

Dressage Suitability In-Hand Classes

By CGHC Rules and Pertinent USEF Rules

1. A horse shall be disqualified for unsoundness by final word of the judge. In Dressage Suitability In-Hand classes, unsoundness is defined as showing evidence of lameness. Refer to USEF DR119.1 regarding loss of sight.
2. Only one handler per horse is permitted.
3. The class is open to horses under the age of 4 years old and may be further subdivided by Competition Management at their discretion.
4. Youth may not show a stallion.
5. The judge may excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger handlers, officials, or other exhibitors.
6. Horses are being shown to the right individually on the triangle. Following a posted order, entries in each class will approach the judging area one at a time, walk to the apex of the triangle, and await the judge's request to proceed on the triangle.
7. The Handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle at a walk and a trot, returning to the apex to stand the horse for conformation judging or to repeat any movement at the judge's request. Repetition of all or part of the movement on the triangle may be allowed at the judge's request only.
8. At the completion of judging, the handler will lead the horse away from the judging area. The next entry will enter the judging area promptly.
9. The judge may elect to judge conformation either before or after judging the horse's movement on the triangle. The horse should be shown square and not parked out.
10. After all the horses are shown on the triangle, some or all may be recalled at the judge's discretion (depending on size, format, and schedule of the competition) to be shown in groups at a walk and a trot. Horses shown as a group may not necessarily work on the triangle. At the discretion of the judge, they may be asked to move at a walk and trot, either in line or moving around the arena. Horses will stand for conformation judging before and/or after the completion of the horse's movement.
11. Mares and Geldings may be shown in a bridle with a snaffle type bit (see USEF DR121, figure 1A) with no shanks or in a halter. Nosebands are optional for Dressage Suitability in Hand classes. All horses under two years of age must be shown in a halter. Stallions three years and older must be shown in a bridle with a snaffle bit with no shanks or with a stallion bit. A split or single chain lead may be used instead of a rein. Leads should be at least 6' long. Knotted training rope halters are prohibited. Gag and twisted bits of any type are prohibited.
12. One in-hand whip carried by the handler is allowed.
13. Dress for handlers may be English or Sport type in dressed a safe, neat, and clean manner. Evening Dressage Suitability In-Hand attire may consist of more formal attire including suits or tuxedos for men and pants and dress jackets for ladies.
14. Unauthorized assistance by individuals outside the competition ring is not permitted.

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Dressage Suitability In-Hand Scoresheet

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Purpose: To evaluate potential, suitability and qualities as a dressage horse.

Name of Competition

Participation: Open to horses 5 years old or under.

Date of Competition

Recommendations:
Average time: 3-4 minutes per entry.

Number and Name of Class

Requirements: Horses must travel to the right on the triangle (see diagram), first at the walk and then at the trot. Horses will stand in "open position" for conformation judging, before and/or after movement judging.

Number and Name of Horse

Name of Handler

FINAL SCORE

Points

Percentage

Name of Judge

