

DASC STANDING RULES 2009

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I. Membership

A. Membership Fees (effective December 1, 2008):

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1. Senior Membership - ~~\$47.00~~ per year (~~\$50.00 beginning December 1, 2009~~)

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2. Life Membership - \$500.00

3. Junior Membership - ~~\$30.00~~

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4. \$17 of each paid DASC membership will be forwarded/paid to USDF for USDF Group Membership fee.

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II. Committees

A. The Standing Committees of DASC shall be comprised [at a minimum] of the following functions:

1. Membership Committee

2. Show Approval Committee

3. Championship Show Committee

4. Nominating Committee

5. Standing Rules Committee

6. Sponsorship Committee

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8. Education Committee

9. Annual Banquet/Year End Awards Committee

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Members of Standing Committees will serve for one year subject to appointment by the current Board.

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B. A coordinator of a Standing Committee need not also serve as an Officer of DASC.

C. A coordinator of each Standing Committee is limited to two consecutive terms, but may subsequently be appointed to coordinate another Standing Committee or perform another function of the Board of Directors.

III. Board Disclosure to Membership

A. Approved motions of the Board of Directors shall be communicated by the Secretary, in summary form, to the editor of DASC's publication, *Collected Comments*, and to the Webmaster. Such approved motions shall then be communicated to DASC members through publication in *Collected Comments* and/or the DASC website www.socaldressage.com.

IV. USDF Representatives at Annual Convention

- 1 A. DASC delegates to the USDF Annual Convention shall be selected in the
 2 following order:
 3 1. Executive Officers
 4 2. Board Members
 5 3. Committee Coordinators
 6 4. Any DASC member
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 8 B. In the event many members are interested in going to the Convention, those
 9 DASC members who are not representing the Region 7 or other GMOs as a
 10 Delegate shall be selected first. In the event more people are interested in
 11 going to the Convention than there are Delegate slots, the Board shall make
 12 the final decision regarding the selection of Delegates. All Delegates are
 13 required to attend the USDF Committee meetings and the Regional Meetings
 14 to become informed, so that they may adequately represent DASC at the
 15 USDF Board of Governors' Meeting in its entirety. Since these meetings
 16 generally start on a Wednesday and run through Saturday noontime, Delegates
 17 should understand that they made a commitment be at the Convention and to
 18 attend to DASC business for the duration of this period of time.
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 20 C. Delegates should understand that as a DASC representative they should be at
 21 the convention in time for the first Region 7 Meeting. They are representing
 22 DASC throughout the Convention until they have discharged their official
 23 responsibilities as DASC Delegates at the conclusion of the Board of
 24 Governor's Meeting and shall conduct themselves accordingly.
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26 **V. Eligibility Requirements and Rules for DASC Championship**

- 28 A. Rider ~~and owner~~ must be ~~paid~~ DASC members in good standing (current paid
 29 member) at the time of earning qualifying scores to compete in the
 30 Championship.
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 32 B. Horse/Rider combination must earn at least ~~three~~ qualifying scores from two
 33 different judges. ~~Horse/rider combination need only earn one score at the~~
 34 ~~freestyle level to qualify.~~
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 36 C. Riders may qualify with scores from any test in the level. A horse may NOT
 37 be entered in two divisions (i.e., Open and Adult Amateur) in the same level.
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 39 D. Minimum ~~qualifying scores for each Division/Level are as follows:~~

<u>Level</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Freestyles</u>
<u>Dressage Seat</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>58%</u>	<u>58%</u>	<u>--</u>
<u>Introductory</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>--</u>
<u>Training</u>	<u>65%</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>--</u>
<u>First</u>	<u>65%</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>63%</u>
<u>Second</u>	<u>63%</u>	<u>59%</u>	<u>59%</u>	<u>63%</u>

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<u>Third</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>57%</u>	<u>57%</u>	<u>63%</u>
<u>Fourth</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>57%</u>	<u>57%</u>	<u>63%</u>
<u>Prix. St. George</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>57%</u>	<u>57%</u>	<u>--</u>
<u>Intermediare I</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>57%</u>	<u>57%</u>	<u>63%</u>
<u>Intermediare II</u>	<u>58%</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
<u>Grand Prix</u>	<u>58%</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>63%</u>

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E. Scores must be earned one division per rider.

F. Show scores from DASC approved schooling shows do NOT count toward the DASC Championships.

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G. Scores from any shows not approved by DASC do NOT count.

H. Qualifying scores earned in open classes at the Championship Show WILL count toward the next year's DASC Championship eligibility. Scores in Championship classes WILL NOT.

I. No whips are to be carried in Championship classes.

J. Championship class tests may NOT be called.

K. At no time during the show may any horse entered in a DASC Championship class be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in that class (except for grooms on a loose rein).

L. The Championship classes offered at the DASC Championship Show will be:

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a. Dressage Seat Equitation (Adult Amateur, Junior): to be ridden in head-to-head competition in one class

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b. Introductory Level (Adult Amateur, Junior): riders will compete in both Test A and Test B with the scores being averaged.

c. Training through Intermediare I (Open, Amateur and Junior Division), and Intermediare II and Grand Prix (Open). The highest USEF test at each level will be ridden.

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V. Nomination Requirements and Rules for DASC Year End Awards

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A. Rider and owner must be paid DASC members in good standing at the time scores are earned.

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B. Horse nomination fee must be paid at the time scores are earned.

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1. Horse Annual Fee is \$10.00

2. Horse Lifetime Fee is \$50.00

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3. DASC Horse Nominations are **not transferable**. Should the horse be sold, the new owner is responsible for a new nomination.

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C. Horse/rider combination may earn scores at any test in the level to qualify.

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1 1. Horse/rider combination may only compete in two consecutive levels
2 in any one year, ie, First and Second Level, but not First and Third
3 Level. If a horse has competed at multiple levels, the DASC YEA
4 Committee will automatically score the horse for YEA at the two
5 highest levels of competition unless otherwise desired, in writing, by
6 the horse owner to the DASC Office prior to August 31 of the
7 competition year.

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8 D. Minimum qualifying scores for each division and level as follows:

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9 1. Introductory Level through Fourth Level: Rider/horse combinations
10 must earn a minimum of six scores from a minimum of three different
11 judges. Median score (center score of total scores) will be the YEA
12 score. If there are an even number of scores, the two center scores will
13 be averaged together to obtain the final score. Winner with the highest
14 median score wins the level. Minimum median score must be 58% or
15 higher to qualify.

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16 2. FEI Levels: Rider/horse combinations must earn a minimum of three
17 scores from a minimum of two different judges to qualify. Median
18 score (center score of total scores) will be the YEA score. If there are
19 an even number of scores, the two center scores will be averaged
20 together to obtain the final score. Winner with the highest median
21 score wins the level. Minimum median score must be 58% or higher
22 to qualify.

23 VI. Nomination Requirements and Rules for DASC Year End Breed Awards

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24 A. Rider(s) and owner must be paid members at the time scores are earned.

25 B. Horse Nomination must have been paid at the time scores are earned.

26 C. Copy of horse's breed registration papers must be on file with the DASC
27 office at the time scores are earned.

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28 D. Horse can only compete for one breed in a show year, even if they have
29 papers from multiple registries.

30 E. Horse must earn a minimum of six scores from a minimum of three different
31 judges. Median score is the center score or average of the two center scores if
32 an even number.

33 F. Scores for these awards can be earned with multiple riders from any division
34 (O/AA/Jr) at multiple levels. DASC awards one breed award per breed, so all
35 scores are combined from all levels to achieve the median score.

36 G. Standing Breed Awards: The following is a list of breed awards that will be
37 awarded by breed.

38 1. Arabian

39 2. Half Arabian

40 3. American Warmblood (AWR/AWS)

41 4. Danish Warmblood

42 5. Dutch Warmblood

43 6. Friesian

44 7. Hanoverian

45 8. Holsteiner

46 9. Iberian (Lippizan, Andalusian, Lusitano)

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10. Morgan
11. Oldenburg Verband
12. Oldenburg/ISR
13. Pony (USEF measurement card required)
14. Quarter Horse
15. Swedish Warmblood
16. Thoroughbred
17. Trakehner
18. Westfalen

H. Breed Group Awards

1. Grey Poupon Award: Given to the highest median score horse that has registration papers on file but is not one of the breeds listed above.
2. Heinz 57 Award: Given to the highest median score horse that does not have any verifiable registration papers whatsoever.

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VII. Show Approvals

A. Application Process

1. The approval fee of \$25.00 for a one-day show and \$20 per day for multiple day shows are due together with the proposed show date application, including signature, to the DASC Office Manager,
2. All applications for show dates in the following year shall be made on the form provided by the Association. It is recommended that all show applications be forwarded **by certified mail** or other process which shows date of receipt by DASC. Applications must be received by DASC on or before September 1st to preserve historic dates. Comparable dates will not be reserved after that time. An officer of the show must sign this form. It is understood in applying for dates that the Show agrees to abide by the rules of the Association. All applications after September 1 must be postmarked at least six weeks prior to the start of the show. The board has the unilateral right to refuse approval of any show that they feel is not in the best interest of the members or of the Association.
3. A show may declare inactive status on or before January 31 of the year before the show would take place. This would allow a given competition to "bank" a date and still retain the rights to it. No extra fee would be required since the date holder has already applied and paid the approval fees. A show date may not be banked if the corresponding previous year's horse show was cancelled. This rule will be reviewed on a yearly basis.
4. Mileage requirements will be as stipulated by current USEF rules. Conflicts will be approved only by written agreement between the two conflicting competitions.

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1 | **VII. Requirements for DASC recognition**

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3 A. The management of the competition shall apply to DASC at least six (6)
4 weeks prior to the date of the show in order for the show to be published in
5 *Collected Comments*. Upon approval the competition will be added
6 immediately to the DASC website's event calendar.

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8 B. The application shall be mailed to the DASC Office Manager ASAP,
9 including the show name, address, date, both show manager's and show
10 secretary's names, addresses and telephone numbers, name(s) of the judge(s),
11 and names of other organizations recognizing the show(attach application
12 made to USEF or recognition number received from USEF; recognition fee of
13 \$25.00 per one-day show or \$20 per day for multiple day shows. The
14 application shall be accompanied by proof of insurance if the show is not a
15 USEF show, Show approval will be withheld for show applications received
16 less than 45 days prior to the competition date.

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18 C. The prize list/entry form shall include:

- 19 1. A current DASC membership application form.
- 20 2. A \$1.00 per horse to the DASC Championship Show Fee, preferably listed
21 underneath the stated drug fee.
- 22 3. A space requesting the DASC Rider non-member fee (\$5.00) and DASC
23 Owner non-member fee (\$5.00). Current CDS members are not required
24 to pay this fee.
- 25 4. A space for the DASC membership number for rider, owner, and horse.
- 26 5. A DASC fee shall not be combined with other fees on the entry form.
- 27 6. The show management shall submit their show's competition report to
28 DASC within ten days following the event. The report shall be typed or
29 printed CLEARLY. The DASC Championship fees and Non-Member
30 fees MUST accompany this report.
- 31 7. Only shows sponsored by organizations within the State of California or
32 those approved by DASC will be recognized by DASC.
- 33 8. DASC members who participate in a DASC recognized show shall not be
34 required to pay non-member fees to any other California GMO, i.e.
35 California Dressage Society ("CDS") in order to participate in the show
36 (National Federation, USEF or national breed organization exempted).
- 37 9. USEF rules regarding dressage competitions shall be followed. A Rule
38 Book can be obtained from USEF, 4047 Iron Parkway, Lexington, KY
39 40511, or on their website at www.usef.org. DASC follows USEF rules
40 with regard to show conflicts arising from location problems.
- 41 10. The competition shall be open to DASC members.
- 42 11. The competition, including Training Level classes, must be judged by a
43 recognized USEF judge. A list of USEF judges is in the USEF Official's
44 Roster. The following applies to all DASC recognized shows: A small "r"
45 judge may judge ONLY through Level II; a large "R" judge may judge
46 ONLY through Level IV; an "S" judge may judge all levels.

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1 12. VIOLATION OF DASC SHOW REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN
2 LOSS OF FUTURE RECOGNITION.

3 13. Send all show information (applications, fees, prize lists, etc.) to: DASC,
4 PO Box 1160, Moorpark, CA 93020.

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DASC Show Committee, 1310 North
Maryland Avenue, Glendale, California
91207, (818) 242-6247

6 **IX.** **Statement of Show Standards**

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8 A. Shows recognized by DASC shall register with the California Department of
9 Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health at least 30 days prior to the event,
10 collect the prescribed fee per horse, and send it to the Bureau, CDFA, Animal
11 Health Branch, P.O. Box 942871, Rm. A-107, Sacramento, CA 94271-0001.
12 Telephone (916) 654-1447; Fax (916) 653-2215.

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14 B. Facilities – Suitable grounds shall include as a minimum:

15 1. Dressage Arena

16 (a) Must be regulation size – 20 x 60 meters

17 (i) Only Training Level may be offered in small arena
18 (short court, 20m x 40m);

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19 (ii) Most competitors prefer to ride tests in the large arena.

20 2. Warm-up Arena

21 (a) Must be far enough away from the performance area so as
22 not to disturb the competitors during their tests.

23 (b) Must be of sufficient size for several competitors to prepare
24 their horses at the same time.

25 (c) Must have good footing, comparable in quality to the
26 performance arena.

27 3. Parking

28 (a) Must be adequate to accommodate safely all competitors
29 accepted.

30 (b) Must not be so close as to interfere with the exhibitors
31 during their warm-up or competition.

32 (c) Water must be available on the show grounds near the
33 parking area.

34 4. Restrooms

35 (a) Clean lavatory facilities shall be available to exhibitors and
36 spectators and adequate to accommodate the anticipated
37 number of people.

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38 5. Stabling

39 (a) Shows of more than one day must have a statement in the
40 prize list regarding the availability of stabling.

41 (b) If stabling is not readily available, the show must include in
42 the prize list a schedule of classes so that competitors can
43 decide on which day to attend the show.

44 (c) Adequate water shall be located close to stabling.

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46 C. Judges

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1. The competition must be judged by a recognized USEF Dressage Judge. This includes Training Level and USDF Walk/Trot classes.
2. The show should confirm in writing their agreement with the judge as to fees, dates, accommodations, travel arrangements, and classes to be judged. Agreement should also be made as to remuneration in case of cancellation.
3. No judge shall be required to officiate longer than 8 hours in one day.
- 4.. Adequate breaks must be provided for in the time schedule.

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D. Tests

1. Official USDF, USEF, and FEI test must be used.
2. Tests may be obtained from USDF, USEF, and FEI websites.

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E. Prize List

1. Shall include:
 - (a) Name of show and sponsoring group(s)
 - (b) Date and location of show
 - (c) Name(s) of judge(s) and Technical Delegate (if applicable)
 - (d) List of show management officials with telephone numbers
 - (e) Statement as to organization(s) recognizing show \
 - (f) DASC Membership information, including current membership form or a reasonable facsimile
 - (g) DASC Champion Show fee of \$1.00 per horse
 - (h) DASC Non-Member Fee (\$5.00) for rider and/or owner
 - (i) Statement as to awards to be presented
 - (j) Statement as to entry and drug fees, and stabling fees, if applicable
 - (k) Classes to be offered
 - (l) List of regulations including tests to be used, arena size, policy on refunds, and the statement that "Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith."
 - (m) Statement as to stabling available
 - (n) Schedule of classes.
 - (o) Statement as to post entries, closing date and any late fees

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2. Entry Forms must have a space for:

- (a) Class numbers
- (b) Name of horse, owner, rider, and DASC membership numbers.
- (c) Entry fees, drug fees and DASC Championship Show Fee of \$1.00
- (d) Current USEF release and signatures
- (e) Exhibitor's address and telephone number

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F. Officials

1. Shall be responsible for the organization and operation of the show and shall enforce all the rules:
 - (a) Shall eliminate ineligible entrants
 - (b) Shall disqualify any person who acts or incites others to act in any manner contrary to DASC Rules or in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or prejudicial to the best interests of DASC
 - (c) Shall pay indebtedness of the show
 - (d) Shall send results to DASC
 - (e) Shall keep all records for one (1) year in the event DASC should need to refer to them.
2. The show must have enough officials so that it will run smoothly: a clerk for each judge, two scorers, paddock steward and secretary.

G. Schedule

1. Rides should be scheduled in such a way that riders have time to prepare their horses sufficiently and that horses have enough rest between rides.
2. Rider must not be forced to ride prior to schedules times.

H. Scoring

1. Tests should be collected from the judge after each ride, added twice and the scores posted immediately, NOT at the end of each class.
2. Tests must be given to exhibitors when the class is completed and the awards presented.
3. Exhibitors must be kept away from the scorers to avoid distractions which could lead to errors, and must never be allowed to see the other exhibitors' test sheets.

AMENDMENT OF STANDING RULES

Standing Rules should contain only such rules as may be adopted without previous notice by a majority vote at any business meeting, ~~(unless otherwise stipulated in the text of the specific rule, e.g. Section VI, Show Approvals, which may be amended once per year).~~ The vote on their adoption, or their amendment, before or after adoption, may be reconsidered. At any meeting they may be suspended by a majority vote, or they may be amended or rescinded by a two-thirds vote. If notice of the proposed action was given at a previous meeting or in the call for this meeting, they may be amended or rescinded by a majority vote. As a majority may suspend any of them for that meeting, these rules do not interfere with the freedom of any meeting. The following is an example of resolving a standing rule:

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1 | “Resolved, that the meetings of this society from January 1, to November 30, shall begin at
2 | 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month via teleconference or in person unless
3 | otherwise agreed upon by the current Board members to accommodate attendance. Any
4 | changes to the schedule will be posted on the DASC website to notify membership.

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