

CHAPTER 8-D
PROCEDURES TO HOST USDF MATERIALE CLASSES

The following Materiale Classes may be offered at any US Equestrian Federation recognized competition, including those offering Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, or competitions offering only dressage classes (see USEF DR133 & DR204.2.e).

- a. Three-year old Fillies
- b. Three-year old Colts and Geldings
- c. Four and Five-year old Mares
- d. Four and Five-year old Stallions and Geldings

Materiale Classes must be conducted according to the following rules and procedures:

1. Horses will be evaluated according to the criteria listed on the "USDF Materiale Class Scoresheet, and classes must be conducted according to the USDF "Procedures to Host USDF DSHB Materiale Classes". Horses or ponies may not be required to show in any in-hand, group or under saddle class in order to compete in a Materiale Class. (USEF DR133 and DR204.2.e)
2. Entries in Materiale and Under Saddle classes must be issued a separate number only if the rider did not also show the same horse in hand. Rider's dress must conform to USEF DR120.1
3. Horses will be evaluated under saddle at the walk, trot and canter in both directions of the arena. In addition, four and five year old horses may be asked to lengthen the stride at the trot and canter.
4. If necessary, classes can be combined as follows: Three-year old fillies may be shown with four and five-year old mares, and three-year old colts and geldings may be shown with four and five-Year old stallions and geldings. However, classes for fillies and mares may NOT be combined with classes for colts, geldings or stallions (except in Championship classes), and horses may NOT be asked to lengthen stride at trot or canter when three-year olds are shown together with older horses.
5. It is *strongly recommended* that the size of the groups be limited to six horses for cantering, depending on the size of the arena, and if classes are held in a standard dressage arena, no more than six horses should be worked under saddle at the same time.
6. Horses must be at least 36 months of age to participate in Materiale classes.
7. For large Materiale classes, shows are advised to provide a sufficient number of secretarial and scoring assistants for the judge (s). A ringmaster is also recommended for these classes.
8. ****Materiale classes must be judged by:**
 - a. a USEF-licensed DSHB judge, or
 - b. a currently licensed foreign FEI Dressage judge with an *USEF Guest Card. (Currently licensed foreign FEI dressage judges are not limited in the number of times they may be issued a Guest Card), or
 - c. an approved Foreign Breeding Expert with a *USEF Guest Card. (Foreign Breeding Experts must meet certain criteria to be on the approved list, and are eligible to receive an unlimited number of Guest Cards.)
- * Shows must apply to USEF for Guest Cards at least 21 days prior to the competition.
- ** *When Materiale classes are held at a Dressage Competition that does not also offer Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes, they may be judged by any classification of Dressage judge, in which case a Guest Card is not required.*
- *** *As of 12/1/2007 only foreign breed experts and foreign FEI dressage judges may be guest carded.*
9. Dressage competitions wishing to offer "Dressage Sport Horse Breeding" classes must indicate this on their application for a USEF license. If a competition decides to offer DSHB classes after their USEF recognition has already been approved, the competition must inform the USEF Competitions Department that DSHB classes have been added to the schedule. Unless other DSHB classes are offered, a Dressage Competition that offers Materiale classes is not required to list DSHB classes on their USEF recognition application.
10. When two or more judges are officiating, they may agree to use the same score sheets or class cards and agree on each score before informing the scribe, or they may judge independently. Class cards, rather than individual score sheets, are permitted for Under Saddle and Materiale classes only. (USEF DR211.2)
11. Decimals may be used in scoring.
12. All pertinent USEF rules must be followed.