



## SANCTIONED MOUNTED DRILL TEAM RULES

March 28, 2009

Unadilla, GA

### CLASSES

**Color Guard** - To be performed by four (4) riders (no more, no less) carrying four (4) flags. The four (4) required flags may be any combination (American, State, Organizational, other) provided the American flag, (required) is carried to the extreme right. A proper flag salute is expected and will be judged during the "line of march" portion of the competition unless all flags are National flags. See USEDA manual for complete rules and Judges criteria.

**Freestyle** - A minimum of six riders allowed. A minimum of six (6) minutes and a maximum of twelve (12) minutes are allowed. Music of choice. Points may be scored on how appropriate the music was to the maneuvers performed and the pace the horses set to the music used. Primary emphasis shall be placed on the drill, uniforms, tack, equitation and music. See USEDA manual for Judges criteria.

**Quad** - Each team will be allowed two (2) sets of Team of Four, each containing four different riders. Quad Division is not a theme drill. Four (4) minutes minimum and six (6) maximum. Music of choice. It will be the Judges' discretion as to emphasis of the drill, music, theme and any costumes used. See USEDA manual for Judges criteria.

**Theme** - Any number of riders allowed. A minimum of six (6) minutes and a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes is allowed. Music of choice. Points may be scored on how appropriate the music was to the maneuvers performed and the pace the horses set to the music used and the appropriateness of the music to the theme of the drill. See USEDA manual for Judges criteria.

**Rodeo** - Any number of riders allowed. The team must be active as a rodeo team performing in at least (2) recognized rodeos in the previous 12 months prior to competition. Supply name of rodeo and contact person and phone numbers. A minimum of six (6) minutes and a maximum of twelve (12) minutes is allowed. Music of choice. Points may be scored on how appropriate the music was to the maneuvers performed and the pace the horses set to the music used. See USEDA manual for Judges criteria.

### DIVISIONS

**4-H:** The State 4-H Horse Drill Team Competition will be held in conjunction with the Georgia Horse Council Drill Team Competition at the Murray County Saddle Club. Contestants are not required to ride their project horses nor must they own the horse to be ridden. However, all contestants must be a current member of a 4-H Club. Awards will be given through ten (10) places and the decision of the judge(s) is final. Drill routine is to follow USEDA rule book. ***This contest does not carry Master Status and the team will not be recognized at the Special Events Program at State Congress.***

**Open Division:** No restriction on ages of riders. English or western, adult or youth, will all be judged together.

**Youth Division:** All riders in this division will be under the age of eighteen (18) years old on January 1 of current year. One rider may be over the age of 18.

**Novice Division:** No restrictions on numbers or ages of riders. This division is open to all teams that have never previously competed in a drill competition. To qualify, teams claiming novice status must have 60% new riders each year and provide name and birth date for each rider with entry forms. English or western, adult or youth will be judged together.

## MISC RULES

1. Flag Protocol: proper flag protocol and flag carriage must be maintained at all times during competition. Flag tops must be balls or caps (no eagles, pikes, or spears due to safety concerns and insurance) during competition, except during Color Guard competition. No pyrotechnics on flags. Teams will be disqualified using any flag top other than ball or cap during regular competition.
2. A rider may not leave the arena and return during a performance unless it is during the Drama Theme Division. Team will be disqualified.
3. Whistle must be by an active rider in the arena on horseback during competition ride. No outside the arena coaching or direction can be given during the competition ride. Team will receive a 75 point per judge deduction.
4. No person on foot allowed in the arena at any time, except during Drama Theme Drill and Emergencies. The other exceptions are show officials when necessary and judges during Color Guard competition.
5. Arena: you should look over the riding surface for dropped items before you enter for competition. Any item in the arena at the end of your ride will receive the proper deductions.
6. Reins: the topic of which hand to use on reins during competition drill has always been a spirited debate. Here is the answer: **ALL** riders on each team to ride one of three choices; all left handed, all right handed or all two handed. It will be scored the same by all judges in a fair and impartial manner. If one rider or more is different, then deductions would apply under uniformity rules.