

# **ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC EQUESTRIAN LEAGUE, INC.**

**ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

## ***RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES***

***2019-2020***

All classes at the OCIEL shows will be run under the US Equestrian Federation rules and specifications as modified for equestrian competition. If the rules of the OCIEL do not apply to a given situation, then the rules of the USEF shall govern. The OCIEL Western Division will be ruled by USEF Rule XXXIX. Dressage will be ruled by the USEF Dressage Division Rule Book. Western Dressage will be ruled by WDAA and USEF.

### **RULE I MEMBERSHIP**

- SECTION A:** Any school interested in participating in the OCIEL activities and willing to subscribe to the By-Laws and Rules is eligible for membership.  
A school team can be made up of only one rider.
- SECTION B:** At the discretion of the school, the school representative may be a parent or a designated coach. Download the **TEAM REPRESENTATIVE FORM** and submit.
- SECTION C:** An eligible student must apply for membership on the official OCIEL Membership Form, signed by that individual and their parent or guardian. The school is not required to sign the rider membership form. Said application must be filed with the OCIEL before the student can compete. Membership fees are non-refundable.
- SECTION D:** The membership form must be accompanied by the OCIEL Eligibility form, submitted by the trainer, stating which division that individual is eligible to compete in and must be submitted to the OCIEL prior to their first show. New members are welcome anytime throughout the show season.
- SECTION E:** New applicants must provide records of their prior show participation from OCHSA, PCHA, GSDHSA, CDS, IEHJA and USEF sanctioned shows along with the membership application in order to be considered. Results from the organization internet sites are acceptable. It is the responsibility of the rider or rider's parents to provide documentation. The show staff is not responsible to download and print off copies of the rider's show records.
- SECTION F:** Any falsification of the membership and eligibility forms may be cause for immediate expulsion of the individual, school and coach from the OCIEL and/or a \$150.00 penalty. Trainers will also receive disciplinary notices.

## RULE II REGISTRATION AND FEES

- SECTION A: Membership and Eligibility Forms, Team Representative Forms, Entry Forms and the Release of Liability form must be downloaded from the web site.
- SECTION B: Each competitor (horse/rider) should pre-enter using the Entry Forms found at [www.ociel.org](http://www.ociel.org) under "Show Entry Forms." A deposit check of **\$50 PLUS the cost of stalls/shavings, if ordered**, or a credit card number must be included with each entry. Entries received without a deposit check or credit card will incur a late fee of \$50 per show. Please note, a separate deposit is required for each show day. **Please DO NOT write both show day fees on one check. Separate shows, separate checks.**
- SECTION C: Dressage riders will be placed in order of go by the Dressage show secretary. **Special ride time requests will be an additional \$50 fee per show. The final day for Dressage/ Western Dressage entries to be accepted is one week prior to the start of the show. (As a reminder, entries received after the "10 day prior" time-frame will have a late fee assessed.) This rule has been incorporated to allow the Dressage Show Secretary time to create the ride time schedule without having to make changes due to late entries.**
- SECTION D: To avoid a late fee of \$50 per show day, all members should pre-register prior to the closing date as indicated on the entry form. The closing date is 10 days prior to the start of the Saturday show. This is two Wednesdays prior to the show weekend.
- SECTION E: **Schooling Rules:** Schooling will be permitted in designated areas only. The word schooling includes but is not limited to riding, lunging, leading, and exercising. In accordance with California State Law, poling and/or the use of offsets will not be permitted. Violations of schooling regulations may be considered cause for fines and/or elimination. Official schooling on Friday shall be from 10am to 5pm, and 45 minutes before the start of the show on Saturday and Sunday. Riding outside of these time constraints is done so at the risk of the rider and trainer.
- Western Warm-Up Trail, if not purchased on the entry form, may be purchased the day of the show for \$25.
- SECTION F: The OCIEL will allow late entries. A \$50 late fee per show day will be added to the show invoice. Late entries are any entries received after the advertised closing date. No class entries will be accepted after the class has started. **An RDNE (Rode Did Not Enter) is a class ridden in which the exhibitor did not previously enter. These classes incur a penalty of double the class fee.**
- SECTION G: **Checks returned by the bank or credit cards declined for any reason are regarded as a serious offense. Returned checks will be assessed a \$50 fine and must be paid in full; in cash, cashiers check or money order within 5 days of notice to the competitor/trainer that the check has been returned. A declined credit card will be assessed a \$50 fine if the office has to call to obtain a different credit**

card number. Failure to comply may result in the OCIEL forwarding the information to the competitor's school for further disciplinary action.

SECTION H: No refunds will be given on the day of the show for scratched classes.

SECTION I: Show scratches will be charged a fee of \$50. Show scratches received on or after the Tuesday prior to start of show will be charged a \$50 fee plus the stall/shaving fees will not be refunded. Any monies left over that amount will be forwarded to the next show. If no entry fees were prepaid, a \$50 penalty will be assessed against the next shows fees.

SECTION J: If there is a credit balance at the end of the OCIEL season (last show) members have 5 days to submit a written request for a refund. Any requests submitted more than 5 days after the last show will not be considered.

SECTION K: If the weather forecast calls for rain on or after the Thursday prior to the start of the show the show will be cancelled.

### **RULE III PROTESTS**

SECTION A: Protests may be made to the Show Committee by a rider, handler, agent, trainer, exhibitor, or parent of a junior exhibitor for any violation of the OCIEL Rules. **It must be:**

- In writing, (no telephone calls) and signed by the protestor.
- Addressed to the Secretary of the OCIEL, stating at which show the alleged violation occurred, citing the said violation, and mailed to: **OCIEL/Alison Gerami, 24431 Chancellor Ct., Laguna Hills, CA 92653.**
- Accompanied by a check of \$100 (payable to the OCIEL), and
- **Received 2 weeks before the next show.**

The Board will review the evidence and respond in writing with their decision within 10 days of receipt of the complaint. **There will be no verbal or anonymous protests accepted.**

### **RULE IV DIVISIONS**

SECTION A: HUNTER, JUMPER, WESTERN, GYMKHANA & DRESSAGE DIVISIONS:

#### **HUNTER DIVISIONS**

**Novice Hunters:** Fences will be set at 2' with no oxers. A beginning division open to riders who have **not competed at the 2'3" level** at any time prior to the 2019-2020 OCIEL season start in OCIEL, USEF, PCHA, GSDHSA, OCHSA and IEHJA.

**Freshman Hunters:** Fences will be set a 2'3". Competitors cannot be in this division if they have competed at the 2'9" level at any time prior to the 2019-2020 OCIEL season start in OCIEL, USEF, PCHA, GSDHSA, OCHSA and IEHJA. Medal fences will be set 2'6".

**Junior Varsity Hunters:** Fences will be set at 2'9". Competitors cannot be in this division if they have competed at the 3'3" level at any time prior to the 2019-2020 OCIEL season start in OCIEL, USEF, PCHA, GSDHSA, OCHSA and IEHJA. Medal fences will be set at 3'.

**Varsity Hunters:** Open to riders who are competent to show over Hunter and Equitation courses with fences at 3'3". Medal fences will be set at 3'3" to 3'6".

### **JUMPER DIVISION**

**Junior Varsity Jumper** fences will be set at 3' – .90m with spreads not to exceed the height of the fence. The Classic will be held at 3'3" - 1.0m. Competitor cannot have competed at 3'6". If rider changes to hunters during show season s/he must compete in Varsity Hunters.

**Varsity Jumper** fences will be set at 3'3" - 1.0m with spreads not to exceed the height of the fence. The Classic will be held at 3'6" - 1.10m.

There will be 4 classes offered. Classes will run under Table II, Sec. 2 (a) (jump off after all entries have jumped the first round), Table II, Sec.2 (b) (Timed first jump-off), Table IV Sec.1 (Optimum Time) Table II, Sec.1 (Timed first round). In the Optimum Time class, the winner will be the horse with the fewest faults, including time penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed as indicated by the course designer in the posted course; ties will be broken by determining which horse's time on the course was closest to the Optimum Time, which is defined as four seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course. The Time Allowed on the course shall be determined by measurement and the rate of 382 yards per minute. For all classes, the course designer shall post time and yardage prior to the commencement of classes. It is the rider's responsibility to know the tables in this division.

### **WESTERN DIVISION**

**Western Walk/Jog:** Open to riders who have NOT shown at the lope at any recognized show in OCIEL, USEF, PCHA, CPHA, NORCAL, AQHA, ADHA and IAHA. The Ranch Riding and Rail classes are open to horses of all ages. You may enter into a pleasure class at the same show. Hoofs may have polish, manes/tales may be braided or banded, tale extensions may be used and there is no discouragement against silver on bridles or saddles. **Points will not be included in the Western Overall High Point Individual Award.**

**Western Novice:** Open to riders who have not won more than 3 blue ribbons at a recognized show in OCIEL, USEF, PCHA, CPHA, NORCAL, AQHA, ADHA, and IAHA. Pleasure and Trail classes are horse/rider combination. The Ranch Riding and Rail classes are open to horses of all ages. You may enter into a pleasure class at the same show. Hoofs may have polish, manes/tales may be braided or banded, tale extensions may be used and there is no discouragement against silver on bridles or saddles.

**Western Limit:** Pleasure and Trail classes are horse/rider combination. The Ranch Riding and Rail classes are open to horses of all ages. You may enter into a pleasure class at the same show. Hoofs may have polish, manes/tales may be braided or banded, tale extensions may be used and there is no discouragement against silver on bridles or saddles.

**Gymkhana: Poles II, T, Speed Barrels, Crazy 8 and Bow Tie** will be offered: The same horse and tack shall be used by the rider throughout all phases of Gymkhana. Classes will be run under CSHA and CGA rules. NO over and unders or whips allowed. All competitors have 60 seconds to enter the ring and must stop forward motion (stop/hesitation/back up or circle) before proceeding. A knock down results in a 2 second penalty for each infraction. Off Course results in elimination and receives no points or ribbon.

**Western riders can enter a maximum of 5 classes in their division per show not including the Western Warm-up Trail class.**

## **DRESSAGE DIVISION**

**Dressage Seat Equitation Medal,** Rider Test Training Level, Rider Test First Level and Rider Test Second Level classes will be offered at each show. They are eligible for year-end CLASS awards only. This class does not count toward the three for the day. This class does not count toward year-end high point or overall school high point.

**Dressage Novice:** USDF Introductory Level A, B and C. Open to horse/rider combinations who have not won the OCIEL Year-End Champion or Reserve Champion Class in which they intend to compete.

**Dressage Freshman:** Training Level Test 1-3. Open to horse/rider combinations that have not won the OCIEL Year-End Champion or Reserve Champion Class in which they intend to compete.

**Dressage Junior Varsity:** First Level Test 1-3. Open to horse/rider combinations who have not won the OCIEL Year-End Champion or Reserve Champion Class in which they intend to compete.

**Dressage Varsity:** Second Level Test 1 and Above. Open to horse/rider combinations that are competent to show at the Second Level Test 1 and above.

**Dressage riders and/or horses may enter only 3 classes per show day, plus the medal class.**

SECTION B: Any deviations from the criteria for the above divisions would need prior approval from the OCIEL Board and proof of show records from approved associations.

SECTION C: If a horse is being shared, the horse may enter a maximum of three (3) dressage classes or five (5) hunter, jumper or western classes at one show. Individual and team points will be counted toward the applicable rider. With the exception of an injury occurring to the horse during the show and with a vet note, an exhibitor may only ride one horse per show.

SECTION D: A rider showing in a class for which he or she is ineligible shall forfeit any points, ribbons and prizes won in such class.

SECTION E: It is the responsibility of the team representative and trainer to accurately enter riders in the proper divisions, according to their individual skill and experience levels and in compliance with the definitions and descriptions of those levels as set forth in the Rules. Discrepancies may require proof from above associations.

SECTION F: Any division entered incorrectly may result in a penalty of \$50.

SECTION G: The top two riders in the Hunter, Jumper and Western Divisions must advance to the next division, excluding Varsity and Western Limit.

SECTION H: A Year-End Champion or Reserve Champion may repeat the same Dressage Division the next year under the following circumstances:

- The show scores for their OCIEL Championship were below the required qualified score for the CDS Year-End Championship.
- The horse was laid up from injury the majority of the time between the last OCIEL show and the first one of the new season. A Veterinarian's note is required, as well as a letter from the trainer or parent requesting the rider be allowed to campaign the same level as the previous year.

SECTION I: A courtesy fence will not be awarded to any exhibitor who has three refusals and/or falls off. Once a rider falls off, they may not remount in the ring.

**RULE V  
CROSS ENTERING**

SECTION A: A given Hunter, Jumper or Western horse or rider may only enter one division at a given show. The division entered must be declared at time of membership registration and is the division listed by the trainer on the "Eligibility Form." Only one division may be declared for the show year – there is no cross-entering between disciplines. A rider may advance up a division but may not go back down. Division advancements must be declared in the show office prior to the start of the show by the rider's trainer. The "Eligibility Form" must be changed,

signed and dated by the trainer next to the new division. Exhibitors switching divisions will forfeit points earned in the originally declared division. In an emergency, any rider or horse with a different rider may be allowed to enter a second division with permission from the management and Show Steward. The 5 class maximum will still apply.

**SECTION B: Dressage Cross Entering:** According to the USEF Dressage Division Rulebook, Article 1919: Participation in Dressage Competition, Number 2: "Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels at any one competition" The USEF chart lists TR/1<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> as approved for cross entering. If a horse/rider combination is ready to move up to compete in the next test, it is permissible for them to move up to the next division with prior office approval. It is also possible to compete at two different divisions at one show, i.e. a horse/rider combination may ride for the higher test number of one division and the lowest test of the next division. Exhibitors riding in the Novice division, classes Intro A, B or C, may not cross enter into another division at a show. If an exhibitor moves from Novice to Freshman at any time they may not return to Novice at a later show.

**SECTION C:** There are (2) regional non-profit chapters of the IEL: Los Angeles and Orange County. There will be no cross entering between the regions. Riders from other counties can choose which IEL they would like to show in and must remain showing in the region throughout the show season. The SDSEL is not associated with the above regional non-profit chapters. Memberships will not be accepted from SDSEL riders.

## **RULE VI COMPETITION OFFICIALS**

**SECTION A:** Present at all competitions shall be:

- Manager
- USEF Judges
- Licensed Rules Steward
- Course Designer
- Announcers
- Farrier
- EMT
- Member of the Rules Committee
- Veterinarian (On Call)

**SECTION B:** A Judge for an OCIEL show must be approved by the Board.

**SECTION C:** Any complaints must be discussed with the Steward first.

## **RULE VII CONDUCT AND APPAREL**

SECTION A: APPAREL - ENGLISH: It is in the tradition of the show ring that riders be correctly attired for the classes in question and horses properly presented according to USEF Rules. Riders in all Hunt Seat classes must wear USEF approved headgear. Horses wearing wraps in the Hunter classes will be disqualified. JUMPERS: Require a collared, sleeved dress or polo shirt for all classes. The show committee may, at its discretion, bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience. WESTERN, DRESSAGE and WESTERN DRESSAGE: Attire will follow USEF code found in the USEF Rulebook or their web site. No braiding required. GYMKHANA riders are required to wear an equestrian safety helmet.

SECTION B: It is expected that exhibitors, spectators, trainers and school representatives behave in a manner that reflects the dignity of the sport. Ill-mannered conduct will not be tolerated. Show management may expel from the grounds any person whose behavior is deemed dishonest, unethical, unsportsmanlike, or detrimental to the health, safety, or wellbeing of any horse, person, or the League during the progress of the show. USEF Rule 7, Chapter 1, Article 701, page 50 under "General Rules".

SECTION C: NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY.

SECTION D: NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY WITHOUT A LEASH. A fine of \$200 will be levied. No exceptions.

SECTION E: According to USEF Rules: No electronic devices are allowed in performance rings, i.e. cell phones, personal barn communicators. Judges will disqualify an exhibitor found to be carrying an electronic device on their person.

SECTION F: Cruelty and marked lameness will constitute class elimination.

SECTION G: No minors (under age 15) are allowed to operate any motorized vehicle i.e. motorcycle, ATV, scooter, golf cart. Minors (under age 16) with a permit AND an adult may operate a vehicle on the show grounds.

SECTION H: CDFA Drug Rule: The primary goal of OCIEL is to support and develop student equestrian athletes, to encourage knowledge of horsemanship and to promote good sportsmanship and team work in a fair and friendly competition. Because of this mission, OCIEL strongly supports the Equine Medication Monitoring Program administered by the California Drug and Food Administration. OCIEL will follow the rules as prescribed by the California Drug and Food Administration on drug use in all competing horses/ponies at an IEL horse show. We encourage all OCIEL riders, trainers and parents to go to the CDFA website to learn more. ([http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal\\_Health/emmp/](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/emmp/)) In accordance with CDFA procedure there may be random drug testing administered by CDFA employees at any or all OCIEL horse shows. If any horse/pony is found to have a positive result from this testing, the CDFA will contact the owner and trainer of said horse/pony for further investigation. At the conclusion of that investigation OCIEL will be notified by the CDFA if the CDFA finds that a



violation of the CDFA rules has occurred. If OCIEL is notified that a horse/pony has been found by the CDFA to be in violation of the California Medication Rule, the rider of that horse will forfeit all points accumulated at the OCIEL horse show where the sample was collected. OCIEL will not conduct any independent investigation and will rely exclusively on the findings of the CDFA.

## **RULE VIII TROPHIES, RIBBONS AND POINTS**

SECTION A: POINTS will be counted for Individual, Division and School. No rider shall be considered for Year-End Awards unless they attend a minimum of 6 shows.

SECTION B: Ribbons awarded to 12<sup>th</sup> place and prizes awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place in each class.

SECTION C: Points shall be awarded as follows:

### **Hunter and Jumper Divisions**

**Full points will be given for classes with 3 or more exhibitors. Half points will be given for classes with 1-2 exhibitors.**

1 <sup>st</sup>	16
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10
4 <sup>th</sup>	9
5 <sup>th</sup>	8
6 <sup>th</sup>	7
7 <sup>th</sup>	6
8 <sup>th</sup>	5
9 <sup>th</sup>	4
10 <sup>th</sup>	3
11 <sup>th</sup>	2
12 <sup>th</sup>	1

### **Dressage/Western Dressage and Western Divisions**

**If more than 8 riders in a division at a show then Hunter Points will be used.**

**In Dressage/Western Dressage points will be used to determine school awards. Percentages shall be used to determine individual and division awards. In Western classes, Full points will be given for classes with 3 or more exhibitors. Half points will be given for classes with 1-2 exhibitors.**

1 <sup>st</sup>	12
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7
4 <sup>th</sup>	6
5 <sup>th</sup>	5
6 <sup>th</sup>	4
7 <sup>th</sup>	3
8 <sup>th</sup>	2
9 <sup>th</sup>	1

SECTION D: OCIEL management may split classes with more than 20 riders entered. The top 6 will be brought back from each class and worked to determine the 1 thru 12 places. Medal classes will not be split. Judges must place 12 ribbons.

SECTION E: Only the top two rider's points from a school will count in each class, which will be used to determine Individual School and Overall School points. Individual points will be counted for all riders.

SECTION F: In case of a tie, the Championship will be awarded to the Overall School, Division and Individual with the most first place ribbons over fences.

SECTION G: Show Division High Point Ribbons:

Points are combined from hunters, jumpers and dressage to determine School High Point Champion and Reserve ribbons. Points from Western, Gymkhana, and Western Dressage will be combined for Western School High Point Champion and Reserve ribbons. The following High Point Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded:

- Novice Hunter/Equitation Individual
- Freshman Hunter/Equitation Individual
- Junior Varsity Hunter/Equitation Individual
- Varsity Hunters/Equitation Individual
- Junior Varsity Jumper Individual
- Varsity Jumper Individual
- Novice, Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity School
- Western Walk/Jog Individual
- Western Novice Individual
- Western Limit Individual
- Gymkhana Individual
- Western School
- Dressage High Point Individual (excluding non-USDF/CDS approved Intro Classes A, B and C)
- Western Dressage Individual

SECTION H: Year-End Division Perpetual Trophies and Ribbons:

Points are combined from hunters, jumpers and dressage to determine Year-End School High Point Champion.

English Year-End High Point trophies will be:

- Novice Individual
- Freshman Individual
- Junior Varsity Individual (Bill Gobie Memorial Trophy)
- Junior Varsity Jumpers Individual
- Varsity Individual
- Varsity Jumpers Individual
- Novice, Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity School

Western, Gymkhana and Western Dressage school points will be combined to determine Year-End Western School High Point Champion.

Western Year-End High Point trophies will be:

- Western Walk/Jog Individual
- Western Novice Individual
- Western Limit Individual
- Gymkhana Individual
- Western Overall School

Dressage and Western Dressage Year-End High Point trophies will be:

- Novice Individual
- Freshman Individual
- Junior Varsity Individual
- Varsity Individual
- Western Dressage Individual
- Dressage Overall

All Perpetual Silver and Gold Cup Trophies must be returned to the show office on the last scheduled show weekend. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

SECTION I: Year-End Class Awards: All OCIEL Classes will have a Year-End Champion and Reserve Champion.

SECTION J: Trainer of the Year Award: Trainers receive one point per student per show day. A trainer is eligible to win one division per season. If a trainer wins more than one division, the Award will go to the next trainer with the accumulative points.

SECTION K: DRESSAGE and WESTERN DRESSAGE: No rider will be considered for Year-end Awards unless they attend 6 of 8 shows. In order to qualify for Year-End Awards in a particular class, a minimum of 3 show scores from that class must be obtained. Exhibitors must stay within their declared division(s) for the show year unless permission has been granted by the show office to move up or down a division. See "Cross-Entering, Section B." If a rider switches divisions during the show year points from the originally declared division will be forfeited. **Scores for Year-End Awards are calculated by taking the rider's top three scores from that class and averaging them.** The daily Champion and Reserve Champion will be determined by the highest and second highest score, respectively, of the show day.

**RULE IX  
ORDER OF GO**

SECTION A: When an Order of Go is established, it must be posted in a conspicuous place one half hour before the class. The Jumping order must be legible to the mounted rider. Post entries will be placed at the top of the order of go.

**RULE X  
DELAY OF CLASSES**

SECTION A: Riders must be ready to enter the ring when called upon. Starters will try to resolve conflicts, providing that those conflicts are presented to the announcer before the class starts. Management reserves the right to eliminate a competitor after a one (1) minute gate call. Riders may move up in order to prevent a delay at the ring.

**RULE XI  
MEDAL/CLASSIC/DRESSAGE CLASSES**

SECTION A: There shall be, at the first seven shows, qualifying rounds in Novice, Freshman, Junior Varsity, Varsity, Western Walk/Jog, Western Novice, Western Limit, Junior Varsity and Varsity Classic Jumpers and Dressage Seat Equitation.

SECTION B: Novice Medal fences will be set at 2' with no oxers. Freshman Medal fences will be set at 2'6". Junior Varsity fences will be set at 3'. Varsity fences will be set at 3'3" to 3'6".

SECTION C: English exhibitors are required to perform over a medal type course of at least eight (8) fences. Tests may be included in the course. A maximum of 12 riders are required to work off on the flat and be judged on seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse. The flat phase performance of those riders selected to show shall count 50%. Martingales must be removed for the flat phase. No other tack changes will be allowed between phases. USEF tests 1 thru 19 may be used.

SECTION D: The Western Stock Seat Medal class is an equitation class requiring riders to perform a pattern that must be comprised of two or more tests from Article 2225. Position, hands and seat are paramount and are to be rewarded above a good reining pattern. A rider who is off pattern will be disqualified and will not receive any award except in a work-off. In the case of a tie, the rider will be placed last of those chosen for the work-off (Exception: Art 2224.6.1). Due to the difficulty of properly fitting tack, riders are not asked to change horses. In Medal classes, bits must be dropped and inspected on all finalists being considered for an award. Riders must be dismounted for this inspection. Patterns must be posted one hour prior to the class. If there is a discrepancy between the posted pattern and the announced pattern, the posted pattern is the pattern to be followed. If there is a discrepancy between the written pattern and the drawn pattern, the written pattern will take precedence.

Article 2225: Test from which Judges must choose. Tests can be performed either collectively or individually but no other tests may be used. Instructions must be publicly announced. If a pattern is used, it must be posted at least 1 hour before the class. A pattern is defined as two or more tests. Reining patterns may be used:

- Back
- Individual performance on the rail
- Figure eight at a jog
- Lope and stop
- Figure eight at the lope on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead (this is a change whereby the horse is brought back into a walk or jog and restarted into a lope on the opposite lead). One figure eight demonstrates two changes of lead and is completed by closing up the last circle and stopping in the center of the eight
- Figure eight at lope on correct lead, demonstrating flying change of lead
- Change leads down center of ring, demonstrating simple change of lead
- Ride serpentine course, demonstrating flying change of lead at each change of direction
- Demonstrate sliding stop
- Execute 360 degree turns (spins)

SECTION E: The Junior Varsity Jumper Classic will run under Table II, Sec. 2 (a) (jump off after all entries have jumped the first round) with fences set at 3'3". The Varsity Jumper Classic will run under Table II, Sec. 2 (a) (jump off after all entries have jumped the first round) with fences set at 3'6". There shall be, at the first seven shows, a qualifying round. Attire: A collared, sleeved dress or polo shirt.

SECTION F: Dressage Seat Equitation Medal will be judged on the following criteria: overall correct design of position, relaxation and suppleness of the rider, unity with the horse, lightness and correct application of aids, ability to maintain tempo and rhythm, and overall quality of performance.

## **RULE XII MEDAL/CLASSIC/DRESSAGE FINAL**

SECTION A: Finals will be held at the last show of the season. Finals include all Medal Classes, Classics and the Dressage Seat Equitation. To compete as a medal finalist in the Final, a rider must have attended 6 shows (the Final may be their 6<sup>th</sup> show) and have been one of the top 12 riders from a previous qualifying Medal or Classic class. The top 12 riders are determined by point accumulation throughout the show season.

SECTION B: All English riders are required to perform over at least eight fences not exceeding 2' for Novice, 2'6" for Freshman, 3' for Junior Varsity and 3'6" for Varsity. There will be two Judges scoring each round and the scores will be averaged. A maximum of 12 riders, if available, are required to show at the walk, trot and canter, to be judged under the current standards for the equitation division. The

flat phase will count 40%. After the flat phase, the top 6 (or a rider within 3 points of the leader) will be asked to do additional testing. USEF tests 1 thru 19 may be used. If an exhibitor is eliminated in the first phase, that rider will not return for the flat phase.

**SECTION C:** The Judges will sit apart if possible and announce scores for the first round. During the second round, Judges will sit together to determine the top 6 riders or riders' who score within 3 points of the leader. During the flat phase, riders will be required to show any gaits and collections or extensions within those gaits including counter canter. No more than 8 horses to counter canter at one time.

**SECTION D:** All Medal winners can continue to compete at each show in the Medal classes for accumulation of points towards the Medal Final. If you have won a Year-End Medal Championship, you are not eligible to ride in that class the following year in that division, excluding Varsity and Western Limit.

**SECTION E:** Western Stock Seat finals may be double judged. All final riders are required to ride a designated pattern. Riders will be judged on 60% pattern and the other 40% will be judged on rail work. Ties will be broken by the highest pattern score. If a tie exists, the Call Judge's highest pattern score will prevail. If a tie still exists, riders must work off.

**SECTION F:** Jumpers Classic finals will run under Table II, Sec. 2 (a) (jump off after all entries have jumped the first round) with Junior Varsity fences set at 3'3" and Varsity fences set at 3'6".

**SECTION G:** Dressage Seat Equitation Medal Final. To be eligible to compete in the Medal Final, a rider must have competed in this class a minimum of 3 times during the show year and attended a minimum of 6 shows. The top 12 riders are determined by the scores received in this class during the show season. The top 12 scores will be invited back to participate in the Final. In the event a rider is in the top 12 multiple times, the next highest score will be invited back.

### **RULE XIII DRESSAGE CLASSES**

**SECTION A: EXECUTION OF TESTS:**

- All trot to be sitting unless specified rising
- Tests may be called, but no coaching is allowed
- The rider's use of voice in any way is a 2-point deduction
- Going off course constitutes a 2-point deduction the first time, a 4-point deduction the second time, and 8 point deduction the third time and elimination the fourth time
- Errors of the test such as rising instead of sitting the trot or saluting with the reins in both hands will be penalized as an error off course
- A competitor who does not enter the arena within 60 seconds after the entry bell is rung shall be eliminated

- No competitor can be required to ride prior to the scheduled time. The assigned ride time is the ride time the rider is expected to enter the arena. It is the rider's responsibility to arrive at the arena on time
- If a rider misses his or her dressage time, he or she will be eliminated from the class and will not receive a refund

**SECTION B: ELIMINATIONS:** The illegal use of equipment, unauthorized assistance, four (4) errors of the course, late entry into the arena, cruelty, marked lameness, and if all four (4) feet of the horse leave the arena before the test is done. Trainers are not allowed on horses after the show has started.

**SECTION C: ENTRIES:** All riders must be pre-entered (one horse per rider). No post-entries will be accepted. Entries will be accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis. Riders will be put on a wait-list once the time slots for the day are full. After the show has begun, no refunds will be made.

**SECTION D:** When an OCIEL Dressage show is CDS sanctioned there will be a CDS non-member fee charged if exhibitor and/or owner are not members of CDS.

**SECTION E:** Dressage Seat Equitation Medal will be judged on the rider taking into consideration the proper classical position. This includes evaluating leg position, seat, hands, balance and rhythm. The rider is to be relaxed and not interfere with the horse's movement, but able to make full use of all 'riding aids'. The rider and horse should have unity and the rider should use aids correctly and efficiently. Also, instead of a single competitor in the ring, there are several riders in the ring at one time. If you win the Year-End Medal Championship in this class, you are not eligible to ride in this class the following year.

## **RULE XIV WESTERN DRESSAGE**

**SECTION A: EXECUTION OF TESTS:**

- **Calling Tests.** Tests may be called during the competition. It is the responsibility of the rider to arrange for a person to announce the test. Announcing the tests is limited to reading the movement as it is written once only.
- **Salute.** At the salute riders must take the reins in one hand. A lady rider shall let one arm drop loosely along her body and then incline her head in a slight bow; a gentleman rider shall remove his hat and let his arm drop loosely along his body or may render the salute as does a lady rider.
- **Voice.** The quiet use of the voice or clicking the tongue once or repeatedly is permitted.
- **Touch.** Petting the horse is allowed during the test as a gentle reward.
- **Corners of the Dressage Arena.** A rider should ride their horse as deeply as possible into the corners of the Dressage Arena while maintaining impulsion, balance, bend and rhythm.

- Errors include taking the wrong turn, omitting a movement, entering before the bell, switching from one hand to the other or vice versa. For more errors review the USEF Rule Book.

SECTION B: ELIMINATIONS: Misrepresentation of entry or inappropriate entry, bucking while riding a test, use of illegal equipment, unauthorized assistance, three errors of the course or test, horse's tongue tied down, late entry into the arena, all four feet of the horse leave the arena with or without rider, cruelty including excessive spurring, resistance of longer than 20 seconds, concern for the safety of rider, evidence of blood on the horse in the competition arena, failure of the rider to wear their number, fall of a horse/or rider and any situation where a direct rule violation can be cited.

SECTION C: ENTRIES: All riders must be pre-entered (one horse per rider). No post-entries will be accepted. Entries will be accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis. Riders will be put on a wait-list once the time slots for the day are full. After the show has begun, no refunds will be made.

SECTION D: OCIEL is not a WDAA sanctioned show.

**Western Dressage Novice:** Intro Level 1-2-3-4. Open to horse/rider combinations who have not won the OCIEL Year-End Champion or Reserve Champion Class in which they intend to compete.

**Western Dressage Freshman:** Basic Level 1-2-3-4. Open to horse/rider combinations that have not won the OCIEL Year-End Champion or Reserve Champion Class in which they intend to compete.

**Western Dressage Junior Varsity:** Level 1, Test 1-2. Open to horse/rider combinations who have not won the OCIEL Year-End Champion or Reserve Champion Class in which they intend to compete.

**Western Dressage Varsity:** Level 1, Test 3-4. Open to horse/rider combinations that are competent to show at this level and above.

**Western Dressage riders and/or horses may enter only 3 classes per show day, plus the medal class.**

## RULE XV SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

SECTION A: It is the duty of the Board of Directors to award scholarships on an annual basis.

SECTION B: Any 12<sup>th</sup> grade rider who has been a member in good standing for two seasons or more in the OCIEL and has competed in the required number of **six (6)** shows during his/her senior year and meets all of the application requirements is eligible to apply for a Year-End OCIEL Scholarship. All forms are mailed to seniors in January after the last show date.



SECTION C: The criteria for awarding scholarships is based on the following: essays, grades, test scores, years riding, character and sportsmanship, community service, extracurricular activities and other relevant factors.

SECTION D: Any Board member is eligible to serve on the Scholarship Committee as long as he/she does not have a 12<sup>th</sup> grader applying for the scholarship.

**RULE XVI  
CLASSES AND FEES**

**NOVICE HUNTERS - FENCES: 2' ENTRY FEE \$25 PER CLASS**

1. Equitation Over Fences
2. Working Hunters
3. Hunter Under Saddle
4. Hunt Seat Equitation Flat
5. OCIEL Medal – Fences set at 2' with no oxers. Medal Class Fee \$35

**FRESHMAN HUNTERS - FENCES: 2'3" ENTRY FEE \$25 PER CLASS**

6. Equitation Over Fences
7. Working Hunters
8. Hunter Under Saddle
9. Hunt Seat Equitation Flat
10. OCIEL Medal – Fences set at 2'6" Medal Class Fee \$35

**JUNIOR VARSITY HUNTERS - FENCES: 2'9" ENTRY FEE \$25 PER CLASS**

11. Equitation Over Fences
12. Working Hunters
13. Hunter Under Saddle
14. Hunt Seat Equitation Flat
15. OCIEL Medal – Fences set at 3' Medal Class Fee \$35

**JUNIOR VARSITY JUMPERS - FENCES: 3' ENTRY FEE \$30 PER CLASS**

16. Jumpers Table IV, Sec.1 Optimum Time
17. Jumpers Table II, Sec.2 (b) Timed First Jump-Off
18. Jumpers Table II, Sec.1 Timed First Round

**JUNIOR VARSITY JUMPER CLASSIC - FENCES: 3'3" Classic Class Fee \$35**

19. Jumper Classic Table II, Sec.2 (a) Return for Jump-Off

**VARSITY HUNTERS - FENCES: 3'3" ENTRY FEE \$25 PER CLASS**

- 20. Equitation Over Fences
- 21. Working Hunters
- 22. Hunter Under Saddle
- 23. Hunt Seat Equitation Flat
- 24. OCIEL Medal – Fences set at 3’6” Medal Class Fee \$35

**VARSITY JUMPERS - FENCES: 3’3”** **ENTRY FEE \$30 PER CLASS**

- 25. Jumpers Table IV, Sec.1 Optimum Time
- 26. Jumpers Table II, Sec.2 (b) Timed First Jump-Off
- 27. Jumpers Table II, Sec.1 Timed First Round

**VARSITY JUMPER CLASSIC – FENCES: 3’6”** Classic Class Fee \$35

- 28. Jumper Classic Table II, Sec.2 (a) Return for Jump-Off

**DRESSAGE EQUITATION** **ENTRY FEE \$25 PER CLASS**

Eligible for year-end “class” awards only

- 29. Dressage Seat Equitation (Medal) Medal Class Fee \$35
- 30. Rider Test Training Level
- 31. Rider Test First Level
- 32. Rider Test Second Level

**DRESSAGE NOVICE** **ENTRY FEE \$25 PER CLASS**

- 33. Intro Level A
- 34. Intro Level B
- 35. Intro Level C

**DRESSAGE FRESHMAN** **ENTRY FEE \$35 PER CLASS**

- 36. Training Level Test 1
- 37. Training Level Test 2
- 38. Training Level Test 3

**DRESSAGE JUNIOR VARSITY** **ENTRY FEE \$35 PER CLASS**

- 39. First Level Test 1
- 40. First Level Test 2
- 41. First Level Test 3

**DRESSAGE VARSITY** **ENTRY FEE \$35 PER CLASS**

- 42. Second Level Test 1
- 43. Second Level Test 2
- 44. Second Level Test 3
- 45. Third Level Test 1
- 46. Third Level Test 2

- 47. Third Level Test 3
- 48. Fourth Level Test 1
- 49. Fourth Level Test 2

**GYMKHANA**

**ENTRY FEE \$25 PER CLASS**

- 51. Poles II
- 52. T
- 53. Speed Barrel
- 54. Crazy 8
- 55. Bow Tie

**WESTERN WALK/JOG**

**ENTRY FEE \$25 PER CLASS**

- 56. Trail
- 57. Pleasure
- 58. Horsemanship
- 59. OCIEL Stock Seat Equitation Medal
- 60. Ranch Riding
- 61. Ranch Rail

Medal Class Fee \$35

**WESTERN NOVICE**

**ENTRY FEE \$25 PER CLASS**

- 62. Trail
- 63. Pleasure
- 64. Horsemanship
- 65. OCIEL Stock Seat Equitation Medal
- 66. Ranch Riding
- 67. Ranch Rail

Medal Class Fee \$35

**WESTERN LIMIT**

**ENTRY FEE \$25 PER CLASS**

- 68. Trail
- 69. Pleasure
- 70. Horsemanship
- 71. OCIEL Stock Seat Equitation Medal
- 72. Ranch Riding
- 73. Ranch Rail

Medal Class Fee \$35

Western Warm-Up Trail is \$5.00 pre-paid on each entry form. The day of show it's \$25.00.

**WESTERN DRESSAGE NOVICE**

**ENTRY FEE \$25 PER CLASS**

- 74. Intro Level 1

- 75. Intro Level 2
- 76. Intro Level 3
- 77. Intro Level 4

**WESTERN DRESSAGE FRESHMAN**

**ENTRY FEE \$35 PER CLASS**

- 78. Basic Level 1
- 79. Basic Level 2
- 80. Basic Level 3
- 81. Basic Level 4

**WESTERN DRESSAGE JUNIOR VARSITY**

**ENTRY FEE \$35 PER CLASS**

- 82. Level 1 Test 1
- 83. Level 1 Test 2

**WESTERN DRESSAGE VARSITY**

**ENTRY FEE \$35 PER CLASS**

- 84. Level 1 Test 3
- 85. Level 1 Test 4

**OCIEL BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL MAKE THE FINAL  
DECISION ON THE INTERPRETATION OF THE ABOVE RULES**

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