



WSEDTA Competition General Rules



1. **Markers:** No markers will be allowed in or around the arena for use by the drill teams during the competition.
2. **Time Limit:** Each drill class has its own specific time parameters. Time will be taken from first rider in to last rider out. An official timer will be appointed for the show. A time out may be allowed by the WSEDTA Show Committee in case of an accident.
3. **Drill Captain/Drill Master/Coach:** No Drill Captain, Drill Master, Coach, or any other person will be allowed to stand in the arena while the team is competing. No active coaching will be allowed outside the arena. During any drill, only those horses in the active drill will be allowed in the arena. Whistles are optional to any team and must be blown by an active participant in the drill. External whistles are prohibited with the following exceptions: (1) in case of an emergency (2) to start or stop the drill.
4. **American Flags:** In Free Style, each team must carry a minimum of one American flag and observe correct flag protocol at all times. In all other classes American flags are optional.
5. **Falls:** If a rider(s) fall(s) as a result of a collision with another rider(s), 100 points shall be deducted for the fall. If a rider(s) fall(s), not resulting from a collision with another rider(s), 25 points will be deducted for the fall.
6. **Matching Horses and Equipment:** In any division in this competition, matched horses (same color) and tack (saddles & bits) are NOT required. It is to be noted that all matching horses and identical saddles present a very pleasing appearance, but do nothing to improve a team's drill execution and performance. With the exception of saddles and bits, teams are encouraged to have matching tack and attire.
7. **Costume / Equipment Changes:** Teams which have more than one set of costumes may use different costumes for each drill. No extra points will be awarded, nor will teams which do not change costumes be penalized.
8. **Emergency Substitution of Riders:** The WSEDTA Show Committee, in an emergency such as illness of horse or rider, loss or breakage of equipment, shall allow not more than two juniors to ride with an adult team or two adults to ride with a junior team. Such emergency shall be defined as having occurred on the way to the WSEDTA Competition, at the competition, or in the vicinity thereof. The decision shall be left solely to the discretion of the WSEDTA Show Committee.
9. **Spurs:** Strap on spurs only allowed. No slip on spurs.
10. **Protests:** Protests must be filed with the WSEDTA Show Chairperson within 24 hours of an alleged rule violation or discrepancy and accompanied by \$100 cash deposit. All protests will be reviewed by the WSEDTA Show Committee, Show Chairperson (or his or her agent), and show judges(or their respective agents). The WSEDTA Show Committee has the final say. If the protest is upheld, the \$100 will be returned to the team filing the protest. If the protest is denied, the \$100 will be forfeited to WSEDTA.

11. **Judges Meeting:** The Show Chairman will hold a meeting with the judges and the drill masters to review rules, regulations, and scoring as well as to field any questions. A draw will be held for drill positions in the Short Program Drills and positions will be moved up one for the Freestyle Drills. Judge Explanation Sheets for Short Program Drill will be turned in by those teams competing in the Short Program. Each team wishing oral comments on their performances from the judges should turn in their blank audio cassette tapes at this time.
12. **Judges:** All judges are carded drill team judges. No team is to converse with a judge once the competition has begun and until after it has concluded. If a team has any questions for a judge during the competition, they must contact a WSEDTA Show Official.
13. **Awards:** Places will be determined in each division by adding together all the scores and dividing by the number of judges. The team with the highest average will be declared the winner, next highest average, second, the next highest average, third, and so on. An Overall Champion will be determined by taking the highest averaged score, as detailed above, from all divisions.

Any violation of the above rules may result in disqualification from the competition with no refund of any sorts. The WSEDTA Show Committee is responsible for enforcing the above rules and rendering all decisions. The WSEDTA Show Committee decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Team: _____

Representative: _____

Signature: _____