

# MID-SOUTH EVENTING AND DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

## RULES & GUIDELINES

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### ARTICLE I

#### *Definition of Rules and Guidelines*

- I.1.** MSEDA shall publish rules and guidelines for Eventing and Dressage competitions, including, but not limited to:  
All the requirements necessary for the sanctioning of and participation in such competitions; the year-end awards and the systems utilized to determine which horses and riders qualify to receive such awards; and the rules and guidelines governing the MSEDAs Judges and Technical Delegates programs.

### ARTICLE II

#### *Amendments*

- II.1.** Amendments to the MSEDAs Rules and Guidelines for Eventing and Dressage shall be made only by a majority vote of MSEDAs Board of Directors. The enactment date of the amendments shall become effective on the date of the meeting at which they were voted on or a date specifically identified by the Board.

### ARTICLE III

#### *Rules for Dressage*

- III.1.** The Rules and Guidelines for Dressage will follow the rules set forth by the USEF and USDF.  
**III.1.a** Eventing percentage classes (no jumping phase) will be scored as a percentage and will also follow USEF Dressage Rules
- III.2.** The Competition Year shall begin on November 1 and run through October 31 of the following year.
- III.3.** MSEDAs Qualifying Classes for Dressage at the Park - At least one score of 60% or higher must be earned-for the highest test for each respective level (i.e., Training Level Test 3, First Level Test 3, Second Level Test 3, etc) at a show sanctioned by MSEDAs in order to be eligible for MSEDAs Championship classes at MSEDAs Dressage at the Park.

A rider must be a member in good standing of MSEDAs when the scores are earned in order to qualify for the above classes. In order to be considered a member in good standing, the dues and

all other outstanding debts to MSEDAs and related functions must be paid in full before the call to order of the annual meeting.

- III.3.a.** Only the entered rider may ride/warm-up or train any horse entered in any MSEDAs Championship class, regardless where the Championship classes are held.
- III.3.b** There will be no whips allowed in MSEDAs Dressage Championship Classes.
- III.3.c.** No test callers will be allowed in MSEDAs Dressage Championship Classes.
- III.4.** In order to receive points toward year-end awards the horse/rider combination must be activated with MSEDAs, the rider must be a member in good standing as set forth in the by-laws of the MSEDAs and the rider must have fulfilled the volunteer hours requirements as set forth by the MSEDAs Board of Directors. Service as an officer of MSEDAs, as a member of the MSEDAs Board of Directors, or as the non-compensated chairman of a committee officially appointed by the MSEDAs Board of Directors (i.e., Sanctioning Chairperson, Points Chairperson, Education Chairperson, etc.) shall constitute fulfillment of the requirement for volunteer hours. However, volunteer hours earned for being a Board Member may not be donated for year end awards.
- III.5.** Points toward year-end awards each year shall accumulate on and after the date of official membership activation for that membership year. Points earned during November and December of the previous membership year will count if the rider is a member in good standing as of January 1 of the following membership year.
- III.6.** In order for a horse to receive points toward year-end awards, the horse must be activated by the rider who is a member in good standing during the qualifying membership year. A horse may be activated by more than one member. Horses activated on or after March 1 of each year will be subject to an activation fee as determined by the MSEDAs Board of Directors.
- III.7.** Results from MSEDAs-sanctioned shows must be submitted no later than 30 days after the show. It is the organizer's responsibility to insure that results are submitted to the appropriate individual designated by the MSEDAs Board of Directors. Any results not submitted by December 1 each year shall not be eligible for points toward year-end awards for the competition year in which that show was held.
- III.8.** At the organizer's discretion, MSEDAs schooling shows can offer gaited and Western Dressage classes. Organizers are responsible for the judges and tests for these classes. All other USEF/USDF/WDAAs rules regarding tack and attire must be followed. No MSEDAs points will be awarded for gaited classes but will be awarded for Western Dressage.
- III.9.** A rider may ride the same horse in multiple different tests in a percentage class at a dressage show and be eligible for horse/rider points for each ride.

## ARTICLE IV

### *Rules for Eventing*

- IV.1. The rules and guidelines for Eventing will follow the rules set forth by the USEF/USEA for the Beginner Novice through Advanced levels with the exceptions as listed below in Appendix 2. Starter is recognized by MSED. MSED has established the following Starter guidelines to assist organizers, Officials and Competitors:

#### Appendix 1

#### STARTER GUIDELINES

##### **Dressage:**

USDF Intro Test A, B or C

##### **Cross Country:**

Length: not to exceed 1,800 meters

Speed: Not to exceed 325 mpm

Height: 2'3" maximum

Efforts: 10-14

- On Cross Country: No drops, only small step up; a simple water crossing may be used; no combinations; no ditches with revetting on landing side
  - Starter divisions must be timed to be eligible for Year End Awards

##### **Stadium:**

Length: 600 meters maximum

Height: 2'-3" maximum

Speed: 250 -300mpm

Jumping Efforts: 7-11

- In stadium: A square oxer may not be used as the first fence; no combinations; no fans/Swedish oxers
- unsecured poles on the ground should not be used as ground lines. Flower boxes, cedar or similar are acceptable. Gates, poles or planks that come close to the ground will serve as ground lines well.
  - Starter divisions must be timed to be eligible for Year End Awards

#### Appendix 2

- MSED competitions must have a qualified medical staff on grounds with no other duties. If a single EMT is used, there must be a Trauma Kit with them
- It is strongly recommended that the EMT be located in a convenient central area or be on reliable radio to show personnel.
  - An ambulance is not required on grounds. If jumping phases are offered it is

recommended that the EMT/Safety Officer/Organizer alert the nearest ambulance dispatch prior to the competition.

- A Veterinarian is not required to be on grounds. It is strongly suggested that the Organizer contact and have information on an on-call Veterinarian who could come in an emergency.
  - A horse ambulance is not required to be on grounds.
  - A Farrier is not required to be on grounds.

**IV.2.** The Competition Year shall begin on November 1 and run through October 31 of the following year.

**IV.3.** In order to receive points toward year-end awards the horse/rider combination must be activated with MSED A, the rider must be a member in good standing as set forth in the by-laws of the MSED A and fulfill the volunteer hour requirements as set forth by the MSED A Board of Directors. Service as an officer of MSED A, as a member of the MSED A Board of Directors, or as the non-compensated chairperson of a committee officially appointed by the MSED A Board of Directors (i.e., Sanctioning Chairperson, Points Chairperson, Education Committee, etc.) shall constitute fulfillment of the requirement for volunteer hours. However, volunteer hours earned for being a Board Member may not be donated for year end awards.

**IV.4.** Points toward year-end awards each year shall accumulate on and after the date of official membership activation for that membership year. Points earned during November and December of the previous membership year will count if the rider is a member in good standing as of January 1 of the following membership year.

In order for a horse to receive points toward year-end awards, the horse must be activated by the owner or rider who is a member in good standing during the qualifying membership year. A horse may be activated by more than one member. Horses activated on or after March 1 of each year will be subject to an activation fee as determined by the MSED A Board of Directors.

**IV.5.** To participate on a MSED A sponsored team, the rider must be a member in good standing of MSED A and only USEF-competition results (as stated in the qualifying procedure) from the current competition year will be considered.

**IV.6.** The same horse may be ridden/shared by no more than two different riders in no more than two classes/divisions at a Combined Test at the Novice level or below. The horse and both riders will be eligible for all horse/rider points earned, if applicable.

**IV.7.** Riders may not share the same horse in dressage classes held in conjunction with the Combined Test when they are entered in the Combined Test as well.

**IV.8.** Horses may not be entered in more than one division at a Horse Trial.

## ARTICLE V

### *Attire at MSED A Sanctioned Competitions*

V.1. Unless otherwise stated in the prize list by the Organizer, riders competing in Eventing & Dressage Competitions sanctioned by MSED A, may wear what is commonly known as informal attire as described below.

V.1.a. Upon arrival, anyone riding a horse must wear properly fitting protective headgear which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted.

V.1.b. Jodhpurs or Britches of any color. A shirt with a collar and sleeves of any color. Boots or Jodhpur boots of any color, or full grain smooth leather leg pieces with paddock boots. Half chaps may be used, but must be the same color as the boot. Full chaps are-not allowed.

V.2. An Organizer may specify if formal attire at all levels will be required at their MSED A sanctioned competition. It must be **CLEARLY** stated on the prize list if formal attire is required.

V.2.a. Formal attire is as follows:

Dressage and Eventing Competitions (including Combined Tests)

Upon arrival, anyone riding a horse must wear properly fitting protective headgear which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. Harness must be secured and properly fitted.

### Horse Trials

#### *Dressage*

Coat – Predominately black or dark blue. Tail coats are not permitted. **Competitors may compete without a jacket. In such cases, shirt - long or short sleeved with collar and without neckwear, of a conservative color, neatly tucked into riding breeches.**

Shirt – white or light color, with stock and pin, or choker, or tie.

Gloves – (if worn) – dark color, tan beige or white.

Jodhpurs, Breeches –light color or white.

Boots – black, brown, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots.

Half-chaps are allowed if the color of the leg piece matches the color of the boots. (contingent on above)

Full chaps are not allowed

Protective Headgear - must be in accordance with the previous paragraph.

#### *Cross Country*

Shirt - Light-weight clothing is appropriate for this Test, a shirt (any color) with sleeves and a collar must be worn.

Protective Headgear - must be in accordance with the previous paragraph and may be any color.

Breeches, Jodhpurs – may be any color

Gloves – (if worn) may be any color

Boots – black, brown, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots.

Half-chaps are allowed if the color of the leg piece matches the color of the boots. (contingent on above)

Full chaps are not allowed

Body protecting vest – must be worn warming-up for cross country and in the cross country test.

Stable, team or club colors are permitted.

If an inflatable vest is used, a protective vest must be worn underneath. Combination vests are acceptable.

#### *Stadium Jumping*

Hunting dress or uniform

Protective Headgear –with chin harness designed expressly for equestrian use must be in accordance with the previous paragraph.

Hat covers – other than solid black or dark blue are not allowed.

Coat – dark color or tweed Shirt – stock with pin, choker or tie

Gloves – (if worn) – dark color, tan, beige or white.

Jodhpurs, Breeches - light color or white.

Boots – black, brown, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots.

Half-chaps are allowed if the color of the leg piece matches the color of the boots. (contingent on above)

Full chaps are not allowed.

Safety vests and inflatable vests are permitted. If an inflatable vest is used, a protective vest must be worn underneath. Combination vests are acceptable.

#### **Dressage Competitions**

Coat - short riding coat of a dark conservative color, with a shirt with a tie, choker or stock tie. A cutaway coat (modified tailcoat) with short tails is permitted.

Breeches, Jodhpurs – white or light colored

Gloves - (if worn) - dark color, tan, beige or white.

Boots – black, brown, field, jodhpur or a black or brown full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boots.

Half-chaps are allowed if the color of the leg piece matches the color of the boots. (contingent on above)

Full chaps are not allowed

Protective Headgear – must be in accordance with the previous paragraph.

## ARTICLE VI

### *Dressage Awards*

**VI.1.** Dressage year-end high score Divisional awards, first through fifth place, shall be presented by the MSED A in the following dressage divisions or division sub-classifications:

- (a) USDF Walk Trot – Junior/Young Rider
- (b) USDF Walk Trot – Senior Rider
- (c) USDF Walk Trot – Master Rider
- (d) Training Level – Junior/Young Rider
- (e) Training Level – Senior Rider
- (f) Training Level – Master Rider
- (g) First Level – Junior/Young Rider
- (h) First Level – Senior Rider
- (i) First Level – Master Rider
- (j) Second Level
- (k) Third Level
- (l) Fourth Level\*
- (m) FEI\*
- (n) Western

\*The FEI Young Rider tests will count as follows:

- FEI Team Test points accrue to Fourth Level
- FEI Individual Test points accrue to Prix St. Georges
- FEI Junior Preliminary Test points accrue to Third Level
- FEI Junior Team and Individual points accrue to Fourth Level

A Young Rider / Junior Rider is defined as age 21 and under. A Senior Rider is age 22 – 49. A Master Rider is age 50 and older.

**VI.2.** Points will be awarded to finishers who score a 50% or higher at competitions sanctioned by MSED A. At FEI level only, places 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will be awarded .5 points. Double points will be awarded at USEF and USDF sanctioned competitions that are also sanctioned by MSED A. In open divisions with no Junior/Young Rider/Senior/Master/Amateur sub-classification, the points awarded will be assigned to the proper categories within MSED A membership. ***Competitors competing in “Championship” classes will receive ½ again as many points as a regular show and awarded as if 5 or more starters.*** Points will be awarded according to the following charts:

### DRESSAGE PLACING

						(FEI)	(FEI)	(FEI)
<u>Placing</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>

5 or more starters	5	4	3	2	1	.5	.5	.5
<i>Championship Class</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>.75</i>	<i>.75</i>	<i>.75</i>
4 starters	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
3 starters	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
2 starters	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 starter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The following point scale will be used to calculate points for the awards described in VI.3 through VI.8 and VI.10:

### **HIGH POINT AWARDS**

<u>Placing</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>
Intro	3	2	1	.5	.25	0	0	0	0	0
Training Level	4	3	2	1	.5	0	0	0	0	0
First Level	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Second Level	10	8	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Third Level	15	12	9	6	4	3	2	1	.5	0
Fourth Level	20	16	12	8	4	3	2	1	.5	.25
FEI	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1	.5

**VI.3.** Dressage High Point Award – Spy Games Memorial Trophy - Awarded to the horse/rider combination who amassed the greatest number of points competing in dressage during the competition year.

**VI.4.** Dressage High Point Junior Rider – Under 18 – Awarded to the rider under age 18 who has amassed the greatest number of points competing in dressage during the competition



year.

- VI.5.** Dressage High Point Young Rider – Awarded to the rider age 18- 21 who has amassed the greatest number of points competing in dressage during the competition year.
- VI.6.** Dressage High Point Senior Rider – Awarded to the rider age 22- 49 who has amassed the greatest number of points competing in dressage during the competition year.
- VI.7.** Dressage High Point Master Rider – Awarded to the rider age 50 and over who has amassed the greatest number of points competing in dressage during the competition year.
- VI.8.** Dressage High Point Adult Amateur – Awarded to the amateur rider over age 21 who has submitted a copy of his/her USEF amateur card to the Points Chair and amassed the greatest number of points competing in dressage during the competition year. **Points will begin to accrue on the date the Points Chair receives the card.**
- VI.9.** FEI Certificate of Achievement – Awarded to any rider who has achieved a minimum score of 57 percent at the FEI level at a USEF/USDF-recognized competition. A copy of the qualifying test, including judge’s signature, must be submitted to the Points Chair in order to be eligible.
- VI.10.** Dressage High Point Mare -The Tundra Memorial Trophy - Awarded to the activated mare who has amassed the greatest number of points in dressage during the competition year.
- VI.11.** Dressage Company’s Musical Kur - Awarded to the activated horse who has amassed the greatest number of points at musical kur competitions during the competition year.
- VI.12.** Outstanding Dressage Show – Must be sanctioned by MSED A. To be voted on and awarded at the annual meeting by the general membership and it cannot be awarded two consecutive years to the same recipient.
- VI.13.** Liz Pizzo Award - Awarded to a MSED A member that has ridden in the Liz Pizzo Freestyle Championship class at the MSED A Dressage at the Park Show. The MSED A member must have a qualifying score of 60% or better to enter the class.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### ***Combined Test and Eventing Awards***

- VII.1A.** Year-end high point Divisional awards, first through fifth place, shall be presented by the MSED A at the annual meeting in the following combined test divisions or division sub-classifications:

- (a) Combined Test – Junior/Young Rider Starter
- (b) Combined Test – Senior Starter
- (c) Combined Test – Master Starter
- (d) Combined Test – Junior/Young Rider Beginner Novice
  - (e) Combined Test – Senior Beginner Novice
  - (f) Combined Test – Master Beginner Novice
- (g) Combined Test – Junior/Young Rider Novice
  - (h) Combined Test – Senior Novice
  - (i) Combined Test – Master Novice
- (j) Combined Test – Junior/Young Rider Training
  - (k) Combined Test – Senior Training
  - (l) Combined Test – Master Training
- (m) Combined Test – Junior/Young Rider Preliminary
  - (n) Combined Test – Senior Preliminary
  - (o) Combined Test – Master Preliminary
  - (p) Combined Test – Intermediate
  - (q) Combined Test - Advanced

**VII.1B.** Year-end high point Divisional awards, first through fifth place, shall be presented by the MSEDAs at the annual meeting in the following eventing divisions or division sub-classifications:

- (r) Horse Trials/Events – Junior/Young Rider Starter
  - (s) Horse Trials/Events – Senior Starter
  - (t) Horse Trials/Events – Master Starter
- (u) Horse Trials/Events – Junior/Young Rider Beginner Novice
  - (v) Horse Trials/Events – Senior Beginner Novice
  - (w) Horse Trials/Events – Master Beginner Novice
- (x) Horse Trials/Events – Junior/Young Rider Novice
  - (y) Horse Trials/Events – Senior Novice
  - (z) Horse Trials/Events – Master Novice
- (aa) Horse Trials/Events – Junior/Young Rider Training
  - (bb) Horse Trials/Events – Senior Training
  - (cc) Horse Trials/Events – Master Training
- (dd) Horse Trials/Events – Junior/Young Rider Preliminary
  - (ee) Horse Trials/Events – Senior Preliminary
  - (ff) Horse Trials/Events – Master Preliminary
  - (gg) Horse Trials/Events – Intermediate
  - (hh) Horse Trials/Events – Advanced

A Junior/Young Rider is defined as age 21 and under. A Senior Rider is age 22 – 49. A Master Rider is age 50 and older.

**VII.2.** Points will be awarded to classes from Starter through Advanced. Double points will be awarded at USEF and USEA sanctioned competitions that are also sanctioned by MSEDAs. At Preliminary level, places 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will be awarded .5 points. At Intermediate

and Advanced levels places 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> will be awarded .5 points. In open divisions with no Junior/Young Rider/Senior/Master/Amateur sub-classification, the points awarded will be assigned to the proper categories within MSEDAs membership. ***Competitors competing in "Championship" classes will receive ½ again as many points as a regular show and awarded as if 5 or more starters.*** Points will be awarded according to the following charts:

**COMBINED TEST / HORSE TRIALS PLACING**

						(P,I,A)	(I,A)
<u>Placing</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th-8th</u>	<u>9th &amp; 10th</u>
5 or more Starters	5	4	3	2	1	.5	.5
<b><i>Championship Class</i></b>	<b><i>7.5</i></b>	<b><i>6</i></b>	<b><i>4.5</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>	<b><i>1.5</i></b>	<b><i>.75</i></b>	<b><i>.75</i></b>
4 starters	4	3	2	1	0	0	0
3 starters	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
2 starters	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
1 starter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

The following point scale will be used to calculate points for the awards described in Sections VI.1.3 through VI.1.8:

**HIGH POINT AWARDS**

<u>Placing</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>
Starter	3	2	1	.5	.25	0	0	0	0	0
Beginner Novice	4	3	2	1	.5	0	0	0	0	0
Novice	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Training	10	8	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Prelim	15	12	9	6	4	3	2	1	.5	0

Intermediate	20	16	12	8	4	3	2	1	.5	.25
Advanced	25	20	15	10	5	4	3	2	1	.5

- VII.3.** Eventing High Point Award - Midnight Sam Memorial Trophy - Awarded to the activated horse who has amassed the highest number of points in eventing during the competition year.
- VII.4.** High Point Eventing Mare – The Philosopher Trophy - Awarded to the activated mare who has amassed the highest number of points in eventing during the competition year.
- VII.5.** Eventing High Point Junior Rider - The Craig Bryant Memorial Trophy - Awarded to the rider under age 18 who has amassed the highest number of points in eventing during the competition year.
- VII.6.** Eventing High Point Young Rider - Awarded to the rider age 18-21 who has amassed the highest number of points in eventing during the competition year.
- VII.7.** Eventing High Point Senior Rider – The Bennett Trophy - Awarded to the rider age 22-49 who has amassed the highest number of points in eventing during the competition year.
- VII.8.** Eventing High Point Master Rider – The Helmut Graetz Trophy - Awarded to the rider age 50 and over who has amassed the highest number of points in eventing during the competition year.
- VII.9.** Eventing High Point Adult Amateur Award – The Tessie’s Brite Star Trophy - Awarded to the amateur rider over age 21 who has submitted a copy of his/her USEF **or USEA** amateur card to the Points Chair and amassed the greatest number of points competing in eventing during the competition year. **Points will begin to accrue on the date the Points Chair receives the card.**
- VII.10.** Outstanding Horse Trials/Event – Must be sanctioned by MSED A. To be voted on and awarded at the annual meeting by the general membership and it cannot be awarded two consecutive years to the same recipient.
- VII.11** The Grasshopper Trophy- Awarded annually to the high point MSED A offtrack thoroughbred in the Eventing division. The horse must be tattooed **or have a TIP number** and **be** nominated for eligibility to MSED A prior to the end of the competition year. It is the responsibility of the member wishing to be considered for this award to notify the **Points Chair** of eligibility. The award is based on eventing (not Combined Test) points. The member must also meet the volunteer hours requirement in order to be eligible. **Points will begin to accrue on the date the Points Chair is notified.**

## ARTICLE VIII

### *Other Awards*

- VIII.1.** Kob Ryen Memorial Trophy - Voted on at the annual meeting by the general membership and awarded to the individual who has done the most to further the purpose of the MSEDAs during the year. It may be awarded to a rider or a non-rider and it cannot be awarded consecutive years to the same recipient.
- VIII.2.** Bryn Wilborn Memorial Trophy - To recognize MSEDAs young riders who have participated in the North American Young Rider Championships in dressage or eventing. Their names will be inscribed on the Bryn Wilborn Memorial Trophy on display at the Kentucky Horse Park, and each will receive a commemorative julep cup.
- VIII.3.** Pony Club Award - Given to the MSEDAs member in good standing who accumulates the highest number of points and is also a member of a recognized pony club. It is the responsibility of the member wishing to be considered for this award to notify the Points Chair of eligibility. Points will begin to accrue on the date the Points Chair is notified with the correct information including Pony Club or Riding Center and Certification level.
- VIII.4.** Hall of Distinction Award – Awarded to any MSEDAs member in good standing who has completed an FEI competition. A trophy will be presented in the initial year of induction. Any subsequent FEI completions will be recognized at the Annual Meeting. It is the responsibility of the member to notify the Points Chair and provide proof of each FEI completion. The member must also meet the volunteer hours requirement in order to be eligible.
- VIII.5.** Volunteer Awards - The twelve individuals accumulating the most volunteer hours during the competition year at MSEDAs-sanctioned competitions & MSEDAs sponsored events will receive volunteer awards each year at the MSEDAs Annual Meeting to recognize their efforts as outstanding volunteers. The awards may be given to MSEDAs members or non-members.

## ARTICLE IX

### *Volunteer Hours*

- IX.1.** Required Hours – In order to qualify for year-end awards in dressage and eventing competitions, the member/rider must volunteer a total of eight (8) hours at MSEDAs-sanctioned competitions, at least four (4) of which must be at either MSEDAs Dressage at the Kentucky Horse Park or MSEDAs Team Challenge. Written proof of this service must be provided to the individual designated by the MSEDAs Board of Directors no later than October 31 of each year. **A minimum of four (4) of the eight (8) hours must be completed**

by the rider, the rest of the required hours may be donated by someone other than the rider and donated in his or her name. Service as an officer of MSED A, as a member of the MSED A Board of Directors, or as the non-compensated chairman of a committee officially appointed by the MSED A Board of Directors (i.e., Sanctioning Chairperson Points Chairperson, Education Chairperson, etc.) shall constitute fulfillment of the requirement for 8 volunteer hours. However, volunteer hours earned for being a Board Member may not be donated for year-end awards.

## ARTICLE X

### *Sanctioning*

- X.1.** Sanctioning. MSED A may confer official MSED A sanctioning for eventing and dressage competitions meeting MSED A requirements for compliance with rules and regulations established or adopted by the MSED A. Eventing competitions offering sanctioned levels below Beginner Novice must follow the definitions and guidelines outlined in IV.1.1 - Appendix 1 Starter Guidelines.
- X.2.** Request for Sanctioning. An Application for MSED A Sanctioning form must be completed by each competition and submitted to the MSED A Sanctioning Chairman. All information on the form and proper materials requested within the form must be together for the sanctioning approval. Competitions can receive MSED A sanctioning after the show or event has been held, as long as the above-mentioned information and required fee are received within 60 days of the competition and the appropriate fees are paid.
- X.2.a** USEF competitions can receive MSED A sanctioning upon completion of the sanctioning process as stated on the USEF Competitions Form.
- X.2.b** Competitors may request sanctioning of any USEF competition by completing an application as stated above and paying the appropriate fee.
- X.3.** Sanctioning Fee. A sanctioning fee, the amount of which will be determined by the MSED A Board of Directors, must accompany the Application for MSED A Sanctioning form.
- X.3.a** Sanctioned MSED A competitions cancelled due to a verifiable Act of God may, at the discretion of the MSED A Board of Directors, have the sanctioning fee credited toward a future show or may receive a refund. The organizer shall make the decision as to refund or credit.
- X.4.** Selection of Officials. In order to receive MSED A sanctioning, organizers must select their judges and technical delegates from those licensed by MSED A, USEF, or USDF, regardless of whether a class or division is sanctioned or not. NOTE: L-Judges must appear on the MSED A Roster of Officials.

- X.5.** Conflicting Show Dates. MSEDAs will refrain from sanctioning shows and events of like disciplines within a 50-mile radius on the same date(s). In the event that requests for sanctioning result in such conflicts, the request for sanctioning which is received first will prevail. In the event that two requests are received at the same time, the show or event which held those dates the previous year will prevail.
- X.6.** Prize Lists - It is the Organizer's responsibility to produce a prize list which clearly states all classes and/or levels that are offered; any fees charged and the specifications related to each class and/or division. If dress requirements are not clearly stated, then it is assumed that the current MSEDAs attire rule will apply (for both formal and informal) No changes to the prize list maybe be made once it is published with the exception of clarifications. Prize Lists. Prize lists may not indicate MSEDAs sanctioning approval until actually granted by the MSEDAs. Prize lists which have made application for sanctioning may indicate that sanctioning is "pending" or "requested."
- X.7.** Reports. Final approval of MSEDAs sanctioning is dependent upon a report from the technical delegate certifying adherence to MSEDAs rules for eventing and dressage events as outlined in the MSEDAs Rules and Guidelines for Eventing and Dressage.
- X.8.** Suspension of Sanctioned Competitions. All MSEDAs-sanctioned competitions are subject to the MSEDAs Rules and Guidelines and its affiliated governing organizations. Sanctioning may be granted upon completion of the required documentation and payment of fees by designated deadlines in accordance with Article IX by the MSEDAs Rules and Guidelines. However, Sanctioning may be withdrawn, by vote of the MSEDAs Board of Directors, following any Licensed Official's report of gross negligence or blatant disregard of the rules. Competitions which have had their sanctioning revoked may reapply for sanctioning for future competitions but may be subject to Board-appointed officials and other requirements deemed necessary by the MSEDAs Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XI

### *MSEDAs Judges & Officials*

- XI.1.** Purpose. MSEDAs shall, from time to time, organize an Officials Program or offer a self-led training program to members of MSEDAs for the opportunity to receive education and training in the principles and rules for Officiating at MSEDAs recognized competitions
- XI.1.a.** Conduct of Officials. All officials are required to have their current rule books and updates with them at a show. It is expected that all MSEDAs officials should act in a professional and impartial manner.
- XI.2.** Eligibility. Any MSEDAs member in good standing who also meet the following prerequisites is eligible to make application for enrollment in the Officials Training Program:

Dressage Judge - Must show proficiency to Second Level by any of the following means:

- (1) Submit three tests from two different USDF judges with scores of 60% or better; or
- (2) Provide proof of experience in training a horse to Second Level or above; or
- (3) Provide proof of experience in teaching students to Second Level or above; or
- (4) Provide proof of comparable experience. -

Eventing Judge - Must complete the requirements for both a Dressage Judge and Eventing Technical Delegate.

Stadium Judge – The Stadium Judge shall be listed as an official MSED A Licensed Official with all privileges and obligations of all MSED A Officials. The Stadium Judge must pass a written test and training requirements, and upon certification must participate in Continuing Education programs as offered. There will be both mandatory and non-mandatory CEs.

- (1) Will need to practice judge/scribe under two separate USEF licensed Officials during the stadium phase of a USEF recognized Combined Test or Event for a minimum of 4 hours each.
- (2) Will need to submit a signed evaluation from said USEF Officials that they completed the requirement and are deemed competent to judge a stadium round correctly.
- (3) Will need to pass a written test with an 83% or better within 3 months of the practice judging.

**XI.3. Fees.**

- (1) Enrollment Fee - To be determined by the MSED A Board of Directors.
- (2) Officials Program Session Fee - To be determined by the Program Chairperson(s).

**XI.4. Auditors.** Individuals may audit any session of the Judges Program for a fee per session determined by the Program Chairperson(s). Auditors need not be members of MSED A.

**XI.5. Organization.** The organization of the Officials Program shall be approved by the MSED A Board of Directors and shall be presented as an informational and explanatory piece separate from these rules and guidelines, and which shall outline the requirements for enrollment, fee schedules, session content, and certification procedures.

**XI.6. Chairperson(s).** A current MSED A member(s), in good standing, shall be appointed as the chairperson(s) of the MSED A Judges & Officials Committee by the Board of Directors. The Chairperson(s) of the Official's Program shall coordinate all activities attendant to conducting the program with the approval of the Chairperson(s) of the Officials Committee and the MSED A Board.

**XI.7. Licensing.** Upon satisfactory completion of an MSED A Officials Program, to which the attendance, practical, examination, and evaluation requirements as outlined in the informational and explanatory material described in X.1.5, each enrollee shall be licensed to officiate at any MSED A sanctioned competition, within their respective disciplines.

Note: Eventing Judges are eligible to judge all dressage levels at MSED A sanctioned competitions. Dressage judges may judge the dressage phase of an Eventing Competition but may not officiate as President of the Ground Jury or judge any jumping phase.



The Stadium Judge is ineligible to serve as President or Member of any Ground Jury and they are ineligible to grant special permission to jump when elimination was previously a result of an issue in dressage or cross country, or any other reason for elimination. The stadium Judge is to only rule on eliminations that are clearly related to results of the jumping round, i.e. refusals, falls and exceeding time limits.

MSEDA-licensed judges shall be included on the MSEDA Roster of Officials made available to organizers of dressage and eventing competitions.

**XI.7.a** “L” Graduate Policy – Non-member USDF “L” graduates may apply for guest cards to judge dressage at MSEDA sanctioned competitions. The guest cards are good for one year from date of issue. Application should be made to the chair of the MSEDA Officials Committee. After the year has expired, “L” graduates wishing to continue judging at MSEDA shows must become MSEDA members and follow the continuing education guidelines for MSEDA dressage-only judges.

“L” graduates who join MSEDA may judge for one year at MSEDA sanctioned competitions without having to meet continuing education requirements. After their first year, they must follow the continuing education guidelines for MSEDA dressage-only judges.

**XI.8.** Re-licensing of MSEDA Judges. All MSEDA Officials will be required to be re-licensed. They may choose to attend the Biennial Relicensing Session or complete the Continuing Education requirements as listed below. Failure to complete re-licensing at the appropriate time shall cause the judge’s name to be removed from the MSEDA Roster of Officials until the individual completes the relicensing requirements or provides written documentation of alternative continuing education which can be considered by the Board of Directors for substitution of these requirements within a time period determined by the Board. In the event that a judge does not attend the biennial re-licensing session or complete their continuing education program provided by MSEDA, his/her licensing will be suspended; he/she may seek re-licensing by attending the next biennial re-licensing session provided by MSEDA or provide proof of eight (8) hours time scribing for an USEF judge at an USEF-recognized competition with the past six (6) months or attendance at an USEF Judges Forum within the past twelve (12) months. Any judge inactive for more than two (2) years shall permanently forfeit his/her MSEDA license but may seek re-licensing by satisfactory completion of the MSEDA Officials Program. Any substitution and/or waiver for these requirements will be at the discretion of the MSEDA Board of Directors.

**XI.9.** Continuing Education (CE). CE is designed to make it relatively easy to work continuing education into the competition year and to allow MSEDA and USDF “L” graduates to receive their continuing education in their local areas. The CE requirements are designed to go over a two-year cycle, so that every two years each official will have completed one item # **A** activity and one item # **B** activity.

**XI.9.a.** All MSEDAs licensed officials and MSEDAs – recognized “L” graduates shall, at least every two years, attend one activity in which they will learn about theory related to their official position. For dressage judges and eventing judges, this may include USEF, USEA or USDF judges’ forums, and “L” judge training sessions or continuing education seminars. For dressage only TDs, attendance at the annual officials’ meeting (if available) shall satisfy the “theory” requirement. Eventing TDs and eventing judges shall attend guided cross-country course walk during one two-year period and doing a guided stadium course walk during the following two-year period. Periodically Continuing Education seminars will be offered by the Officials Committee. These CE seminars do count in the fulfillment of the requirements above.

**XI.9.b.** All MSEDAs licensed officials and MSEDAs-recognized “L” graduates shall, at least every two years, participate in an activity that involves shadowing or working for a USEF/FEI level official. For dressage judges and eventing judges, this may include 8 hours of scribing for or sitting with an USEF/FEI dressage judge. For dressage only TDs, this may include 8 hours of scoring or working in the show office at a USEF dressage show, or shadowing a USEF dressage TD for 8 hours. For eventing TDs and eventing judges, this may include 8 hours of stadium scribing or observing stadium judging at a USEF/USEA event, or 8 hours of shadowing a USEF eventing TD. For the Stadium Judge, they will need to practice judge/scribe under two separate USEF Licensed Officials during the stadium phase of a USEF recognized Combined Test or Event for a minimum of 4 hours each. The licensed official should submit an Activity Completion form to the Competitions Committee chairperson(s) to verify this activity and that the MSEDAs official is deemed competent to complete their duties. Please note that eventing judges must complete both dressage judge and eventing TD requirements.

**XI.10.** Removal. In addition to the cause for removal outlined in X.1.8, a MSEDAs judge may be removed from the MSEDAs Roster of Officials if that individual does not, in the judgment of the MSEDAs Board of Directors, serve in a manner which represents the best interests of MSEDAs or the sports of dressage and eventing.

## **Article XII**

### ***MSEDAs Technical Delegates***

**XII.1.** Purpose. MSEDAs shall, from time to time, organize a technical delegate program or offer a self-led training program to the members of the MSEDAs for the opportunity to receive education and training to become a MSEDAs-licensed technical delegate (TD). Qualified individuals will then be able to serve as technical delegates for MSEDAs-sanctioned competitions.

**XII.1.1.a.** Conduct of Officials. All officials are required to have their current rule books and updates with them at a show.

**XII.2.** Eligibility. Any MSEDAs member in good standing so recorded in the records of the MSEDAs and who meets the following prerequisites is eligible to make application for enrollment in the Technical Delegate Program:

**Dressage TD**

- (1) Serve as an apprentice TD at two different USDF/USDF competitions under two different USDF TDs and run by two different Organizing Committees; and
- (2) Serve as a volunteer for a total of ten hours in scoring at a minimum of two different dressage shows run by two different Organizing Committees.

**Eventing TD**

- (1) Serve as an apprentice at three different USEF horse trials under a minimum of two different USEF Eventing TDs: a. two of these horse trials must include the Preliminary level b. two of these horse trials must include the Beginner Novice level
- (2) Accompany the TD and Ground Jury on inspection of the Show Jumping Course at the above horse trials; and
- (3) Attend either one course walk at each level – Beginner Novice through Preliminary. May be any Nunn Finer Course Walk or any MSEDAs-sponsored Course Walk; attendance at any USEA/USEF Eventing TD Training Program may be substituted for the above course walk requirements;

OR

Attend two cross-country course planning visits for two different USEF horse trials. May be TD's planning visit, Course Designer's visit, or Course Advisor's visit.

**XII.3.** Fees. Any fees required to participate in the MSEDAs Technical Delegate Program shall be determined by the MSEDAs Board of Directors.

**XII.4.** Auditors. Individuals may audit any session of the MSEDAs Technical Delegate Program for a fee determined by the MSEDAs Board of Directors. Auditors need not be members of the MSEDAs.

**XII.5.** Organization. The organization of the MSEDAs Technical Delegate Program shall be approved by the MSEDAs Board of Directors and shall be presented as an informational and explanatory piece separate from these Rules and Guidelines. It shall outline the requirements for enrollment, fee schedules, session content, and certification procedures.

**XII.6.** Licensing. Upon satisfactory completion of an MSEDAs Technical Delegate Program, to wit the attendance, practical examination, and evaluation requirements described in XI.1.5, each enrollee shall be licensed to serve as a technical delegate at MSEDAs sanctioned dressage shows and eventing competitions. MSEDAs-licensed technical delegates shall be included on the MSEDAs Roster of Officials made available to

organizers of dressage and eventing competitions.

**XII.7.** Re-licensing of MSEDAs Technical Delegates. Those individuals who have been licensed by MSEDAs as outlined in XI.1.7. to serve as technical delegates at dressage or eventing competitions must be re-licensed every year following initial licensing by submitting a fee determined by the Board of Directors to MSEDAs, and being a member in good standing of MSEDAs.

In addition, failure to complete re-licensing at the appropriate time shall cause the technical delegate's name to be removed from the MSEDAs Roster of Officials until the individual completes the alternative requirements as outlined below within a time period determined by the Board or provides written documentation of alternative continuing education which can be considered by the Board of Directors for substitution of these requirements.

In the event that a technical delegate does not attend the biennial relicensing session provided by MSEDAs, his/her licensing will be suspended; he/she may seek re-licensing by attending the next biennial re-licensing session provided by MSEDAs or provide proof of serving as an apprentice for an USEF technical delegate at an USEF recognized eventing competition within the past six (6) months or attendance at an USEF Technical Delegate Forum within the past twelve (12) months. Any technical delegate inactive for more than two (2) years shall permanently forfeit his/her MSEDAs license but may seek relicensing by satisfactory completion of the MSEDAs Technical Delegate Program. Any substitution and/or waiver for these requirements will be at the discretion of the MSEDAs Board of Directors.

**XII.8.** Suspension. All MSEDAs licensed technical delegates are subject to the Rules and Guidelines of the Organization. Officials who fail to submit the required report(s) to the Sanctioning Chair within the required time frame may be subject to suspension of his/her Official's credentials by vote of the Board. Upon first offense, the Official will be sent a letter with a specified date by which to comply. Failure to comply by said date will result in suspension of the Official's license until the report(s) are submitted or until dispensation is granted by the Board. Repeated failure to submit reports in a timely manner may result in withdrawal of the Official's credentials upon vote of the Board; failure to submit reports within six (6) months from the date of the respective competition(s) shall result in automatic withdrawal of the Official's license. The Official must reapply and complete the requirements as determined by the Board before being reinstated as a MSEDAs licensed technical delegate.

**XII.9.** Removal. In addition to the cause for removal outlined in X.1.8, a MSEDAs technical delegate may be removed from the MSEDAs Roster of Officials if that individual does not, in the judgment of the MSEDAs Board of Directors, serve in a manner which represents the best interests of MSEDAs or the sports of dressage and eventing.

## **Article XIII**

### ***Other Officials & Staff***

- XIII.1.** Qualified medical personnel, with suitable equipment and with no other duties, must be on grounds during all scheduled competitions. Qualified Medical personnel is defined as a person who is currently certified or licensed in the profession and trained in pre-hospital trauma care. The minimum requirement is an EMT/Paramedic who is pre-hospital trained.
- XIII.2.** A MSEDAsanctioned competition must have a Vet on call and the number clearly posted at the Secretary's Stand or Show Office.
- XIII.3.** MSEDAsanctioned competitions are not required to have a farrier on grounds during the competition.

## **Article XIV**

### ***Grants***

- XIV.1.** Purpose: To provide financial and organizational support to our membership through offering two different grants, the MSEDAGeneral Educational Grant and the Christine Brown Memorial Grant. These grants are to aid and further education in the disciplines of dressage, eventing and general horsemanship.
- XIV.2.** Issuance. Each year MSEDAmay award grants to members who apply and meet the requirements, as determined by the MSEDABoard of Directors and the MSEDAAducation Committee.
- XIV.3.** Eligibility. Only members in good standing with MSEDAAre eligible to apply for and be awarded any grant offered by MSEDAA. For the purposes of any MSEDAGrant, a member is considered to be in good standing when their membership from the previous membership year, the current membership year and the following membership year dues is paid in full. If the use of the grant is carried onto the next membership year, membership is also required for that year for any grant money to be distributed. Members are also required to complete at least 8 volunteer hours (at least 4 have to be earned by the applicant themselves) to be eligible for the above-mentioned grants.
- XIV.4.** Selection. Grant applications must be submitted no later than December 15 of each calendar year and will be reviewed by the Education Committee, which will recommend qualified recipients to the MSEDABoard of Directors. Selected grant recipients will be announced at the MSEDAAnnual Meeting. MSEDAGrant recipients will be required to present at least one form of proof or certificate of attendance/completion (a signature

from trainer, clinician, etc.) related to their specific grant activity in order to be considered as having fulfilled their grant requirements. The proposed type of proof must receive approval from the MSEDAs Education Committee. This certificate of attendance must be sent to the Chair of the Education Committee. If this is not submitted within one calendar year the recipient must reimburse MSEDAs for the entire grant amount.

**XIV.5.** Amount of Grants. At this time, two Grants are being offered, a MSEDAs General Education Grant for the amount of \$500 and a Christine Brown Memorial Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00. At the discretion of the MSEDAs Education Committee and/or the MSEDAs Board of Directors, these grants can be altered or additional grants can be given.

**XIV.6** Disbursement of Grants. Recipients of any grant given out by MSEDAs will have 2 calendar years from the awarding at the MSEDAs Annual Banquet to use their funds. Half of the amount of the scholarship will be given at the time of presentation at the annual banquet and the other half will be awarded after the Chair of the Education Committee has received and approved a copy of a Certificate of attendance/completion.

### ***MSEDAs General Education Grant***

Purpose: To help MSEDAs members further their equine education by providing financial assistance to do so. By accepting the grant money, the recipient agrees to share their experience with the membership.

Applicant restriction: Each year this grant may be awarded to one member, in good standing with the association. Membership dues must be paid in full for the years when the grant application is submitted, awarded and utilized. There is also a requirement that eight volunteer hours must be accumulated (4 being performed by the applicant themselves, the others can be donated) to be eligible to receive this grant, The use of this grant must be related to education and horses. This may include lessons, attendance at a clinic or symposium, etc. The grants may not be used to purchase tack, clothing, feed, make trailer payments; farm payments, truck payments, etc. The funding must be used by December 31 of the year after the grant is awarded.

Amount: \$500

Qualifications and requirements:

1. Applicant to be a current member of MSEDAs, in good standing. (for good standing, see definition above.)
2. Brief essay from the Applicant stating how the applicant will use the Grant and why they believe they deserve it.
3. What the applicant hopes to achieve with it (short and long-term goals), and how they can personally “give back” to MSEDAs and its membership.

4. Application must be postmarked by December 15.

Suggested items may include:

1. Letter of Support/Recommendation from Applicant's training professional
2. Riders may submit a short video with their application.
3. Riders may submit scores from either USDF/USEA/USEF
4. Professional or personal references

Applicants must complete an application form that will be reviewed by the MSED A Education Committee. This application form can be found on the MSED A website under the resources heading, then in the forms section. Applications will be reviewed to ensure that they conform to the spirit and intent of the Grant's purpose and meet all requirements.

Acceptance of the grant obligates the recipient to complete the proposed activity to "give back" to the MSED A membership. Some examples include writing an article for the MSED A Newsletter describing how the grant money was used and how it benefited the recipient, organizing a clinic for MSED A membership, etc. Additionally, the trainer or clinic/symposium organizer must confirm in writing that the training occurred or was attended. MSED A will also have the right to publish photos in the newsletter or for future advertising if it so chooses.

\$250 will be given to the recipient upon award. The remaining \$250 will be given upon completion of the activity and all required documentation is received and approved by the Education Chair.

Applications **must be submitted** by December 15.

### ***MSED A Christine Brown Memorial Grant***

*I have learned that certain people will have a permanent imprint on your life and they will always stick with you. Those people are there for you in mundane everyday matters, when things get tough, or when you're celebrating and happy. Christine Brown was one of those people for me. She was not only my friend, but she was a mentor, a trainer and a life coach. She always wanted the best for me, a quality that is rarely found. This scholarship is a perfect way to honor her, doing something in her name to help someone else. That was Christine. She gave her time generously helping others, whether they were 2 legged or 4. - Megan Lynn*

Purpose: To help MSED A members further their equine education by providing financial assistance to do so. By accepting the grant money, the recipient agrees to share their experience with the membership.

Applicant restriction: Each year this grant may be awarded to one member, in good standing with the club. For the 2016 membership year, this means that their 2015 membership has been paid in full (the year of the application of the grant) and their 2016 membership is also paid in

full (the year that the grant money will be used). If the use of the grant monies carries onto the next membership year (2017), the membership dues are also required for that year. There is also a requirement that eight volunteer hours must be accumulated (4 being performed by the applicant themselves, the others can be donated) to be eligible to receive this grant, The use of this grant must be related to education and horses. This may include lessons, attendance at a clinic or symposium, etc. The grants may not be used to purchase tack, clothing, feed, make trailer payments; farm payments, truck payments, etc. The grant funding must be used by December 31 of the following year.

Amount: \$1,500.00

Qualifications and requirements:

1. Applicant to be a current member of MSEDAs, in good standing.
2. Brief essay from the Applicant stating how the applicant will use the Grant and why they believe they deserve it.
3. What the applicant hopes to achieve with it (short and long-term goals), and how they can personally “give back” to MSEDAs and its membership.
4. Application must be postmarked by December 15.

Suggested items may include:

1. Letter of Support/Recommendation from Applicant’s training professional
2. Riders may submit a short video with their application.
3. Riders may submit scores from either USDF/USEA/USEF
4. Professional or personal references

Applicants must complete an application form that will be reviewed by the MSEDAs Education Committee. This application form can be found on the MSEDAs website under the resources heading, then in the forms section. Applications will be reviewed to ensure that they conform to the spirit and intent of the Grant’s purpose and meet all requirements.

Acceptance of the grant obligates the recipient to complete the a proposed activity to “give back” to the MSEDAs membership. Some examples include writing an article for the MSEDAs Newsletter describing how the grant money was used and how it benefited the recipient, organizing a clinic for MSEDAs membership, etc. Additionally, the trainer or clinic/symposium organizer must confirm in writing that the training occurred or was attended. MSEDAs will also have the right to publish photos in the newsletter or for future advertising if it so chooses.

\$750.00 will be given to the recipient upon award. The remaining \$750.00 will be given upon completion of the activity and when all required documentation is received and approved by the Education Chair.

Applications **must be submitted** by December 15.



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