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Name of Rider:

Name of Judge:
Signature of Judge:

DRESSAGE4KIDS EQUITATION SCORE SHEET



PURPOSE: To promote, reward and evaluate the dressage rider's correct position, seat and use of aids. The performance of the horse is important only as it relates to the rider's seat and aids. The quality of the horse should have no influence - the focus is on the rider.

Evaluation of Individual Equitation	Commentary	Mark	Total
Rider's Position and Seat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment, posture, stability, & weight placement in the walk, trot and canter. • Ears/shoulder/hip/heel vertically aligned; heels level or slightly down, the front and back of the rider's trunk should be of equal length; straight line from elbow to horse's mouth. • Contact to be independent from rider's seat, with hands carried steadily close together, the thumbs as highest point and straight line from elbow to horse's mouth. • Relaxed and supple position, absorbing the movement of the horse. 			
Effectiveness of Aids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use, timing and coordination of the rider's aids. • Ability to ride forward & maintain contact through all paces and movements. • Ability to ride the required movements of the test maintaining tempo & rhythm. • Clarity, subtlety, independence, & accuracy of the test. • The effectiveness of the rider's aids determines the precise fulfillment of the required movements of the test. 			
Precision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct maintenance of the pace. • The execution of the movements at the prescribed markers. • Accuracy in the execution of the prescribed figures. • Correct preparation of the transitions and movements. 			
General Impressions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rider's rhythm, balance and harmony with horse in following the mechanics of the gaits. • Fluidity, partnership and accuracy of the rider/horse combination in executing the test. 		x 2	
Total Marks (Max 50)			
Multiply by 2 = Total Quality Score			
Final Score in %:			

Marks from 0 to 10, decimals allowed (e.g. 7.3 or 8.7)

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