

State of Maine Dressage Association Schooling Show Policies

To Our Valued SMDA Schooling Show Competitors:

As a volunteer-run organization, our goal is to organize shows that are safe, fun, and run in accordance with USDF and USEF rules. Our show secretaries and managers enforce these policies consistently for all competitors.

Horse Health

Maine State Law requires a negative Coggins within 36 months for in-state horses and within 12 months for out-of-state horses. We ask that your entry form has the same names that are listed on your Coggins. We cannot process entries where the names on the paperwork does not match the names listed on the entry form.

Schooling Show Fees

- \$25 per test
- \$15 for schooling on grounds
- \$5 office fee
- \$35 for non-negotiable check
- \$10 non-member fee

Schooling Show Limit on Levels

Per USDF rules, a horse may enter no more than two consecutive levels, no matter the rider. For example, a horse showing Intro A & B should not be entered in a class above Intro C.

Musical Freestyle

Musical Freestyle class is offered for Training Level and above. To enter a Musical Freestyle class, you must have successfully completed (scored 63%+) the highest test at that level or of a level above. Please submit a photocopy of your qualifying test along with your show entry form. Musical Freestyle class is ridden in the large arena.

Entry Forms

Show secretaries begin processing entries on the opening date. Entries received before the opening date will be returned. A complete entry includes a copy of current Coggins, a complete entry form (with all signature fields completed), and a form of payment. If an incomplete entry form is submitted, the show secretary will make a reasonable effort to contact you as soon as possible.

The Wait List

Once the show is full, you will be notified if you are placed on the waitlist. When possible, we fill scratches with entries on the wait list; however, once ride times are scheduled, we need to match the open slot with an appropriate waitlist ride. If we are not able to get you in the show, the secretary will contact you and either return or destroy your check.

No Refunds for Cancellations and Scratches

There are no refunds after the closing date, except for waitlist entries. Checks will be deposited on or shortly after the show closing date, except for waitlist entries that do not make it into the show.

Ride Times

Ride times are posted the Thursday prior to the show date on SMDA's website. You can also call the secretary the Thursday before the show date between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

Show Etiquette and Attire

At our schooling shows, traditional dressage attire is required (conservative colored jacket, light breeches, helmet). See the USDF website for more information on rules regarding acceptable attire and tack. We request that all riders use the designated warm-up area and remain at a walk outside the arenas. For more information on proper warm-up ring etiquette, please refer to our website. NO dogs are allowed on the grounds on the day of the show.

USEF Helmet Rules

Anyone mounted on a horse must wear protective headgear. The harness must be secured and properly fitting. Any rider violating this rule at any time will be immediately prohibited from further riding until the protective headgear is properly in place.