

## **SOUTHEAST MOUNTED DRILL TEAM ASSOCIATION OPEN AND 4-H MOUNTED DRILL TEAM RULES**

### **CLASSES**

**Color Guard:** To be performed by four (4) riders (no more, no less) carrying four (4) flags. The four (4) required flags may be any combination (American, State, Organizational, other) provided the American flag, (required) is carried to the extreme right. A proper flag salute is expected and will be judged during the "line of march" portion of the competition unless all flags are National flags. See USEDA manual for complete rules and Judges criteria.

**Quads:** Four (4) minutes minimum and six (6) maximum. Music of choice. It will be Judges discretion as to emphasis of the drill, music, theme and any costumes used. See USEDA manual for Judges criteria.

**Freestyle:** A minimum of six (6) riders allowed. A minimum of six (6) minutes and a maximum of ten (10) minutes are allowed. Music of choice. Points may be scored on how appropriate the music was to the maneuvers performed and the pace the horses set to the music used. Primary emphasis shall be placed on the drill, uniforms, tack, equitation and music. See USEDA manual for Judges criteria.

**Theme/Theatrical Theme:** A minimum of four (4) riders allowed. A minimum of six (6) minutes and a maximum of ten (10) minutes is allowed. Is okay for riders to enter/exit the arena. Music of choice. Points may be scored on how appropriate the music was to the maneuvers performed and the pace the horses set to the music used and the appropriateness of the music to the theme of the drill. See USEDA manual for Judges criteria.

**PATRIOT:** Any number of riders allowed. Team must utilize patriotic content/music. A minimum of three (3) minutes and a maximum of eight (8) minutes are allowed. Flags are not mandatory; however, if flags are not utilized, this will affect the team's degree of difficulty and patriotic content scores.

**Rodeo:** Any number of riders allowed. The team must be active as a rodeo team performing in at least (2) recognized rodeos in the previous 12 months prior to competition. Supply names of rodeo and contact person and phone numbers. These will be verified. A minimum of four (4) minutes and a maximum of eight (8) minutes is allowed. Music of choice. Points may be scored on how appropriate the music was to the maneuvers performed and the pace the horses set to the music used. See USEDA manual for Judges criteria.

**Green:** Is open to any rider that has not competed in a drill team competition prior to 9-1-2013. For a qualifying Green team, 80% of the team can never have participated before. This team must include one (1) Coach, Assistant Coach or a Team Leader as a rider with the team. This one (1) rider is not part of the 80%. A Green team may ride for one (1) show year, which is September 1 thru August 31 and can also compete in any Novice division during the show year. **They may not compete in any other Division besides Novice.** If they do, they will no longer qualify as Green. Adult and Youth teams are allowed and will be judged separately. Any number of riders allowed with a minimum of four (4). A minimum of four (4) minutes and a maximum of six (6) minutes are allowed. Music of choice. Points may be scored on how appropriate the music was to the maneuvers performed and the pace the horses set to the music used. **NO gaits over a trot. NO flags or props.** Will require name and birth date of each rider. The time spent as Green will not count against your Novice time once you move to Novice.

**Fun Drill:** Any number of riders allowed with a minimum of four (4). A minimum of four (4) minutes and a maximum of six (6) minutes are allowed. Each team will be given eight (8) maneuvers upon arrival on Friday night. You will build your drill using those (8) maneuvers. Your team cannot practice in the arena and cannot practice on their horses. Your maneuvers must be worked out on foot. You may wear anything you want (do not have to match, mix it up). There will be no score sheet for the judges. Judges decision will be final as to the winning team.