

ARIZONA STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Qualifying period for AZ State Championships:

October 1 through September 30th of the following year

The Arizona State Dressage Championship Rules and required Nomination Form appear in the Arizona Dressage Omnibus or ADA, www.azdressage.org; TDC, www.tucsondressageclub.org. Updates will be posted on these websites, if required.

Nomination

Horses must be nominated to be eligible for participation in the Arizona State Championships. The nominating fee and form must be received BEFORE any scores will count toward qualification. The nominating fee is \$25 per horse. Since only one horse/rider combination can compete at State Championships, the fee is only paid one time per year and goes toward the horse. The horse may be ridden by multiple riders during the show year. Qualifying scores must be earned by the horse/rider combination, even though the nomination fee is paid on the horse. If multiple riders qualify on the same horse, **one rider only** may compete in the State Championship classes and the concurrent Arizona Dressage Association Fall Fiesta show. See State Championship Rule 5.

Qualifying

Open to any Arizona competitor, including student competitor (U.S. citizenship not required). Rider must be a member of an Arizona GMO (GMO = Group Member Organization of USDF – United States Dressage Federation) by August 31st to ride in the current year's State Championship show classes held in November. Rider need not be a member of an Arizona GMO at the time the qualifying scores are earned.

Competition year for the 2018 State Championships qualifying is from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. The Arizona State Dressage Championship classes are held in conjunction with ADA Fall Fiesta, November 3-4, 2018. **Horse/rider combinations must earn two (2) qualifying scores under two (2) different judges from USEF/USDF-recognized "open" Dressage classes offered at Dressage competitions recognized by the ADA and TDC and held in the State of Arizona between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018 in any test of the level.** (Dressage competitions interested in obtaining recognition from the ADA and TDC, please contact scores@azdressage.org for details. Fees apply.) Riders who use a qualifying score from a **recognized** non-ADA/TDC-hosted Dressage competition may be responsible for submitting proof of qualifying scores (copies of signed score sheets or USDF scores report) to the State Championships Show Secretary with their show entry and understand that their name(s) may not appear on any published qualifying lists.

Horse/rider combinations which have won a State Championship may no longer compete in a State Championship competition, in that division, at that or a lower level (Grand Prix Level excepted).

Horse/rider combination must declare Rider's status (Open, Adult Amateur or Junior/Young Rider) and must provide proof of eligibility to show management.

Competition

Qualifying competitions must be USEF licensed and open Dressage classes must be USDF recognized. Non ADA/TDC-hosted competitions must apply annually before November 1st for ADA/TDC recognition. Email scores@azdressage.org for details.

Qualified horse/riders/level will be published in the TDC [Transitions](#) and the ADA [Centerline](#) and on the TDC website (tucsondressageclub.org) and the ADA website, (azdressage.org). Copies of the list of qualifiers will be sent to all Arizona GMO's. Any rider who does not appear on the qualifying list (and who believes that s/he has

indeed qualified) must supply a photocopy of the face of both qualifying test sheet rides OR copies of USDF records of qualifying rides to the show secretary upon entering Arizona State Dressage Championship classes.

1. Championship Classes will be double judged.
2. The highest test of the level will be ridden from memory.
3. NO WHIPS may be carried in Championship Classes.
4. Cross entering divisions is not permitted unless at levels that do not offer separate divisions.
5. **At no time during the Championship or the concurrent Open Show may any horse entered in the Championship competition be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the Championship competition on that horse (Exception: grooms riding on loose rein). Further, any horse entered in the Championship competition, even if entered at two levels, must be ridden by the same rider throughout all days of the competition, including the Open Show held in conjunction with the Championships show. Two shows held over the same weekend will be considered a single show. This rule applies as soon as the horse is on the grounds.**
6. Championship Classes will follow US Equestrian Federation and FEI rules regarding attire and equipment. Ring stewards will check saddlery and inspect bits of each horse immediately after it has completed its test and has left the arena. Any discrepancy to the saddlery or equipment rules will entail immediate elimination (See DR121.8).
7. Horse/rider combinations which have won a State Championship may no longer compete in a State Championship competition, in that division, at that or a lower level (Grand Prix Level excepted).
8. In the event of a tie (equality of total points) for Champion and/or Reserve Champion in Championship classes, the collective marks will determine first, second and/or third places (i.e., when a tie for first place is broken by collective marks, tied competitors will receive first and second places, etc.) If collective marks are equal, the tie will remain unbroken (i.e., two first places will be awarded, next third place, etc.) This policy for breaking ties will also apply to subsequent placing in the class. In the case of a tie (equality of total points and collective marks) for Champion, prize money, (if offered) for Champion and Reserve Champion will be combined and divided equally between the competitors. See USEF Rules DR123.3 and DR123.6.

The following shows (subject to change) are qualifiers for 2018 Arizona State Championships:

ADA Fall Fiesta	November 4-5, 2017
TDC Fall Festival I & II	November 17-18, 2017
TDC Winter Heat I & II	January 20-21, 2018
ADA Fun in February	February 10, 2018
TDC March Madness I & II	March 17-18, 2018
ADA Spring Celebration	April 14-15, 2018
Road Runner I & II	June 2-3 & July 14-15, 2018
ADA Mountain Air & Dressage in the Pines	August 11-12, 2018

AWARDS

- Award and ribbon to Champion. Reserve Champion ribbon and ribbons 3rd through 6th place in each Championship class.
- Scores from Championship classes do not count towards open show high points or any ADA or TDC Year End Awards.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS CEREMONIES

- Riders placing in State Championships classes must be present, mounted and in full riding attire for award ceremonies.
- Horse leg wraps may be white or black.
- Competitors may decline to participate in the victory round.

- Failure, without prior permission of the competition manager, to be present and properly attired will eliminate the official score and placing, and the next highest score will move up.
- If Awards Ceremonies are scheduled in conflict with a competitor's/horse's preparation or scheduled ride, the competitor and/or horse will be excused from the Awards Ceremony. Management will attempt to allow the rider and/or horse to be recognized at a subsequent Awards Ceremony at that show, if requested.
- The tentative schedule and procedure for the Awards Ceremony schedule will be posted in the show secretary's office by noon on the day prior to the start of the competition.