

General Information about ODS League Shows

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Shows listed in this green section are all recognized by the Oregon Dressage Society as ODS League Shows. They may also be recognized by other organizations.

The following information applies to all shows listed in this section. We hope you'll find it useful, especially when filling out your entry.

Purpose of ODS League Shows

To prepare horse and rider for USEF/USDF/ODS licenced shows, In addition these shows provide judging experiences for USDF "L" program graduates and training for show management.

Please note the rating of an official affects levels offered at many ODS League Shows:

- USDF "L" = USDF Graduates from the "L" program
- USEF "r" - Recorded (judge up to second level)
- USEF "R" = Registered (judge up to fourth level)
- USEF "S" = Senior (judge up to Grand Prix)
- FEI "O" = Official; "I" = International; "C" = Candidate (any FEI Judge is also a Senior Judge in his/her country)

General information about entering a ODS League Show. ODS League shows are open to all. You do not need to be an ODS member to compete at an ODS League Show. Always carefully read the prize list before mailing your entry

- A completed entry is required for every horse brought onto the show grounds. (Horses not entered in the show may not be brought onto the show grounds without prior permission of show management.)
- In the Dressage division, each horse/rider combination is considered a separate entry, and is issued a separate number. Therefore, a completed entry form is required for *each horse/rider combination*.
- *An entry is not complete* without full payment, proper signatures, and proof of any required memberships and horse enrollments. No entry is valid without full payment. Competitions have the right to refuse entries that are in any way incomplete.
- Use the 2010 ODS LEAGUE SHOW ENTRY FORM for all shows listed in this section. Other entry forms cannot be accepted. Photocopy the master entry form at the back of this *Omnibus*, or download the appropriate form from the ODS website, www.oregondressage.com/entryforms.html.

The information on pages L1-L12 applies to all shows in this section.

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- Resist the temptation to sign the master form before photocopying. Only original signatures, in ink, are valid.
- **Separate signatures are required for Rider, Owner and Trainer. Even if it's all the same person, three signatures are required.**
- Entries will be processed in postmark order unless otherwise stated. When all ride times have been filled remaining entries will be placed on a waiting list, *even if before closing date.*
- Phoned, faxed or hand-delivered entries will not be accepted unless otherwise stated.
- Early entries — entries postmarked before the published opening date — may be penalized by being considered to be postmarked up to three days after opening date, at the discretion of show management.
- Read refund policies closely as they differ from show to show.
- Unless stated otherwise, competitions will not refund entry fees in the event that classes are cancelled due to severe weather or other emergency.
- Unless it is stated otherwise, entrants must provide buckets and feed

MOST RIDERS FIND IT VERY HELPFUL IF THEY OBTAIN AND/OR DOWNLOAD THE U.S. EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION RULE BOOK. COMPETITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FAMILIARIZING THEMSELVES WITH AND BEING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CURRENT USEF RULES. A CURRENT RULE BOOK MAY BE ORDERED FROM THE U.S. EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, (859) 258-2472, OR DOWNLOADED FROM THEIR WEBSITE, WWW.USEF.ORG.

Class splits and rider divisions

Classes at ODS League Shows may be split by division — Open, Junior, Young Rider, Adult Amateur, or any other combination — **at the discretion of show management.** Be sure to indicate rider's division on entry, or you will be put into the Open section by default. Eligibility for the various divisions is specified in the *U.S. Equestrian Rule Book*, which is available online at www.usef.org. See rule DR119.3 for Juniors and Young Riders; GR808 & 809 for Amateur.

Entry rules for horses

- A horse must be 36 months of age (from foaling date) to compete under saddle in the Dressage division. It must be at least 6 years old (January 1 of foaling year to January 1 of competition year) to compete above Fourth Level, and 7 years old to compete at Grand Prix.
- A horse may be entered in a class only once. It may compete in a maximum of three dressage tests per day at Fourth Level and below or two tests above Fourth Level. Freestyles are included in these counts; equitation and materiale classes are not.
- A horse can be entered in no more than two consecutive levels at any one competition. (*Exception: Pas de Deux.*)

Documentation that must be included with your entry

Some show offices don't have photocopiers and some show secretaries will return your entry as incomplete if you don't include proof of required memberships. Mail a copy of your proof of membership(s) with your entry. Although you may join at a show, it is preferable to join well in advance of the show.

Check the prize list for requirements.

Again, you'll find more information at www.oregondressage.com.

Documentation for the Rider

USEF: No required documentation.

USDF: No required documentation.

ODS: Membership not required. If you are an ODS member, be sure to enclose a copy of your proof of membership or membership card with your entry.

Check individual prize lists for a non-member fee; non-member riders' scores will not count toward ODS year-end awards or championship qualifications.

Documentation for the Owner

USEF / USDF / ODS: No required documentation.

Documentation for the Horse

USEF / USDF / ODS: There is no horse registration program. However, several breeds recognize scores from ODS League Shows for their awards. It's always a good idea to include a copy of your horse's breed registration papers with your entry.

Documentation for the Trainer

Trainer means the adult who is responsible for the horse while it is on the show grounds. All horses **MUST** have a trainer, this may be the rider, owner or coach. In the case of a minor, the parent or another adult must assume the responsibilities of "trainer." Therefore, every horse does indeed have a trainer, and that person must sign the entry and provide the following:

USEF / USDF / ODS: No required documentation; trainer need not be an ODS member.

Documentation for the Coach

A *coach* is a person who receives remuneration for "instructing, teaching, schooling or advising" the rider. If that person won't be coaching you on the show grounds, don't list him/her on the entry. Coaches must sign the entries of all riders they will be coaching at the show:

USEF / USDF / ODS: No required documentation; coach need not be an ODS member.

General rules for ODS League shows

- The dress code for ODS league shows consists of informal show attire.

For example:

- ✓ A short or long sleeved shirt or polo shirt, turtle neck sweater or similar (t-shirts, sleeveless shirts and tank tops are not permitted);
 - ✓ Breeches, jodhpurs or casual pants (jeans are not permitted);
 - ✓ Long or short boots with a heel are compulsory;
 - ❖ Half chaps, gaiters and/or leggings are allowed.
 - ✓ ASTM approved headgear is compulsory for all junior riders under the age of 18 while mounted and encouraged for seniors. Hunt cap or riding cap with a hard shell, a derby or top hat is compulsory for seniors;
 - ✓ Riders may wear English traditional/formal show attire.
- Tack - Tack and equipment requirements both in the show ring and in the warm-up arena MUST follow these current rules. They apply to both competing and non-competing dressage horses from the time horses are admitted to the grounds which are designated for the Dressage Competition.
 1. An English type saddle with stirrups is compulsory for Federation and USDF tests. An English type saddle may be constructed with or without a tree but cannot have a horn, swell, gallerie, or open gullet. Australian, Baroque, Endurance, McClellan, Spanish, Stock, or Western saddles are not permitted nor are modified versions of these saddles (exception: competitors with a current approved Federation Dispensation Certificate). English-style stirrups, without attachments, or safety stirrups are compulsory. While present in the competition area and during prize-giving ceremonies, the name and/or logo of the individual's sponsor(s) may appear on a surface area not exceeding 200 cm² on each side of the saddle cloth. Breed logos (for horses registered with that breed), national flags (for citizens of that country), riding club/business/farm names or logos (used with permission of riding club/farm/business owner) and USEF or USDF names or logos (used with permission of USEF or USDF, respectively) are also permitted and must have the same specifications as sponsor logos.
 2. For Training, First and Second Level tests and FEI Pony tests, a plain snaffle bridle is required with a regular cavesson, a dropped noseband, a flash noseband (a combination of a cavesson noseband and a dropped noseband attachment) or a crossed noseband. Except for the FEI Pony tests, a crescent noseband is also permitted at these levels. Except for the crescent noseband, buckles and a small disk of sheepskin, which may be used in the intersection of the two leather straps of a crossed noseband, the noseband must be made entirely of leather or leather-like material. A padded noseband is allowed.
 3. For Federation Third and Fourth Level tests same as (2) above, or a simple double bridle (bridoon [snaffle] and bit [curb] and curb chain, lip strap and rubber or leather cover for curb chain optional, cavesson noseband only).
 4. FEI tests (including FEI Junior Team and Individual Tests) a simple double bridle as above. For the FEI Junior Preliminary Test, a plain snaffle bridle or simple double bridle may be used, as above in DR121.2-.3. For the FEI Dressage Tests

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for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and the USEF Dressage Test for 4-year old horses, a plain snaffle bridle is required, as above . However, when a snaffle is used in FEI tests, a crescent noseband is not permitted and a snaffle is required as described in Figure I and as pictured in Figure 1B. In addition to the crescent noseband, the crossed (figure-8, Mexican) noseband is not permitted for the FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and the USEF test for 4-year old horses.

5. Only those bits listed with Figure 1 are allowed. At any level of competition, a cavesson noseband may never be so tightly fixed that it causes severe irritation to the skin. Cavesson nosebands may be used with a chin pad. At any level of competition, a browband may be multicolored and may be decorated with metal, beads, gemstones and crystals.
6. Martingales, bit guards, any kind of gadgets (such as bearing, side, running, balancing reins, nasal strips, tongue tied down, etc.), any kind of boots (including "easy-boots") or bandages (including tail bandages) and any form of blinkers, earmuffs or plugs, nose covers, seat covers, hoods are, under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden. Fly hoods (ear covers) will only be permitted in order to protect horses from insects. The fly hoods should be discreet and should not cover the horse's eyes, and will only be permitted in extreme cases at the discretion of the presiding judge(s). Permission must be granted prior to the class and applies to all competitors in the class. However, leg bandages are allowed in Pas de Deux and Quadrille classes. A breastplate and/or crupper may be used, .A rein is a continuous, uninterrupted strap or line from the bridle bit to the hand. Rein additions or attachments are not permitted. Each bit must be attached to a separate rein and reins may only be attached to bits. Any decoration of the horse with extravagant items, such as ribbons or flowers, etc. in the mane, tail, etc., is strictly forbidden.*.Braiding of the horse's mane and tail, however, is permitted. False tails are permitted and if used may not contain any metal parts. * Except in classes specified by show management. Scores from such classes will not count towards year end awards
7. The above restrictions (1-6) apply to warm-up and other training areas, however, running martingales (with snaffle only), boots, bandages (without magnets) and ear muffs are permitted. Fly hoods (ear covers) that do not cover the horse's eyes are permitted in warm-up and other training areas. Single direct side reins are permitted only when lungeing (mounted or unmounted). Only one lunge line is permitted only while lungeing. Driving or long lining is prohibited. A side rein is defined as an auxiliary rein affixed to the bit and to the girth, saddle or surcingle on the side of the horse (not between the legs). A lunge line must attach only to the bridle, halter or cavesson and go directly to the hand of the longeur. Horses competing at Third Level and above may be warmed up in a snaffle if the rider so chooses. A running martingale consists of a divided strap attached to the girth or breastplate (at the front of the horse's chest); the extension of each strap must be connected from the point of division only to the rein on the same side and must be free to slide. The rings through which the reins slide may not be connected to a neck strap.
8. Ring stewards appointed by competition management may check saddlery and inspect bits and spurs on both sides of the horse for at least one-third of the

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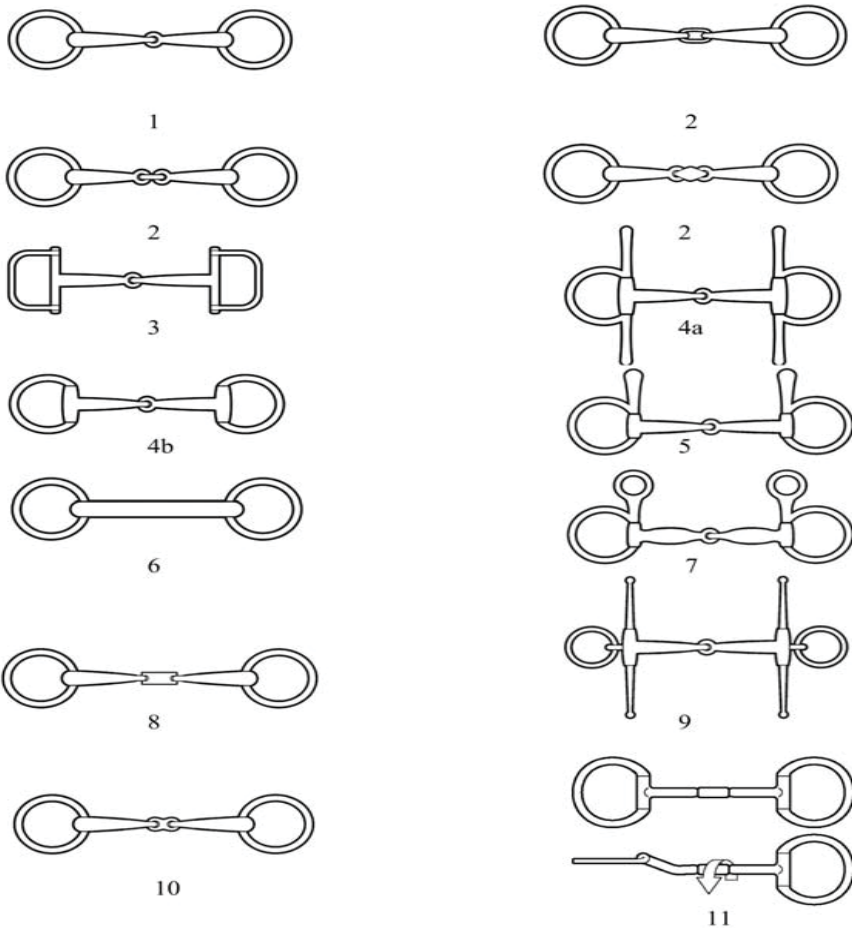
horses in each class. Inspection of saddlery and bits must be done at the direction of the show management. Inspection of saddlery and bits must be done immediately as the horse leaves the arena. The checking of the bridle must be done with the greatest caution, as some horses are very touchy and sensitive about their mouths. Bit inspectors must use a new disposable protective glove for each horse. The responsibility for the correct attire and equipment, however, still rests with the competitor.

9. The following whips are permitted for schooling only: One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, may be carried by the rider when mounted. One lungeing whip is permitted only when lungeing. One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm) including lash may be carried in all classes except ODS League Championships. (Exception: Competitors riding sidesaddle may carry a whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, in ODS League Championships.) An adjustable-length whip may not be carried by a mounted rider.
10. Numbers must be worn at all times when a horse is being exercised or ridden.
11. Individuals holding Federation Dispensation Certificates may use special saddlery and equipment as specifically listed on their Certificate. The following equipment is permitted if listed on the certificate:
 - a. Any well fitted saddle that is suited to the needs of the rider.
 - b. Devonshire, western, or oxbow stirrups, tethers from stirrups to girth; seat covers; velcro and rubber bands (provided the equipment allows the rider to fall from the horse). Break-away safety stirrups are required if the rider's feet are secured into the stirrups and shoes with distinguishable heels must be worn.
 - c. Except for sidesaddle, either two stirrups or no stirrups must be used, unless rider has one leg and no prosthesis on the other leg.
 - d. Adapted or bridged reins. If the rein is not to be used in a conventional manner, it must be in as straight a line as possible from the normal hand position (as described in DR117) to the horse's mouth.
 - e. One or two whips, not to exceed 4' in length.

Bits Permitted in Dressage.

1. All bits must be smooth and with a solid surface. Twisted, wire and roller bits are prohibited. A bushing or coupling is permitted as the center link in a double jointed snaffle, however, the surface of the center piece must be solid with no moveable parts. The mouthpiece of a snaffle may be shaped in a slight curve, but ported snaffles are prohibited. A bridoon is defined as a snaffle bit used together with a curb bit to form a double bridle. Bits (including curb and/or bridoon bits of a double bridle) must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber (in manufactured state); flexible rubber bits are not permitted, except as noted below, under A. The diameter of the snaffle or bridoon mouthpiece must be minimum 10 mm diameter at rings or cheeks of the mouthpiece (exception: for ponies, the diameter may be less than 10 mm). The diameter of the curb mouthpiece must be minimum 12 mm at the cheeks of the mouthpiece. Snaffles used in Young Horse classes must have a minimum diameter of 14 mm. Any bit combining any mouthpiece pictured in Figure 1A with any cheekpiece pictured in Figure A is permitted. Type of bit should not vary from those pictured below except where specified, and bits should be attached only as pictured in diagram. NOTE: FEI Level riders may warm up only in a double bridle (with both bit and/or bridoon made of metal or rigid plastic) or metal or rigid plastic snaffles pictured under B. In both cases, bits may be covered with rubber (in manufactured state) and flexible rubber bits are not permitted. A cavesson, dropped, crossed or flash noseband is allowed when a snaffle bridle is used in warmup or competition, except as prohibited for some tests.

See the USEF Rulebook for a full, current and complete description of all acceptable bits for dressage.



1. Ordinary snaffle with single-jointed mouthpiece.
2. Ordinary snaffle with double-jointed mouthpiece.
3. Racing snaffle (D-ring).
4. Snaffle. A) with cheeks, with or without keepers. B) without cheeks (Egg-butt).
5. Snaffle with upper or lower cheeks.
6. Unjointed snaffle (Mullen-mouth).
7. Snaffle with cheeks. (Hanging or drop cheek; Baucher). This may be a D-ring or other ordinary snaffle as pictured in Nos. 1-6.
8. Dr. Bristol.
9. Fulmer.
10. French snaffle.
11. Snaffle with rotating mouthpiece.

**Any of the above may be made with a rubber, plastic or leather covering, but the bit may not be modified by adding latex or other material. Bits with mouthpieces made of synthetic material are permitted, provided that the contours of the bit conform to the contours of one of the bits pictured above. Flexible rubber or synthetic mouthpieces are permitted.*

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- Drugs and Medications: Competitors are expected to comply with the spirit of the current USEF regulations.
- No one is permitted on foot in the warm up arena.
- In the case of a dispute, a protest should be filed with the show management within one hour of the occurrence. Show management will appoint a three-member committee made up of show officials to adjudicate disputes. A decision must be made within one hour of the time a complaint is filed, and, once ruled upon, the decision of the committee is final.
- Officials: Judge must be a USDF "L" program graduate or any USEF/FEI licensed judge. No Technical Delegate is required for an ODS League Show. Show management and the judge will act in the capacity of a TD.
- Management reserves the right to cancel, combine or reorder classes, add or substitute judges, or make any other changes required.
- Management reserves the right to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry for cause deemed sufficient by show management.
- Classes with no entries by closing date may be canceled. Classes with fewer than three entries may be combined.
- Ride times will be posted on the show grounds the day before the show. Exhibitors may be given Provisional ride times prior to the show but retain responsibility for checking times on arrival at the show grounds.
- If schooling is allowed in the competition arenas, hours will be posted and announced in advance. Competitors are allowed in and around the competition arena only during their scheduled ride times and during posted **schooling hours** unless otherwise stated by show management.
- If a mathematical error on the **scoresheet** is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of that competition day.
- Classes may be scheduled out of order. **It is the competitor's responsibility to find out his or her ride times**, and to immediately notify show management of any time conflicts that escaped the scheduler's notice. *Failure to enter the competition arena at the assigned time will result in elimination.*
- Minors who do not have a valid drivers' license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind including, but not limited to golf carts, motorcycles, scooters or farm utility vehicles on the competition grounds. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals are exempt from this rule.

- **ODS Horse/Rider Awards for ODS League Shows**

ODS Plates / 60% Award: A small brass plate will be awarded to each ODS member in good standing who earns a score of 60% or better at Introductory, Training, First or Second Level (including Freestyles) in a single show season. The plate is engraved with the horse's name, level of competition and number of 60% or higher scores in that show season. A personalized wall plaque is available for purchase for mounting the plates.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Awards must be earned at ODS League approved competitions during the current membership year. Scores from USEF / USDF / ODS Licensed shows and practice shows do not count.
2. Only scores earned from current USDF or USEF tests will apply towards awards.
3. Only horses ridden by a current member of ODS in good standing at the time the score was earned shall be eligible to receive ODS awards. The rider need not be the owner.
4. Competitors are not required to submit award report forms in order to be eligible for rider awards.

ATTENTION, COMPETITORS
Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers and a copy of rider's current ODS card before the day(s) of the competition. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers and copies of cards may not be counted toward state year-end awards.