

DASC STANDING RULES 2016

I. Membership

A. Annual Membership Fees (effective December 1, 2015):

1. Senior Membership - \$60.00
2. Life Membership - \$750.00
3. Junior Membership - \$40.00
4. Horse Registration - \$10.00
5. Optional Alternative Qualification Registration fee - \$10.00

NOTE: \$20 of each paid DASC membership will be forwarded/paid to USDF for USDF Group Membership fee.

II. Code of Conduct

A. Board of Directors (BOD) Volunteerism

Volunteering time and talents to further the dressage community is a noble activity. This activity comes with time responsibilities. Please be prepared to donate between 5 and 10 hours per month to DASC when considering a BOD post. These hours will be dedicated to actively governing the organization and will include: email communications with timely response, attendance in meetings both electronically and in person and committee leadership. While the vast majority of the work is self managed, in person attendance four times per year is expected.

B. In Kind Volunteerism Stipend

DASC cannot operate without countless hours of volunteerism. Stipends are available to BOD and BOD appointed committee members to offset , in small part, the opportunity cost of volunteerism.

- a) Annual Award Banquet Ticket. BOD and committee members that actively served in the previous year will be eligible for one complimentary banquet ticket as awarded by the President.
- b) DASC Membership. Executive Committee and Committee Chairs that actively served in the previous year will be eligible for one year of complimentary DASC membership as awarded by the President.
- c) Championship Show Celebration. Every BOD and committee member that actively volunteers at the Championship Show will be invited to participate at the show re-cap party.

C. Members

DASC is a volunteer operated organization. Members of good standing acknowledge an obligation to uphold and adhere to the highest standards of sportsmanship when interfacing with DASC volunteers on administrative matters. Verbal abuse including name calling and unwarranted criticism of volunteer efforts will not be tolerated. Failure to conduct oneself cordially with DASC volunteers may result in loss of DASC membership privileges.

III. Governance

A. The Standing Committees of DASC shall work on key projects and submit recommendations to the BOD for approval. The committees shall be comprised [at a minimum] of the following functions:

1. Membership Committee: The membership committee shall be tasked with member recruitment efforts, member communications, member outreach including newsletters and service recovery.
2. Championship Show Committee: The Show Committee shall be tasked with all arrangements pertaining to the annual DASC Championship show including, but not limited to: Official selection, location, awards, management team and hospitality.
3. Representative Oversight Committee: The Representative Oversight Committee shall be tasked with soliciting and vetting nominating committee members for DASC Board Member candidates. Nominating committee members are not board members. The committee shall oversee interface with USDF on Region 7 representation including: convention delegate selection. The committee has recruit DASC members for committee participation.
4. The Administrative Committee: The Administrative Committee shall be tasked with: review and maintenance of the DASC Standing Rules – Bylaws and Budget.
5. Sponsorship Committee: The Sponsorship Committee shall be tasked seeking out DASC sponsorship opportunities including, but not limited to: Championship show.
6. Program Planning Committee: Shall oversee the planning and development for special activities of DASC including, but not limited to: Annual Banquet/ Year end awards, educational forums hosted by DASC.
7. A Junior Liaison shall be appointed by the BOD and interface with standing committees to insure the needs of this population are considered in decision making.

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

C. A chair of a Standing Committee does not need to be an Officer of DASC.

D. A chair of each Standing Committee is limited to two consecutive terms, unless there is no other interested person, and may subsequently be appointed to continue to serve as committee chair, coordinate another Standing Committee or perform another function of the Board of Directors.

E. Board Transparency to Membership

1. Approved motions of the Board of Directors shall be communicated by the Secretary, in summary form and approved motions shall then be communicated to DASC members through the DASC website www.socaldressage.com.

2. Membership Committee Chair shall insure that membership is kept up to date on DASC activities via regular postings on the DASC website www.socaldressage.com, facebook and constant contact emails.

3. Secretary shall utilize online survey tools, such as survey monkey, when key questions that impact membership relations are entertained and communicate survey results to the Board of Directors.

F. DASC Representatives at USDF Annual Convention

1. DASC delegates to the USDF Annual Convention shall be selected in the following order: Executive Officers, Board Members, Committee Coordinators, Any DASC member.

2. In the event many members are interested in going to the Convention, those DASC members who are not representing the Region 7 or other GMOs as a Delegate shall be selected first. In the event more people are interested in going to the Convention than there are Delegate slots, the Board shall make the final decision regarding the selection of Delegates. All Delegates are required to attend the USDF Committee meetings and the Regional Meetings to become informed, so that they may adequately represent DASC at the USDF Board of Governors' Meeting in its entirety. Since these meetings generally start on a Wednesday and run through Saturday noontime, Delegates should understand that they made a commitment be at the Convention and to attend to DASC business for the duration of this period of time.

3. Delegates should understand that as a DASC representative they should be at the convention in time for the first Region 7 Meeting. They are responsible for representing DASC throughout the Convention until they have discharged their official responsibilities as DASC Delegates at the conclusion of the Board of Governor's Meeting and shall conduct themselves accordingly.

4. DASC representative will received a \$500 stipend of offset convention expenses.

V. DASC Championship Rules and Requirements

A. Horse and Rider must be current paid DASC member in good standing at the time of earning qualifying scores to compete in the Championship.

B. Horse/Rider combination must earn at least three qualifying scores from two different judges. Horse/rider combination need only earn one score at the freestyle level to qualify.

C. Riders may qualify with scores from any test in the level. Cross entry is not allowed in two divisions (i.e., Open and Adult Amateur, Open and Junior, etc).

D. Minimum qualifying scores for each Division/Level are as follows:

Level	Open	AA	Junior	Freestyle
Equitation		58	58	
Introductory		60	60	
Training	65	60	60	63
First	65	60	60	63
Second	63	59	59	63
Third	60	57	57	63
Fourth	60	57	57	63
Prix St. George	60	57	57	
Intermediare I	60	57	57	63
Intermediare II	58			
Grand Prix	58			63

E. Scores must be earned one division per rider.

F. Qualifying scores may be obtained in two ways:

F1. Through attendance at DASC rated shows

F2. Through utilization of the alternative qualification method outlined below:

F2a) Any DASC member may opt for the alternative qualification method by registering as an alternative qualifier and paying the \$10.00 alternative qualification fee.

F2b) Alternative qualifiers may utilize score from any USEF/USDF recognized show held within USDF Region 7.

F2c) It is the responsibility of the member to submit qualifying scores to DASC for approval. Utilizing score check verification sheet from USDF. Individualized test sheet may be accepted by DASC management if there is evidence that an omission has occurred in the USDF database (ie: introductory level)

F2d) All fees must be paid prior to dates scores are earned, they are not retroactive.

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 **may** include:

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

b. **Introductory Level (Adult Amateur, Junior):** To be ridden at introductory level test C.

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.

d. Training level through Grand Prix Freestyles. (Two division offered: Open and Junior/ Adult Amateur)

V. Nomination Requirements and Rules for DASC Year End Awards

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

B. Horse must have paid annual registration at the time scores are earned.

1. Horse Annual Fee is \$10.00

2. DASC Horse registrations are not transferable. Should the horse be sold, the new owner is responsible for a new registration.

3. Only DASC recognized scores count, unless horse has been enrolled in the Alternative Qualification program.

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

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

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

1. Introductory Level through Fourth Level: Rider/horse combinations must earn a minimum of six (6) scores from a minimum of three (3) different judges. The median score will be the YEA score. Winner with the highest median score wins the level. Minimum median score must be 58% or higher to qualify.

2. Freestyle/FEI Levels: Rider/horse combinations must earn a minimum of three (3) scores from a minimum of two (2) different judges to qualify. The median score will be the YEA score. Winner with the highest median score wins the level. Minimum median score must be 58% or higher to qualify.

3. Divisions offered include: Junior, Open, Adult Amateur. Top 3 placings per division will be awarded.

4. Alternative Qualification program members applying for these awards are responsible for submitting all applicable scores to DASC for consideration, as DASC only receives scores from DASC recognized shows.

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

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

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

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

D. Horse can only compete for one breed in a show year, even if they have papers from multiple registries. This must be declared at the time of horse registration/renewal.

E. Horse must earn a minimum of six (6) scores from a minimum of three (3) different judges. Scores from all recognized competitions will be median and ranked for awards. Out of area Members applying for these awards are responsible for submitting all applicable scores to DASC for consideration.

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

G. Alternative Qualification program members applying for these awards are responsible for submitting all applicable scores to DASC for consideration, as DASC only receives scores from DASC recognized shows.

H. **Standing Breed Awards:** The following is a list of breed awards that may be awarded by breed. The champion and reserve shall be awarded.

1. Arabian

2. American Warmblood (AWR/AWS)

3. Danish Warmblood

4. Dutch Warmblood

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| 5. Friesian | 7. Holsteiner |
| 6. Hanoverian | 8. Iberian (Lippizan, Andalusian, Lusitano) |
| 9. Morgan | 13. Swedish Warmblood |
| 10. Oldenburg | 14. Thoroughbred |
| 11. Pony (USEF measurement card required) | 15. Trakehner |
| 12. Quarter Horse | 16. 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.

Special awards given at banquet include: trainer of year, student of year, volunteer of year. These awards are determined by nominations provided by the entire membership and selected by the activities section of the Program Planning committee.

VII. DASC 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 January 1st of the applicable show year 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 January 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

VIII. Requirements for DASC recognition

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

B. The application shall be mailed to the DASC Office Manager ASAP, including the show name, address, date, both show manager’s and show secretary’s names,

2. Tests may be obtained from USDF, USEF, and FEI websites.

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 addresses and telephone numbers, name(s) of the judge(s), and names of other organizations recognizing the show (attach application made to USEF or recognition number received from USEF; recognition fee of \$25.00 per one-day show or \$20 per day for multiple day shows. The application shall be accompanied by proof of insurance if the show is not a USEF show. Show approval will be withheld for show applications received less than 45 days prior to the competition date.

C. The prize list/entry form shall include:

1. A current DASC membership application form.

2. A \$3.00 per horse to the DASC Show Fee, preferably listed underneath the stated drug fee.

3. A space requesting the DASC Rider non-member fee (\$5.00) and DASC Owner non-member fee (\$5.00). Current CDS members are not required to pay this fee.

4. A space for the DASC membership number for rider, owner, and horse.

5. A DASC fee shall not be combined with other fees on the entry form.

6. The show management shall submit their show's competition report to DASC within ten days following the event. The report shall be typed or printed CLEARLY. The DASC Championship fees and Non-Member fees MUST accompany this report.

7. DASC members who participate in a DASC recognized show shall not be required to pay non-member fees to any other California GMO, i.e. California Dressage Society ("CDS") in order to participate in the show (National Federation, USEF or national breed organization exempted).

8. USEF rules regarding dressage competitions shall be followed. A Rule Book can be obtained from USEF, 4047 Iron Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511, or on their website at www.usef.org. DASC follows USEF rules with regard to show conflicts arising from location problems.

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

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

IX. Statement of Show Standards

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

B. Shows recognized by DASC must meet or exceed current USEF show facilities standards as stated at USEF.org

C. Judges

1. The competition must be judged by a recognized USEF Dressage Judge. This includes Introductory and Training Level in accordance with USEF guidelines.

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. Daily judging shifts shall be in accordance with USEF Dressage Judge guidelines.

D. Tests

1. Official USDF, USEF, and FEI tests must be used.

(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 fee of \$3.00 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

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 \$3.00
- (d) Current USEF release and signatures
- (e) Exhibitor's address and telephone number

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 accordance with current USEF dressage regulations.

2. Rider must not be forced to ride prior to scheduled 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.