2018 NORTHWEST DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 20-23, 2018 * * Donida Farms Equestrian Center, Auburn, WA

Riders from the US Northwest and Canada are invited to participate in the Northwest Dressage Championships, to be held in conjunction with the Great American/USDF Region 6 Dressage Championships. The goal of the championships is to create a supportive environment that showcases dressage horses and riders from the area, and acknowledge their achievements.

Qualifying Requirements for NWDC: Each horse/rider combination must earn a total of three qualifying scores using *any test* of the level (i.e., Second 1, or Third 2) at **three different USEF/USDF recognized competitions in USDF Region 6,** from three different judges. Minimum Qualifying scores are listed below. **USEF tests must be used for Training through Fourth level.** All FEI test scores are eligible. The highest test of each level will be ridden at the Championship competition. Photocopies of the face pages of qualifying tests or USDF score check print out must be included with the entry form**. *No qualifying fee per class is required at the time of qualifying.***

Northwest Dressage Championships 2018 Minimum Qualifying Scores

LEVEL	OPEN	ADULT AMATEUR	JR/YR
Training	64%	62%	61%
First	62%	61%	60%
Second	61%	60%	60%
Third	61%	60%	60%
Fourth	60%	59%	58%
Prix St. Georges	58%	58%	58%
Intermediate I / II	58%	58%	58%
Grand Prix	58%	58%	58%

NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS FREESTYLE QUALIFYING SCORES:

- Minimum qualifying score for all Freestyle levels is 60%.
- Riders must earn two scores at the level at which they wish to qualify; from two different judges, at two different recognized competition within Region 6, with in current qualifying year.
- Freestyle Championship Classes are offered at First level through Grand Prix.

HORSE/RIDER QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Rider, trainer, owner need not be a US citizen. Rider, owner, and trainer must be members of the USEF or pay the Show Pass fee. Equestrian Canada membership qualifies Canadian competitors.
- Canadians should apply to USEF for AMATEUR STATUS to ride in AA classes. EC members must be USDF members or pay USDF non-member fee Qualifying is based on each horse rider combination.
- Only one rider per horse, but riders may qualify as many horses as they wish. Qualifying scores must be obtained from recognized competitions held in the same Qualifying Season as the Great American/USDF.

2018 NORTHWEST DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS -- RULES

- The gate will *not* be closed for Northwest Dressage Championship classes or Open classes.
- At no time during a NWDC Championship competition, from time of entry on the show grounds, may any horse entered in that championship competition be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the championship competition on that horse (exception: grooms riding on loose rein).
- Any horse entered in a championship competition, even entered at two levels, must be ridden by the same rider throughout the entire competition. This applies even after a horse has completed its championship classes.
- Hors de Concours entries are not permitted in NWDC championship classes
- Cross-entering open/adult amateur divisions is not permitted at the same or at adjacent levels except at a level that does not offer an adult amateur division.
- All championship tests must be ridden from memory.
- Whips may NOT be carried in NWD Championship classes
- In a NWD championship class, the horse/rider combination must obtain the necessary minimum percentage score to be named champion or reserve champion.
- If the highest placed horse/rider combination receives less than the minimum percentage, there will be no Champion or Reserve Champion issued. However, an awards ceremony will be held and a first and/or second place ribbon will be awarded.
- NWDC championships classes will not be split.
- NWDC Championship classes at consecutive levels may be held on the same day. Horses must have a minimum of a USDF Horse Identification number (HID) Horses must have a minimum of a USDF Horse Identification number (HID) Rider/owner need not be USDF, USEF or EC members. Show Pass and Non-member fees will apply.
- Riders must have proof of amateur status as per USEF GR 1307 or compete in the open division.
- Only one rider per horse is permitted, however, a rider may qualify as many horses as they wish.
- The rules for NWDC awards ceremonies shall be those of GAIG/USDF Regional Championships.
- Reference page 57, 2017 Show Program for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region 6 Dressage Championships and Northwest Dressage Championships, for same information.

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