

NMDA Schooling Show Guidelines

The show will be run in accordance with current U.S.E.F. rules, including warm up practices, bits, bridles, tack, and equipment (no Training Reins, etc. in the show arena) with the following exceptions:

- a. Judges are allowed to talk with the exhibitors – judge to initiate the conversation.
- b. Judges are allowed to judge students or horses that they have bought or sold.
- c. Informal dress is allowed, neatness is requested. A regulation helmet and riding boots or paddock shoes with a distinguishable heel are required. Half chaps are allowed. Coats are not required.

Tack may be checked before entry into the arena, or in the warm-up at the discretion of the gate keeper or show management.

Show management reserves the right to allow or disallow competitors around or in show arenas prior to or during competition.

Schooling, riding or lungeing is permitted only in designated areas.

Show management reserves the right to refuse any exhibitor for cause; to have any horse removed from the grounds for cause; to return any entry fee and eliminate the exhibitor for cause; all without being liable for damages or compensation.

Tests will not be released until a class is completely scored and posted. No test will be released to anyone other than the rider or the rider's representative.

Riders are urged to check their tests for errors before leaving the show grounds.

Dogs are not welcome at most show grounds.

Manure and other waste must be picked up from the parking area before leaving the grounds.

It is appreciated if you stay to help pick up the competition arena(s).

How to Enter the NMDA Schooling Show:

Opening and Closing Dates: Entries open two to three weeks before the show date. Entries "close" seven (7) days before show date. Entries must be postmarked before closing date. No entries will be taken over the phone. Group classes (e.g. Equitation) may be entered at the show – time permitting.

A horse may not be ridden in more than two adjoining levels. USDF Introductory Level tests A and B are one level below Training L.

Assigned riding times are not changeable.

Management reserves the right to cancel, rearrange, and/or change classes or officials.

The Entry Form must be entirely filled out, signed and full payment of fees must accompany the entry form. A class entry will be presumed to be an Open class unless specifically marked otherwise.

Payment: Make checks payable to NMDA only. Checks returned for non-payment will incur a fee of \$20.

You will be notified of your ride times by phone or e-mail approximately three (3) days before the show.

Refunds and Scratches: Refunds will be made only if withdrawals are received prior to the Closing Date (full refund minus office fee). Full refund only if management is notified and the riding time(s) can be filled.

Substitutions: Substitution of rider, horse, or times will be made only at the discretion of show management.

Non-Competing Horses: All horses brought to the show grounds must be entered in the show, or pay a \$20 seasoning fee. This rule includes horses, young or otherwise, that are "brought along" to the show for "seasoning." A liability form must be signed for all horses.

A horse on the show grounds must wear its assigned number at all times except when in its stall or trailer.