

2018 NODA Schooling Show Rules

1. ENTRY FEES

Office fee: \$10 for each horse/rider entry form submitted.

Non-Member fee: \$20 per show for NODA non-member riders.

Classes 15 & 17 (Equitation): \$10

Classes 1-6 (Introductory Level): \$15 per test

Classes 7-14, 16, 18-31: \$20 per test.

2. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

****Each show can host approximately 70 riders.**

Entries received after show is filled will be placed on a wait list.

a. ONLY 2018 ENTRY FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Please make extra copies of the enclosed entry form or download forms from www.nodarider.org.

For online entries see below.

b. Entries must be made online at HSO beginning on open date up to and including close date or postmarked beginning on open date and **received by close date**. Full payment and signatures of rider and parent/guardian (if rider is not yet 18 years old) are required with entry. Payment must be received before entry is officially accepted and rides are scheduled. Note: the October shows are two separate shows and require two separate entry forms and two office fees. They may be mailed together. Note the class numbers may differ on HSO from the numbers listed in the prize list but the same classes will be offered. **If using NODA Bucks to pay for class, you must mail NODA Bucks with entry via snail mail (no on-line entry with use of NODA Bucks).**

c. Make check payable to NODA and send to **Niki Sackman, 609 U.S. Grant St., LaGrange, OH 44050**. Returned checks will be assessed a \$25.00 fee. Credit Cards will no longer be allowed on mailed entries.

d. Online Entries at: www.horseshowoffice.com Payment may be made by credit card or PayPal. Check www.nodarider.org for online assistance.

e. Certificate of negative Coggins listing horse's recorded **show name** (dated within 1 year of show weekend) required for all horses. **Entry form must be in the name of horse as recorded on the Coggins.** A copy of the Coggins can be mailed with entry or presented to show secretary the day of show.

f. Entries postmarked after closing date are accepted only to fill cancellations and are assessed an additional \$10.00 late fee. If show is oversubscribed, NODA members will be given priority on the waiting list.

g. NODA memberships may be included with the entry. Please note that NODA memberships will end on November 30, regardless when you join. A **separate check** for membership dues must be enclosed.

h. NODA and the show committee reserve the right to limit entries, to add, combine or cancel classes and to make whatever changes may be required by the circumstances of the competition.

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2. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (Continued)

i. Competition, in principle, shall be run according to USEF rules. Knowledge and compliance with these rules are the responsibility of the competitor. The complete USEF rule book is available online at www.usef.org. Rules for freestyles can be found at www.usdf.org. **For specific questions** contact the schooling show manager. Interpretation of schooling show rules is made by the NODA Board. The decision made by the rules sub-committee will be final.

3. SCRATCHES and REFUNDS

a. Show secretary should be notified immediately if you cannot attend so that people on the waiting list can be contacted. A full refund less office fee will be mailed if the secretary is notified before the closing date.

b. After closing date, ½ of entry fee less office fee will be remitted if a veterinarian (horse) or doctor's excuse is provided OR if ride times can be filled from the waiting list.

c. In the event of the cancellation of a competition due to extraordinary circumstances, refunds will be issued less the office fee.

4. RING SIZE

a. The small ring will be used for all Introductory classes and the appropriate USEA classes.

b. The large ring will normally be used for all other classes but may not meet standard arena size. Note: the ring size may have to be changed depending on the needs of the show. Decision is up to the discretion of the schooling show committee.

5. AWARDS

a. Six ribbons will be awarded for the classes listed.

b. At each show high percentage ribbons will be awarded to the highest score earned at the Introductory Level (classes 1-6) and to the highest score earned at Training Level and above (Classes 7-14) and to the highest western rider in classes 18-30. All other Test of Choice, Equitation and Rider Test classes are excluded from consideration for the High Percentage Ribbons.

6. TEAM COMPETITION At the June, August and September schooling shows, NODA will offer a team competition open to all the Amateur and Junior/Young Riders entered into the show. NO additional fee will be charged but a team entry form must be filed with the show office. A team will consist of 3 or 4 riders with the top three scores averaged to determine winners. (Complete rules are printed on the team entry form.) Championship medals will be awarded to the team members of the top two teams. Team rules will be reviewed at the end of the show season and revisions made based upon the recommendations of NODA membership. **TEAM FEES WAIVED FOR 2018**

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7. RIDE TIMES

Times are available online at www.nodarider.org by the Wednesday prior to the show. You may also call (440) 454-4709 Wednesday or Thursday evenings prior to the show between 8 and 10 pm. Shows usually begin at 8:00 AM. All shows will start with tests ridden in the large ring and with the higher level riders going first.

8. HORSE RESTRICTIONS

No horse may compete if it is less than 36 months of age at the time of the competition. If horses have more than one rider, tests must be ridden at the same or consecutive levels. The riders may not enter the same class and division.

9. WARM-UP

a. From one hour prior to the start of the show until the show is over, only horses entered into the show may use the warm-up rings or show rings. Entry number must be visible. All riders and owners must have signed the entry form or a release.

Riders and trainers are asked to be considerate and courteous to all, especially to less experienced riders. Pass left hand to left hand in the warm up ring. Check with show office for lunge area availability.

b. Management reserves the right to restrict number of horses, non-competitors, HC horses, or lunging at any time at every competition.

c. Riders may warm up in the competition rings (both indoor and outdoor) up to 15 minutes before the start of the show and during lunch break. Hand-walking only may be allowed during judges' breaks if time permits.

10. TACK AND ATTIRE

a. HELMETS: **All** mounted riders (competitors and non-competitors) including western riders must wear properly secured ASTM/SEI helmets. USEF Rule DR120.5 in compliance with GR801.

b. ATTIRE: Formal attire and braiding are not required. However, care should be given to presenting a neat appearance to the judge. Riding breeches and boots (or jodhpur boots) are required. Half-chaps made of brown or black leather (or leather-like material) but without fringe are permitted. Full chaps are prohibited. A plain shirt of any color, with collar and sleeves, must be worn (i.e. polo shirts allowed). Coats not required.

c. TACK: NODA regulations adhere to the dressage regulations as set forth in the USEF rule book. Only snaffle bits are allowed below Third Level. No leg wraps or other protective boots can be worn in the competition ring. One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm) including lash is allowed. Any English style saddle may be used.

d. WESTERN CLASSES: Riders must wear hard soled shoes and may wear full chaps or chaps with fringe. Riders must follow tack requirements as set forth in the USEF rule book for the Western Dressage division. Riders can only use western tack and attire when warming up for western classes.

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11. REFRESHMENTS

Full or limited concessions may be offered at the schooling shows. Call show manager or check the show notes at www.nodarider.org the week before the show for availability.

12. STABLING

Call the host stables for availability and cost of stalls. All stall fees must be paid directly to the host stables.

Topline Stables	Janeen Langowski-Grava	440-666-6182
Chagrin Valley Farms	Sue Ford	440-543-7233
Rocky River Stables	Margaret McElhany	216-267-2525
Sweetwater Eq. Center	Kristi Foltz	440-725-4045

13. SCHOOLING SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Please contact Kirsten Thomas at (216) 509-8881 or ss-volunteers@nodarider.org. If you have entered the show and still want to help, let Kirsten know as soon as possible so she can schedule your volunteer hours around your ride times. **2018 ONLINE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP available at www.SignUpGenius.com.** The SignUpGenius Volunteer link and Instructions for first time users are available on the [SCHOOLING Shows](#) and [VOLUNTEER](#) pages of NODA website, www.NodaRider.org, **Remember: Four (4) NODA bucks must be earned in the 2018 competition year (October 15, 2017 through October 14, 2018) to be eligible for year-end awards**

14. JUDGING EMERGENCY

a. In the event of an emergency in which the scheduled judge cannot officiate and no other eligible official can be hired, the NODA Board must be notified as soon as possible.

b. Any "unlicensed" substitute who is asked to officiate must have shown some prior indication of competency (i.e. a show record of riding at Second level or above, a career in teaching dressage or participation in the L program.) If possible, the substitute official's classes should be limited to Introductory and Training level rides.

c. Every attempt must be made to inform the competitors of the situation prior to the start of the show. Competitors must also be informed that scores earned from the substitute judge will be honored for NODA's year end awards, but they may not count for award programs outside of NODA's control.

d. If a rider cannot show in front of the substitute official, s/he must contact the show secretary as soon as possible and explain the reason why s/he cannot show in front of that official. Show management will make the appropriate changes and/or refund the fee for the class.

Neither NODA, the host stables, nor the show committee shall be held responsible for any damages, injury or loss to persons, horses or property of exhibitors or spectators.

2018 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.

- **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. **New for 2018** rides in the small ring may be scheduled in the afternoon. 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 four (4) 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 or 216-509-8881.

On line signup at www.SignUpGenius.com

Further information at 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 18th birthday as of December 1st of the current USEF competition year.” In other words, if a rider was still 17 on December 1st, 2017, s/he gets to show as a junior until December 1, 2018. (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 2018, 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 (classical or western), get two scores of 60% or above (per division) at two different NODA shows.
- * At Second Level and above (classical or western), get two scores of 58% or above (per division) at two different NODA shows.
- * **Volunteer for one shift (4 hours) at a Schooling Show (proxies are acceptable).**

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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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