

Caledon Dressage Association Caledon Dressage Competitions Information

Caledon Dressage is dedicated to developing dressage riders and horses in South Central Ontario. We are pleased once again to offer a series of dressage competitions for the Silver and Bronze competitor. We are committed to providing high quality dressage competition. We strive to promote safety and sportsmanship, in an atmosphere of camaraderie and learning.

Definitions and contact information

- CADORA - Canadian Dressage Owners & Riders Association. Cadora, a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development of dressage in Canada, is an affiliated member of Equine Canada (EC) website: www.cadora.ca
- COAI - CADORA Ontario Association Incorporated, is the Ontario chapter of Cadora and is composed of directors/representatives of each Cadora group within Ontario website: www.cadora.ca/Cadora-Ontario/
- OEF - Ontario Equestrian Federation. The Ontario Equestrian Federation is the provincial umbrella organization committed to equine welfare, and to providing leadership and support to the individuals, associations and industries in Ontario's horse community. website: www.horse.on.ca **phone:1-877-441-7112**
- DC - Dressage Canada is the discipline committee responsible for dressage within Equine Canada (formerly CEF) Sport division. Its mandate is to represent and govern Dressage in Canada website: www.dressagecanada.org phone: **(613) 248-3433**
- EC – Equine-Hippique Canada (previously CEF- Canadian Equestrian Federation). May also appear as EHC. EC is the national organization that represents all equestrian disciplines and equine activity in Canada. website: www.equinecanada.ca phone: **1-866-282-8395**
- Caledon Dressage Association - The Caledon Dressage Association is an affiliate club of CADORA and DC, serving the Caledon and SouthCentral Ontario dressage community. Caledon Dressage fosters and promotes dressage by providing Silver and Bronze competitions and educational events. website: www.caledondressage.com

Memberships

- Caledon Dressage membership as either a Junior or Senior Member you are supporting Dressage in your local area, as well as benefitting from information and access to local events and activities, and local award programs. This is an optional membership in all levels of competition.
- An OEF membership (Junior or Senior) is required for Bronze, Silver and Gold competitions.
- A current year EC sport license (Bronze, Silver, Gold) is required for the rider and owner of the horse for the corresponding Bronze, Silver, and Gold competitions.
- DC membership is not required to show at Bronze or Silver competitions. However, a senior membership is required for Gold competitions. It also gives you voting privileges, a current

year's test booklet, and access to award programs (*see DC website for award program details).

- Membership in Cadora (National) and COAI (Provincial) entitles you to be eligible for their awards programs, events and clinics, as well as receipt of their magazines and/or newsletters. Membership is optional at all levels of competition.

Passports

Passports are issued by EC and prove ownership of a horse or pony as well as providing the owner with a means of keeping updated information on their animal. EC also keeps competition records of your horse. A passport must be transferred with the sale of the horse. Horse passports can be obtained from EC and are required for Silver and Gold competitions. Owners must have a current year EC sport license (Silver, Gold) to apply for a passport. Passports are effective on the date upon which the application and fees are received by the EC. An annual horse license must be purchased to compete at EC sanctioned shows (Silver and Gold).

Passport applications and EC membership forms are available from the secretary at all shows and also on the EC web site www.equinecanada.ca

Types of Competition

Caledon Dressage currently offers Bronze and Silver competitions, Classes are split into 3 categories: Junior, Adult Amateur and Open (see Rules of the Equine-Hippique Canada Section E: Dressage for complete descriptions). For complete details of Caledon shows please see the official prizelists, published in April of each competition year. Copies of the prizelists may be obtained on the website.

The Junior category is open to all riders until the end of calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Juniors may compete in Open classes, but not Adult Amateur classes. As of 2003, all junior competitors must wear a properly fitted ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials) helmet that displays the SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) seal. The British standard BSI is also acceptable. Juniors must wear this protective headgear at all times when mounted on the competition grounds.

The Adult Amateur category is open to anyone who within the previous 2 years has not accepted remuneration for training a horse and/or coaching, does not hold a current EC coaching certification at Level 2 or above, is not a current EC B, M, or S/FEI judge, and/or not a current listed or former EC Dressage Team member.

The Open category is open to all riders regardless of age or status.

Bronze Competitions Class levels in Caledon Dressage Bronze Competitions range from Training Level to Grand Prix (technical tests only). All tests are ridden in the 20X60 ring (which MAY BE ON GRASS). A horse-rider combination may participate in 4 technical tests in two consecutive levels.

Requirements: To compete, the following are required:

- A current rider OEF membership and EC Bronze (or higher) membership
- If rider is not the owner, a current Owner OEF membership and EC Bronze (or higher)
- A current (within 6 months) negative Coggins test
- Photocopies of these documents must accompany your first entry for the season and will be kept on file for subsequent entries
- You may be asked to produce the originals of any documents at the show-please remember to bring these on show days

Fees: Bronze class fees are \$30.00 per test (Training – Fourth Level) \$50.00 per test (FEI), plus a \$10.00 administration fee, \$7.00 DC Levy and \$5.00 Horse Medications (drug) fee. Membership in Caledon Dressage is required to be eligible for Bronze year end awards. Incomplete entry forms (missing documentation, signatures etc.) will result in a \$20.00 charge.

The drug fee of \$5.00 is charged for the random drug testing of horses. The drug tester is likely to be at one or more shows each season. If you are selected, accompany the drug tester to the drug testing stall so that a sample of your horse's urine may be collected. You must comply with the drug testing or be subject to a hearing, fines and/or suspension.

The DC Levy of \$7.00 is collected to offset the financial cost of the Domestic Development of Dressage in Canada. For more information on this program, consult the Dressage Canada website.

Awards: To be eligible for Caledon year-end awards, a horse/rider combination must be a member in good standing by **June 30th**, and compete at the same class level in a minimum number of (two) Caledon competitions. Champion and Reserve Champion are determined for the horse/rider combination by averaging the top 2 percentages received. A minimum average of 60% is required for Champions and a minimum of 58% for Reserve Champions. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded at each class level.

Provincial (Silver) Competitions. Classes can range from walk/trot to Intermediere 2, and EC Freestyles. All classes above Training Level run in the 20X60 ring at Caledon shows; Walk/trot and Training can optionally run in a 20x40m ring. All classes during a Championship run in a 20x60m ring. A horse-rider combination may participate in 4 technical tests at 2 consecutive levels, or 3 technical tests plus a Freestyle. All classes qualify the horse/rider combination for the Silver Dressage Championships (Eastern or Western). COAI members also qualify for Provincial awards. See the Silver Dressage Circuit Handbook for more information.

Requirements: To compete in Silver, the following are required:

- A valid EC Passport
- A current year Horse License
- A current year rider EC Silver (or higher) membership
- If rider is not owner, a current year Owner EC Silver (or higher) membership
- A current year rider OEF membership
- If rider is not owner, a current year Owner OEF membership
- A negative current (within 6 months) Coggins test
- Photocopies of these documents must accompany your first entry for the season and will be kept on file for subsequent entries
- You may be asked to produce the originals of any documents at the show-please remember to bring these on show days

Tack Check: Immediately following the completion of the test ride, each horse/rider must have their tack checked by the steward. Failure to conform to EC rules or have tack checked will result in elimination from that class.

Fees: Silver Class Fees are \$35.00 per class. For each show there is an administration fee of \$20.00 non-refundable, a DC Levy of \$7.00 and a Horse Drug fee of \$5.00. Incomplete entry forms (missing documentation, missing photocopies of Coggins test, membership cards, missing signatures, etc.) as well as late entries will result in a \$20.00 charge.

The drug fee of \$5.00 is charged for the random drug testing of horses. The drug tester is likely to be at one or more shows each season. If you are selected, accompany the drug tester to the drug testing stall so that a sample of your horse's urine may be collected. You must comply with the drug testing or be subject to a hearing, fines and/or suspension.

The DC Levy of \$7.00 is collected to offset the financial cost of the Domestic Development of Dressage in Canada. For more information on this program, consult the Dressage Canada website.

Awards: To be eligible for Caledon Dressage year-end awards a horse/rider combination must be a member in good standing by **June 30th**, and compete at the same class Level in a minimum number (two) of Caledon competitions, in one competition season. Champion and Reserve Champion are determined by totaling the three highest percentages received. A minimum of 60% is required for Champions and a minimum of 58% for Reserve Champions. Champions and Reserve Champions will be awarded at each class level, including the Freestyles.

Gold. At this time, Caledon Dressage does not host any Gold competitions. Classes go from Training Level to Grand Prix. Each competition will have a prize list outlining the classes, awards, entry fees and details of the competition.

All three types of competitions now called *Gold, Silver, and Bronze* are governed by the rules of the EC, use EC officials and are subject to the fines and penalties of the EC. Any person competing or officiating at one of these competitions must abide by the EC statement of principal (see the EC Rule book or the prize list for details).

Details about Caledon Dressage Competitions

- **Late entries may be accepted.** Due to the complexity of scheduling competitions of this size, late entries may be accepted, but are subject to an additional fee. See the prize list for entry deadlines.
- **Cross entries are not permitted on 1-day competitions.** Bronze and Silver competitions are two separate competitions run on the same day on the same site. Horse/rider combinations may not enter both competitions on the same day.
- A copy of a current (within 6 months) **negative coggins test** must be submitted with the entry form the first time the horse shows in a competition season. Please make sure the horse's competition name (not barn name) is on the Coggins test. Horses without valid coggins tests will not be permitted to remain on the showgrounds.
- **Waivers must be signed.** Photocopying of the entry form is fine, however please do not copy the signatures. This is not legal and will be considered an incomplete entry.
- **Stabling.** Overnight stabling or stabling for the day of the competition is available.
- **Protective Hard Hats** are mandatory **FOR ALL RIDERS** when mounted on the competition grounds, including in the competition arena.
- **Juniors must wear a properly fitted ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials) helmet that displays the SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) seal. The British**

standard BSI is also acceptable. Juniors must wear this protective headgear at all times when mounted on the competition grounds.

- **Refunds** - see prize list for details.

How Judges are Assigned (Silver and Bronze competitions)

- S or M – (Senior/Medium) can judge all levels
- B – (Basic) can judge through Level 2 (Level 4 with a guest card) Silver; all levels Bronze
- r – (Recorded) can judge walk/trot through Grand Prix Bronze

How Rings are Assigned

The assigning of classes to rings is a very complicated process. The variables that are involved are:

- Judge Credentials and Size of Classes
- Wait times
- Judge's Lunch and Breaks
- Each rider to ride before 2 different judges
- EC judge time limitations.

What to wear at Bronze and Silver Competitions

A tweed or dark coloured jacket, white or light coloured breeches, black or brown boots, tie, hunting stock, or choker, and gloves. Juniors are permitted to wear jodhpurs and boots. A hunt cap, bowler or top hat, tie, white hunting stock tie, or choker, gloves (white or black), black or brown boots. Spurs are permissible but not compulsory. Half boots or half chap boots zipped over short boots are not permitted.

All juniors must wear an ASTM/SEI or BSI approved helmet at all times when mounted on the competition grounds.

Riders with long hair must wear hair nets or tie hair back in a braid or bun.

Spurs must be made of metal, and there must be a shank pointing directly back from the centre of the spur. The arms of the spur must be smooth. If rowels are used, they must be free to rotate and dull enough not to cut the horse's skin.

*****All exhibitors **MUST** wear protective head-gear with straps done up at all times **WHEN MOUNTED at Caledon Dressage Shows.*******

In the case of inclement weather riders may elect to wear a warm or water-proof overcoat and hat cover. In extreme heat or humidity the judge may permit competitors to ride without jackets. Competitors must wear regulation hat and solid white long or short sleeved shirt.

Horses

In short: black or brown bridle(with regular cavesson, dropped noseband, flash, or figure 8) and saddle. Martingales (other than running), bit guards, any kind of gadget (bearing, side, running or balancing reins) hoods, blinkers, ear muffs or plugs, seat covers are under penalty of elimination, strictly forbidden on the show grounds at any time during any competition.

Breastplates, foregirths, girth covers and non-restrictive nose fly guards **are** permitted.

Tack which is designed to facilitate the comfort of the horse or safety of the rider in the competition or warm-up area is permitted. Not permitted are gadgets designed to affect the performance of the horse (e.g., bit burrs, ear plugs).

In the warm-up ring running martingales are permitted on the snaffle rein. Boots, bandages are permitted in Bronze Competition; permitted in warm-up in Silver Competition, and side reins are permitted when lunging unmounted horses only.

Double bridles are permitted at Third Level and above only.

All Dress/Tack regulations are available in Section E: Dressage Rules on www.equinecanada.ca/dressage

What to do when you get to the competition:

- Get your trailer parked (in designated area; NOT BEHIND competition Ring 2) and get your horse settled. Do not leave the horse unattended, especially tied to the trailer. (Most horses that get hurt or loose at shows have been left unattended)
- Report to the secretary's table, take your passport (if required) and give the secretary your last name. You will receive your number. Please return your number at the end of the day when picking up your tests. When you return your number will receive your passport.
- Check the score board and day sheets. Note your time and which horse you follow in your classes in which ring.
- Put your rider number on the left side of your saddle pad or bridle. This number must be on the horse at all times when outside their stall.
- Competitors are asked to respect signs prohibiting entry into certain parts of the show grounds and those prohibiting dogs entry into certain areas of the show grounds.
- Lunging is allowed in the designated OUTSIDE area only.
- Listen for the announcer to announce who is in the ring and who is on deck. Proceed to the on-deck area when the rider you are following is in the competition ring. **Note: you do not have to ride before your scheduled time.** However, if you are ready and wish to proceed this helps to keep the show running.

- Test callers can be used if desired and are arranged by the competitor.
- Arena fence conditions must remain the same for all entries in the class. Please do not change the gate. Having the gate open or closed is at the discretion of the show organizer and if it is to be closed, a volunteer will be provided.
- Silver competitors must proceed to the steward immediately after their ride for a tack check. Failure to do so will result in elimination.
- After completion of all your classes, return your number to the secretary and pick up your tests, passport, and freestyle CD (if applicable). **Note: Tests cannot be returned until the class is completed and placed.**

Dressage Competition Etiquette

The following are a few helpful suggestions to make a dressage competition fun and enjoyable for officials, fellow competitors, volunteers and landowners.

Scratches. If you must scratch from a class or the competition, please call the show organizer or secretary or tell a fellow competitor or volunteer, to notify the secretary at the show.

Retiring from the ring. If your horse is misbehaving or comes up lame in the ring forcing you to retire, stop, face the judge and salute before leaving the ring.

Appearance. Horses should be braided and clean, with clean tack and saddle pads.

Warm-up. Warm-up is to be conducted in designated areas only. Please use the warm up ring for mounted warm up work and the lunging area outside for unmounted warm-up.

Warm-up ring:

...left hands meet when passing other riders.

...coaching in the warm up area is to be done with coach outside the warm up ring.

...slower horses should stay on the inside, faster horses have the right of way.

...beginners should have the right of way over advanced riders.

...horses acting up will be removed from the warm up ring. (The steward can ask a misbehaving horse to leave the warm-up ring for the safety of the other competitors)

...no person should be on the ground in the indoor warm up. Coaches, grooms etc must remain outside the fence.

Cross-Entering

Horses may be ridden by more than one rider at a competition, but not more than once in a class.

Volunteering

The Caledon Dressage Association is a non-profit organization designed to promote dressage in the community. Without volunteers we cannot run competitions, clinics, or special events. Through volunteering you can learn about dressage as well as support your local dressage community. To volunteer, call the show manager or Kristy Nahirniak (519-938-5138) or any member of the executive.

How to complete a Competition Entry Form

Please print neatly, if your entry form cannot be read, spelling mistakes will occur. If you are sharing a horse with another rider or riding more than one horse please make a note of this so your times can be set accordingly. Special requests will be considered and every attempt to comply made, but please be clear and reasonable with your requests.

- Rider's name: First name and last name of the rider as you would like it to appear on the scoreboard.
- Horse's name: Full name of horse, as in passport if Silver, or as you want it to appear on the scoreboard if Bronze.
- Memberships: 2008 OEF copies for owner and rider (if different from owner), EC Bronze membership copies for owner and rider (if different from owner-Bronze division only) or EC Silver membership copies for owner and rider (if different from owner – Silver or Bronze division)
- Check whether you are an Open, Adult Amateur or Junior Rider (a junior rider is one who has not attained their 18th birthday as of January 1st of the current year). If this information is missing you will be placed in the Open category. Adult Amateurs must have that box checked on their EC membership card to be eligible to be placed in this category.
- List classes you are entering and include the Level and test number e.g. Level 1, Test 1; Level 1, Freestyle, etc.
- List entry fees. \$35 for Silver per test, \$30 or \$50 for Bronze per test
- Complete applicable fees. Both Circuits pay the Administration Fee, \$7.00 Dressage Canada Levy, and \$5.00 drug fee.
- Photocopies of the 2008 OEF cards for owner and rider (if different from owner), a 2008 current negative coggins test and EC Bronze membership for owner and rider (if different from owner-Bronze division only) or EC Silver membership for owner and rider (if different from owner – Silver or Bronze division), and for **Silver competitors only** a copy of your horses passport page with 2008 Horse license are required to be submitted with the competitor's *first Caledon Dressage Entry Form for the 2008 season*. Please bring copies of these documents with you to all shows that you attend in case you are asked to produce them. Membership forms and/or Day permits for both OEF and EC are available for purchase at the registration desk if needed. If a Coggins test has not been submitted with the entry, the horse will not be allowed on the competition grounds.

- Waiver Form: This release must be signed by both owner, rider and Person Responsible before they are allowed to compete. Parents must sign for junior riders. Photocopied signatures are not allowed.
- Circle the date of the competition to be attended.
- Riders must sign all applicable areas of the entry form.