

# 2018 NODA Schooling Show CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1) NODA will hold its Championship Show on Sunday, October 7th, 2018 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, per division, in Intro through First Level classes (or 58% and higher for Second Level and above, per division) 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 rein 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 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 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.