

# **AGENDA GUIDELINES**

## **EC DRESSAGE JUDGE IN-PERSON PROMOTION/MAINTENANCE CLINICS**

### **DAY 1**

#### **Welcome and Introductions of Clinicians**

- Housekeeping (sign in sheets, respecting organizers, volunteers, competitors, etc.)
- Introduction from attendees
- Proposed itinerary for the day including rings, breaks, timing of activities

#### **Theory - General**

- Dressage/Para Dressage “Quiz 101” (to be distributed, handed in and scored)
- Discussion of “results” of quiz
- Highlight “What’s New in our Sport” – Rules Changes, etc.
- Responsibilities of the dressage judge
- EC Code of Conduct and Welfare of the Horse

#### **Judging Theory – The Training Scale and Its’ Application**

- Criteria at the levels to be judged
- Focus on scale of marks
- Handling errors, penalties and eliminations
- Using the scale of marks
- Matching scores to appropriate comments
- Summary scores and comment
- Para Dressage/Young Horse/ Freestyles/Rising Stars/Equitation

#### **Practical Judging**

- To be done throughout the day, according to the competition schedule
- Assign appropriate classes for level of participants. If possible, divide participants into smaller groups for practical ringside judging.
- Clinicians may choose to judge and discuss comments and scores followed by participants judging “out loud”
- “Test judging” – separate into two groups – scribes/judges and assign who does what tests

#### **Theory Review**

- Return to area/room to discuss tests/comments
- Discuss plans for Day 2, timing etc.

## **DAY TWO**

- Brief review of previous day and discussion of Agenda for the day

### **THEORY (continued)**

- Judging theory appropriate to the level of the participants.
- Discuss appropriate scores and comments; how to get to the essence of a movement
- General discussion re judging situations; how challenging moments are handled
- Invite a steward to attend to provide input/answer questions emphasizing teamwork

### **PRACTICAL JUDGING RINGSIDE**

- Practical judging continues, moving to higher levels
- Discussion of judging freestyles
- “Test judging” for those requesting promotion (the maintenance judges could write for those being tested)
- Final review of test judging / discussions of results
- Experience sharing
- Review of clinic, feedback

### **INTERVIEW OF JUDGES BEING PROMOTED**

- At end of day, brief interview of promotion judges/discussion of results

### **Participants Toolkit (when agenda set, have it along with following reminder sent to participants)**

- EC Dressage and Para-Dressage Rule Book
- EC Dressage Test Booklet
- Pens, paper, clipboard
- Chair, personal weather items
- Copies of tests to be judged