

DRESSAGE JUDGES CODE OF CONDUCT - 2019

To be considered in conjunction with ESNZ Dressage Rules:

- Reply promptly to judging invitations.
- Ensure that you know the appropriate test and rules.
- Dress smartly and in accordance with the status of the event. Do not wear advertising on clothing ie: jackets, sweatshirts, caps etc.
- Arrive at least half an hour before your test commences.
- Inspect the arena, checking the footing and the positioning of the letters.
- Be courteous to your writer. Explain how you will give your marks and comments. Prepare your writer for any busy or difficult parts in the test.
- DO NOT look at the scoreboard during the class.
- DO NOT allow competitors, or their connections involved in the class, to sit in with you.
- Keep to time.
- Check the scoreboard before leaving the show. If you are suspicious of the accuracy of the scorers have the result checked
- Ensure that you check and sign-off the final score sheets before they are posted by the scorers onto the board.
- In any dressage test there should not be any close relationship between any judge and rider or owner of any horse competing.
- No judge may officiate at a competition if his/her duties will involve a conflict of interest.
- A judge must declare his/her interest in any person or horse competing that he/she has trained on more than three occasions/owned/part owned/ or have other business interest in within two months preceding a Regional event or six months preceding the Nationals, Island Championships or Horse of the Year.
- At local shows no limitations apply on a time period thus giving the OC the opportunity to allocate that judge to competitions in which this particular person/horse does not take part.
- It is inadvisable to drink alcohol until you have finished judging your classes for the day.
- Do please be guarded in what you say, and to whom you say it, both to your writer and when going to the scoreboard after the class.
- You will be expected to remain on the grounds for at least 30 minutes after the scores have been posted from your class.
- Be discreet at all times.
- If judging as a member of a panel, be prepared to discuss the judging afterwards with your fellow judges in private.
- Judges should not solicit organisers for future invitations. If you need assistance with invitations, please contact your AJO for their assistance.
- Every eventuality cannot be provided for. In any unforeseen circumstances, it is the duty of the Ground Jury to make a decision in sporting spirit with Fair Play in mind.

Any serious breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in judges being stood down from the Officials List in consultation with the JSC and the DNZ Board.