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USEF Rule Changes for Dressage Competition Year 2010

Figure 1. Bits Permitted in Dressage.

Permitted Nosebands *and* Bridles:

5. Combined noseband (no throatlatch). Permitted for use *at any level* (including USEF High Performance classes) and in warm-up with either a snaffle or double bridle, *as appropriate for the level*. When used as a double bridle, the lower strap of the noseband (flash attachment pictured above with the snaffle), is not permitted.



Micklem Bridle. Permitted for use at any level where snaffles are permitted. Not permitted for use as a double bridle. Bit clips may not be used with this bridle.

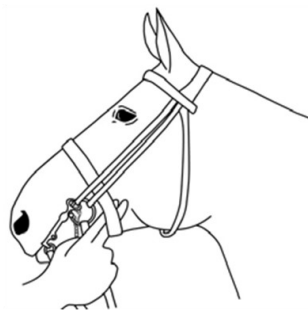
DR120 Dress. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division]
Effective immediately:

3. At all test levels, riders may wear jackets in other colors within the international HSV color scale, as described in FEI Dressage Regulations, Art. 427.1.

Contrast coloring and piping is allowed. Hats, stocks, ties, gloves and riding boots may be the same color as the coat. [...]

6. In extreme heat and/or humidity in all classes including FEI classes at National Competitions, management can allow competitors to show without jackets. However, competitors must wear a regulation hat and solid *or nearly solid* white or very pale colored long or short sleeved shirt *with collar*, without neckwear, *and without decoration except as described under .12 below*. T-shirts are not permitted. Members of the Armed Services or police units may wear summer uniforms. [...]

10. Cooling vests may only be worn underneath a riding jacket with the following exception: If coats are waived, a white or very light solid-colored cooling *or lightweight* vest may be worn over a riding shirt as specified in DR120.6.



DR121 Saddlery and Equipment. [Chapter DR. Dressage Division] **Effective immediately:**

6. Only those bits listed with Figure 1 are allowed. At any level of competition, a cavesson noseband may never be so tightly fixed that it causes severe irritation to the skin, *and must be adjusted to allow at least two fingers under the noseband on the side of the face under the cheekbone*. Cavesson nosebands may be used with a chin pad. At any level of competition, a browband may be multicolored and may be decorated with metal, beads, gemstones and crystals.

We are fortunate to announce **Deryn Stewart** from Ponca City, OK will be at Dwight & Mary Hanson's farm May 8&9 for driving and riding lessons.



She is an excellent instructor for all levels and abilities of carriage driving and ridden dressage. In 2009 she earned the USDF Silver Medal the first time she rode her Warmblood, D'Erin, at the Prix St. Georges Level.

Each 45 minute session is \$65. There will be a speaker system for auditors.

To hold a slot send a check to

Mary Hanson
1285 County Road H
Ithaca NE 68033

There are a limited number of pens for overnight horses for \$10/night/horse. You can also tie your horse to your trailer or use panels or electric fencing overnight if they are trained for that.

We will be hosting a pot luck dinner Saturday night. Everyone is invited. Bring a dessert or salad and your own beverage. We will be grilling brats & hamburgers.

Take advantage of this opportunity to work with one of the top equestrians in the Midwest. For more information, call Mary Hanson 402-432-8746 or email her at hdsdrv@yahoo.com.

Minutes– NDA Board Meeting

February 9, 2010

President Gillian Howell called the February meeting to order at Bredeaux Pizza in Ashland at 6:52 p.m.

Board Members Present: Loye Jaeger, Nancy Dostal, Hannah Brummer, Diana Spaulding, Sydney Ash, Amy Blum, Gillian Howell, and Karen Stricklett.

Board Members Absent: Lisa Van Stratten

NDA Members Present: Donna Michelson and Molly Pearson (present during a portion of the meeting to present an Educational Proposal). Hannah moved to approve the January 2010 Board Meeting Minutes; Loye seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President: No Report

Vice President: Sydney reported that the annual banquet will take place on Saturday, November 6th. A discussion was held about finding a different venue and Sydney agreed to look into holding the banquet at the Iron Horse Country Club or Parkers Restaurant, both in Ashland. A decision will be made at the next board meeting.

Treasurer: Diana presented the Treasurer's Report as of February 9, 2010. The balance in the Main Account as of 2/9/10 was reported to be \$8470.10. The balance in the Show Account as of 2/9/10 was reported to be \$3519.95. Sydney moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Amy seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary: No Report

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Membership:

As of February 9th, NDA had 61 individual and/or participating members and 13 supporting members. Of those totals, we have 8 new members. Karen is currently working on the horse registration list and will be sending lifetime horse registration certificates to all horse owners by April 1st. The "drop dead" deadline for members to be included in the 2010 NDA Handbook is March 12, 2010. It was agreed

that an announcement would be posted in the Contact and on the NDA Website that a horse must be registered with NDA before any of his/her scores are earned if the rider wants those scores to be counted towards year end awards. Membership committee members are Karen Stricklett, Donna Michelson, Lisa Van Stratten and Amy Blum. Donna Michelson has agreed to serve as the Membership Committee Chairperson.

Competitions:

The first Competitions Committee meeting took place on Monday, January 25th at Bredeaux Pizza in Ashland. Members present were Tracie Wang, Steve Gerdes, Heidi Helmer and Julie Hutfless. The minutes from that meeting were provided to the Board for review and will be published in the next issue of the Contact. Of note is that the Schooling Show Championship date has been set for Saturday, August 21, 2010. Upcoming meeting dates will be submitted to the Board and published in the Contact.

Awards:

No official report. Discussion was held, however, regarding Prix Caprilli classes and year end awards. A motion was made by Amy Blum to support the offering of Prix Caprilli classes at Schooling Shows and to also include those scores in the year end awards. Loye seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Communication:

It was noted that the majority of members for 2010 are requesting the online version of the Contact. Amy reported that she had made copies of the December/January Contact and had mailed them out to 9 members who have requested hard copies of the publication. The cost to NDA was minimal.

Publicity:

Loye Jaeger is in charge of the Expo again this year. Loye reported that NDA is a current member of the Nebraska Horse Council. A discussion was held regarding demonstration riders and whether NDA should participate to that extent this year. Loye expressed concern about the amount of work that went into the demonstration rides last year and how time consuming it was for the volunteers who helped set up and tear down the arenas. It was also noted that the costs for stalls and vendor booths have

increased this year and concern was expressed about the costs outweighing the benefit to NDA. Loye noted that we had only 3 people join last year, despite our extensive marketing efforts and daily demonstration rides. It was agreed that we would not have demonstration rides this year, but would have a booth to promote dressage in Nebraska. We would also ask Matt McLaughlin to serve as our spokesperson for the discipline. Karen agreed to ask Matt to “put in a plug” for NDA during his demonstrations at the Expo.

Fund Raising:

Molly Pearson reported that she has begun to receive sponsorships and will continue to solicit sponsorships for NDA.

Equipment Management:

The NDA trailer is located at the Lincoln Equestrian Center. Sydney Ash agreed to sponsor a “clean up party” to prepare the trailer and its contents for the upcoming Shaggy Show.

JR/YR:

Hannah presented the NDA apparel options that will be ordered from Ideal Images, Inc. in Omaha. Ordered items can either be picked up or shipped. All items can be ordered on line. Items that will be available include NDA caps, sweatshirts, sweat pants, t-shirts and polo shirts. Color options and costs were discussed. It was agreed that the deadline for ordering items will be 5/1/10. The goal is to have all apparel items available for pick up at the Cornhusker Classic.

Education:

Molly Pearson presented her proposal for an Educational Event to be sponsored by NDA. This would be a 2 ½ day event to be held in the Summer at the Elkhorn Equestrian Center in Omaha. The event would be entitled “Camp Trot to Tunes” and the clinician would be Ms. Melanie Michalak. Melanie is a USDF “L” graduate with experience teaching

all levels of riders from Introductory Level through FEI. The camp would be aimed toward lower level riders who are curious about using music to improve their horses and will serve as an introduction to musical freestyles in competition. Molly presented a detailed written proposal with estimated costs and benefits to NDA and NDA members. She requested approval of an \$800 contribution from NDA toward clinic costs. Karen moved that this amount be approved; Sydney seconded the motion. Motion carried. It should be noted that Molly will also be requesting a \$500 grant from the USDF Dancing Horse Fund. Molly will be exploring date options and will then provide detailed information about this exciting opportunity in the Contact, on the NDA website and via blast e-mail.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion postponed until the next meeting scheduled for March 9, 2010 at 6:30 pm at Bredeaux Pizza in Ashland.

ADJOURNMENT: Loye moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Nancy seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen L. Stricklett
NDA Secretary



Debbie Sedlacek

Dressage Riding Instructor

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- **Dressage Training (Beginner to FEI level)**
- **Competition Coaching**
- **Horse Boarding**
- **Clinics every 8 weeks with Brad Cutshall from Landmark Farms, Kalamzoo, Michigan. (See NDA Contact Calendar)**

2010 NDA Calendar

April:

19 Cornhusker Classic Committee Meeting– Bredeaux Pizza, Ashland. 6:30pm
Contact: Steve Gerdes, sajgerdes@juno.com

24-25 *Cornhusker Pony Club Shaggy Horse Dressage Show, Fremont, NE*
See www.nebraskadressage.org for entry form and show bill

May:

8-9 Deryn Stewart Clinic, Contact Mary Hanson (see flyer in this issue)

7-9 Clayton Martin Clinic at Elkhorn Equestrian Center in Omaha
Contact: Karen Stricklett, kstricklett@stricklett.com or
Rachael Norton Boone, rachaelnorton1@aol.com

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11-12 Conrad Schumacher Clinic at Providence Farm in Palmyra, NE
Contact: Jami Kment, kjkment@yahoo.com

19 Cornhusker Classic Committee Meeting– Bredeaux Pizza, Ashland. 6:30pm
Contact: Steve Gerdes, sajgerdes@juno.com

21 *Cornhusker Classic Schooling Show, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE*

22, 23 *Cornhusker Classic I & II, USEF Recognized Dressage Competition*
Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE

June:

5-6 Brad Cutshall Clinic at Debbie Sedlacek's Barn in Lincoln, NE
Contact: Debbie Sedlacek, 402-782-2166

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14 Cornhusker Classic Committee Meeting– Post Show meeting and plan for 2011
Bredeaux Pizza in Ashland. Contact: Steve Gerdes, sajgerdes@juno.com

26-27 *Dressage at Colby Creek Schooling Show, Colby Creek Stables, Ithaca, NE*

July:

23-25 NDA Camp Trot to Tunes featuring Melanie S. Michalak
Elkhorn Equestrian Center, see this issue for more information
Contact: Molly Pearson, mollycpearson@gmail.com

The Nebraska Dressage Association is proud to present

CAMP TROT TO TUNES

July 23, 24, & 25, 2010

Elkhorn Equestrian Center in Elkhorn, Nebraska

Featuring Clinician Melanie Michalak

Purpose

The purpose of this educational program will be to teach campers and auditors about using music to improve their horse's rhythm, tempo, and way of going and to have fun doing it!

Desired Participants

Participants of all levels are encouraged to attend this camp. Melanie has experience teaching all levels of riders from Introductory Level through FEI. This camp will be aimed towards lower level riders who are curious about using music to improve their horses and will serve as an introduction to musical freestyles in competition. Upper Level riders will also benefit from Melanie's vast understanding of music and how the appropriate music can improve the overall performance of a musical freestyle. Melanie will also be available to develop and choreograph a freestyle for competition for anyone who is interested for an additional fee.

Clinician

Melanie Michalak is a USDF "L" graduate. She is an active musical freestyle designer, competitor, judge and clinician. She has presented musical freestyle clinics throughout the United States. Melanie's musical freestyles have earned national and international awards at every level through Grand Prix. Her work can be seen throughout the US, Europe, and the Caribbean. Her freestyles have been performed at the Pan American Games and in the United States Equestrian Team Olympic Dressage Trials. She has earned state and national freestyle and USDF Horse of the Year awards on her own horses at several levels. She has published dozens of articles about the interpretation of music, musical freestyle for dressage, and was a regular contributor to Dressage and CT Magazine from 1993 on.

In addition to her equestrian accomplishments, Melanie holds Bachelor and Master of Music degrees, with concentrations in choral music education, Renaissance choral literature, and music theory and composition. She also holds a Diploma in ethnic studies and ethnic music from the Jagiellonian University of Krakow, Poland. Melanie has been director of Choral Music and Theatre at Evergreen Park Community High School, District 231, Evergreen Park, Illinois, since 1982. She continues postgraduate studies in Vocal Performance, Music Education, and Drama. A soprano, she also performs solo recitals throughout the Chicago area.

Melanie is a highly energetic, positive person with a deep understanding of music and its application to the sport of dressage. In her clinics, she inspires riders to strive for the best and to push themselves while having fun with their horses.

Camp Tuition includes:

Lecture & Refreshments Friday, July 23

Private Ride Saturday, July 24

Semi-Private Ride and Quadrille Ride Sunday, July 25

Breakfast, Lunch & Refreshments Saturday and Sunday

Thank you to The Dressage Foundation for approving a Dancing Horse Fund Grant for this Clinic!

CAMP TROT TO TUNES

Sponsored by The Nebraska Dressage Association & The Dressage Foundation

July 23, 24, & 25, 2010

Elkhorn Equestrian Center in Elkhorn, Nebraska

Camp Trot to Tunes is limited to 10 riding participants
Riding spots will be determined on a first come first served basis
Auditors are unlimited

*If there is enough interest, NDA is prepared to offer a fall session of Camp Trot to Tunes so that more riders may participate.
Riders will have the option of being placed on a waiting list for the fall clinic if necessary.*

Camp Participant Information

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____

NDA Member? Yes _____ No _____
Horse's Name: _____ Age/Breed/Height: _____
Horse's Level of Training: _____ Rider's Level of Training: _____
Approximate Level of Horse/Rider Team: _____
Camp Tuition: \$190 (NDA Members) _____
\$230 (Non-NDA Members) _____
Stall (Fri-Sun): \$60 (includes shavings) _____ **Deposit Enclosed:** _____
Total: _____ **Amount Due:** _____

A minimum deposit of \$125 is required to secure a camper space in this clinic. Remainder due on or before July 15, 2010

Auditor Information

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____

NDA Member? Yes _____ No _____
Auditing Fee (NDA Member): Friday Only- \$5: _____ Sat or Sun- \$15: _____ All Days- \$25: _____
Auditing Fee (Non-Member): Friday Only- \$10: _____ Sat or Sun- \$20: _____ All Days- \$30: _____
Breakfast and Refreshments are included in the Auditing Fee.
Lunch is available for an additional \$6 per day. **Total Enclosed:** _____
Lunch: Sat only- \$6 _____ Sun only- \$6 _____ Sat & Sun- \$12 _____

Riders must wear protective head gear at all times when mounted. Riders will be required to sign a liability release prior to mounting.

Please make checks payable to Molly Pearson and mail to 7525 N. 186th Street, Bennington, NE 68007.

Additional information will be forwarded to participating riders and auditors via email.

Questions? Molly: mollycpearson@gmail.com, cell: 479-200-7414



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