WESTERN CAPE DRESSAGE

# WC INTER-DISTRICT DRESSAGE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Open to Adults, Juniors, Children and Pony Riders all grades**

**2019 INTER-DISTRICT TEAM COMPETITION**

**will be held at GEORGE SPRING FESTIVAL SHOW**

**on the 26th – 28th SEPTEMBER 2019**

**at GEORGE RIDING CLUB**

**General Rules**

1. All DSA Rules will apply
2. Some competition rules may be subject to change should circumstances so warrant
3. The Inter-District Team Championship shall not be held unless at least two (2) Teams participate
4. Each District shall only enter one (1) team per grade
5. Western Cape consists of the following 6 Districts:
    a. West Coast
    b. Unicity
    c. Cape Winelands
    d. Overberg
    e. Central Karoo
    f. Eden
6. The above-mentioned Districts may combine team members in order to nominate full Teams
7. Team availability forms may be obtained from the WC Dressage Secretary (Bronwyn Taylor at brontaylor00@gmail.com), the district/club dressage representatives or the Show Holding Body
8. The **Open** Inter-District Dressage Team Championship
    a. Will be a separate competition open to Riders from Novice grade and upwards *including* all higher grades
    b. The test will be DSA Elementary 3 for Adults and Juniors; DSA PR Elementary 3 for Pony Riders and Children
9. The **Novice** Inter-District Dressage Team Championship
    a. Will run concurrently with the Novice individual Championship class. The riders score in this class will count for the team mark and individual mark.
    b. Will be open to Riders from Prelim and Novice grades only
    c. The test will be DSA Novice 6 for Adults and Juniors; DSA PR Novice 4 for Pony Riders and Children
10. Novice Riders are eligible to enter both competitions but may only select one (i.e. if you elect to participate in the Novice Team competition, you may not ride on the Open Team competition)

11. Team nominations and availability forms must be submitted to the WC Dressage Secretary (Bronwyn Taylor at brontaylor00@gmail.com) before the closing date of **Wednesday 21st August 2019**. The WC Dressage Secretary will then forward all forms to the District Team Selector(s) (who can also be a club and/or Show Holding Body to which the Riders belong) who will verify them as being correct and in accordance with the rules
12. All competitors shall be registered with a Club in whose area of jurisdiction they have their principal place of residence
13. The horse and rider combination must compete as a member of a Club within the District where the rider is resident
14. In the Adult/Junior/ Pony Rider /Children District Dressage Team Championship, horses and ponies must be qualified by having ridden in at least one (1) recognized Graded show within the last twelve (12) months, in their respective age categories and relevant grade

**Teams and Team Selection**

1. The team shall consist of four (4) rider/horse combinations and the top three (3) scores count for the team event.
   Pony Riders and Children in the same grade may be combined to make up a team.
2. Should there be no reserve horse or rider, the District may send a team consisting of just three (3) riders. Should any unforeseen circumstances arise in which a horse and/or rider cannot take part, a third rider horse combination may be chosen from individual entries received to make up a team of three (3)

**Judging of the Team competition**

1. The Highest three (3) individual test marks obtained will make up the final percentage score for the team
2. Two (2) judges must be selected from the DSA International and/or National and/or Provincial A Panel of Dressage Judges. At least one must be National Panel or higher
3. The judges must come from at least two (2) Districts or Provinces. A suitable foreign judge may be appointed as one (1) of the two (2) judges
4. The Organizing Committee must submit their choice of judges to the WC Dressage Council President for approval before inviting the Judge(s) to officiate at the Event
5. The two (2) judges are allocated at C position and at B/E Position (at the Show Holding Body's discretion) for the championship class

**Team Scoring**

1. The three (3) **highest total marks** across all 4 riders will be added together and divided by 3 in order to get the Team Final mark and Percentage in the championship class
2. In the event of a Team tie, the team that received the highest second placing will determine the winning team
3. In the event of a judge eliminating a horse during the judging of a competition, the horse will be placed last and indicate this with an "E"