

**DRESSAGE P.E.I. 2009 DISCOVERY SHOW**  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2009 Crapaud Agriplex, Crapaud**  
**Judge: Alison Gallagher, NB**

In order to give everyone an opportunity to try their hand at performing competitive Dressage tests in a show ring environment, Dressage PEI is offering this Discovery Show that is open to all riders.

**EC memberships and passports are not required.** However, for insurance reasons, provincial horse sport organization memberships (Island Horse Council in PEI) are required, otherwise temporary insurance for the day must be purchased for \$25.

Every class offered will be held and judged in accordance with the Rules and Specifications of the current rules of EC, with the exception of the rider's show garb, where it is only necessary to wear proper English boots, breeches, coat, and helmet, top hat, or derby (all competitors under 18 years old must wear approved protective head gear).

**Young horses are welcome at this show.**

**Special Unmounted Clinic for All Discovery Show Competitors**

Dressage PEI is pleased to offer all competitors a free clinic with Judge Allison Gallagher to take place after the ribbon awarding ceremony has taken place at the Discovery Show. This clinic is open to competitors only.

As a group the competitors will meet with Allison Gallagher and she will make some general comments about how to prepare and ride dressage tests. Each competitor will be then able to ask questions about his or her own test or about showing in dressage. The Dressage PEI committee encourages all competitors to take this opportunity to learn as much as possible from this excellent clinician.

Only competitors will be permitted in the clinic in order to make the experience as much fun and as helpful as possible. Allison is a very experienced clinician, equestrian, judge and competitor as well as being sensitive to inexperienced riders. She is very willing to help with any type of dressage question. Please consider attending this Special **FREE** Clinic on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to take place immediately following the show.

Dressage PEI has had many requests to help riders get started in dressage showing. This clinic seeks to address some of these requests. Riders, it is **Your Opportunity!**

For planning purposes please let us know on the entry form if you are considering staying for the Free Riding Dressage Tests Clinic at Crapaud on August 29th. It will be a fun time for all!

Inquires and entries to Competition Secretary:

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## **THE EQUINE CANADA STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLE**

Equine Canada (EC), the national equestrian federation of Canada, supports adherence to humane treatment of horses in all competitions under its jurisdiction.

EC is committed to:

- Upholding the welfare of horses, regardless of value, as a primary consideration in all activities;
- Requiring that horses be treated with kindness, respect, and the compassion that they deserve, and that they never be subjected to mistreatment;
- Ensuring that owners, trainers and exhibitors or their agents use responsible care in the handling, treatment, and transportation of their horses as well as horses placed in their care for any purpose;
- Providing for the continuous well-being of horses by encouraging routine inspection and consultation with health care professionals and competition officials to achieve the highest possible standards of nutrition, health, comfort, sanitation and safety as a matter of standard operating procedure;
- Continuing to support scientific studies on equine health and welfare;
- Increasing education in training and horsemanship practices;
- Requiring owners, trainers and exhibitors to know and follow their sanctioning organization's rules and to work within industry regulation in all equestrian competition;
- Reviewing, revising and developing competition rules and regulations that protect the welfare of horses.

The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be neither cruel, abusive nor inhumane.

## **RULES AND CONDITIONS**

### **Membership.**

1. For insurance reasons, membership in provincial horse sport organization (Island Horse Council in PEI) memberships are required, otherwise temporary insurance for the day must be purchased for \$25.

### **Passports**

2. No passports required.

### **Entries**

3. Completed entries are to be sent to the Competition Secretary no later than August 13, 2008. Late entries, if accepted, will be charged \$25 per horse. Late entries will not be accepted the day of the competition. The completed entry must supply all information required and payment of fees.
4. Entries may have to be limited. In this case, completed entries will be prioritized initially by Dressage P.E.I. membership and subsequently by the earliest date received.
5. All entries must be accompanied by a cheque or money order made out to "Dressage P.E.I."
6. No horse may be entered in more than two levels at the same competition and these levels must be consecutive.

### **Freestyle**

7. No horse may be entered in two levels of freestyle at the same competition, nor in a level of freestyle either higher or lower than the two consecutive levels of tests in which they wish to compete at the same competition. Riders wishing to compete in Freestyle classes are asked to consult the current EC Dressage Rules for class requirements.
8. A horse/rider combination, to be eligible to enter the freestyle must have obtained the following prior to competing in a freestyle: a minimum score of 58% in a dressage test at the same technical level as the freestyle they wish to enter (e.g., 58% in the EC Second Level to compete in the EC Second Level freestyle). The dressage score may have been obtained at an EC National dressage competition prior to the competition in which they wish to enter the freestyle or it may be obtained at the same competition. Freestyle competitors MUST complete the portion of the entry form pertaining to the freestyle eligibility requirements.

9. Competitors wishing to compete in the Freestyle classes must deposit their cassette tape or CD with the Competition Secretary at least 2 hours prior to the beginning of the class. Competitors are responsible for the quality of their tape and also for arranging the tape to be in the correct positioning for their performance. Competitors who wish to arrange for their own music to be played are asked to inform the Competition Secretary upon registration. The Competition Committee does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to the tapes or for problems arising through the playing of the music. An opportunity for each competitor to play their music prior to show time will be arranged on each day of the show.

10. The entry form for all sanctioned competitions shall be signed by the person responsible for the care, training, custody and performance of the horse. A parent or guardian must sign the entry form if there is no other person responsible. (A1011)

### **Hors concours**

11a. Hors Concours entries may be accepted at the discretion of the show committee.

11b. Hors Concours entries must go last in the class and are not eligible for any prizes or awards.

### **Refund Policy**

12. All refunds are contingent upon receipt of a veterinarian's certificate or a medical doctor's certificate. If the proper documentation is given to the Competition Secretary within 10 days of the competition (i.e. the closing date for entries), all fees submitted to Dressage P.E.I. will be refunded. Documentation received after the closing date for entries and less than 5 days after the competition date entitle the applicant to an 80% refund of all entry fees submitted to Dressage P.E.I. (excluding number and administration fees). Refunds will not be entertained if documentation has not been received before the 5<sup>th</sup> day after the competition unless extenuating circumstances prevail. In such cases refunds must be approved by the current Dressage P.E.I. executive. Refunds for circumstances other than illness of the competitor or horse will not be entertained. Horses and/or riders eliminated from competition are not eligible for refunds.

### **Competition Guidelines**

13. Every class offered herein is covered by the rules and specifications of the current rules of the EC and will be held and judged in accordance with the EC Rule Book. It is the responsibility of the competitor to read and follow these rules. Competitors will find information on the Principles of Dressage, Definition of Movements, Dress, Saddlery and Equipment, Calling of Tests, Conditions for Elimination and Competition Numbers amongst others.

14. The Rules of the EC recognize 3 categories of competitors:

- a) Open (O) All competitors (regardless of age and/or amateur/ professional status)
- b) Adult Amateur (AA) All riders who are no longer Juniors under rule 1.1.5.a (except as outlined in 1.1.4b); individual Canadian competitors (see 1.1.4c)
- c) Junior (J) All riders who have not reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1, 2008.

The criteria of 1.1.4b are as follows: A rider not eligible for the Adult Amateur (AA) category is anyone who: 1) accepts remuneration for training a horse and/or coaching any person to ride a horse including clinics and seminars in the dressage discipline; 2) holds EC English Coaching Certification at Level 2 (dressage option) or Levels 3-5 Dressage; 3) is a EC SB, SM or S/FEI dressage judge or his/her equivalent in other National Federations; 4) is a current or former CET Short/Long listed rider or current or former CET Dressage Team member; 5) anyone who has represented Canada internationally. These categories apply to all tests except for FEI Pony, FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider classes where instead the FEI age rules apply (Section E, 2.2.1d).

15. Dressage tests up to and including first level will be used at the competition.

16. Eligible riders may enter two categories at each level. For example, if eligible, a rider could compete in the EC First 1 level in both Junior and Open categories. Further, the rider is not required to perform both tests. The rider can choose to ride one test and upon payment of the appropriate fee, have the score considered for the other category. Riders may apply this to each of two levels (but see 7 above), thereby being eligible to ride a maximum of 5 tests (including the freestyle) at any given competition. EC Dressage tests will be used at all competitions. :

17. All tests can be found on the Dressage Canada website. Please note that tests have changed and we will be using the 2007 tests.

18. The steward will be in attendance and as at all shows, the rider must present him/her self to the steward

for a tack check immediately AFTER the rider leaves the ring. It is the rider's responsibility to report to the Steward. Failure to report will result in elimination. As of January 1, 2003, all Juniors must wear approved protective headgear at all times when mounted. If for safety reasons, an adult rider wishes to wear approved protective headgear, this is permitted.

19. Test times are available from the Competition Secretary from the Tuesday evening through to the Thursday evening prior to the competition, after which, times will be posted at the competition grounds. Competitors with email addresses (see application form) will be sent ride times directly.

20. Awards will be given at the conclusion of completed classes.. All riders winning awards are required to present themselves in competition attire with horse and bridle (dismounted) at the ribbon ceremony.. Instructions as to presentation of horses will be announced prior to the awards presentation. Anyone not present at the awards ceremony(ies) without permission from the Secretary of the Day forfeits his/her prize.

21. Lungeing (mounted) is not permitted under penalty of elimination. Lungeing will not be permitted in the warm up ring if another rider is present. (See Section E. 2.8.6 of the 2000 Rules of the EC for additional changes to this rule.) Riders in the warm up ring are asked to pass left to left and to maintain a respectful (1.5 m) distance from other riders. The Show Committee will designate an area for lungeing.

22. Entries will not be allowed to leave and return to the show grounds during the competition. Entries who have concluded their classes in the morning program may leave the competition grounds at the conclusion of the lunch-time awards ceremony provided that they are not contenders for high point awards (refer to #17 above).

### **General**

23. The Competition Committee reserves the right to govern all conditions of the competition and its entries.

24. Crapaud Agriplex and Dressage P.E.I. will not be held responsible for damage, injury or loss to persons, horses or property of exhibitors or spectators.

25. Any protest must be made in writing within 48 hours of the completion of the class concerned and addressed to the Show Secretary.. The written protest must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, cash or certified cheque.

26 Any competitor submitting an N.S.F. cheque will be required to pay the full amount plus any bank charges and \$25.00 in cash within 14 days of notification. The competitor will then be required to pay all future competition fees in cash or by money order for one calendar year.

27. In the case of cancellation, competitors will be notified.

28. As a general rule, we recommend that your horse have a negative Coggins Test and recent Flu and Rhino virus inoculations. In addition we recommend that your horse be immunized against Strangles.

29. All tests will be ridden in 20 metres X 60 metres ring.

30. Competition numbers must be worn and visible in schooling and exercise area as well as competition ring.

## **AWARDS**

**Three awards will be given out at the show. These will be for the riders who have the highest average score in two rides. There will be one award for a Junior Rider, one for an Adult Amateur and one for an Open Rider.**

## RIBBONS TO 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

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### **CLASS ENTRY FEES**

All classes :	\$15.00
Insurance Fee (Without proof of insurance)	\$25.00
Administration Fee (Includes daily program, administration fee, number & on-time entry fee.) All Competitors (one fee/entry)	\$20.00
Stabling Fee: Stall in Crapaud Agriplex stable (includes one bag of shavings)	\$25.00
Tie to trailer:	\$10.00

For competitors information, the Crapaud Exhibition offers electricity for a trailer hook up. Please contact Gerald Dixon for this service and for fees.

### **TESTS OFFERED**

Walk Trot Test A and B

EC Training Level 1, 2, 3, 4 (J, AA, O)

EC First Level 1, 2, 3, 4 (J, AA, O)

\* OTHER (we will offer higher tests. However these tests must be ridden hors concours. Please indicate the test you wish to ride on your entry form).

### **DEADLINE:**

Entries must be received no later than Wednesday, August 19, 2009.

Entries must be sent to: Teresa Mellish, 2811 Route 3, New Perth, P.E.I. C0A 1G0.

Ride times will be available on the Dressage PEI blog site at <http://peidressage.blogspot.com> or at (902-838-4032) from Tuesday to Thursday evening prior to the competition , after which times will be posted at the stable

Entry forms with email addresses will be directly notified of ride times.

**Location:** Crapaud Agriplex is part of the Crapaud Exhibition Association on Trans Canada Highway in Crapaud.

ENTRY FORM

DRESSAGE P.E.I. DISCOVERY SHOW

Crapaud Agriplex, Crapaud, on Saturday, August 29, 2009

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth( If Junior): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Provincial Insurance # \_\_\_\_\_

Owner (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Provincial Insurance #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ The ride times will be e-mailed to you.

Please circle your choice in each column for the classes that you wish to enter at this show:

Walk Trot Test A and B JR - AA -O

Class fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EC Training 1 2 3 4 JR - AA -O

Class fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EC First 1 2 3 4 JR - AA -O

Class fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER CLASSES:

\_\_\_\_\_ <-- please specify class \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Stabling Fee: Crapaud Agriplex \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Tied to trailer \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Admin. Fee (program, ring #): \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Temp. Insurance (No proof of insurance): \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**For planning purposes, please indicate if you are interested in the unmounted clinic at the end of the show.**

**I am interested in the unmounted clinic at the end of the day (no fee) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR ANNOUNCER

To make the show more interesting for spectators, we are asking competitors to provide information for the announcer about their horses and themselves. Information could include highlights of their riding careers and information about their horses which would be of interest to spectators. Other than basic information about you and your horse, we will only announce what you write up in this section.

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### Classification Declaration

"I, declare that I have met the provisions for the Rider Category(ies) submitted with this entry and according to Section E 1.1.4 to 1.1.6 of the 2001 EC Rule Book."

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### Freestyle Declaration

"I, (horse/rider combination) declare that I have achieved a score of 58% in a National Competition Dressage test at the same technical level as the freestyle that I am entering. Should this information be deemed false, it will be on the onus of the rider, previously named, to pay any and all fines named by the EC."

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### Headgear Declaration

In the event that \_\_\_\_\_ participates in an Equine Canada sanctioned competition where approved headgear is required for juniors, he/she will wear a properly fitted, ASTM or BSI approved helmet. It is understood that juniors not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete at these competitions.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_(parent)

### Person Responsible

"I declare that I am the person responsible for the care, training, custody and performance of the horse."

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/guardian, if rider is under 18 years of age)

### Insurance Declaration

"I, acknowledge that the; sport of horses; is a high risk sport and that I am participating at my own risk, in full knowledge that there is some element of risk that an accident could occur and result in injury or death to the rider or the mount..

It is hereby recognized that all equestrian sports involve inherent risk and that no helmet or protective equipment can protect against all foreseeable injury. I hereby accept this risk and hold harmless the EC, the competition, their officials, organizers, agents, employees and their representatives.

I hereby certify that every horse and rider, is eligible as entered and agree for myself and my representatives to be bound by the Constitution and Rules of the Canadian Equestrian Federation and this competition."

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_(owner/\*agent)  
(person responsible for the horse)

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_(Parent/guardian, if rider is under 18 years of age)

\*A letter of authorization is required from the Owner assigning the Agent.

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Teresa Mellish, 2811 Route 3, New Perth, PEI, C0A 1G0

Please Make Cheques Payable To: DRESSAGE PEI

Closing Date: August 19, 2009 .

This entry will be considered complete when all required information has been submitted along with entry fee.

Please submit ONE entry per horse!