

FAQ's – NODA 2010 Schooling Shows Frequently Asked Questions

Interpretation of schooling show rules is made by the NODA board.

- ***What is meant by a “schooling” show?***

The NODA schooling show competitions are not recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). Schooling shows provide the first step of introducing riders and horses to a dressage show at a considerably lower cost than the recognized shows. Although NODA does not enforce all the rules found at the recognized shows, we do follow the USEF rules regarding tack and saddlery. Schooling shows are not required to use “recognized” judges, but NODA does hire officials who either currently hold a USEF dressage license, or who have once held such a license, or have graduated from the USDF L program.

- ***How does being a NODA member benefit me at NODA shows?***

You will enjoy reduced show fees at NODA schooling shows, group membership in USDF which includes a subscription to USDF magazine (for complete group membership visit www.usdf.org), and will be eligible to qualify for the NODA Championship Series show, and for NODA year end awards.

- ***Can I join NODA the day of a schooling show and qualify for the championship show?***

Yes, but you must submit your membership form to the show secretary before a ride in order for that ride to count as a qualifying ride for the championship.

- ***What does HC mean?***

HC stands for the French phrase Hors Concours, literally ‘out of the competition’, and means the participant is ineligible to win prizes or ribbons.

- ***Can I ask for preferences in scheduling my times?***

If you prefer morning versus afternoon, or trailer with a group, it never hurts to ask, but **there are no guarantees**. Scheduling is done to allow a smooth running show for all competitors. Rides will not be scheduled back to back.

- ***What is a NODA Buck?***

A receipt, that looks like a dollar bill, that NODA members receive for one of hour of volunteering with NODA, or looks like a \$4 bill that NODA members receive for 4 hours of volunteering. A NODA Buck can be used like \$1.00 for schooling show entry fees, and for other NODA activities. **Four NODA Bucks are required for each horse-rider combination for year-end awards.** See the NODA handbook or www.nodarider.org for more details.

- ***Can stallions compete?***

Yes, mares, geldings, stallions, and mules are allowed to compete.

- ***How do I volunteer?***

Call Gail Patton at 440-442-5256, or email kmoody2@neo.rr.com.

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- ***For the NODA schooling shows, what is the difference between Junior, Amateur, and Professional?***

If you are 17 years old or younger on December 1st of the previous year, you are a Junior. If you are 18 years old or older on December 1st of the previous year, you are an Amateur. However, if you are an adult who accepted payment for equine training or teaching, **during the past 12 months**, you are a Professional. For a complete definition of Professional see www.usef.org.

- ***Tell me how I can qualify for the Championship show!***

You can qualify at any NODA schooling shows listed on page 3 except for the Saturday show in October.

To qualify, you must have met the following criteria:

Be a Junior or Amateur (not a professional)

Be a NODA member prior to receiving your qualifying scores

For Intro – First level get **two** scores of 60% or above from two different judges

For Second Level and above get **two** scores of 58% or above from two different judges

- ***Can I earn both of my qualifying scores at one show?***

Yes, as long as the scores are from two different judges

- ***What is the purpose of the October Saturday show if I can't use scores from this show to qualify for the Sunday championship class?***

The schedule for the championship show must be completed and ride times posted before the Saturday show even begins. There would not be enough time to change Sunday's schedule to squeeze in the additional riders who would have qualified on Saturday. Even if you are not going to the championship show on Sunday, you may still show on Saturday and submit scores from this show for the end of the year awards. If you are planning to show on Sunday, the Saturday show allows you the opportunity to ride a test in the arena prior to the championship class on Sunday.

- ***How do I sign up for the team competition?***

In addition to signing up for your regular classes, check the team competition box at the bottom of the entry form and indicate which test will be used for your team score. Include the \$5.00 team competition fee in your total. (It is \$5.00 for each member of the team.) List the Team name and on the back of the entry form list the other members on your team.

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- ***What is the purpose of having a lead line exhibition? Will ribbons be awarded? Who will be judging?***

The purpose of the Lead Line exhibition is to encourage young riders to develop an interest in Dressage. Each rider will receive a participation ribbon. No placing will be assigned. A qualified adult will be judging this exhibition.

- ***What is the difference between the Championship Show and Year End Awards?***

The championship show is for NODA members who have qualified at NODA schooling shows and determines the NODA Schooling Show Series champions at each level. The Year End Awards are for NODA members and include scores from all eligible local shows.

- ***Will there be a professional photographer at the schooling shows and how do I sign up?***

Yes, there will be photographers at each of the shows. Information about the photographers can be found below, on the entry form, and on the website.

PHOTOGRAPHER INFORMATION

Each of these photographers bring years of experience and artistry to their work. Be sure to ask for prices as they will vary and any specialty products offered: including portrait packages, CD's, and other merchandise..

Creed Woodka of Creed Woodka Photography will be at the following shows:

May 30th - Rocky River
August 15th - Crosswinds

Creed can be reached at 216.577.2486 or Creed@CreedWoodkaPhotography.com. For a complete biography and to view her work visit www.CreedWoodkaPhotography.com

Jeff and Jackie Cook of Casual Creations Photography will be at the following shows:

July 11th - Grand Haven Stables
September 12 - Rocky River
October 9th - Chagrin Valley Farm

Jeff and Jackie can be reached at: 330-334-4446 or e-mail: creationphoto@verizon.net. To view some of their works visit www.casualcreation.exposuremanager.com