

2017 WNEPHA Dressage Rule Book

In an exciting expansion of the traditional horse show calendar, the Western New England Professional Horseman's Association (WNEPHA) has agreed to offer Year End High Point awards for **both English and Western Dressage classes**. This series of shows will be called the Western New England Dressage Series. The goal is to offer additional opportunities for professionals in the area to educate horses and riders in both disciplines and progress towards year end awards through an interactive series of horse shows.

Year end awards will be given in the following Non-Professional Divisions:

English:

- Intro Level
- Training Level
- First Level through TOC

Western:

- Intro Level
- Basic Level
- Level 1 through TOC

*Prizes will be given for divisions with more than 4 entries per division. In the event, that there are less than 4 entries in said division, a prize will still be given to the champion of that division, IF the champion's highest text score is 65% or above.

As of the 2017 show year: A horse and rider combination are only eligible to win a year end championship award at either introductory or training/basic level two years in a row. This rule will not apply to First Level/Level 1 or up as these are based on the rider's and trainer's discretion to choose the appropriate level for the horse as they progress up the training scale.

[*Please Note, we follow the 3 Barn rule as per ARTICLE XVII of the main WNEPHA Rule Book](#)

Professional Test of Choice: Professionals will choose their tests based on the horse's level of competition. There will be 2 separate Professional Year End Awards: one for the highest number of points for a horse/professional rider combination, another for the highest overall number of points for a professional, regardless of number of horses shown. For ease of scheduling, professionals will ride during classes based on their test level, but scored separately from the class.

Points: It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that dressage scores are submitted to the points secretary within two weeks of the horse show. Some shows are kind enough to send a results form from the show secretary to the points secretary, but in the event that the show doesn't offer this service, the rider must scan/take a photo of the completed dressage test with the judge's signature on the test and email to karry@emerald-glen.com. Only unedited scans or photos clearly showing the judge's signature, the test level, rider, horse, show and date will be accepted.

For ease of scoring, points will be awarded as a set point value for each score, instead of placings, in increments of 5 points, using the 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 point system. Meaning scores of:

- 75% and up = 7 points
- 70%-74.99% = 5 points

- 65% - 69.999% = 4 points
- 60%-64.99% = 3 points
- 55%-59.999%=2 points
- 54.99% and below= 1 point

For year-end ties, we will break the tie based on the horse/rider combo's highest score of the entire year.

Addendum - Horse Welfare:

Horses are limited to a maximum of three Dressage rides per day, both English and Western. For example, a horse may do any of the following:

- Three English rides
- Three Western rides
- Two English rides and one Western ride
- Two Western rides and one English ride

Attire:

- ***For English riders*** (taken from the USEF Rule Book): The dress code for Training through Fourth Levels is a short riding coat of conservative color, with tie, choker or stock tie, white or light-colored breeches or jodhpurs, boots or jodhpur boots, and protective headgear as defined in DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801. A cutaway coat (modified tailcoat) with short tails is permitted. Half chaps, gaiters and/or leggings are not allowed. Gloves of conservative color are recommended. Exception: Riders through First Level may wear half-chaps, gaiters or leggings in solid black or brown, without fringe, matching the color of their boots, and made of smooth leather or leather-like material.
- ***For Western riders*** (taken from the WDAA Rule Book): ***Required apparel:*** Suitable western hat or protective headgear, not required to be of Western style; Long-sleeved shirt with any type of collar, short sleeves may be worn at the discretion of the judge; trousers, pants, a one-piece long sleeved equitation suit provided it includes a collar; boots; native and national attire can be worn when riding in native or national tack. ***Optional apparel:*** Necktie, kerchief, bolo tie or pin; a vest, jacket and/or sweater; Spurs of Western style, with or without blunt tines, or English dressage style; Chaps, shotgun chaps, or chinks may be worn over trousers or pants.

Tack:

Please note wraps, boots, or any type of leg wear is not allowed on the horse in the show ring. For all other questions see the following:

- **For English riders:** <https://www.usef.org/documents/ruleBook/2014/08-DR.pdf>

- **For Western Riders:** http://www.westerndressageassociation.org/documents/WDAA-Rules-2014-Final-Dec10-2013_52a7877b00982_e.pdf

Show Affiliation:

Professional WNEPHA members who have shown a committed interest in the sport of dressage, such as having a dressage program at their barn in the previous show year(s) will be invited to participate on the WNEPHA Dressage Committee at which time there will be a vote (which must pass by 75%) as to whether or not to include more shows in the dressage series to allow said individual to hold WNEPHA recognized dressage shows.

Spouses and significant others of WNEPHA dressage committee members are welcome to attend meetings, as are representatives of the Professional on the committee in the event they cannot attend, although voting by these representatives will not be permitted.

Upon approval of a show date by the committee, the fee for show affiliation is \$25 per show. To maintain consistency across the board, the recommended price per class per show is \$30, with no office or schooling fee.

Dressage shows do not need to submit the \$1 finals fee, as they do not have finals (as of yet).

Judges:

Judges must be USDF “L” Graduates or above.

Prizelists:

Prizelists must offer the following classes - you may choose your own class numbers:

- USDF Intro Test A
- USDF Intro Test B
- USDF Intro Test C
- USEF Training Level Test 1
- USEF Training Level Test 2
- USEF Training Level Test 3
- WDAA Intro Level Test 1
- WDAA Intro Level Test 2
- WDAA Intro Level Test 3
- WDAA Intro Level Test 4
- WDAA Basic Level Test 1
- WDAA Basic Level Test 2
- WDAA Basic Level Test 3
- WDAA Basic Level Test 4

- Professionals Test of Choice- Professionals will choose their tests based on the horse's level of competition

Prizelists must clearly state the size of the arena to be used. 20x40 (small) or 20x60 (standard). When a standard arena is available, the show must offer:

- WDAA Western Dressage Level 1 and above -Test of Choice A
- WDAA Western Dressage Level 1 and above -Test of Choice B
- USEF First Level Test 1 and above -Test of Choice A
- USEF First Level Test 1 and above -Test of Choice B

Please NOTE: A horse and rider team may NOT enter the same class twice in the same show. A horse and rider may also NOT do the same test in choice of A or B classes. Classes will not be combined. (Professional tests excepted.)

Highpoint Awards for the show day are encouraged.

***This series will not be recognized by the USEF or the WDAA (although a Massachusetts chapter of the WDAA is a goal for 2013-14). All year end awards will be awarded by the WNEPHA. Points will be given to the same horse/rider combinations.*