

Alamo Dressage Association
Schooling Show Championships (ASSC)
November 16-17, 2019

I. Rules for Qualifying

1. A horse/rider combination may qualify for the ASSC Championship by earning two (2) qualifying scores. Winning or placing in the class is not necessary as long as the score is earned.
 - a. Scores must be earned at two (2) different "schooling" competitions from two (2) different judges.
 - b. Scores must be obtained from a USEF licensed judge or a judge who has graduated from the USDF L Program.
 - c. Scores must be obtained during the ASSC qualifying year (see 2.0).
 - d. Qualifying scores can be obtained from any test of the level the horse/rider combination is trying to qualifying for.
 - e. Scores earned at the previous ASSC Championship Show are not eligible; however, Open show scores earned that weekend are eligible for the next year's qualifying.
2. The ASSC qualifying year begins the weekend of the previous year's championship show (scores from non-championship classes count toward qualifying for the subsequent year's championship) ends on the entry closing date of the ASSC Show, to be announced but generally 2 weeks prior to the show.
3. The ASSC show will be held in November of each year. See section IV.
4. A horse/rider combination having won the Championships at a certain level may not compete at that level or below in the Championships in subsequent years. However, the horse may compete at any level with a different rider or vice versa.
5. A horse/rider combination may qualify at two consecutive levels for the Championships.
6. Divisions – Western Dressage: Open division only. All riders, any age, amateurs and professionals.
7. Divisions – Classical Dressage:
 - **Adult Amateur:** A rider age 21* and over who does not receive remuneration for instructing or coaching riders, or training or riding horses.
 - **Junior - Under 13*:** A rider under age 13.
 - **Junior – 13 and over*:** A rider between the ages of 13 and 20.
 - **Open:** Any rider who does not fall in the Adult Amateur or Junior divisions.
**Junior riders who turn 13 or 21 during the qualifying year will be entered in the division they were eligible for at the beginning of the qualifying year.*

8. Qualifying scores:

Level	Adult Amateur	Junior	Open
Introductory Level	62%	60%	64%
Training Level	60%	58%	62%
First Level	58%	57%	60%
Second Level	57%	56%	59%
Third Level	56%	55%	58%
Fourth Level and Above	55%	54%	57%
Western Dressage All Levels	n/a	58%	60%
Eventing Tests All Levels	n/a	58%	60%

9. To qualify, riders must send the following WITH THEIR ENTRY FORM to the show secretary, postmarked by the closing date of the Championship horse show. See section IV.

- a. Two (2) qualifying scores. Either a copy of the front of a signed dressage test OR a copy of the show results, **AND**
- b. \$20.00 qualifying fee. Do not send cash. Money order or a check payable to "ADA" are accepted forms of payment. ***This money funds cash prizes.***

II. Championship Competition:

1. Each horse/rider combination may not compete in more than one division (i.e., amateur and open – must declare division upon entry).
2. **Introductory Level:** Qualified horse/rider combination must ride both Test A and Test B. Scores will be averaged to determine placing in the Championship.
3. **Training – First Level:** Qualified horse/rider combination must ride the highest two tests of the level at the Championship show. Scores will be averaged to determine placing in the Championship.
4. **Second Level and above:** Qualified horse/rider combination only required to ride **Test 3** of the level at the Championship show.
5. **Western Dressage:** Qualified horse/rider combination must ride the highest two tests of the level at the Championship show. Scores will be averaged to determine placing in the Championship.

6. **Eventing Tests:** Qualified horse/rider combination must ride test A & B of the level. Scores will be averaged to determine placing in the Championship.
7. All riders may carry a whip and have their test called.
8. **Competition Attire:** Prefer attire that meets USEF/USDF regulations. Exceptions: Coats are optional. Breeches of ANY color and half-chaps are permitted at all levels. Western rider attire must meet WDAA regulations.
9. **Protective Headgear:** All riders must wear protective headgear (ASTM approved helmets) while mounted. **This includes WESTERN DRESSAGE RIDERS!**
10. **Tack and Equipment:** Must meet USEF/WDAA regulations.
11. **Awards Ceremony:** Morning awards to be held during lunch break and afternoon awards immediately following the show. All riders are encouraged to come mounted for the awards ceremony. If you are not able, you may attend unmounted with or without your horse.

III. Championship Awards

1. Trophies or medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places. Ribbons will be awarded for first through sixth places.
2. Prize money will be awarded for first through third place. The amount is determined by the amount of fees collected from qualifying scores and the number of entries in all the Open, Amateur, and Junior Championships classes. It is allocated as follows: First/50%, Second/30%, and Third/20%. In the event a class only has two competitors, prize money will be split 60%/40%.
3. Prize money and awards will be dispersed at the end of the show. ADA will not mail awards and prize money. Please make arrangements with management if you are not able to pick up your awards or prize money.