



# SWDC

## Southwest Dressage Championship

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Date Rec'd _____	

### Application for Competition Recognition

*(one competition per form, please)*

Recognition Fee: \$40.00 (each competition).  
Make check payable to SWDC. Please fill out this form completely.

Competition Name		
Date(s) Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional	<input type="checkbox"/> New Date
Location (City, State, Facility)		
Levels Offered		
Judge(s) and Rating(s)		
Technical Delegate		

<b>USEF and USDF approval required!</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Granted	<input type="checkbox"/> Applied for
If this competition is breed restricted, indicate breed:		
Check types of classes to be offered:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior/Young Rider	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Amateur	<input type="checkbox"/> FEI
<input type="checkbox"/> Freestyle	<input type="checkbox"/> Breeding	

*If applying for competition recognition, the Competition and its management agrees to abide by all the rules of the SWDC and understands that failure to do so constitutes a violation of the rules, which may subject the Competition and its management to penalty. The Competition and management will accept as final the decision of the SWDC Board of Directors as to any dispute regarding show recognition.*

Primary Show Contact:	Name:
	Address:
	City/State/Zip:
	Phone:
	E-mail:

Sponsoring Organization:	
Organization Representative:	Phone:
Authorized Signature:	Date:

Copy this Application and retain for your records.  
Please return completed form with Recognition Fee to:  
**SWDC**  
c/o Sarah Martin PO Box 910, Montgomery, TX 77356  
Tel: 936 597-5439 E-mail: [chairman@swdressage.org](mailto:chairman@swdressage.org)

## Southwest Dressage Championship 2018 Qualifying Percentages

Level	AA	JR/YR	OPEN
Walk/Trot (USDF Intro B Test)	63%	63%	
Training Level	61%	61%	64%
First Level	60%	60%	63%
Second Level	59%	59%	62%
Third Level	58%	58%	60%
Fourth Level	57%	57%	58%
Prix St. Georges	57%	57%	58%
Intermediate I	57%	57%	58%
Intermediate II	57%	57%	58%
Grand Prix	57%	57%	58%
Musical Freestyle Training Level			62%
Musical Freestyle 1st Level			62%
Musical Freestyle 2nd Level			62%
Musical Freestyle 3 <sup>rd</sup> Level			62%
Musical Freestyle 4 <sup>th</sup> Level			62%
Musical Freestyle FEI			60%
Pony Championship – Training Level			56%
Pony Championship – First Level			56%

### New for 2018 LIFELINE RULE

To exercise the Lifeline rule a horse/rider combination must have already achieved one SWDC minimum qualifying score at a level and division where the SWDC fee was paid before the ride at an SWDC approved competition. If the horse rider combination failed to pay the qualifying fee at another competition this lifeline may be exercised. The rider may pay a fee of \$75 to SWDC and send the fee, along with the score or USDF record of score to the SWDC qualifying secretary to count as a second qualifying score. The second score must have been earned at an in-region SWDC-approved competition at the same level/division and satisfy the minimum score for the Level/division where the SWDC qualifying fee was not paid before the ride in which the score was earned.

**The intent to qualify for a specific division must be designated on the entry form and the qualifying fee PAID before the ride at a qualifying show.**

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### Important Considerations for Qualifying

1. A horse/rider combination may qualify for the SWDC Championship by earning two qualifying scores in qualifying classes at SWDC recognized shows during the SWDC qualifying year. Qualifying classes are the highest test at each level, with the exception of Walk Trot which will use Intro Test B. Winning or placing in the class is

not necessary as long as the score is earned. These scores must be earned at two different competitions from two different judges.

2. An \$10.00 fee is added to the regular entry fee when entering a Qualifying Class at an SWDC recognized competition. \$1.00 of the fee is to provide for the volunteers' services at the Championships, \$5.00 of this fee is allocated for prize money at the Championships, and the remaining \$4.00 will be used to help pay for awards (any of the \$4.00 not used for prizes will be added to the prize money).
3. One score may be earned at a show that is not approved by the SWDC as long as:
  - a. The show is outside of Region 9 and recognized by USEF/USDF.
  - b. The rider submits the score (a copy of the front of a signed dressage test) and a fee of \$25.00 to the SWDC Qualifying Secretary within two weeks of the end of the competition. If the score is not received within the two weeks, it will not apply.
4. A horse/rider combination having won the Championships at a certain level and division may not compete at that level and division or below in the Championships in subsequent years (except Grand Prix). However, the horse may compete at any level with a different rider.
5. Riders in the Walk/Trot level must not have competed in a recognized show above First Level.
6. Each rider must declare the division in which they are competing prior to each attempt at a qualifying ride at SWDC qualifying shows or for a score submitted under Rule 4 (Amateur, Open, or Junior/Young Rider) and must provide proof of eligibility in the case of Amateur and Junior/Young Rider. The intent to qualify for a particular division must be designated on the entry form. Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Riders and Ponies may also qualify for the Open division. Separate qualifying scores must be earned for each division. At the SWDC Championships they must enter each division separately and will ride in each division separately. If a competitor is found to have entered a division in which they are **NOT ELIGIBLE** they must default to show in the Open division if their qualifying scores are sufficient to qualify in that division.
7. In qualifying classes with more than one judge, scores among the judges of the ride will be averaged. For purposes of obtaining qualifying scores from two judges, so long as one judge in the judging combination is changed, it will constitute a different judge.
8. Qualifying rides must be ridden in an unmodified standard 20m x 60m arena with the exception of walk trot which may be ridden in a 20m x 40m arena.
9. Competitors wishing to qualify for the Training or First Level Open Pony Championships may ride a qualifying test at Training or First Level in any division. These qualifying scores do not have to be earned in classes restricted to ponies but the competitor must declare prior to the start of the ride their intent to qualify for the SWDC Pony Championship class. Failure to do so will result in the default to the open division. Ponies must meet height requirements set by the USEF (DR135) in order to be eligible for this division at the Championships.
10. Junior Riders may qualify for the SWDC Open Third Level Freestyle Championship Class using qualifying scores obtained from Junior Rider Freestyle and Young Riders may qualify for the SWDC Open FEI Level Freestyle class using the Young Riders Freestyle. Scores must meet the division percentages and the rider must state the intention to qualify for those classes and pay qualifying fees PRIOR TO THE RIDE.
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