

## 2008 Arizona State Dressage Championship Rules

### **NOMINATION**

Horses must be nominated to be eligible for participation in the Arizona State Championships. The nominating fee and form must be received before any scores will count toward qualification. The nominating fee is \$25 per horse. This qualifies the horse. The horse may be ridden by multiple riders during the show year. Qualifying scores must be earned by the horse/rider combination, even though the nomination fee is paid on the horse.

### **QUALIFYING**

Open to any Arizona resident, including student resident (U.S. citizenship not required). Rider must also be a member of any GMO in Arizona (GMO = Group Member Organization of USDF – United States Dressage Federation) at the time the entry for the 2008 State Championship class is sent to the show secretary. Rider need not be a member of an Arizona GMO at the time the qualifying scores are earned.

Competition year for the 2008 State Championships qualifying is from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. The Championship Classes will be held in October, 2008. The Arizona State Dressage Championship Show is held in conjunction with the Tucson Dressage Club Fall Festival Show 2008. Horse/rider combinations must earn two (2) qualifying scores under two (2) different judges at US Equestrian Federation recognized shows held in Arizona between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008 in any test of the level.

Horse/rider combination may move up a level during the qualifying year.

Horse/rider combination may compete at only two consecutive levels in the Championship Classes or the Fall Show held in conjunction with the Championships; only one horse/rider combination per division per level.

Horse/rider combination must declare Rider's status (Open, Adult Amateur or Junior/Young Rider) and must provide proof of eligibility to show management.

### **COMPETITION**

Qualifying competitions must be recognized by at least US Equestrian Federation.

Qualified horse/riders/level will be published in the TDC Transitions and the ADA Centerline and on the TDC website ([tucsondressageclub.org](http://tucsondressageclub.org)) and the ADA web site, ([azdressage.org](http://azdressage.org)). Copies of the list of qualifiers will be sent to all Arizona GMO's. Any rider who does not appear on the qualifying list (and who believes that s/he has indeed qualified) must supply a photocopy of the face of both qualifying test sheet rides OR copies of USDF records of qualifying rides to the show secretary upon entering Arizona State Dressage Championship classes.

Championship Classes will be double judged.

THE HIGHEST TEST OF THE LEVEL WILL BE RIDDEN FROM MEMORY.

NO WHIPS MAY BE CARRIED IN CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES.

Cross entering divisions is not permitted unless at levels that do not offer separate divisions.

At no time during the Championship or Fall Show competition may any horse entered in the Championship competition be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the Championship competition on that horse (Exception: grooms riding on loose rein).

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Further, any horse entered in the Championship competition, even if entered at two levels, must be ridden by the same rider throughout all days of the competition, including the Fall Show held in conjunction with the Championships show.

Championship Classes will follow US Equestrian Federation and FEI rules regarding attire and equipment allowed. Ring stewards will check saddlery and inspect bits of each horse immediately after it has completed its test and has left the area. Any discrepancy to the saddlery or equipment rules will entail immediate elimination (See DR121.8).

A horse/rider combination, having won the Championship at a particular level may not compete at that level or lower, other than Grand Prix, in future years. In the event of a tie (equality of total points) for Champion and/or Reserve Champion in Championship classes, the collective marks will determine first, second and/or third places (i.e., when a tie for first place is broken by collective marks, tied competitors will receive first and second places, etc.) If collective marks are equal, the tie will remain unbroken (i.e., two first places will be awarded, next third place, etc.) This policy for breaking ties will also apply to subsequent placing in the class. In the case of a tie (equality of total points and collective marks) for Champion, prize money designated for Champion and Reserve Champion will be combined and divided equally between the competitors.

### QUALIFYING SCORES

	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>AA/JR/YR</b>	<b>FREESTYLE</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Training Level</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>60%</b>		
<b>First Level</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>First Level</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Second Level</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>Second Level</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Third Level</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>Third Level</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Fourth Level</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>Fourth Level</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>FEI</b>				
<b>Prix St Georges</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>57%</b>		
<b>Intermediare I</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>Intermediare</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Intermediare II</b>	<b>58%</b>		<b>Grand Prix</b>	<b>63%</b>
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**AWARDS**

Award and ribbon to Champion. Reserve Champion ribbon and ribbons 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place in each Championship class.  
Scores from Championship classes do not count towards any ADA or TDC Year End Awards.

**STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS CEREMONIES**

Riders placing in State Championships classes must be present, mounted and in full riding attire for award ceremonies. Horse leg wraps may be white or black. Competitors may decline to participate in the victory round. Failure, without prior permission of the competition manager, to be present and properly attired will eliminate the official score and placing, and the next highest score will move up.

If Awards Ceremonies are scheduled in conflict with a competitor's/horse's preparation or scheduled ride, the competitor and/or horse will be excused from the Awards Ceremony. Management will attempt to allow the rider and/or horse to be recognized at a subsequent Awards Ceremony at that show, if requested.

The tentative schedule and procedure for the Awards Ceremony schedule will be posted in the show secretary's office by noon on the day prior to the start of the competition

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**Horse Nomination Form for 2008 Arizona  
State Dressage Championships**

**Nomination fee must be received before  
qualifying scores are earned.**

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Horse USDF Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Horse USEF Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Owner USDF number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner USEF number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount due: \$25  
Please make check payable to TDC and send to:  
Dian Seabury 2232 Cerrada Bala Tucson, AZ 85718