

# NODA 2017 Schooling Show CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1) NODA will hold its Championship Show on Sunday, October 9th, 2016 for all its members who have qualified in two NODA schooling shows during the current calendar year. (October Saturday show cannot qualify a rider) All qualified riders must have volunteered for one shift (4 hours) at a schooling show. Proxies are permitted.

2) Championships will be offered in the following levels and divisions:

- **Novice Introductory Level (Junior/YR, Adult Amateur)**
- **Introductory Level (Junior/YR, Adult Amateur, Professional)**
- **Novice Training Level (Junior/YR, Adult Amateur)**
- **Training Level (Junior/YR, Adult Amateur, Professional)**
- **First Level (Junior/YR, Adult Amateur, Professional)**
- **Second Level**
- **Third Level**
- **Fourth Level**
- **Western Seat Equitation (Junior/YR, Adult Amateur)**
- **Dressage Seat Equitation (Junior/YR, Adult Amateur)**
- **Rider Test (Junior, Adult Amateur, Professional)**
- **Western Dressage**

**(Rider Tests & Western Dressage Championships will be offered at each available Level)**

3) The show is open to ALL NODA members. Riders must be members of NODA before they can earn qualifying scores. **Riders must earn two qualifying scores 60% or higher in Intro through First Level classes (or 58% and higher for Second Level and above) from two different judges at two separate NODA schooling shows.**

4) Only the same-horse-rider combination who qualified is eligible for the championship. No substitution of horse or rider is permitted with the exception of equitation classes and Rider Tests in which a horse may be substituted.

5) Only the qualified riders may ride or lunge their horses while on the show grounds, including the warm-up ring. The only exceptions are a groom riding on a loose reign or Junior riders age 12 and under who may have their trainers lunge their horses.

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- 6) A horse-rider combination qualifying in two different consecutive levels may show in both levels. These riders may also compete in equitation and Rider Test classes.
- 7) A horse may qualify with more than one rider in the same or consecutive levels. Riders must be entered in different divisions or levels.
- 8) A rider who qualified in Novice classes may still show in the Novice class at the Championship show even if later in the year s/her rides in Open classes. However if the rider moves up to a higher level at a later date, s/he must ride in the Open class at the Championship show.
- 9) Riders who qualify in both Novice and Open divisions at Introductory and/or Training Level may not show in both divisions. They are allowed to choose in which division they will compete.
- 10) Competitors will ride the highest test offered at their level and will be scored by two judges. **Exception: Novice Introductory Riders only will ride test B.**
- 11) The average of the two scores will determine placings. (Only the combined final average from both judges can be submitted as one score for year end awards.)
- 12) Tests may be read for all levels with the exception of FEI tests. Whips may be carried.
- 13) Starting in 2015 a horse/rider combination may win a championship three times at any level before becoming ineligible to compete at that level or any lower level at the championship show. **Exception:** Novice riders may win the Novice Intro Level, the Novice Training Level only once.
- 14) Formal show attire and braiding is requested but not required for the English dressage classes.
- 15) Ten ribbons will be awarded for each division at each level. A formal awards presentation will be held.
- 16) The Show Secretary will formally notify by email or letter) all the eligible riders before the opening date of the October shows. A list of qualified riders will also be posted on the NODA website.
- 17) Qualified riders must use the special entry form for the Championship show.
- 18) The Schooling Show Committee reserves the right to hold the Championship show indoors or outdoors without notice.

## FAQ's – NODA Schooling Show

**\*\* Interpretation of schooling show rules are made by the NODA Board \*\***

- **What is meant by a “schooling” show?**

NODA's schooling show competitions are not recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). Schooling shows are held to introduce riders and horses to dressage shows at a considerably lower cost than the Recognized shows. Although NODA does not enforce all the rules that govern the recognized shows, we do follow the USEF rules regarding tack and saddlery. Schooling shows are not required to use “Recognized” judges, but NODA does hire officials who either hold a USEF dressage judge's license or who have graduated from the USDF “L” program.

- **How does being a NODA member benefit me at the NODA shows?**

You save money by paying lower entry fees at every NODA schooling show. Your scores can be used to qualify you for both the NODA Championship Show in October and for NODA year-end awards. Additionally you automatically become a group member in the United States Dressage Federation (USDF). For more information on the benefits of a USDF Group Membership, visit [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).

- **Can I join NODA the day of a schooling show and make my scores qualify for the Championship Show?**

Yes, but you must submit your membership form to the show secretary before your scores can count as a qualifying rides for the championship.

- **Can I ask for preferences in scheduling my times?**

If you prefer morning versus afternoon or want to have times close to others who have trailered with you, it never hurts to ask, but **there are no guarantees**. Scheduling is done to allow the show to run smoothly. Rides in the short ring are normally scheduled in the morning. Rides will not be scheduled back to back.

- **What is a NODA Buck?**

It is a receipt that NODA members receive for each hour of volunteering with NODA. They come in one dollar and 4 (**four**) dollar denominations. NODA Bucks can be used for schooling show entry fees and for other NODA activities. **Four NODA Bucks, earned during the current Competition Year, are required for each horse-rider combination for year-end awards.** See the Awards Program section in the back of this pamphlet for further details.

- **How do I volunteer?**

Contact Kirsten Thomas at: [ss-volunteers@nodarider.org](mailto:ss-volunteers@nodarider.org) or 216-509-8881.

**On line signup at** [www.SignUpGenius.com](http://www.SignUpGenius.com)

Further information at [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org) on the [SCHOOLING](#) page

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- **What is the difference between a Junior and a Junior/Young Rider? What is the difference between an Amateur and a Professional?**

NODA follows the definitions established by the USEF and FEI (the organization that establishes rules for international competitions such as the World Cup and the Olympics). The USEF defines a junior as “an individual who has not reached his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current USEF competition year.” In other words, if a rider was still 17 on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, s/he gets to show as a junior until December 1, 2017. (USEF membership cards would actually have “Junior” printed on it.)

The FEI recognizes dressage riders aged 16-21 as “Young Riders”. The confusing part is that this age group is based on the calendar year instead of the competition year. In other words, these riders are identified as “Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.”

All Juniors are not Young Riders-- and all Young Riders are not Juniors. For all practical purposes, many dressage shows in the United States (both schooling and recognized) will offer a combined Junior/Young Rider division for riders 21 years old or younger. If a rider turns 22 in 2017, s/he can no longer show in this division.

(Some more confusion—When 18 year old riders joins the USEF, they have to declare themselves as either an amateur or a professional. However, they can still show in the Junior/Young Rider classes in dressage shows.)

So once adult riders have aged out of the Junior category, they must declare themselves either as a Professional or as an Amateur. Professionals are basically defined as individuals who have accepted payment for teaching, training and/or riding horses. (For further details see USEF rule book GR1306). Those who are not professionals can show in Amateur classes.

If you have any questions about your status as an amateur or professional, please contact the show manager.

How can I ride the same test twice?

The first time you ride the test it will count for the class and awards. The second time it must be ridden **hors concours** and the score will not count.

- **Tell me how can I qualify for NODA's Championship show!**

You can earn a qualifying score at any NODA schooling show except for the Saturday show in October. To qualify, you must have met the following criteria.

- \* Become a NODA member prior to receiving your qualifying scores.
- \* At Intro through First levels, get two scores of 60% or above at two different NODA shows.
- \* At Second Level and above, get two scores of 58% or above at two different NODA shows.
- \* **Volunteer for one shift (4 hours) at a Schooling Show (proxies are acceptable). New for 2017.**

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- **Can I earn both of my qualifying scores at one show?**

NODA now requires that you must earn your scores at two different shows. However, scores from both judges at any one schooling show may be used for year end awards.

- **What is the purpose of the October Saturday show if I can't use scores from this show to qualify for the Sunday Championship show?**

The schedule from the championship show must be completed and ride times posted before the Saturday show even begins. There would not be enough time to change Sunday's schedule to squeeze in the additional riders who might qualify on Saturday.

If you are planning to show on Sunday, the Saturday show allows you the opportunity to ride a test in the arena in front of the same judge(s) who will be officiating on Sunday. Even if you did not qualify for the championship show on Sunday, you may still submit scores from the Saturday show for the end of the year awards

- **What is the difference between the October Championship show and Year End Awards?**

The Championship show requires NODA members to qualify at two different NODA schooling shows with scores from two different judges and is used to determine the best horse-rider combination in a single head to head competition. The Year End Awards program allows NODA members to submit scores from other eligible local shows not run by NODA. The awards honor excellence in achievement throughout the entire competition season.

- **Will there be a professional photographer at the schooling shows? How do I sign up?**

There may be photographers at some of the shows. Information can be found on the NODA website.

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