

### Guidelines for Breed Show Competitors

- Bridle numbers must be worn at all times when out of the barn. This includes non-competing horses.
- Mares and stallions must stay on designated sides of the warm up area. Colts of the current year accompanied by their dams must stay on the mare's side of the warm up area.
- One horse, one handler – ALWAYS – including mares with foals
- All horses age two and older must wear a bridle with an approved snaffle type bit. This applies to non-competing horses as well.
- Handlers and Assistant Handlers are identified with wristbands. Only those properly identified persons will be allowed to accompany a horse into the competition area.
- Handlers and Assistant Handlers may carry one whip each. Assistant Handlers may carry a standard lunge or shorter whip. Whips may not have attachments of any type.
- Unauthorized assistance is forbidden under penalty of elimination. Any intervention by a third party with the object of facilitating the task of the competitor including voice, signals, etc., is considered illegal assistance.
- Loud snapping whips or other disruptive noise making devices are not permitted in the warm up or competition areas.
- Protective headgear while mounted is strongly encouraged
- Boots or bandages of any kind are not permitted
- Start times are a “guesstimate” and for reference only. Listen for announcements of actual times. Breed classes may be up to 60 minutes ahead or behind posted times.
- Check in with the Steward in charge of your competition arena.
- Remember that horses, especially young horses, react differently in new surroundings. Please stay alert for unpredictable behavior.

#### *Enjoy the show!*

Some local rules may vary. Please refer to the USEF Rule Book DR 201-211 for complete Dressage Sport Horse rules.