

**Centre Line**  
**KZN Dressage Newsletter**  
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**Upcoming Events**

**26 May 2010** – John McVeigh will be running a seminar on lameness in horses at the Summerveld Jockey Country Club, Starting at 18h00. There will be a R50 cover charge. Please contact Belinda Smithard to confirm bookings for catering purposes. Cell 0833253169, email- butterflytome@hotmail.com

**HITS, TIPS AND COMMENTS – Know your Dressage Rules (Part 1)**

This is an opportunity for our newer and more novice competitors to familiarize themselves with the rules of dressage.

In terms of the South African National Equestrian Federation – National Dressage rules – effective 1 May 2010.

**32.9.0. RIDING OF TESTS**

- 32.9.1. **Salute:** Competitors must take the reins in one hand at the salute. A man must raise his hat, whilst a lady must drop her hand in the salute to the judge. In the event of a chin strap being worn, men may salute in the same manner as ladies. A whip, if carried, will be held in the rein hand. Failure to comply with these requirements will be penalised by the deduction of two marks from those that would have been awarded for the movement. The deduction of the two marks is not counted as an "Error of Course" penalty. However, when riding FEI tests, failure to salute and take reins into one hand when saluting, will be counted as an "Error of Course."
- 32.9.2 **Falls:** In the case of a fall of horse and/or rider the competitor will be penalised by elimination.
- 32.9.3 **Voice:** The use of the voice in any way whatsoever or clicking of the tongue once or repeatedly is a serious fault, involving the deduction of at least 2 marks

from those that would have been awarded for the movement where this occurred.

32.9.4 Resistance: Any resistance which prevents the continuation of the test for longer than 20 seconds is penalized by elimination. However, resistance that may endanger rider, horse, judges or the public will be penalized by elimination for safety reasons earlier than within 20 seconds.

32.9.5 Dismounting: A rider who dismounts in the arena, without a reason acceptable to the Jury, shall be Eliminated.

32.9.6 A horse leaving the Arena with all four feet during the test will incur the following penalty:

i Elimination:

- (a) if the horse leaves a fully enclosed arena with a surround of a minimum of 25cm, or
- (b) if the horse leaves an arena as described in (a) but open at A, at any point other than A.

ii No points for the current movement:

- (a) if the horse leaves an arena at an opening at A, or
- (b) if the horse leaves an arena, with a surround lower than 25cm, or
- (c) if the horse leaves an arena that is not completely enclosed.

On completion of the test, the exit must be made at A in the manner in which the test determines.

32.9.7 Lameness:

- i In a case of marked lameness, the President of the Jury informs the competitor that he /she is eliminated. There is no appeal against his decision.
- ii If, however, there is any doubt as to the soundness of a horse, the competitor will be allowed to complete the test and any unevenness of pace will be penalised provided no sign of distress is evident.

32.9.8 Riding out of Order: See rule 01.20.0. and 31.3.5

32.9.9 Commencement: It is recommended that the president of the ground jury allows the competitor an opportunity to ride twice around the arena before the bell is sounded. After the sound of the bell, the competitor must enter the arena as soon as possible. Exceeding 45 seconds before entering the arena after the bell has sounded will entail a penalty of -2. The same applies to a competitor who enters the arena at A before the signal has been given. The Judge at C is responsible to time this and to ring the bell at a point where the horse is close enough to A to comply with this.

32.9.10 Retirement: If a competitor retires from a test, he/she must inform the judge of this intention by raising a hand or saluting.

- 32.9.11 Broken tack: The Judge's discretion should be used concerning broken tack. The comfort of the horse and the safety of the rider should be the main concerns, but time-consuming repairs cannot be allowed. Assistance by a third party whether the competitor is mounted or dismounted may be authorised at the Judge's discretion.
- 32.9.12 Accuracy at markers: In a movement which must be carried out at a certain point of the arena, it should be done at the moment when the competitor's body is above this point, except in transitions where the horse approaches the letter from a diagonal or perpendicular to the point where the letters are positioned. In this case, the transitions must be done when the horse's nose reaches the track at the letter so that the horse is straight in the transition.
- 32.9.13 Extreme weather conditions : During extreme weather conditions or other extreme situations the President of the Ground Jury may ring the bell for interruption of the test. The affected rider should return to complete his test when conditions so permit. It is up to the rider whether to restart the test or commence from the point at which the interruption occurred. In either case the marks already given will not be changed. See 32.5.4

### **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The updated National Dressage Rules 2010 have been published and are effective from the 1 May 2010.

The KZN Dressage committee would like to thank the sponsors and the scribes, auditors, bit checkers, arena marshals and judges that gave so willingly of their time to make the KZN Leg of the SANEF Dressage Competition a success. Without your dedicated help and support this event would not be possible and the riders and committee extend there gratitude for your efforts.

### **APRIL DRESSAGE SHOW**

#### **WE've SPOTTED YOU**

Here are some new riding combinations that have be spotted recently, together with a few that we haven't seen for some time. To those of you new to the discipline we welcome you to our sport and wish you luck and success in your endeavours and to those of you who have been missing in action for some time, its good to see you back.

Yolanda Smith-Baillie riding Mauser  
Belinda Ann Snyman riding Saratoga Supanova  
Philippa Morgan riding Jamaica  
Cheryl Thompson riding Culbertson  
Shannon Hopkins riding Saratoga Desert Storm  
Janice Susan Callaghan riding Gold Merchant  
Jocelyn Constant riding Mossandi Rodeo Drive  
Kristrina Pukstys riding Take it Easy

Lauren Taylor riding Saratoga Atlantis

## **FEEDBACK and NEWS and LETTERS**

### **LETTERS**

To the KZN Dressage Show Holders - Thanks for a lovely show the atmosphere with the music and tents etc was great. It all ran so smoothly, it was one of the most pleasant shows we have been to this year and so convenient having catering etc right there – we were very spoilt!. *From Debbie Collier*

Dear Committee, I just wanted to thank you for a lovely show on Sunday. It was well organized and most enjoyable. *Kind regards Yolanda Smith-Baillie*

*Thank you Debbie and Yolanda, it is really wonderful to get positive feedback.*

### **UPGRADES – “Reach for the Universe”**

Jessica Hodgkinson and Ravenna have upgraded from Junior Novice to Junior Elementary. Well done Jessica, the dressage committee wishes you many successful and enjoyable tests in the future.



### **DRESSAGES JUDGE**

We have two more judges on the KZN Panel. It is wonderful to have REVA WING back. Reva was a National Panel judge who resigned many years ago. She is very knowledgeable and has kindly agreed to come back onto panel to judge for which we are very grateful.

Yvonne Groot is from Holland, she has been placed on to the Provincial B Panel based on a letter from the relevant federation in Holland.

On behalf of the competitors and the KZN Committee, we thank you in advance for the time and effort that you will volunteer to Dressage over the years to come.