



DRESSAGE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PROPOSAL

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The purpose of Performance Standards is to ensure riders are properly prepared to successfully move up the levels. The system of qualification is attached to the rider, not the horse. Multiple horses may be used by a rider to earn a qualification. No time limits for earning scores are placed on the rider. Once qualified, the rider is granted that status for life.

LEVELS OF PROFICIENCY:

BRONZE Training Level through Third Level

SILVER Fourth Level and Prix St. Georges

GOLD Intermediaire I through Grand Prix

All riders may compete at the Bronze Level (Training – Third Level) without needing to qualify in any way.

To advance to the **Silver Level** the rider must do one of the following:

- I. Earn the USDF Bronze Medal
2. Earn a minimum of ten (10) points via their scores from USEF Third Level Tests ridden in USEF licensed/USDF recognized competitions. Scores must come from at least three (3) different USEF or FEI judges. A panel of two (2) or more will count as one (1) distinct judge.

To advance to the **Gold Level** the rider must do one of the following:

1. Earn either the USDF Silver or USDF Gold Medal
2. Earn a minimum of eight (8) points with scores from the Prix St. Georges test. These rides/tests must be from USEF licensed/USDF recognized or FEI recognized competitions. Scores must come from at least two (2) different USEF or FEI judges. A panel of two (2) or more will count as one (1) distinct judge.

At all levels, freestyle scores and FEI Young Horse tests/rides do not earn points. FEI Junior, Young Rider, and Pony Tests and the USEF Developing Horse and USEF "Brentina Cup" tests may be used to accumulate points as 'equivalent' to national levels. These equivalent levels are shown on a chart in the USEF Rule Book DR119.2.

POINTS:

Points for rider qualification will be awarded for tests/rides with the following final scores. A score from a panel of two (2) or more judges will be considered one (1) test/ride.

58-59.99% One (1) Point

60-62.99% Two (2) Points

63-64.99% Three (3) Points

65% and Above Four (4) Points

In order for qualifying points to be recorded after December 1, 2010, the rider must be a USDF Group, Participating or Life Member and a USEF Active Member at the time the points are earned. Points may be earned ONLY at USEF licensed / USDF recognized or FEI recognized competitions.

