

Competition Badges

Dressage

Syllabus



Guidelines

- Present correctly dressed to compete (see 'Dress' and 'Saddlery & Equipment' sections of the Pony Club Dressage rule book).
- Have the basis of an independent seat and be able to apply the aids consistently.
- Know the scales of training and be able to relate them to their horse's way of going.
- Be able to ride correct shaped movements from the Pony Club Novice Dressage test.
- Be able to ride a simple dressage test from memory.
- Know the answers to the following questions on basic Dressage rules (see Pony Club Dressage rule book):
 1. What is the qualifying "rally rule" for riders and ponies?
 2. Who must sign the Dressage Area competition entry form confirming that the rider and horse are eligible to enter?
 3. On approaching the arena before your test, where should you ride before commencing the test and how do you know when to start the test?
 4. Will the rider be eliminated if they fall off in the arena?
 5. What happens if the rider takes the wrong course during the test and are they penalised?
 6. When should a competitor report to the tack steward?
 7. Whose responsibility is it to ensure that the rider and horse are wearing the correct equipment?
 8. Explain the meaning of any 2 of the marks that the judge can award. (Described in 'Scale of marks')
 9. Are whips allowed in any Pony Club Dressage tests?

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10. Can the competitor's horse be ridden by someone else before the test?
11. What saddlery is allowed for riding in purposes?
12. Are commanders allowed for any level of the Area competitions?

Suggested Reading

- To Be a Dressage Rider

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