WESTERN CAPE DRESSAGE

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR INTER-DISTRICT DRESSAGE TEAMS

It is an honour and privilege to be selected for a District Team, and riders chosen will be expected to participate in ALL team functions, including training sessions, cocktail parties, parades, etc. basically anything that the Chef de Equipe deems necessary. Once the team has been finalized, the Chef d'Equipe has the final say over all team riders and the selection of the final 3 and reserve. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times as well as courtesy shown to fellow team members and opposition teams. If a rider and horse/pony combination accepts their Team selection, they are expected to treat it as their first priority over any other shows/classes that they may wish to compete in.

OBJECTIVE

To select a Team of "on form" combinations as at the time of the show. Performance percentages of graded shows of all relevant combinations will be taken into account two to three months prior to selection.

FINAL SELECTION

Should a team of riders not be obvious, the following will be taken into account:

- Length of partnership of horse and rider
- Experience of Rider
- Soundness of horse. (Random veterinary inspections may be conducted from time to time, inclusive of dope testing)
- Any disciplinary action or letter of warning that may have been issued to the rider.

SELECTORS DECISION

In the event that after all the above, there is a decision to be made between two riders, authority is given to the Selection Committee to choose who they deem to be the best at that time. THIS DECISION WILL BE FINAL. It may be based on rider temperament; by vote; if in a previous team; the commitment and team spirit shown but however it is made, it will be objective.

WESTERN CAPE INTER-DISTRICT DRESSAGE AVAILABILITY FORM 2019

APPLICANT DETAILS				
Name of Rider				
Name of Horse/Pony				
Registered Grade of Horse/Pony				
Residential Address of Rider				
Contact Number				
Email Address				
Member of which Club				
Member of which District				
Competing Team (please tick)	**NOVICE TEAM**		**OPEN TEAM**	
If the rider is under 18, please supply the following information:				
Name of Parent/Guardian				
Contact Number				
Email Address				

1. I, the rider of the above-mentioned horse/pony, am available to be considered for the above-mentioned District Dressage team and to travel to the show at which the team competition is to be held.
2. I agree to abide by the decision of the selectors and team manager and not to question or undermine their decision in any way.
3. In the event of my being nominated for the Team, I undertake to ensure that I and the horse/pony will be in a position to attend the Event. In the event of ill health of myself or the horse/pony or any other disaster that might prevent me from attending the championships, I undertake to inform the team manager and the dressage chairman immediately.
4. In the event of me obtaining District Colours, I agree to wear these colours proudly and always put the needs of the district and my team before my own.
5. In the event of my being nominated for the team or as a reserve I agree to actively participate and help build team spirit.
6. I am aware of the financial implications of attending the championships and I am in a position to finance the attendance of this championship.
7. My horse/pony has been vaccinated correctly against AHS and Equine flu.
8. I am a member in good standing of both Dressage SA and SAEF.
9. By signing this Availability Form the Rider, and the parents and the instructor of such rider, agree to adhere to the Western Cape Dressage Code of Conduct for Under 18 Riders as attached to this Form and marked "Annexure A"

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Signed Rider (Parent or Guardian if under 18) Signed Owner of Horse/Pony

Date: ……

Please complete and return to Bronwyn Taylor at brontaylor00@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions is Wednesday 21st August 2019

ANNEXURE A

Code of Conduct for Under 18 Riders

Introduction

This code is designed;

- To maintain the element of enjoyment and satisfaction with absolute consideration being given to the welfare of the horse
- To make adults aware that young people participate to satisfy themselves and not necessarily to satisfy adults or members of their own peer group.
- To improve the physical fitness of youth by making it attractive, safe and enjoyable for all young people.
- To constantly remind administrators, coaches, officials and parents that Dressage must be administered, taught and provided for the good of those young people who wish to participate in the sport and to give education in the humane care of ponies and horses.
- To promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it being brought into disrepute.

Six Value Statements

- Enjoyment- for keeping the fun in sport,
- Fairness- For competing fairly within the rules
- Respect- for the show organisers, competitors, officials, horses and ponies, and rules.
  ** REMEMBER- NO RESPECT< NO SHOWS< NO DRESSAGE
- Achievement- For doing our best rather than winning or losing
- Sportsmanship- for promoting the highest levels of sportsmanship
- Thanks- for the people who make the sport happen

Junior Riders Rules

1. Know the Rules
2. Never argue with an official
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, show organisers, show secretaries or other riders is not acceptable. Under no circumstances must you lose your temper with your horse.
4. Treat all participants in your sport as you would like to be treated.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good results.
6. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and trainers.
7. Remember that the sport should be fun, forming a partnership with your horse and improving your skills.
8. Provide proper care for your horse at shows.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents Code

1. Do not force any unwilling child to participate.
2. Remember, young people are involved in Dressage for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child to know and compete within the rules. Respect the decisions of officials
4. Teach young people that honest effort is as important as winning.
5. Help young people work towards improving their riding and good sportsmanship.
6. Remember young people learn best by example. Be a positive role model by showing respect for how organisers, officials, their authority and decisions and the rules and regulations of the sport.
7. Never use inappropriate language and gestures
8. Support all efforts to remove all verbal and physical abuse from Junior Equestrian sport
9. To ensure humane treatment of ponies and horses at all times.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Coaches Code

1. Encourage young people to develop their skills
2. Create opportunities to teach appropriate sports behaviour as well as their skills.

3. Make young people aware of the positive benefits of participation.
4. Keep up to date with coaching practices.
5. Help young people understand that knowledge of the rules is their responsibility.
6. Promote the well-being of the horse and the requirement for the humane treatment at all times.
7. Display control, respect and professionalism for all involved in the sport. This includes competitors, officials, show organisers, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage riders to do the same.
8. Never ridicule or shout at a rider for making a mistake or not performing well.
9. Any physical contact with a rider should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the rider's skill development.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Officials Code

1. Know the rules
2. Make a personal commitment to keep informed of rule changes
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous.
4. Be aware of the necessity to oversee the humane treatment of ponies and horses whilst at shows
5. Understand your authority and responsibility for ensuring fair competition.
6. Be aware of and discourage behaviour that may bring the sport into disrepute.
7. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.