



CIEF National Dressage Championship Rules (the “Rules”) **(October 2014 Revision)**

The Competition

The National Dressage Championship will be determined using the results of four Dressage shows to be held from October to June (the “Season”). These four shows (the “Shows” and each a “Show”) consist of the FEI World Dressage Challenge, the CEA Dressage Challenge and two National Dressage Shows.

1. Championship categories (the “Categories”) are as follows:
 - a. Introductory: This will include the USDF Introductory B and C Tests
 - b. Training: This will include all tests in the USEF Training Level
 - c. Preliminary: This will include the FEI Preliminary Test and all tests in the USEF First Level
 - d. Elementary: This will include the FEI Elementary Test and all tests in the USEF Second Level
 - e. Medium: This will include the FEI Medium Test and all tests in the USEF Third Level
 - f. Advanced: This will include the FEI Advanced Test and all tests in the USEF Fourth Level.
 - g. Prix St. Georges: This will include the FEI PSG Test
2. Adults and juniors will be judged separately in the Introductory, Training, Preliminary and Elementary Categories.
3. Medium, Advanced and Prix St. Georges will be open Categories.
4. A rider is considered an adult if they are aged fifteen or over at the date of the first Show in the Season.

Championship Awards

5. A Champion Award (the “Champion Award”) and a Reserve Champion Award will be awarded at the end of the Season in each Category (the “Awards”).
6. Awards will be awarded on the basis of the horse and rider combination.
7. Subject to these Rules, a rider may compete on more than one horse in any Show during the Season and each horse and rider combination will be eligible for Awards.
8. Subject to these Rules, a horse and rider combination is eligible for Awards in a maximum of two consecutive Categories.
9. To be eligible for Awards in a Category, a horse and rider combination must have competed in the Category at no less than two Shows within the Season.
10. To be eligible for Awards, a horse and rider combination must have the following minimum average score within a Category:

a. Introductory	62%
b. Training	60%
c. Preliminary	58%
d. Elementary	55%
e. Medium	55%
f. Advanced	55%
g. Prix St. Georges	55%
11. Notwithstanding paragraph 4 above, a junior rider who has won the Champion Award in a junior Category twice may compete for Awards in that same Category as an adult in a subsequent Season regardless of their age.
12. A rider that has competed in the Prix St. Georges Category is only eligible for Awards in the Medium Category or below, on a green or medium level horse.

13. A horse and rider combination can only win the Champion Award in each of the Introductory, Training, Preliminary and Elementary Categories a maximum of two times. However, if a horse and rider's average score exceeds 74% in the Introductory Category or 72% in the Training Category the horse and rider combination is not eligible for Awards in that Category in any subsequent Season.
14. The average score for purposes of paragraph 10 and 13 above is the average of the scores used to calculate the horse and rider's cumulative score referred to at paragraphs 19 through 23 inclusive, of these Rules.
15. If a horse and rider combination has been absent from the CIEF National Dressage Championship for one or more Seasons and they wish to compete together in Categories lower than those they have previously competed in, they will be permitted to compete for Awards in Categories deemed suitable by the CIEF Board, in consultation with the rider and their coach.
16. The Champion Award for each Category will be given to the horse and rider combination with the highest cumulative score in that Category and the Reserve Champion Award for each Category will be given to the horse and rider combination with the second highest cumulative score in that Category, in each case, calculated in accordance with these Rules at paragraphs 19 through 23 inclusive.
17. Should a horse and rider combination compete in more than one class (and obtain more than one score) within a Category at a Show, only the highest score obtained in that Category may be included in the calculation of a horse and rider's cumulative score at paragraphs 19 through 23 inclusive, of these Rules.
18. Each score included in the calculation of a horse and rider's cumulative score at paragraphs 19 through 23 inclusive, of these Rules, must be from a different Show. For the avoidance of doubt, this means that in calculating a horse and rider's cumulative score the score used from each show will be the score that achieves the highest average even if that means not taking the highest Test 3 score for the Training, Preliminary and Elementary Categories or the highest USDF Introductory C Test for the Introductory Category.

19. In the Introductory Category, a horse and rider's cumulative score will be calculated by totalling the three highest scores (or, if three scores are not available, the two highest scores) obtained during the Season.

Notwithstanding the foregoing and subject to paragraphs 17 and 18 above, at least one of these scores must be from a USDF Introductory C Test, even if such score is not among the horse and rider's three (or two, as the case may be) highest scores.

20. In the Training Category, a horse and rider's cumulative score in the Training Category will be calculated by totalling the three highest scores (or, if three scores are not available, the two highest scores) obtained during the Season.

Notwithstanding the foregoing and subject to paragraphs 17 and 18 above, at least one of these scores must be from USEF Training Level Test 3, even if such score is not among the horse and rider's three (or two, as the case may be) highest scores.

21. In the Preliminary Category, a horse and rider's cumulative score will be calculated by totalling the three highest scores (or if three scores are not available, the two highest scores) obtained during the Season.

Notwithstanding the foregoing and subject to paragraphs 17 and 18 above, at least one of these scores must be from USEF First Level Test 3, even if such score is not among the horse and rider's three (or two, as the case may be) highest scores.

22. In the Elementary Category, a horse and rider's cumulative score will be calculated by totalling the three highest scores (or if three scores are not available, the two highest scores) obtained during the Season.

Notwithstanding the foregoing and subject to paragraphs 17 and 18 above, at least one of these scores must be from USEF Second Level Test 3, even if such score is not among the horse and rider's three (or two, as the case may be) highest scores.

23. In the Medium, Advanced and Prix St. Georges Categories, a horse and rider's cumulative score will be calculated by totalling the three highest scores (or if three scores are not available, the two highest scores) obtained during the Season for any tests ridden within the respective Category, subject to paragraphs 17 and 18 above.

24. Only scores obtained in the current Season accumulate and no scores may be carried over from one Season to the next.

Code of Conduct

25. All competitors shall comply with the FEI's Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse in force from time to time and the CIEF's Code of Conduct. If any person breaches either of these codes, the Judges may apply any of the penalties set out in the FEI General Regulations.

Definitions

26. The following definitions will apply to these Rules:

"CIEF" mean the Cayman Islands Equestrian Federation;

"CIEF's Code of Conduct" is the code set out in Schedule 1 to these Rules, as amended from time to time;

"FEI General Regulations" means the FEI General Regulations 23rd Edition, as amended from time to time.

Words importing the singular in these Rules shall include the plural and vice versa unless the context requires otherwise.

Any reference to any document or set of rules in these Rules shall be a reference to that document or set of rules as amended from time to time.

Any reference to a 'horse' in these Rules shall be deemed to include a pony.

These Rules are subject to amendment at any time.

Schedule 1

CIEF'S Code of Conduct

Application

1. This Code shall apply to all members of CIEF and, in the case of members under the age of 18, their parents and guardians (“Applicable Persons”).

FEI Code of Ethics

2. The FEI's Code of Ethics set out in Appendix F of the FEI General Regulations shall be incorporated by reference into this Code.

General Principles

3. No Applicable Person shall violate the common principles of behaviour, fairness or accepted standards of sportsmanship at any event organized by CIEF.

Volunteers and Officials

4. All Applicable Persons:
 - 4.1 must respect coaches, officials and volunteers at CIEF events, their authority and decisions and the rules and regulations under which CIEF events operate and must not dispute any such decisions other than in accordance with applicable rules;
 - 4.2 must not engage in or condone unsportsmanlike behaviour such as booing, taunting, using profane language, refusing to congratulate winners etc;
 - 4.3 must not criticize coaches, officials, volunteers or each other on social networking sites; and
 - 4.4 must respect the property and equipment used at any CIEF event, considering safety uppermost in all situations.

Breach of the Code

5. Breach of this Code may entail the imposition of any of the penalties set out in the FEI General Regulations which may be imposed by a judge at the event where the breach occurs, if it occurs at an event, or by the CIEF after consideration of all the evidence.

Definitions

“FEI General Regulations” means the FEI General Regulations 23rd Edition, as amended from time to time.