

Alamo Dressage Association Schooling Show Championships (ASSC)

I. Rules for Qualifying

1. A horse/rider combination may qualify for the ASSC Championship by earning **two (2)** qualifying scores. Winning or placing in the class is not necessary as long as the score is earned.
 - a) Both scores can be earned from schooling shows that are not USEF/USDF recognized competitions.
 - b) Scores must be earned at two (2) different competitions from two (2) different judges.
 - c) One (1) of the two (2) scores must be obtained from a USEF licensed judge or a judge who has graduated from the USDF L Program.
 - d) One (1) qualifying score must be from an ADA sponsored schooling show or from an ADA sponsored USEF/USDF recognized competition - limit one (1) score from an ADA recognized competition.
 - e) The schooling show must operate under USEF/USDF rules regarding tack and equipment for the classes for which scores are submitted. Scores from special classes (costume or other classes that do not meet USEF/USDF rules) are not eligible.
 - f) Scores must be obtained during the ASSC qualifying year from September 1st thru August 31st.
 - g) Qualifying scores can be obtained from any test of the level the horse/rider combination is trying to qualifying for.

2. The ASSC qualifying year is from September 1st thru August 31st. The ASSC show will be held in October of each year.

3. A horse/rider combination having won the Championships at a certain level may not compete at that level or below in the Championships in subsequent years. However, the horse may compete at any level with a different rider or vice versa.

4. The ASSC Qualifying Secretary will notify all qualified horse/rider combinations by posting on the ADA website (www.alamodressage.org).

5. A horse/rider combination may qualify at two consecutive levels for the Championships.

6. Divisions:
 - Adult Amateur: A rider age 21* and over who does not receive remuneration for instructing or coaching riders, or training or riding horses.
 - Junior- Under 13*: A rider under age 13.
 - Junior – 13 and over*: A rider between the ages of 13 and 20.
 - Open: Any rider who does not fall in the Adult Amateur or Junior divisions.

*Junior riders who turn 13 or 21 during the qualifying year may compete in the division they are were eligible for at the beginning of the qualifying year.

7. Qualifying scores:

Level	Adult Amateur	Junior/Young Rider	Open
Introductory Level	62%	60%	64%
Training Level	60%	58%	62%
First Level	58%	57%	60%
Second Level	57%	56%	59%
Third Level	56%	55%	58%
Fourth Level and Above	55%	54%	57%

8. Qualifying scores must be mailed to the qualifying secretary and postmarked by **September 15** of each year to participate in the ASSC show in October.

9. Riders submits the scores (a copy of the front of a signed dressage test) OR a copy of the show results and a fee of \$10.00 per score submitted to the ASSC Qualifying Secretary. The fee will be used to fund prize money for the Championships.

II. Championship Competition:

1. Each horse/rider combination may not compete in more than one division (i.e., amateur and open – must declare division upon entry) at the ASSC Championships.

2. A horse/rider combination may qualify and compete at two consecutive levels for the Championships.

3. **Introductory Level:** Qualified horse/rider combination must ride both Test A and Test B at the Championship show. Scores will be averaged to determine placing in the Championship.

4. **Training – Second Level:** Qualified horse/rider combination must ride the highest two tests of the level at the Championship show. Scores will be averaged to determine placing in the Championship.

5. **Third Level and above:** Qualified horse/rider combination only required to ride Test 1 of the level at the Championship show.

6. Riders do not have to be ADA members to participate but will be required to pay a non-member fee of **\$20** when entering the ASSC show.

7. All riders may carry a whip and have their test called.

8. Competition Attire: Prefer attire that meets USEF/USDF regulations but coats are optional. Riders should dress with conservative color riding pants and shirts and proper headgear (ASTM approved helmets) and footwear (dress or field boots, paddock or jodhpur boots - half chaps are allowed).

9. The top three riders are strongly encouraged to return mounted (preferred) or unmounted (in competition attire) with or without horse, for the awards ceremonies.

10. Championship classes will be judged by USEF licensed judge or a graduate of the USDF L program.

III. Championship Awards

1. Trophies or medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places. Ribbons will be awarded for first through sixth places.

2. Prize money will be awarded for first through third place. The amount is determined by the amount of fees collected from qualifying scores and the number of entries in all the Open, Amateur, and Junior/Young Rider Championships classes. It is allocated as follows: First/50%, Second/30%, and Third/20%.

3. Prize money will be dispersed at the end of the show or mailed to the competitor if the competitor does not claim prize money at the show.

IV. Championship Management

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