

# 2011 USDF/USEF Adult Team General Rules

(Modified 09/23/11)

## GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Competitors may be professional or amateur and they must be at least 22 years old as of 1/11/11.
- Teams shall be chosen by whatever means they prefer.
- Teams may enter at Intro level through FEI. Teams may be made up of GMO's or any other group outside of a GMO that wants to make a team (i.e.: barns, trainers, etc...). The number of teams may be limited if the entries exceed the capacity of the facility.
- A team consists of 3 or 4 riders of the same or mixed level. Entries containing fewer than 3 riders will not be accepted.
- A horse/rider combination may not compete at more than one level below the highest level the combination competed during the competition year. For purposes of this rule, the competition season shall begin January 1.
- ~~Limits on riders: due to scheduling complications, a rider may compete on no more than 1 horse at the team competition.~~
- Riders may ride more than one horse at the competition.
- All scores from each team member will count. No scores will be dropped. Any rider eliminated from the test or who withdraws from the competition will be counted as 25%. The total percentage from each team member will be added together and divided by the number of team members to compute the team placings. Three and four member teams may be in the same division.
- Teams will be pinned through 6<sup>th</sup> place with an overall Team Champion (the Edgar Award).
- Mandatory mounted awards will be held.
- Within each LEVEL, a Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected based on the highest and second highest score at the highest test of the level.
- Tests may be read.
- Volunteering may be requested.

## AWARDS:

- Team placings will be pinned 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> place based on the averaged percentage scores of the 2 rides.
- A Champion and Reserve Champion will be pinned from each level.
- All riders on each team will participate in the awards ceremonies. Mounted awards are encouraged. To the extent practical, the Hosting association should follow the Award Ceremony instructions in the USDF Organizer Guidelines, however at all times the safety of horse and rider is paramount, and facility and weather conditions may necessitate changes. If necessary for the safety of horse or rider, riders may, with prior permission of show management, appear for ceremonies un-mounted but dressed in show attire. Mounted riders may request to be excused from the victory round.

The ***Edgar Hotz Trophy*** for the Region 1 Adult Team Dressage Overall Champion In 2002 ESDCTA donated a perpetual trophy for the Region 1 Adult Team Dressage Team competition. This beautiful Crystal horse's head mounted on a wooden base with brass plates for engraving will be won by the highest scoring team competing at training level thru FEI. The award is named for our beloved friend and judge, Dr. Edgar Hotz, who passed away in 2001. Dr Hotz gave so much of his time and energy to the sport of dressage and to the education of judges and riders, especially in Region 1. He also coached several ESDCTA Teams to victory over the years. We think he would be honored by the sentiment and are sure he is cheering us all on from heaven! Again this year, Region 1 teams will be riding proudly to win... "The Edgar"! (The Hotz Trophy will remain the property of ESDCTA and keeper trophies will be given to the winning team.)

**Intro W/T & W/T/C will be awarded a separate Overall Champion award – The “Mini Edgar”.**

**ENTRIES:**

- Each team member must complete a separate USDF/USEF Region 1 entry form.
- A completed Adult Team Roster form must accompany the individual entry form.
- A Chef d'Equipe or Primary Contact person must be named for each team. They can be a team member.
- Send all completed forms together (individual entry, team roster & Negative Coggings) along with completed payment made out to BCHP to the show secretary (see **Official Prize List for address and contact information**).

**FEES:** See the **Official Prize List** for all fees.

**REFUND POLICY:** See the **Official Prize List** for all rules concerning refunds, returned checks and scratches.

For all other information concerning the competition, the site, accommodations, etc...please see the **Official Prize List**.