

## **Quadrille Program Standing Rules**

The goal of the California Dressage Society's *Quadrille Program* is to foster an interest in Quadrille ('horse ballet' - team riding), as a supplemental activity to dressage riding and training. The *Quadrille Program* will provide an additional skill and recreational activity for dressage riders of all ages and skill levels. The *Quadrille Program* will perpetuate, for future generations, an equestrian cultural tradition which dates back to the royal courts of the Renaissance. The Program will offer dressage riding, training and rider/horse communication in a group atmosphere of teamwork and camaraderie. The Program will also train coaches and judges by means of educational seminars and materials, and will develop opportunities for demonstrations and competitions.

## **Administration**

### **Quadrille Program Committee**

The purpose of the *Quadrille Program* Committee will be to provide guidance and assistance to the California Dressage Society (CDS) for their *Quadrille Program*.

A committee of 4-5 people is recommended, with final appointments made by the CDS Executive Board. The Committee shall meet at least 2 times per year, and will provide oversight of the *Quadrille Program*; create the annual budget; and evaluate the program. The following would be administered by the *Quadrille Program* Committee:

1. **Show Criteria:** The *Quadrille Program* Committee will serve to assist show managers as to the existing USEF / USDF rules and to provide oversight of how levels are handled, show attire and judging criteria. The *Quadrille Program* Committee will work to revise and improve rules as requested by CDS, USDF or USEF.
2. **Awards System:** The *Quadrille Program* Committee will develop and manage an awards system intended to reward and encourage riders that choose to perform and compete in Quadrille classes.
3. **Team Registration:** The *Quadrille Program* Committee will manage, within CDS infrastructure, the registration of teams for the Awards system.
4. **Judges Training:** The *Quadrille Program* Committee will provide training and guidance materials to Judges to help them better understand the criteria to judge Quadrille rides.
5. **Education Resource:** The *Quadrille Program* Committee will serve to provide help and assistance to riders interested in forming teams, and will provide assistance to teams for training techniques, show entries, and other aspects of quadrille. The *Program* will be a point of contact for enthusiasts to know about other riders and teams in the state.
6. **Publicity:** The *Quadrille Program* Committee will be provided space in the 'Dressage Letters' publication and on the CDS web site to report on and promote Quadrille.



7. **Budgeting:** The *Quadrille Program* Committee will prepare a budget which will include an estimate of the *Quadrille Program* expenses. The budget will be submitted to the CDS Budget & Review Committee Chair in October for review and approval, to be incorporated into the overall CDS Annual Budget.

## **Teams**

**Team Composition:** A Quadrille Team must be registered with CDS, and pay a registration fee. The fee for 2013 will be \$15.00. This fee will remain in effect until changed with approval by CDS. Teams shall re-register annually. A team will have a minimum of four horses and riders, and a maximum of 6 horses and riders. Teams may be composed of any compliment of the six horse/rider combinations. Riders will be subject to any regulations under CDS, USEF, and/or USDF which pertain to limitations of number of rides allowed in any show, such that if a horse/rider is entered in individual rides in a show where the team is also entered in a quadrille class, limitations governing how many rides a horse/rider may enter will take precedence.

1. A team is required to register their name.
2. Each team shall list a contact.
3. All team members must be CDS members in good standing and will list their CDS membership number on all entry forms.
4. A registered team is allowed to compete at any CDS recognized show that offers or allows a Quadrille class.
5. A registered team shall be eligible to participate in the Awards system.
6. An individual or horse may perform on more than one team.
7. Teams shall move up a Quadrille level after the team has exceeded a 70% score at a given compulsory level 3 times in a competition year.
8. The *Quadrille Program* Committee has the right to recommend a given team move up in a following year if a team composed of the same riders and horses had achieved 70% in 3 competitions in the prior year.

## **Competitions**

The *Quadrille Program* shall recognize classes held which meet the following criteria:

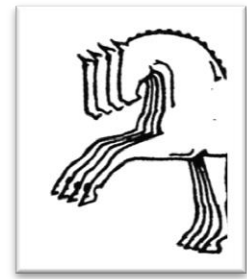
1. Class is judged by a judge recognized by the CDS/USDF.
2. USDF tests and score sheets are used.
3. Each team member is eligible for an earned ribbon.



4. Show management shall submit a full report including: scores, tests ridden, teams with performing members, and awards given to the CDS.
5. CDS/USDF/USEF guidelines for Quadrille competition must serve as rules for conduct of all Quadrille classes.
6. Quadrille competitors must observe all other applicable show rules and regulations when participating in shows that are not specifically recognized by the CDS.
7. The team may compete at any level appropriate for the overall team's success.
  - a. It is recommended that teams not compete at a level where a horse is asked to do movements at a higher level than it would be reasonable to show in an individual dressage test.
  - b. A horse/rider may compete at any level lower than their individual dressage competition level.
  - c. A horse/rider may compete at more than one level.


### **Awards**


1. Only teams and members in good standing with CDS are eligible to receive awards.
2. The *Quadrille Program* Committee will modify the Awards program as needed.
3. For the *Quadrille Program's* initial integration with CDS, the awards will be as follows:
  - a. Qualified Quadriller: A CDS member becomes a 'Qualified Quadriller' the first time he/she earns a score of 50% or better at any level in a compulsory test, at a CDS recognized show. This rider is awarded a 'QQM Certificate' and a double asterisk (\*\*) after his/her name in the CDS Roster. It is the responsibility of the team to submit a SHOW ENTRY RESULTS SUBMISSION FORM, along with copies of score sheets of each show, to the Quadrille Program Committee by the CDS deadline for qualifying for year-end awards.
  - b. Trooper Award: A team may nominate a horse that has performed on one or more team. Nominations are written letters. The award consists of a signed certificate.
  - c. Compulsory Achievement Awards: Awarded at each level. Any registered team earning four (4) scores of 63% from three (3) judges on compulsory tests at a specified level such as: Basic, Training, etc. at a CDS recognized show is eligible for a Compulsory Achievement Award. It is the responsibility of the team to submit a SHOW ENTRY RESULTS SUBMISSION FORM, along with copies of score sheets of each show, to the Quadrille Program Committee by the CDS deadline for qualifying for year-end awards.




d. Freestyle Achievement Awards: Awarded at each level. Any registered team earning four (4) scores of 65% from three (3) judges, on freestyle rides at a specified level such as: Basic, Training, etc. at a CDS recognized show is eligible for a Freestyle Achievement Award. It is the responsibility of the team to submit a SHOW ENTRY RESULTS SUBMISSION FORM, along with copies of score sheets of each show, to the Quadrille Program Committee by the CDS deadline for qualifying for year-end awards.

e. Perpetual awards:

 The Jaap Pott Memorial Trophy is awarded to the highest scoring team performing a freestyle at the highest level competed in the current show year.

 The Pegasus Trophy is awarded to the highest scoring Junior Team, combining both compulsory and freestyle at the same level, at the same show, in the current show year.

 The Osierlea Trophy is awarded to the highest combined score for a Freestyle and Compulsory Test, at the same show, at First Level, in the current show year.

f. Possible Future Award:

*The Elizabeth Searle Memorial Trophy is awarded to the team earning the highest combined score from a test ridden at either CDS Junior Championships (North or South).*

To be eligible for any Perpetual Trophy, a team must submit a separate SHOW RESULTS SUBMISSION FORM, along with copies of score sheets, to the *Quadrille Program* Committee by the deadline for qualifying for CDS year-end awards. The name of the trophy being applied for must be clearly written at the top of the form following the team's name.