

## **DR 129.9: Musical Freestyle Ride**

**Rule Change Type:** Clarification

**Effective Date:** Immediate

### **DR129 Musical Freestyle Ride:**

9. Except for USEF/USDF Championship classes and for FEI Pony Riders, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider and FEI Para-Equestrian Freestyles, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 63% for Training through Fourth levels and 60% for FEI levels in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a USEF/USDF licensed Dressage Competition or FEI recognized Dressage Competition or “open” Dressage class (i.e. open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. ***All FEI Pony Rider and FEI Children Tests are equivalent to Second Level; all FEI Junior Rider Tests are equivalent to Third Level; all FEI Young Rider Tests are equivalent to PSG; and the USEF Brentina Cup (Young Adult) Test and FEI Young Rider Grand Prix 16-25 Test are equivalent to Intermediaire II. For purposes of freestyle qualification, all are considered equivalent to the highest test of that level and may be used to enter a freestyle at that level or a level below.*** A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility, or copy of the USDF score verification, must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class.

**Proponent:** USDF

**Intent/Reason:** In order to ride a Musical Freestyle a competitor must earn a minimum qualifying score “in the highest test of the declared freestyle level”. While DR 119 describes certain test equivalences, it is not clear which of these are equivalent to the highest test of the level for purposes of freestyle qualifications. This also impacts eligibility for USEF/USDF Regional Championship classes. This rule clarification is necessary to clear up any confusion on this issue, so that all competitions and the USDF apply the rules in a consistent manner.

## **DR 133 – Dressage Seat Equitation**

**Rule Change Type:** Standard

**Effective Date:** 12/1/2021

DR 133 – Dressage Seat Equitation

5. Additional tests from which judges may choose movements and exercises, as required at Training and First Level, to be ridden in small groups or independently:

- a. Transitions
- b. Leg yield
- c. Changes of lead through trot
- d. Serpentine at the trot
- e. Shallow loop serpentine with counter canter
- f. Trot lengthening and/or canter lengthening
- g. ~~Riding without stirrups~~**

**Proponent:** USEF

**Intent/Reason:** The USDF Executive Board approved the following change to DR 133.2.i.5:

- Remove “riding without stirrups” from the list of additional movements and exercises that may be requested.