

DRESSAGE SCORING

Scorers:

- Most qualifying events will need 3-4 competent, preferably experienced people to score depending on the scoring system used.
- Scorers should be allocated a quiet area to work; where possible in a separate space away from enquiries and interruptions.

Scoring System:

- EA has free dressage scoring software available online
<http://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/?Page=18761&MenuID=Rules%2F11759%2F0%2CDressage%2F11745%2F668%2F0>
- A spreadsheet may also be used. From 2012, judges may give half marks for each movement and collective mark so the scoring system used must allow for this.
- The format should include the following information: IQ number, Horse, Rider, School and Columns for judge/s score, Errors, Total and Place. The final result sheet for each class must include Event and Date, Test details e.g. Secondary 1C, Judges names and positions (i.e. E,H,C,M or B)
- The event draw should be used to set up computer based scoring or manual spreadsheets before the event with competitor and horse names, school, IQ number etc.

Scoring procedures list:

(Tasks may be divided between the scorers e.g. 1 scorer to process the tests, 2 scorers to add and check and another to enter)

- Receive the test sheets from the runners
- Collate the test sheets; if 2 or more judges, staple each rider's sheets together making sure sheets are for the same horse/rider combination and the same test number. Ensure sheets are always stabled together in the same order; generally in the order E, H, C, M, B depending on at which of these positions the judges are placed. Positions will be noted on the test sheets.
- It is helpful at this point to mark names off an up-to-date master draw as tests are received.
- Check that all movements have a mark entered, any alterations are initialled by the judge and the test sheet is signed by the judge. Mark must include the decimal i.e. .0 (if a whole number) or .5.
- Where a coefficient is noted in the "Coefficient" column, the mark for that movement is multiplied by the coefficient.
- Check for Errors of Course and make sure these are marked at the end of the sheet, "Course Errors", and total written in the box "Minus Total Errors" i.e. 1st error is -2, 2nd error is -4 therefore two errors would equal -6 in total.
- If a mark, signature or error of course is missing, return the sheet immediately to the judge concerned.

*NB: Marks on the test sheets **must not be altered** other than calculating movements with coefficients.*

The following steps may be done manually or as part of a computer based scoring program:

- Add each sheet up to find the "Total Marks"
- Deduct any penalties for errors of course from the Total Marks on each sheet to get the "Final Mark"
- Calculate the percentage for each judge by dividing the "Final Mark" by the total marks possible for that test and multiplying by 100. Scores are written in percentages to 3 decimal points.
- Additions must be checked for errors. Then the "Final Score" and "Total Score in %" are written in pen.
- Calculate the competitor's score by adding the percentages of all the judges together and dividing by the number of judges for that test. Scores are displayed to three decimal points.
- Transcribe scores **including errors** to the Master Score Sheet or into the computer if steps above are done manually.
- Determine when all test sheets from a competition have been received and processed by checking the master draw and any scratchings from gear check.

- Rank the scores from highest to lowest percentage. The highest percentage receives first place and so on.
- HC (Hors Concours) entrants may be ranked but do not receive a placing or prize; HC is entered into the placing column in this case.
- For IQ competitions, placings of any tied scores in the prize winners (e.g. 1st to 6th) are determined on count back (refer IQ handbook 6.3). Count back is unnecessary for any tied scores below the prize winners.
- Once the placings have been determined, the final results are printed – recommend 3 copies plus one for each judge.
- Copies go as soon as possible to the competition judges to sign off on. The chief judge signs and returns one copy (the Master Copy) and each judge of that competition gets another copy.
- A copy is posted on the scoreboard as soon as possible and the Master Copy is retained in the scoring area. Note the time of posting on the Master Sheet.
- The test sheets should immediately be made available for riders to collect.
- A further copy of the results is useful in a display folder for presentations.
- Results must be displayed for at least 30 minutes before presentation of any awards. This is to allow time for any protests to be lodged.
- All results must be forwarded to the IQ Dressage Convenor and to katherine@efaq.com.au within 7 days of the event.

Scoring Dressage Teams:

- to be calculated as advertised by the OC.
- If not pre advertised, then refer to **[IQ Handbook Chapter 4 TEAMS](#)**.

Refer to [IQ Handbook Chapter 6](#) for further information including:

- Tied scores
- Scoring Champions and Supreme Champions for Dressage although generally Supreme Champions are not awarded for dressage competitions.

Excerpts from the EA National Dressage Rules:

Errors of Course are to be deducted from the test sheet of each judge

- the first, a 2 mark deduction
- the second, 4 additional marks and
- the third, elimination.

Each judge must have the same number of errors marked on their sheets. The Chief Judge must make the final decision as to the number of errors if there is a discrepancy. If the Judges have not noted an error, the competitor has the benefit of the doubt.

Allocation of Marks and Scoring

- Each judge must allot from 10 – 0 marks for each numbered movement.
- These marks are then added together and any penalty marks are deducted.
- It is essential that all penalty marks are deducted from each individual judge's score before they are totalled.
- Percentages (to the 3rd decimal point) for each judge must be clearly shown in results lists and on notice boards, together with the total percentage obtained to three decimal places.
- Judges must sign off on the final result sheet.
- Judges must be given a set of results for the competitions they have judged.
- Scorers must make the test sheets available for competitors after approval from the judges and no later than 30 minutes after the posting of the final results.

Unmarked movements

If a mark has not been recorded and the judge cannot recall the movement, or cannot be found, the mark allotted should be the average of the collective marks at the end.

Test sheets are confidential.