



Apprentice Evaluation Form Combined Driving Judge

Name of Applicant: _____ USEF ID: _____

Name of Official: _____ USEF ID: _____

Competition Name: _____

Competition Location and Date: _____ Competition ID: _____

Using a scale of 1-5, 5 being “exceptional applicant” and 1 being “not ready for promotion,” rate the apprentice’s ability per the following statements. If appropriate, please include any comments on page 2 or a separate page.

GENERAL

1. General Ability

_____ Interest in the job; organization; ability to express ideas; sensitivity to safety; manner with competitors, other officials, and the organizer.

2. Safety/Crisis Plan

_____ Understands criteria for establishing and evaluating the safety/crisis plan and is able to exert authority when necessary to direct implementation of the plan.

3. Veterinary/Medical

_____ Understands the responsibility of the veterinarians and medical personal, and how other officials interact to provide the best possible competition for the exhibitors and their horses.

4. Roles and Responsibilities of Driving Officials

_____ Standard of conduct in officials; understands the relationship between the Course Designer, Technical Delegate, and Ground Jury (GJ); dispute prevention and resolution.

5. Current Rule Changes

_____ Understands the current USEF and FEI rules, including the most recent changes and where to locate them, and has a plan to keep up to date with any future changes.

6. Drugs and Medications

_____ Understands current rules and reporting procedures for equine drugs and medications.

7. Warning Cards/Charges and Protests

_____ Understands how and when to issue a warning card in place of filing a charge elimination; is able to explain the protest procedure to management and to exhibitors; is able to assist in the conduct of any hearing held at the competition.

DRIVEN DRESSAGE

1. Criteria for Level

_____ Understands criteria for levels, including gaits, movements, and figures.

2. Collective Marks

_____ Understands terminology/vocabulary relative to all collective marks for gait, regularity and freedom, components of impulsion for the level, components of submission, and the correct seat and the effect of the aids.

3. Judging Skill/Methodology

_____ Ability to keep up with performance; methodology (dealing with the most important aspect or essence in each movement, arriving at the basic score value, treatment of modifiers); consistent evaluation of basic in every movement.

4. Scoring and Placement

_____ Relative placement of horses within a division; scores within standard; use of scoring range.

5. Comments

_____ Matching of scores and comments; correct use of standard vocabulary; gives sufficient comments; makes constructive and useful comments; and writes a short and meaningful summary which emphasizes the most important aspects of the test.

CONES

1. Methodology of Evaluating a Course

_____ Understands if the course is legal and correctly built; if the course is appropriate for the level; if the course diagram is complete and correct; the measurement of cones and the track; understands suggested versus mandatory changes.

2. Ability to Judge Cones

_____ Organization; scoring of penalties including disobediences; knockdowns; timing; eliminations; problem solving.

3. Understanding of Cones Management

_____ Appropriate and legal warm-up areas; necessary officials, including briefings; importance of teamwork between officials, organizers, and volunteers; chain of command; rule violations; criteria for each level.

MARATHON

1. Footing Management

_____ Evaluation and control of footing; coordination with course builder and organizer.

2. Evaluation of Course

_____ Measurement of arenas, obstacles, and track; suggested versus mandatory changes; inspection of course maps, understanding of course rules and measurements.

3. Course Construction and Repair

_____ Understands the concepts of how each obstacle is constructed, the best practices for constructing arenas, and is able to communicate with the course designer and course builders regarding modifications and methods of repair.

4. Rules for Marathon Complications

_____ Weather and footing problems; cancellations; time adjustments for phases; eliminations; holds on course.

Please provide an explanation for any rating of 3 and below. Do not hesitate to continue on an additional sheet of paper.

☐ Recommend ☐ Do not recommend

Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

The judge will complete and sign the form and give a copy to the apprentice. The apprentice is responsible for uploading the completed and signed form to their licensing checklist on the USEF website.