



2011 USDF Materiale Class Scoresheet

USEF Rules: Materiale Classes may be offered in the following categories: Three-year old Fillies, Three-year old Colts and Geldings, Four and Five-year old Mares, and Four and Five-year old Stallions and Geldings. *Classes for fillies and mares may not be combined with classes for colts, geldings or stallions (except in Championship classes).* Horses will be evaluated according to the criteria listed on the "USDF Materiale Class" Scoresheet, and classes must be conducted according to the USDF "Procedures to Host USDF DSHB Materiale Classes". Horses or ponies may not be required to show in any in-hand, group or under saddle class in order to compete in a Materiale Class.

Directive Ideas: Movement should demonstrate purity & quality (clear rhythm, regularity & relaxation) (judged mainly in profile), correctness (judged mainly coming to & going from judge). Movement at trot and canter should be light & springy. Should have scope & volume, maintaining uphill balance. Must show rideability, potential to become competitive dressage horse & potential to progress through the levels. Horse must be riding horse type. **Decimals may be used in scoring.**

Name of Competition _____ Name of Class _____ Class No. _____

Entry Number and Description of Horse	Walk 30%		Trot 30%		Canter 30%		General Impression 10%	Final Score (100 pts possible) List Score as Percentage	Place
	<i>Criteria:</i> Four even beats, straight, active & even strides, correctly aligned steps, articulation of joints, freedom of shoulders & haunches, balance, elastic & swinging back, overstep, reach, ground-covering with marching quality.		<i>Criteria:</i> Two even beats, straight, active & even strides, correctly aligned steps, articulation of joints, freedom of shoulders & haunches, balance, elasticity, swinging back, natural engagement & impulsion from hindquarters, suspension, power from upward thrust & roundness.		<i>Criteria:</i> Three even beats, straight, active & even strides, correctly aligned steps, articulation of joints, freedom of shoulders & haunches, balance, elasticity, swinging back, natural engagement & impulsion from hindquarters, suspension, power from upward thrust, roundness & "uphill" strides.		<i>Criteria:</i> Includes harmony (relationship of conformation to movement), athleticism (strength & mobility), development related to age & condition. Demonstrates character, presence & temperament necessary for training.		
	Points	Coefficient Total	Points	Coefficient Total	Points	Coefficient Total	Points		
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Judge's Name(s) _____ : Judge's Signature(s) _____



UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION

2011 Procedures to Host USDF DSHB Materiale Classes

The following Materiale Classes may be offered at any US Equestrian Federation licensed competition, including those offering Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, or competitions offering only dressage classes (see USEF DR133 & DR204.2.e):

- a. Three-year old Fillies
- b. Three-year old Colts and Geldings
- c. Four and Five-year old Mares
- d. Four and Five-year old Stallions and Geldings

Materiale Classes must be conducted according to the following rules and procedures:

1. Horses will be evaluated according to the criteria listed on the "USDF Materiale Class Scoresheet, and classes must be conducted according to the USDF "Procedures to Host USDF DSHB Materiale Classes". Horses or ponies may not be required to show in any in-hand, group or under saddle class in order to compete in a Materiale Class. (USEF DR133 and DR204.2.e)
2. Entries in Materiale and Under Saddle classes must be issued a separate number only if the rider did not also show the same horse in hand. Rider's dress must conform to USEF DR120.1.
3. Saddlery and Equipment must conform to USEF DR121, except that all horses using a bridle are required to compete in a snaffle pictured in Chapter DR, Subchapter DR1, Figure 1A.
4. Horses will be evaluated under saddle at the walk, trot and canter in both directions of the arena. In addition, four and five year old horses may be asked to lengthen the stride at the trot and canter.
5. If necessary, classes can be combined as follows: Three-year old fillies may be shown with four and five-year old mares, and three-year old colts and geldings may be shown with four and five-Year old stallions and geldings. However, classes for fillies and mares may NOT be combined with classes for colts, geldings or stallions (except in Materiale Championship classes), and horses may NOT be asked to lengthen stride at trot or canter when three-year olds are shown together with older horses.
6. Depending on local conditions, Materiale classes may be divided at the judge's discretion, However, it is *strongly recommended* that the size of the groups be limited to six horses for cantering, depending on the size of the arena, and if classes are held in a standard dressage arena, no more than six horses should be worked under saddle at the same time.
7. All horses must compete together as a group in Materiale classes. Riders in any Materiale class are permitted to ride only one horse per class, including classes divided for judging purposes per DR209.3.
8. Horses must be at least 36 months of age to participate in Materiale classes.
9. Mares may not compete under saddle or in Materiale classes after their eighth month of pregnancy or within three months after foaling.
10. Unauthorized assistance by individuals outside the competition ring is not permitted.
11. For large Materiale classes, shows are advised to provide a sufficient number of secretarial and scoring assistants for the judge (s). A ringmaster is also recommended for these classes.
9. A competition with a Federation Licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding division must have a Federation licensed Dressage Sport Horse breeding judge and a Federation licensed dressage technical delegate. Guest Cards to judge DSHB classes are granted only to currently licensed foreign FEI Dressage Judges and foreign breeding experts. When Materiale classes are held at a Dressage Competition that offers *only Dressage classes, or both Dressage and Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes*, they may be judged by any classification of Dressage judge.
12. Dressage competitions wishing to offer "Dressage Sport Horse Breeding" classes must indicate this on their application for a USEF license. If a competition decides to offer DSHB classes after their USEF license has already been approved, the competition must inform the USEF Competitions Department that DSHB classes have been added to the schedule. Unless other DSHB classes are offered, a Dressage Competition that offers Materiale classes is not required to list DSHB classes on their USEF license application.
13. When two or more judges are officiating, they may agree to use the same score sheets or class cards and agree on each score before informing the scribe, or they may judge independently. Class cards, rather than individual score sheets, are permitted for Under Saddle and Materiale classes only. (USEF DR211.2)
14. All pertinent USEF rules must be followed.