At the end of the schooling series, a dressage and combined test show with Championship Classes will be held at Silverwood Farm in Camp Lake, Wisconsin; Mini Event Finals will be held at Fox Valley Saddle Association in Hampshire, Illinois. Anyone may participate in these final shows of the season but to ride in the Championship Classes at the finals, you must qualify by riding in the IDCTA schooling show series and be a member of the IDCTA at the time you ride your qualifying tests. While we welcome professionals at these shows, the purpose of this series is to encourage people with limited experience. Therefore, professionals are not allowed in the championship classes. Remember, tests in the Championship Classes must be ridden **without whips** and from memory. Winners of the Championship Classes will be presented with prizes and will receive certificates of merit and recognition at the annual IDCTA banquet in January 2010.

QUALIFYING FOR DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES: To qualify, you need a total of **two** scores of **60% or higher** in any test at the **same level** which were earned at **two** different shows from **two** different judges. It does not matter how you place in the class, only

your score counts. With your entry form for the Championship Classes, send copies of your **two** tests from the same level with scores of 60% or better earned at two different shows from two different judges.

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES AND DIVISIONS:

The following classes will be divided into Adult & Junior Divisions if entries warrant.

- Green as Grass Test 4
- Introductory Test B
- Training Level Test 4
- First Level Test 4
- Second Level Test 4

Classes will not be divided unless at least 3 riders remain in each class after the split. For example, If there are 5 adults and 2 juniors, the class will not be pinned separately because only 2 juniors would remain after the split. A class with 3 adults and 3 juniors would be split and pinned separately.

Although you may ride any test in a level to qualify, the most difficult test in each level will be the one ridden in the championships. Once a horse/rider combination wins a championship, they may no longer compete at that or a lower level at championships.

QUALIFYING FOR MINI EVENT and CT CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES: To qualify, you must place in the top five of your class at one show. Have the show secretary mark your placing on your test and sign it. With your entry form for the Championship Classes, send a copy of your test where you placed in the top five of the class.

MINI EVENT AND CT CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES:

Class	Dressage Test	Max. Size	Max. # of Obstacles
Starter Novice CT	2007 USDF Intro B	18"	10 verticals or Xs
Pre-Novice CT	2006 USEF Beginner Novice Test A	2'	14 (no combinations)
Beginner Novice CT	2006 USEF Beginner Novice Test A	2'6"	14 (2 stride combinations allowed)
Novice CT	2006 USEF Novice Test A	2'9"	14
Pre-Novice Mini Event	2006 USEF Beginner Novice Test A	2'	14 Cross Country & 10 Stadium
Beginner Novice Mini Event	2006 USEF Beginner Novice Test A	2'6"	16 Cross Country & 11 Stadium
Novice Mini Event	2006 USEF Novice Test A	2'9"	18 Cross Country & 11 Stadium

The stadium jumping portion of combined tests and mini events must be completed within five minutes or the rider will be disqualified.

IDCTA Schooling Show Series Rules

It is the rider's responsibility to know the rules before entering a competition. The IDCTA strongly recommends that you read Chapter DR (Dressage Division) and Chapter EV (Eventing Division) of the USEF Rule Book. A copy of the USEF rules may be obtained from their web site free of charge www.USEF.org (click on "rules") or by calling USEF at 859-258-2472. Two other web sites that may be helpful are www.USDF.org (the United States Dressage Federation 859-971-2277) and www.eventingusa.com (the United States Eventing Association 703-779-0440).

Cruelty to or the abuse of a horse is forbidden (Sections GR839 & EV111 USEF Rule Book). The following acts are examples of cruelty. 1. Excessive use of a whip, spurs and/or bit on any horse. 2. Except in emergency situations, any striking of a horse in front of the shoulder with the whip shall be deemed excessive as shall hitting a horse more than three times for any one incident. 3. Showing a horse with raw or bleeding sores around the coronets, pasterns or legs. 4. Riding an exhausted horse or excessive pressing of a tired horse. 5. Riding an obviously lame

horse. 6. Inhumane treatment of a horse. For this schooling show series, a horse or pony may compete in no more than 4 classes per day.

Attire & Equipment (Sections GR801 to GR803; DR120 & DR121; EV114 & EV115 USEF Rule Book): It is the tradition of the competition ring that riders be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and horses be properly presented. In the spirit of schooling shows, riders will not be required to wear a coat and stock tie; however, you **MUST** wear boots, protective headgear which meets or exceeds ASTM/SEI standards and is properly fitted with harness secured, conservative colors, a sleeved shirt tucked in your breeches, and a vest during the cross country phase of a mini event. Half chaps may be worn.

Whips: In all dressage classes except championship classes, riders may carry a whip including lash no longer than 43.3 inches (110 cm) for CTs and Mini Events, or 47.2 inches (120 cm) for dressage (see USEF rules DR120.5 & EV114.3). Whips carried in the Cross-Country and/or Jumping Tests may not exceed 30 inches (75 cm) in length (EV114.3).

For **spurs and bits** allowed, see USEF rules DR120.8, DR121.2 and Figure 1 for Dressage and USEF rules EV114.4 and EV Appendix 4 for Eventing.

Saddles may be any English type, and you **MUST** ride in a plain snaffle bridle. Schooling “gadgets” will not be permitted.

Rules Commonly Violated in Mini Events and CTs

Running martingales must have rein stops. Standing martingales are not allowed (EV115).

It is forbidden for anyone other than the competitor who will ride the horse in the competition to school the horse at the competition (EV108.2.a).

Before the cross-country course or jumping course has been opened to competitors, it is forbidden to inspect the obstacles. Once opened, competitors may walk the course without their horses (EV109).

Jumping practice fences that are not flagged or jumping practice fences in the wrong direction (EV108.3.d) may result in disqualification. Remember, the red flag must be on your right and white flag on your left as you're jumping over the obstacle (EV148.2).

Dressage tests in mini events and combined tests must be carried out from memory — readers are not allowed (EV134.2).

In the Cross-Country phase, at obstacles or elements with height (exceeding 30 cm), a horse is considered to have refused if it stops in front of the obstacle to be jumped. At all other obstacles (i.e., 30 cm or less in height) a stop followed immediately by a standing jump is not penalized, but if the halt is sustained or in any way prolonged, this constitutes a refusal. The horse may step sideways but if it steps back, even with one foot, this is a refusal (EV142.2.a). In the Jumping phase, it is a refusal when a horse halts in front of an obstacle whether or not the horse knocks it down or displaces it. Stopping in front of an obstacle without knocking it down and without backing followed immediately by a standing jump is not penalized. If the halt is prolonged, if the horse steps back, either voluntarily or not, even a single pace, it counts as a refusal (EV150.6).