

IDA Dressage Seat Equitation Class Score Sheet

Purpose: To evaluate the dressage rider's correct position, seat and use of aids. See back of score sheet for rules and additional specifications.

Judges' Directives: Judges are required to give a final percentage score for all riders competing in each class.

*****Only the "TOTAL SCORE" and "Place" columns are REQUIRED to be marked for EACH rider.*****

Rider No.	Additional Tests (Notes)	Score (Percentage)	Place

Judge's Name _____

Judge's Signature _____

Dressage Seat Equitation Classes

90-100 Excellent

No major position flaw. Exceptional basics. The judge should describe this rider using only superlatives. The judge must not be afraid to use this score when it is appropriate.

85-89 Very Good

No major position flaw. Very good basics. This rider might have one of the minor flaws listed above to a minor degree. Ideally most of the winners will receive score in the 80's.

80-84

No major position flaws and very good basics. This rider might have one of the minor flaws listed above to a greater degree or have a couple to a less degree.

75-79 Good

The judge would be comfortable putting this rider on any trained horse and know that the horse will be comfortable with his rider. The rider may have a few minor flaws, but they are not detrimental to the horse.

70-74

This is the range for the average rider with no major design flaws or mistakes, who lacks supplements or unity with the horse or the excellent rider who had one major mistake like a wrong lead uncorrected.

65-69 Satisfactory

This is the range for the mediocre rider, with several minor position flaws but no major ones.

60-64

This rider might have most of the good points, but one major flaw (i.e. very good position, except for the spurs poking in the horse's side all the time).

50-59 Sufficient

This rider has several minor position flaws that are not abusive to the horse, or this rider sits correctly but the inappropriate use of aids causes the horse to do poor transitions and be above the bit.

40-49 Insufficient

This rider has major position faults and/or rides the horse in a detrimental manner.

Below 40

This rider is abusive or unsafe.

May be ridden as a group:

1. Free walk
2. Transitions from one gait to the next in both directions.
3. Transitions from walk to halt and vice versa.
4. Change of direction across the diagonal, down the centerline, across the arena, and/or making a half-circle at the walk or trot
5. W/T/C both ways of the arena (no canter for Intro)

Additional tests from which judges may choose movements and exercises, ridden in small groups.

Sitting trot (Training and First)

Leg Yield (Upper Training and First)

Shallow loop serpentine with counter canter (First)

Trot lengthening and/or canter lengthening (First)

Riding without stirrups (Training and First)

Judging Directives

The criteria for judging General Impression are as follows: overall correct design of position, relaxation and suppleness of the rider, unity with the horse (including following arms, depth of seat, etc.) lightness and correct application of aids, ability to maintain tempo and rhythm, and overall quality of performance.

Judges are encouraged to provide comments to riders after the class.