

## **QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS for TENNESSEE STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **GENERAL RULES:**

1. Rider must be a current Tennessee GMO member in good standing as well as a current TN GMO member at the time the score is earned.
2. Qualifying Season: November 1, 2009 - October 1, 2010. Championship qualifying scores must be earned during the current qualifying year prior to the closing date for entries.
3. Scores earned at any USEF/USDF recognized show in any state may be used.
4. Only scores using current USEF approved dressage test count. (Dressage equitation, Dressage suitability and USDF Introductory classes do not count. Opportunity classes do not count)
5. Qualifying scores must be earned by a horse/rider combination, they cannot be earned separately.
6. In order to establish your qualification for championship classes, list your qualifying scores and attach photocopies of the front cover of the qualifying tests to the entry form. Also enclose all copies of required USEF/USDF memberships and registrations.
7. Championship classes will be run under USEF/USDF Championship Rules, in that Championship classes must be ridden from memory, and whips are not allowed. Additionally, at no time during the show may a Championship entered horse be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered on that horse (with the exception of a groom walking on a loose rein). Any horse entered in Championship competition must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire competition. We will not be closing competition arena gates during tests.
8. Horse/rider combinations may enter two levels, but may only ride in one division (Open, AA or Junior/ Young Rider). Each horse entered must be ridden by the same rider throughout the competition.
9. Horse/rider combinations winning Championship Show classes may not compete at that level in future championship classes (except FEI).
10. Tests selected for championship classes are at the discretion of show management. Training – Fourth Levels will ride the two highest tests of the level. Championship scores will be calculated by averaging the percentages earned in the two tests ridden. FEI, Freestyles, Quadrille and Pas de Deux Championship classes will be judged by two judges and the two scores averaged.

### **FREESTYLE, PAS DE DEUX AND QUADRILLE:**

1. Open to all riders who have met the qualifying score requirements.
2. Each competitor must have previously met USEF qualifying requirements at the level for freestyles.
3. Each rider/horse combination must have at least two scores from any recognized competition to qualify for each level, with the following scores (if competing in freestyle, qualifying scores must be earned for a freestyle test, and same respectively for pas de deux and quadrille): All USDF and FEI levels, 58% or above.

### **JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER DIVISION:**

1. Definition: rider must be 21 years of age or younger.
2. Each rider/horse combination must earn at least two qualifying scores from any test at the level at two different USEF/USDF recognized competitions from two different judges to qualify for each level. Rider must be a current member of a Tennessee GMO at the time the scores are earned.
3. Qualifying minimum scores are as follows: Training Level, 60%; First Level, 60%; Second Level, 58%; Third Level 56%; Fourth Level, 56%; PSG, I-1, I-2 and Grand Prix, 55%.

### **ADULT AMATEUR DIVISION**

1. Definition: riders must be 22 years of age or older by December of competition year, and have "Amateur" noted on their USEF membership card.
2. Each rider/horse combination must earn at least two qualifying scores from any test of the level at two different USEF/USDF recognized competitions from two different judges to qualify for each level. Rider must be a current member of a Tennessee GMO at the time the scores are earned.
3. Qualifying minimum scores are as follows: Training Level, 60%; First Level, 60%; Second Level, 58%; Third Level, 56%; Fourth Level, 56%; PSG, I-1, I-2 and Grand Prix, 55%.

### **OPEN DIVISION:**

1. Definition: open to all competitors.
2. Each rider/horse combination must earn at least two qualifying scores from any test of the level at two different USEF/USDF recognized competitions from two different judges to qualify for each level. Rider must be a current member of a Tennessee GMO at the time the scores are earned.
3. Qualifying minimum scores are as follows: Training Level, 62%; First Level, 62%; Second Level, 60%; Third Level, 58%; Fourth Level, 58%; PSG, I-1, I-2 and Grand Prix, 56%.