



# USDF Amateur/Junior/Young Rider Handler Scoresheet

Competition: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

## Individual Scoresheet

<b>No.</b>
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Specifications	Criteria & Directive Ideas	Points	Coef.	Total	Comments
<b>Grooming and Turnout</b>	Condition. Grooming. Appropriate tack and equipment to complement horse.		<b>x 1</b> or 10%		
<b>Conformation</b>	Presents horse to judge in correct stance to highlight horse's strengths. Provides clear view of horse.		<b>x 1</b> or 10%		
<b>Walk Presentation</b>	Shows horse to best of its ability. Horse unrestricted, straight, forward and attentive to handler. Shown on correct line of travel to & from judge.		<b>x 2</b> or 20%		
<b>Trot Presentation</b>	Shows horse to best of its ability. Horse unrestricted, straight, forward and attentive to handler. Shown on correct line of travel to & from judge.		<b>x 2</b> or 20%		
<b>Presentation and Handling</b>	Demonstrates correct training, good horse care and understanding of In-Hand showing techniques. Handles any difficulties effectively. Appropriate attire, neatness, posture and attitude.		<b>x 3</b> or 30%		
<b>General Impression</b>	Well-mannered horse. Harmony and appropriate match between horse and handler.		<b>x 1</b> or 10%		

**(Decimals may be used in Scoring)**

**Total Adjusted Points** \_\_\_\_\_ (100 points possible)

**FURTHER REMARKS:**

**Percentage** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entry No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge's Signature(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

### Amateur or Junior/Young Rider Handler Class

1. To be shown in-hand by an Amateur or Junior/Young Rider.
2. To be judged on presentation of horse to judge, neatness and appearance of handler, overall condition of horse, handling techniques, appropriate tack and equipment, demonstration of correct training and ability to show horse to best of its ability.
3. Handlers showing in this class are eligible to show the same or other horses in additional classes at the same show.

### Pertinent USEF Rules for Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Classes

1. Horses of one sex may not be judged against those of the opposite sex except in specified Group classes, Championship classes or special classes for single breeds or amateur/junior/young rider handlers.
2. A horse shall be disqualified for unsoundness. In Dressage Sport Horse In-Hand classes, unsoundness is defined as showing evidence of lameness. Refer to DR119.1 regarding loss of sight.
3. Following a posted or announced order, an entry will walk to the apex of the triangle, and await the judge's request to proceed on the triangle. The handler will lead the horse on the perimeter of the triangle at walk and trot, returning to the apex to stand for conformation judging. Conformation is judged before and/or after movement. Repetition of all or any part of the movement on the triangle is allowed only at the judge's request. Handlers are permitted to have one assistant.
4. After all horses have been shown on the triangle, some or all may be recalled to be shown in groups at a walk and trot. If horses may be recalled, the prize list or program must state that this procedure will be used.
5. Judge(s) must use individual score cards for Amateur/Jr/YR Handler classes.
6. When two or more judges are officiating, they may agree to use the same score sheets and agree on each score before informing the scribe, or they may judge independently.
7. The judge(s) must excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger handlers, officials, other exhibitors or their entries.
8. Scores must be reported as a total based on the percentages allowed in each judging category, against a possible total of 100%, and all scores and placings must be published. Unofficial scores may be published during the class and/or final scores may be published at the end of each class. Decimals may be used in scoring.
9. Tied scores shall be broken first by referring to movement scores (walk and trot presentation). If still tied, the tie may be broken at the judge's discretion, by the use of decimals, or the horses may be examined again (movement only). If a class is judged by more than one judge, the judges may consult and arrive at one agreed upon placement.
10. Braiding is optional. Bandages of any kind are forbidden during a class.
11. Bridles are mandatory on two-year olds and older. Bridles are forbidden on foals and weanlings. A bridle shall consist of a snaffle type bit (see DR121, Figure 1A) with two reins and headstall with throatlatch. Reins must be attached only to bits as described in DR121.6. Noseband is optional. A split or single chain may be used instead of or in addition to reins, however a lead shank is required if reins are placed over the horse's neck and the handler must hold the shank.
12. The handler, assistant handler and/or a whip assistant may each carry only one whip, or one standard lungeing whip (without attachments, i.e. plastic bags, etc.). In addition, disruptive noisemaking devices are not permitted in the competition ring.
13. Conservative sports attire is recommended for the handlers, assistant handlers and whip assistants. Handlers, assistant handlers and whip assistants of any age must wear protective headgear as defined by DR206 while handling or assisting in the competition ring.
14. Each horse, including non-competing mares accompanying foals, must have a separate Handler or Assistant Handler at all times.
15. The competition veterinarian must be available to the judge, if on the premises, and the handler must give permission to the judge and/or veterinarian before either touches the horse. If the veterinarian is not immediately available, or not called upon, the judge's decision as to the serviceable soundness of a horse must be final.

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## USDF AMATEUR/JUNIOR/YR HANDLER SCORESHEET

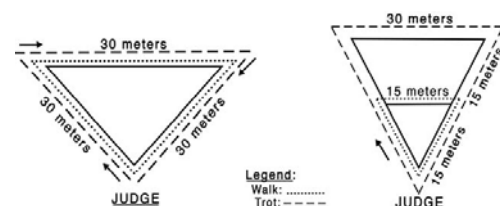
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**Purpose:** To encourage the interest of Amateurs, Juniors and Young Riders in breeding quality Sport Horses, learning correct handling techniques, and showing in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

**Participation:** Amateurs must have current USEF Amateur card. Open to fillies/mares and geldings in any age group. Stallions are permitted in these classes unless prohibited in the prize list. Any other eligibility requirements for horses and handlers must be stated in the prize list.

**Recommendations:** Average time: 3-4 minutes per entry.

**Requirements:** Horses must travel to the right on the triangle (see diagram), first at the walk and then the trot. Horses will stand in "open position" for conformation judging, before and/or after movement judging.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Competition

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Competition

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Name of Class

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Name of Horse

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Handler

**FINAL SCORE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Points

\_\_\_\_\_  
Percentage

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Judge



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