

INDIANA DRESSAGE SOCIETY TECHNICAL ADVISORS

Rules Governing IDS Technical Advisors

1. A Technical Advisor must be a current member of the IDS and have been approved by the Board of Directors. Board Approval should be renewed annually.
2. The Technical Advisor cannot be a member of the Show Committee for the competition at which he is to act as show T.A.
3. The Technical Advisor may not compete in competitions at which he is working.
4. A technical Advisor may charge a fee for his services. Any financial arrangement shall be considered a private matter, to be established between show management and the T.A. prior to the show and to both parties satisfaction. It is suggested that at a minimum the show committee offer to reimburse the T.A. for travel and meal expenses. The Technical Advisor should expect to be provided meals and beverages necessary during the hours that he is on duty.
5. The Technical Advisor must have a copy of the current IDS Handbook with him on the date of the show. The T.A. must be knowledgeable of all sections of the Handbook and any revisions that have been published.
6. The T.A. must have a copy of the current USEF Dressage Competition Rules with him on the date of the show. However, the T.A. does not have to be a current member of the USEF.
7. The Technical Advisor must report any major problems or infractions of the IDS rules governing a (2) rated, approved show. The report must be made to the current Competition Chairperson within 10 days of the date of the show. This is to provide notice of any impending complaints that the President or the Board may receive from competitors at the show.

The Technical Advisor shall be considered a representative of the IDS Board of Directors and shall act in the best interest of the Society to assure that the original intentions for IDS (2) rated shows are met, which is to provide a correct learning experience, short of an USEF sanctioned show, for the competitor as well as for the show committee.

Duties of the IDS Technical Advisor

1. To assist and advise the show committee with respect to the preparation of their prize list, classes to be offered, selection of judges and any other assistance as may be needed.
2. To check the prize list to assure that it has all required information of (2) rated shows: arena size, footing, stabling information and description, (if available), T.A.'s name and phone, at least one USEF rated judge, proper class specifications, IDS rules where applicable and other competitor information as may be deemed appropriate and desirable.
3. On date(s) of show and preferably prior to the start of the show, to check that all statements made in the prize list were correct pertaining to: arena size and footing, facilities available, classes/prizes to be offered, judges, etc.
4. It is advised that the T.A. be on the show grounds a minimum of 60 minutes prior to the start of the show. The T.A. should not leave the show grounds until after the last class has been completed and pinned.
5. To assure that all IDS rules governing a (2) rated show are followed on the date/s of the show, which includes following all USEF rules governing dressage competitions, wherever possible and to every reasonable extent.

6. To inform the show committee of any errors or problems discovered prior to the start of the show or that may occur during the show, that could be corrected immediately with out major difficulty to the show committee.
7. To assist management with decisions that may require major changes in class scheduling or ring changes, should weather conditions/etc., make it necessary to do so. As the IDS representative, the T.A. shall have complete authority to waive particular IDS rules regarding (2) rated shows, including USEF rules that may be affected by the need to make major adjustments to accommodate unplanned-for situations.
8. The Technical Advisor may assist management in the show office with any jobs if requested.
9. To arbitrate any disagreements that may arise between show management and competitors fairly in the best interest of the show overall.
10. To be able to answer any questions that a competitor may have pertaining to the IDS and any of the Society's programs, or dressage competition in general, as the purpose of the schooling shows is to be educational.
11. Following the show, the T.A. should inform the show committee of any minor errors, or make suggestions that could improve the competition in the future. In a like manner, the T.A. should report to the IDS Competition Chairperson within a reasonable time, any problems that the show committee may have had with IDS members, competitors or the IDS show approval program.

QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME AN IDS APPROVED TECHNICAL ADVISOR

Any IDS member interested in becoming a Technical Advisor (TA) should submit a written application listing the required experiences and to indicate their willingness to abide by the rules as stated in the IDS Handbook, as well as to attend any required forum. Applications should be sent to the current Competitions Chairperson. Applications will be checked against the membership records and forwarded to the IDS Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

1. Must be a current IDS member in good standing.
2. Must have experience in show management, serving on committees of USEF dressage shows, or at least IDS schooling shows with a (2) rating, in such capacities as Chairman, Show Secretary, Show Assistants, etc. Experience must be with dressage competitions.
3. Must be well acquainted with USEF dressage competition rules and IDS rules.
4. Must be very knowledgeable of the IDS programs.
5. Must be willing to attend a Technical Advisor's and Show Management Forum should one be offered by the IDS.

USEF TESTS AND USDF INFORMATION:

The USEF National Tests, Training-Fourth Levels, are only available through the USEF. Payment must be enclosed with all orders, and four weeks should be allowed for shipment. TO: United States Equestrian Federation, Inc., 4047 Iron Work Parkway, Lexington, Kentucky, 40511. PHONE (859) 258-2472.

USDF Award's Program Information or Rider Forms, write TO: United States Dressage Federation, Inc., 220 Lexington Green Circle, Lexington, KY 40503. Phone: (859) 971-2277, FAX: (859) 971-7722