



# USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospects (In-Hand)

## Individual Scoresheet

No. \_\_\_\_\_

*This scoresheet is required for use in Young Horse classes and for all ages in Individual Breed (IBC) classes.*

Specifications	Directive Ideas	Points	Coef.	Total	Comments
<p><b>Conformation:</b> <i>Criteria:</i> The quality and correctness of: head, neck, saddle position, shoulder, frame, back, forehand, hindquarters, angulation &amp; formation of legs and joints.</p>	<p>Predisposition to unsoundness or limitations in quality of movement, caused by weaknesses or conformation faults, potential for trainability and performance. Emphasis on function, not fashion. Blemishes are not to count unless resulting from conformation faults. Good <b>type: Harmonious</b> conformation suitable for dressage performance.</p>		<b>x 3</b> or 30%		
<p><b>Movement:</b> <b>Walk:</b> <i>Criteria:</i> Four even beats, straight, <b>active</b> &amp; even strides, correctly aligned steps, articulation of joints, freedom of shoulders &amp; haunches, balance, elastic &amp; swinging back, overstep, reach, ground-covering with marching quality.</p>	<p>Purity &amp; quality (<b>clear rhythm, regularity &amp; relaxation</b>) (judged mainly in profile), correctness (judged mainly coming to &amp; going from judge).</p>		<b>x 3</b> or 30%		
<p><b>Trot:</b> <i>Criteria:</i> Two even beats, straight, <b>active</b> &amp; even strides, correctly aligned steps, articulation of joints, freedom of shoulders &amp; haunches, balance, elasticity, swinging back, natural engagement &amp; impulsion from hindquarters, suspension, power from upward thrust &amp; roundness.</p>	<p>Purity &amp; quality (<b>clear rhythm, regularity &amp; relaxation</b>) (judged mainly in profile), correctness (judged mainly coming to &amp; going from judge). Movement should be big-light &amp; springy. <b>Should have scope &amp; volume, maintaining uphill balance.</b></p>		<b>x 3</b> or 30%		
<p><b>General Impression:</b> <i>Criteria:</i> Includes harmony (<b>relationship of conformation to movement</b>), <b>athleticism (strength &amp; mobility)</b>, &amp; development related to age &amp; <b>condition</b>. <b>Demonstrates character, presence &amp; temperament necessary for training.</b></p>	<p><b>Shows potential to become competitive dressage horse &amp; progress through the levels.</b> Riding horse type.</p>		<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) \_\_\_\_\_

## Dressage Sport Horse Prospects (In-Hand) Classes

### Pertinent USEF Rules

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 handlers.
2. A horse shall be disqualified for unsoundness (at the judge's discretion). In Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand classes, unsoundness is defined as showing evidence of lameness.
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.
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. When two or more judges are officiating, they may agree to use the same score sheets or class cards and agree on each score before informing the scribe, or they may judge independently. Class cards alone are not permitted for individual in-hand classes.
6. The judge(s) must excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries, handlers or officials.
7. 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.
8. Tied scores shall be broken first by referring to movement scores. 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. [Ties in USDFBC Finals classes will remain tied.]
9. Braiding is optional. Bandages of any kind are forbidden during a class.
10. 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 with two reins and headstall with throatlatch. Noseband is optional. A split or single chain may be used instead of or in addition to reins.
11. 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.).
12. Conservative sports attire is recommended for handlers, assistant handlers and whip assistants.
13. If the schedule permits, management may allow time for questions from competitors to judges at the end of the show.
14. 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.
15. Assistant Handlers may not show a horse at the trot (except for horses not being judged but accompanying a mare or foal that is being judged).
16. No horse that is not being judged may accompany another horse in the ring while being judged, except for a mare accompanying a foal or vice versa.
17. Unauthorized assistance by individuals outside the competition ring is not permitted.

# USDF DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE PROSPECTS (IN-HAND) SCORESHEET

2007 Edition

**Purpose:** To evaluate potential, suitability and qualities as a dressage sport horse (or performance horse).

**Participation:** Open *only* to **Young Horses**, i.e. fillies, colts and geldings in any age group three years old and under.

**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.

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Name of Competition

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Date of Competition

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Number and Name of Class

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Number and Name of Horse

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Name of Handler

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**FINAL SCORE**

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Points

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Percentage

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Name of Judge

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