



THE JUDGE'S JOURNEY

Gaining knowledge, an eye and experience.

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Requirements may change so check on USDF and USEF websites for the most up to date information.

USDF L Program

- Competition experience thru 3rd level
- Availability of a program spot
- May be a silent auditor
- Worthwhile program for any dressage rider



L Program

Section A-

Judging Methodology and biomechanics

Section B

Criteria for gaits and paces

Movements and figures

Section C

Collective remarks

Rider biomechanics

Auditing

Increase knowledge and understanding of basics and judging process

Graduate L

May judge schooling shows

Graduate L with distinction

Eligible to go on to USEF 'r' Program

BASICS

rhythm

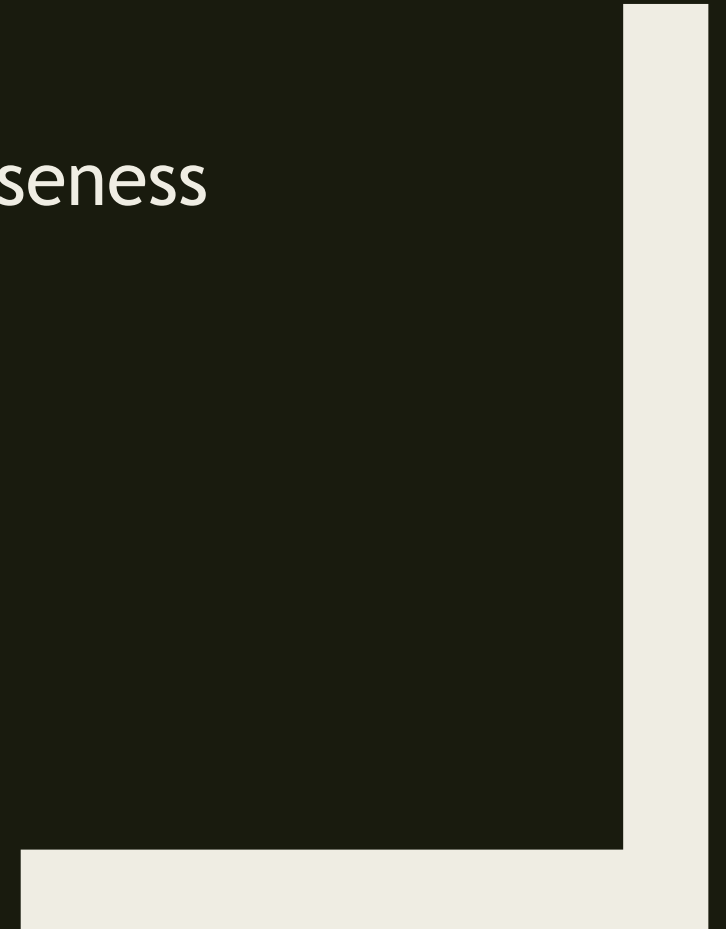
relaxation/suppleness/elasticity/looseness

correct contact/connection

impulsion

straightness

collection



USEF 'r' Program

- L graduate with Distinction
- Within 5 years of L program
- 5 riding scores of 65% or better at 4th level or above

- Online learning
- Classroom learning
- Review of L knowledge
- Dressage seat equitation, Musical Freestyles and Para through second level
- Apprenticing
- Testing-written, oral and practical tests.
- Success allows you to judge through second level at USEF/USDF recognized shows.



R Dressage Judge

- Must have been a recorded ('r') judge for at least two years.
- Judge a minimum of 10 USDF recognized Dressage Shows
- Must have judged at least 40 2-2 and/or 2-3 tests
- Must have at least 5 scores of 65% or higher from 4 different judges at PSG or higher.

R Dressage Judge

On-line lectures and quizzes

Classroom learning for 6-8 hours

Training for 3rd and 4th level movements and basics

Two days practice judging 3rd and 4th level

Attend a National Judges Forum in the year you take the program

Apprentice 9 3rd and 9 4th level classes

Observe at least 3 of each 3rd and 4th level test

Final exam- written, oral and practical

When you have successfully completed your R you may judge at USDF/USEF recognized competitions through 4th level.

Senior Dressage Judge

Be a 'R' judge for at least 2 years

Judge at least 8 USDF/USEF Dressage shows

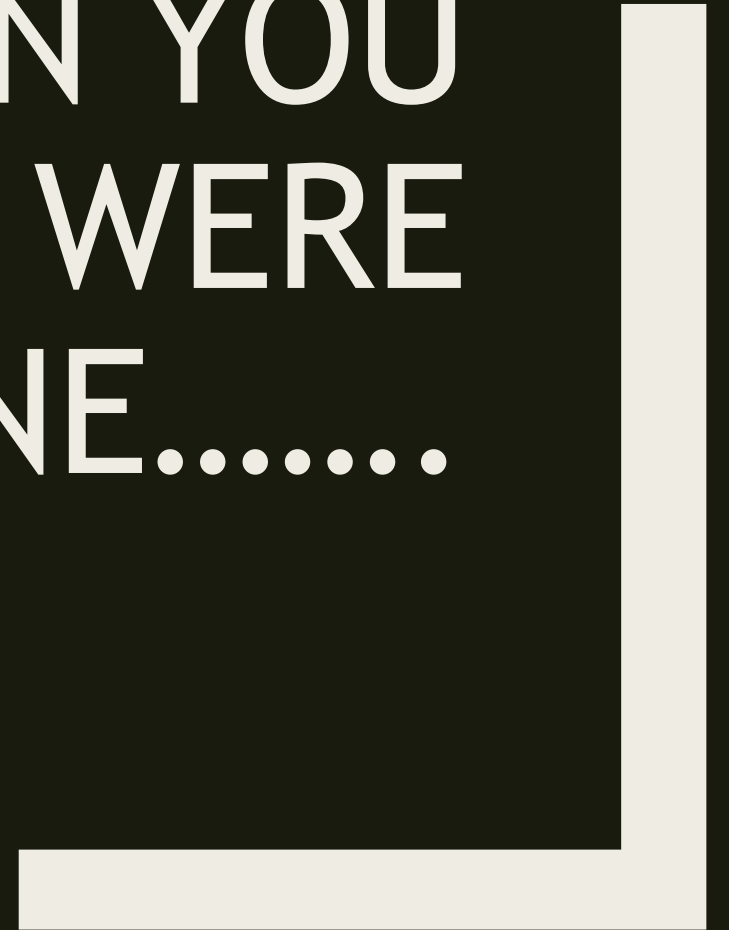
Judge a minimum of 40 4-2 and 4-3 tests

Have 5 scores of 60% or higher at Intermediate 2, Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special, at least 3 of them at Grand Prix

- Apprentice judging at least 3 shows with 8 classes of I-2 or higher with a minimum of 4 riders, at least one outside the apprentices region, 10 test at PSG, YR or Developing Horse and 10 test at I-1
- Observe at a minimum of 4 shows, 10 test of I-2 or higher, 10 test of PSG, YR or Developing Horse, 10 test at I-1 and 6 test each of 4, 5, and 6 year old tests
- Encouraged to observe FEI MFS
- Online and classroom learning
- Written, oral and practical exam
- An 'S' may judge through Grand Prix at USDF/USEF Dressage Shows.



JUST WHEN YOU
THOUGHT YOU WERE
DONE.....



Becoming an FEI Judge



- Experience as S judge and a minimum of classes panel judging Grand Prix
- Several levels of applications
- Apprentice judging and sitting in at CDI's with FEI judges from other countries with positive evaluations
- Testing
- Final approval from USEF

The experience



The testing



- *Basics at the Grand Prix Level*
 - rhythm
- relaxation/suppleness/elasticity
/
looseness
- correct contact/connection
 - impulsion
 - straightness
 - collection

FEI 3*

Judging CDI's

