



DRESSAGE  
NEW SOUTH WALES

## Guidelines for Protocol and Training Days

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THIS IS THE LINK BETWEEN JUDGES AND RIDERS

### **BENEFITS:**

- RIDERS CAN DISCUSS THEIR TEST
- LEARN ABOUT JUDGES LANGUAGE AND USE OF TERMS
- FIND OUT HOW TO INCREASE THEIR MARKS
- CAN RIDE THE TEST IN SECTIONS IF PREFERRED
- THE COACH CAN BE PRESENT AT THE FINAL DISCUSSION FOR REFERENCE
- CAN LEARN EXACTLY WHAT THE JUDGE SEES AND ALSO WHAT THE JUDGE IS LOOKING FOR.
- DISCOVER THE 'HOW' THE TEST IS RIDDEN IS THE IMPORTANT COMPONENT FOR THE JUDGE, NOT IF THE RIDER CAN WALK, TROT AND CANTER.
- THE TEST PAPER IS PRIVATE AND TAKEN HOME, MARKS ARE NOT MADE PUBLIC.
- COLLECTIVE MARKS CAN BE UNDERSTOOD
- NEW TEST? A RIDER CAN TRY OUT A NEW TEST AND SEE WHAT MARKS THEY CAN EXPECT.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR CLUBS:**

- PROTOCOL TRAINING CAN TAKE PLACE AT A STANDARD COMPETITION DAY – TIME SET ASIDE IN ONE ARENA TO OFFER THIS.
- PROTOCOL DAYS CAN ALSO BE AN OPTION AS WELL AS TIED IN WITH A COACH TRAINING DAY.
- ALL LEVELS OF TESTS CAN BE CHOSEN BY A RIDER PROVIDED AN A-LEVEL JUDGE IS USED (GRAND PRIX TO PREPARATORY LEVELS). This means that many judges do not need to be used.  
OR - specific test levels, example, Tests: Novice to Medium etc

## **JUDGES:**

As the purpose is to offer ring craft training and judging and marking advice, choosing a D Medium Level Judge (and above) incorporates the fact that to be a D Level Judge, proof of Test Riding in Dressage Tests is mandatory.

Coaching Training Days are a different Tool from Protocol Days. The purpose is Judging advice and how to get more Marks and test riding guidance (mentoring) – therefore the person directing the Protocol Advice needs to have Competition Experience.

(To be appointed an **official Judge Mentor D Level** is required)

## **PROTOCOL CLASSES:**

### **THIS IS A RECOMMENDED TOOL FOR ALL RIDERS**

- A PRIVATE WAY TO FIND OUT HOW THE RIDER IS MARKED IN A NEW TEST
- IT IS A NEW VOICE, OFFERING ADVICE
- IT IS A CONFIRMING OPINION OF A PERFORMANCE

Please remember that many riders do not have access to a Judge, nor do they regularly attend any Education Seminars, although DNSW does encourage attendance and it is FREE.

The plus side is, Protocol Tests can be held at any Competition Day.