

Schooling Show Rules

MDA shows are run by volunteers. Please be considerate! Good sportsmanship must be displayed at all times. Any discourtesy by a competitor, spectator, parent, or member, whether verbal or written, may result in forfeiture of ribbons, tests, scores, placing or suspension from attendance at future MDA Shows.

The majority of MDA shows are held on donated, private farms. Please leave the premises as you found them. The MDA reserves the right to bar property abusers from participating in MDA Schooling Shows. If barred from participation, members and non-members must petition the Executive Board for reinstatement.

Members and non-members are responsible to abide by changes and/or corrections to the MDA Show Rules, along with all USDF/USEF Rules. The MDA will make every effort to inform you through the website and / or email communications, however it is the competitors' responsibility to remain informed of any rule changes or State required certificates/forms/documents for your competition horse.

All MDA Schooling shows and Final show will be conducted under current USDF/USEF Rules and Regulations. Introductory, Musical Freestyle, Pas de Deux and Quadrilles will follow USDF Rules and Regulations, Western Dressage will follow WDAA Rules and Regulations. The Rule Books will be available at the secretary stand for reference, or can be viewed in their entirety at www.usef.org, www.usdf.org, and www.wdaa.org. **The most current tests will be used for all classes as detailed above.**

MDA follows the USEF Helmet rule unless otherwise noted. Approved protective head gear is required while mounted at all times at an MDA event. Farm owners and show venues may impose more stringent rules than the USEF. Specific farm or venue requirements which exceed the USEF rule shall be posted on the MDA website. Competitors are encouraged to bring an ASTM/SEI approved helmet if they are unsure as to a farm or venue's specific rules.

MDA will be using the Danish Scoring System. All classes will be awarded as follows:

Placings	USDF/USEF/WDAA Tests	USEA Tests
1 st - Blue	67% and above	33% and below
2 nd - Red	66.999% - 62.0%	33.001% - 38.0%
3 rd - Yellow	61.999% - 57.0%	38.001% - 43.0%
4 th - White	56.999% - 52.0%	43.001% - 48.0%
5 th - Pink	51.999% - 47%	48.001% - 53.0%
6 th - Green	46.999% and below	53.001% and above

MDA Schooling Show Attire:

1. In accordance with the USEF Rule, schooling show attire is causal. Breeches and shirts of any color with sleeves and collar, without decoration is permitted. T-shirts are NOT permitted. If formal attire, as described by USEF, is chosen, MDA reserves the right to excuse jackets, during extreme heat.
2. As stated above all USDF, USEF, WDAA rules apply to the permitted usage of horse related tack and equipment, however MDA has approved the use of boots, wraps and bell boots for all schooling shows.
3. Braiding is optional.

MDA Show Rules:

1. Children must be under adult supervision at all times.
2. No dogs or other pets are allowed on the schooling show premises.

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3. Jumping at any MDA show is NOT permitted. However, if after completion of all MDA activities and the farm owner has provided consent, cross country or stadium schooling is permitted on the farm owner's liability.
4. Foals may NOT accompany their dams in any class at an MDA show.
5. Stallions are permitted at the farm owner's discretion. Please contact the show organizer for details.
6. Lunging and / or tacking up of any horse is NOT permitted in the warm-up areas.
7. For safety reasons, coaching while inside the warm up areas is NOT permitted; all coaches must stand outside of the rails.
8. The exhibitor may provide a reader for schooling shows only. A reader is NOT permitted for Final Show Championship rides.
9. You must be a current member for your scores to be eligible for MDA's Year End Awards.
10. When the Danish System is in place at a schooling show, riders may enter the same class / test twice WITHOUT penalty of Hors de Concours or H/C.
11. A third ride may be requested and will be granted if possible. Third rides will be granted according to postmark if the show is not filled. (NOTE: If you are approved for your third ride, an entry fee will be required when you receive your number packet the day of the show.
12. Competitors scratching for any reason are expected to inform the show secretary as earlier as possible, to allow other competitors the opportunity to be added.
13. Entries may be refunded after the closing date, if a veterinary certificate or a doctor's note dated within 7 days prior to the show is received.
14. Horses may not be entered in classes differing by more than one level at any show, except as allowed by USDF regulations for Pas de Deux and Quadrille.
15. A horse/rider combination dropped back more than one level to school must be entered Hors de Concours (HC). The rider/horse will be judged and given a score, however ribbons will not be awarded.
16. Cross entering between divisions is NOT allowed, reference Divisions on the website.
17. Ride times will be posted to the MDA website a few days prior to the show.
18. Five HIGH SCORE AWARDS may be presented at each schooling show. The divisions are: 1) USDF Introductory Classes, 2) USEF Training through FEI Classes, 3) WDAA Western/Gaited Classes, 4) USEA/USEF Eventing Classes and 5) USDF Musical Freestyle/Pas de Deux/Quadrille Classes.
19. At the Final show, only the competitor will be allowed to ride the horse listed on their entry on the day of the show. Violators will be eliminated.
20. Competitors have until the end of the show day to dispute any errors made when tests were calculated. By leaving with your test, you are accepting your score. Check the scoreboard to make sure your scores on your tests match the posted scores. MDA uses the scoreboards to verify scores for Year End Awards and to post results on the web site. Competitors have 15 days from the date the scores are posted to dispute reporting errors. Reporting errors are discrepancies between the scores posted on the scoreboard at the show and what is posted on the website.