

IDCTA Schooling Show Series General Information

IDCTA is pleased to join with the stables listed in this Omnibus to present this schooling show 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.

While the IDCTA manages one of the many schooling shows offered in this series, all other shows are managed by and are the sole responsibility of the respective facility. The IDCTA is not responsible for policing show managers or facilities regarding how to run their shows. The IDCTA encourages riders to vote with their entry fees at shows which are safe, fun and which offer appropriate learning experiences.

Additionally, the IDCTA encourages riders to volunteer and get to know hands on the tasks involved in managing a show.

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 or IDCTA Board Member Deanna Hertrich at 262-537-2629 or freehorsefarm@aol.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 Fields & Fences in Gurnee, Illinois; Mini Event Finals will be held at Silverwood Farm in Camp Lake, Wisconsin. 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 ribbons and prizes at the Championship shows and will receive certificates of merit at the annual IDCTA banquet in January 2012.

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:

Green as Grass Test 4
Introductory Test B
Training Level Test 3
First Level Test 3
Second Level Test 3

Classes will be divided into Adult and Junior/Young Rider Divisions if entries warrant. 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 test specified here for 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	2011 USDF Intro B	18"	10 verticals or Xs
Pre-Novice CT	2010 USEF Beginner Novice Test A	2'	14 (no combinations)
Beginner Novice CT	2010 USEF Beginner Novice Test A	2'6"	14 (2 stride combinations allowed)
Novice CT	2010 USEF Novice Test A	2'9"	14
Pre-Novice Mini	2010 USEF Beginner Novice Test B	2'	14 Cross Country & 10 Stadium
Beginner Novice Mini	2010 USEF Beginner Novice Test B	2'6"	16 Cross Country & 11 Stadium
Novice Mini	2010 USEF Novice Test B	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 YEAR END AWARDS BANQUET:

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual IDCTA awards banquet in January which is intended to recognize accomplishments of horses and riders at USEF/USDF/USEA recognized competitions. This schooling show series acknowledges its champions with impressive ribbons and prizes at the year-end championship shows. That being said, there are two ways schooling show scores may be used towards IDCTA year-end awards. First, Dressage riders may use one score from one schooling show in addition to four scores from USEF recognized competitions when applying for IDCTA Dressage year-end awards. Second, Mini Event competitors have their very own awards category at the annual banquet! Go to the "Printable Forms" page at www.idcta.org, under the

IDCTA YEAR END AWARDS BANQUET (continued):

“Awards” category, print the Eventing Reporting Form, fill it out and have the show secretary verify the information by signing the form. By October 31st, submit a form for each Mini Event you attend along with the Volunteer Hours Form showing you have completed at least 5 hours of volunteer work at an IDCTA sanctioned event. For details on how points are awarded and tabulated, read the Eventing Rules also available on the “Printable Forms” page of the IDCTA web site.

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 DR120.6 & 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

1. Running martingales must have rein stops. Standing martingales are not allowed (EV115).
2. 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).
3. 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).
4. 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).
5. Dressage tests in mini events and combined tests must be carried out from memory — readers are not allowed (EV134.2).
6. 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).



USEF High School Equestrian Athlete Program

The USEF acknowledges that equestrian athletes dedicate as much, if not more, time preparing for competition as does any other athlete in a high school program yet most high schools do not recognize the equestrian athlete. As the National Governing Body for Equestrian Sport, the USEF has created a program to recognize young equestrians' accomplishments and to support their future involvement in the sport.

The High School Equestrian Athlete program is open to equestrian athletes in all breeds/disciplines who are enrolled in grades 9–12. The program runs June 1 through May 31 of each year.

After the initial year, receive the USEF High School Equestrian Athlete Shield and current year pin to display on your school, barn or USEF letterman's jacket. Each additional year receives 2nd, 3rd or 4th year pins to show your dedication to the sport. Recognition from a National organization such as the USEF is beneficial on college applications as well!

Here's how it works:

1. **SIGN UP!**
 - a. A USEF membership (\$15 to \$55) is needed to participate in the program. Sign up at <http://www.usef.org/IFrames/memberServices/membership/joinRenew.aspx> -
 - b. Submit program application and \$10 annual application fee at <https://www.usef.org/AUAIFrames/Youth/HighSchoolApp.aspx>
2. **RIDE, COMPETE AND RECORD**
 - a. Once the USEF receives your application, they will email an official USEF High School Athlete log for you to record 100 hours of equestrian activity which includes lessons, lunging, hacking, trail riding, ground training and participating in competitions. Hours may NOT include barn chores, grooming, tacking up, cleaning tack, etc.
 - b. Compete in 2 USEF Licensed Competitions or 5 unlicensed competitions sanctioned by an equestrian association or club such as the **IDCTA**.
3. **SUBMIT AND COLLECT!**

As soon as you complete the requirements, but not later than June 15 of each year, submit all of the following required materials to USEF:

 - a. Completed log showing 100 hours of equestrian activity signed by a parent or trainer.
 - b. Proof of competition (points report from USEF or itemized bills from competitions, copy of dressage tests, or a signed letter from the competition secretary or manager verifying participation) from 2 USEF shows or 5 **IDCTA** shows.
 - c. Transcript, report card or other proof of enrollment from your high school. When requirements have been confirmed as complete by the USEF, you will receive an email directing you to ShopUSEF.com to order your patch and pins!