

# Cadora-Ontario

# Silver Dressage

# Handbook

# 2010



*Administered by Cadora-Ontario*

**For more information:**

**[www.cadora.ca/Cadora-Ontario](http://www.cadora.ca/Cadora-Ontario)**

Silver Dressage Competitions are recognized member competitions of Equine Canada, 2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa ON K2B 8K2 and are governed by the rules of the federation.

## THE CADORA-ONTARIO SILVER DRESSAGE CIRCUIT

All competition organizers are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the EC Competition Administration Policy (CAP) which can be found on the EC web site.

The Silver Dressage Circuit is an Equine Canada (EC) Provincial (Silver) Circuit and as such is governed by the Rules of Equine Canada but is administered within the province. The Silver Dressage Circuit provides a competition level between Bronze level and Gold level competitions.

Silver competitions are restricted to a maximum of \$10,000 in prize money or \$15,000 for championships. Please refer to Section A, General Regulations for sanctioning fee prices.

Silver Dressage Competitions must use EC accredited officials. Recorded judges may judge up to and including Second Level (and Third Level with a guest card). Basic judges may judge up to and including Prix St. Georges (without a guest card) at competitions but must have a guest card to judge PSG at the Silver Dressage Championships; Medium and Senior judges may judge all levels without a guest card.

EC Gold Championship points are not earned at Silver competitions.

Dressage Canada has delegated the administration and date approval of the Ontario Silver Dressage Circuit to Cadora-Ontario. Cadora-Ontario is responsible for confirming that there are no date conflicts between Silver Ontario competitions and Gold / other competitions.

A Cadora-Ontario Silver Dressage Coordinator is appointed by Cadora-Ontario. The Coordinator acts as a liaison between competitors, competitions, groups and equestrian federations. The coordinator is responsible for preparing and distributing an Ontario Silver Dressage Handbook, and calculating and presenting Cadora-Ontario awards.

All Dressage Canada Silver competitions are subject to equine medication rules as per Section A, General Regulations.

### CADORA-ONTARIO CORE PROGRAM

The Core Program consists of Training Level through Intermediaire 2 and recognizes the categories Open, Amateur and Junior. EC First through Fourth Level Freestyles, and relevant FEI Freestyles are also included in the Core Program.

### GENERAL SILVER RULES

Current Equine Canada rules will apply without exception; competitors are responsible for knowledge of the rules.

**Memberships:** Owners and riders of horses competing on the Silver Circuit must be OEF members. Contact the OEF (9120 Leslie St, Suite 203, Richmond Hill ON, L4B 3J9, Tel: 1-877-441-7112; website: [www.horse.on.ca](http://www.horse.on.ca)) for application forms. EC membership is automatic with the OEF membership; however, owners and riders must also obtain a minimum **EC Silver Sport License** to compete on the Silver Circuit.

**Passports:** Horses competing in Silver competitions must have an EC passport and current **Annual Horse License sticker**. A passport must be handed in to the Competition Secretary before a horse will be allowed to compete. Contact EC (2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa ON K2B 8K2, Ph 613-248-3433; website: [www.equestrian.ca](http://www.equestrian.ca)) for further information and application forms. **Copies of current EC/OEF membership cards and passport page with Annual Horse License sticker MUST be attached to entries.**

**Coggins:** Current negative Coggins tests are recommended (though not mandatory) for Silver competitions. It is at the discretion of the individual competitions whether they require proof of a current negative Coggins test for horses coming onto the property of a facility whereat a Silver competition will be held. [FYI, both Divisions of the Ontario Silver Dressage Championships will require proof of a current negative Coggins test for each horse entered.]

**Entries:** Entries must include all required information, signatures, and fees. Refunds are at the discretion of the individual competition committees.

**Levels:** A horse/rider combination may compete at two consecutive levels and in the corresponding freestyle class.

**The competition season** runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

**Ribbons** will be awarded in accordance with EC Rules. See EC Rules, Section E (Dressage), 3.13.

**All competitions must offer Open Classes.** Separate Junior and/or Amateur classes **may** be offered at any level at the discretion of the individual competition. Annual Cadora-Ontario Silver Awards are calculated separately for Open, Amateur and Junior, even if separate classes are not held.

**It is the responsibility of the competitor to advise the Cadora-Ontario Silver Dressage Coordinator of eligibility for Amateur status.**

**Junior competitors:** Juniors must wear properly fitted, approved protective headgear, with the safety harness correctly secured, at all times when mounted on competition grounds. It is strongly recommended that all persons wear approved protective headgear at all times when mounted.

**Fees:** A \$7.00 drug-testing fee is assessed on each entry. Any horse entered in any class at a competition subject to the requirement to pay drug testing fees may, while on the competition grounds and on the recommendation of the chair of the provincial Equine Medications Control Committee or appointee, be selected for equine medication control testing. Competitions are responsible for remitting these fees to the Ontario Equestrian Federation.

Also, a \$7.00 Dressage Canada levy will be collected per entry at all Silver competitions. Funds acquired by this levy will be used for domestic development within the province.

**Ring Size:** All classes, including all freestyles, will use the 60 m ring only.

## **CLASS CATEGORIES (OPEN/AMATEUR/JUNIOR)**

The Open category is open to all riders.

The Junior category is open to riders until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 18.

The Amateur category is open to riders who are no longer Juniors and who do not accept remuneration for training a horse and/or coaching any person to ride a horse, including clinics and seminars in the dressage discipline, and who are not current or former CET short/long listed riders or have represented Canada internationally. For additional restrictions, please refer to rules E 3.4.2

Categories will be tracked separately for year-end awards. It is the responsibility of competition organizers to report Junior competitors.

Riders who enter Amateur classes will be tracked as Amateurs. Riders who wish to be tracked as Amateurs, but who do not have such classes available to them, are responsible for reporting their eligibility to the Ontario Silver Coordinator.

## **FREESTYLES**

To enter a freestyle at a Silver competition, a horse/rider combination must achieve a score of 55% or better in a technical test at that competition level prior to competing in the freestyle class. (EC Rules, E 7.9.4)

The freestyle tests used are EC First through Fourth Level freestyles as well as FEI freestyles. Time allowed for all freestyles is five (5) minutes.

All freestyles are to be ridden in the 60m ring. First and Second Level freestyles are to be ridden in an ordinary snaffle bridle. Third and Fourth Level freestyles are to be ridden in an ordinary snaffle bridle or a simple double bridle.

Freestyle tests must be ridden to music. The music must be on a cassette tape (check with individual competitions on acceptability of CDs), and be handed in to the Competition Secretary at least 30 minutes before the start of the class. Movements of a higher level are not allowed and if performed will incur elimination. Freestyle tests may not be called.

### **ANNUAL CADORA-ONTARIO AWARDS**

To be eligible for annual Cadora-Ontario awards, a competitor must be a Cadora-Ontario member by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Each horse/rider combination is tracked separately and must compete in the same class level in a minimum of three competitions in one season to be eligible.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placings are awarded in each class level and category (Open/Amateur/Junior) in the Core Program. Additional placings, up to a maximum of eight, are awarded based on the number of eligible competitors at each level. Five eligible competitors are required for each additional award. An eligible competitor is a Cadora-Ontario member who has competed in a minimum of three competitions.

Award winners are decided by totalling the three highest scores received by each horse/rider combination from three different Silver dressage competitions during the calendar year (January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>), excluding the Championships.

A minimum score of 55% of the possible total must be achieved for a competitor to be eligible to receive an award.

Winners of all of these awards are honored at the Cadora-Ontario Annual General Meeting and are included on the Cadora-Ontario Roster of Riders.

### **CADORA-ONTARIO CHALLENGE**

Horse/rider combinations qualify for this program by competing in three Silver dressage competitions at Training through Fourth levels (freestyles not included), in one season as well as the Silver Dressage Championships. Winners are determined by totaling their top three competition scores and their two technical scores obtained at the Silver Dressage Championships; each score used must be 60% or higher. Scores are tracked by Cadora-Ontario.

### **CADORA-ONTARIO RIDING SCHOLARSHIP**

Cash awards will be presented to the highest scoring champion (one of A, JR or Open) at each level, Training through Fourth (freestyles not included) as determined at the Silver Dressage Championships. A minimum score of 60% must be achieved. If there is more than one judge officiating at the same test/class, the average of the judges' scores will be used.

### **CADORA-ONTARIO ROSTER OF RIDERS**

You cannot apply to this exclusive, results-oriented club - you have to earn your way in! Each year the list is compiled and published to honour our top Ontario riders. Included on the list are: the winners of the Cadora-Ontario Riding Scholarships, the winners of the Cadora-Ontario Challenge, the winners of the Bronze Competitor Awards (see below), the members of the winning teams (east and west) of the Cadora-Ontario Team Championships, as well as the Champions at the Silver Dressage Championships.

### **CADORA-ONTARIO SILVER DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM COMPETITION**

At both divisions of the Silver Dressage Championships, riders are invited to form teams and compete as such for ribbons and prize money. Each team consists of three riders all of whom **MUST** be members of Cadora-Ontario in order for awards to be presented. [Please see the Silver Dressage Championships prize list for additional rules and regulations.]

### **CADORA-ONTARIO BRONZE COMPETITOR AWARDS**

An award will be given to the highest-scoring horse/rider combination (one of Am, JR or O) at each level (Training through Fourth), freestyles not included. **PLEASE NOTE: It is the riders' responsibility to forward their scores (as well as the name and the date of the competition and the name of the officiating judge) to Don Barnes (13-1475 Upper Gage Avenue, Hamilton, ON, L8T 1E6) no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.**

### **DRESSAGE CANADA AWARDS**

Dressage Canada is responsible for administering the following awards at the Silver Level:

Provincial Awards

National Dressage Canada Achievement Awards

Lauren Dilanni Award for Freestyles

Dressage Canada EIGHT

### **Directory of Useful Contacts**

#### **Cadora Inc & Cadora Ontario**

Don Barnes, President #13 - 1475 Upper Gage, Hamilton ON, L8W 1E6  
Ph: 905-387-2031 Email: [dressagegames@aol.com](mailto:dressagegames@aol.com)  
Websites: [www.cadora.ca](http://www.cadora.ca) Email: [www.cadora.ca/Cadora-Ontario](http://www.cadora.ca/Cadora-Ontario)

#### **Equine Canada**

Christine Peters – Manager Dressage – [cpeters@equinecanada.ca](mailto:cpeters@equinecanada.ca)  
2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa ON K2B 8K2  
Ph: 613-248-3433, Fax:613-248-3484 Email: [www.equinecanada.ca](http://www.equinecanada.ca)

#### **Ontario Equestrian Federation**

Lesley McCoy, Competitions  
9120 Leslie St, Suite 203, Richmond Hill ON L4B 3J9  
Ph: 905-709-6545 Fax: 905-709-1867  
Toll free: 1-877-441-7112 Email: [competition@horse.on.ca](mailto:competition@horse.on.ca)  
Website: [www.horse.on.ca](http://www.horse.on.ca)

#### **Dressage Canada Website**

[www.dressagecanada.org](http://www.dressagecanada.org)

### **ONTARIO SILVER DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2010 Ontario Silver Dressage Championships will be held as two Divisions:

#### **SDC-Eastern Division**

Sunday, September 12, 2010: Spiritwood Farm (2505 Lockhead Road West, North Gower, ON)

[Go to <http://spiritwoodfarm.ncf.ca/> for site map and location]

Show Secretary: Cheryl Anderson

Phone: (613) 226-7791 Email: [cheryl\\_Anderson@toldyne.com](mailto:cheryl_Anderson@toldyne.com)

#### **SDC-Western Division**

Saturday, September 18, 2010: Blue Star Farm (19088 McGowan Road, Mt. Albert, ON)

[Go to [www.bluestarfarm.com](http://www.bluestarfarm.com) for site map and location]

Contact/Show Organizer: Shirley Hetherington [www.bluestarfarm.com](http://www.bluestarfarm.com) , (905) 473-6045

The same judges will officiate at both competitions, and the results will be combined to decide the 2010 champions. Competitors may enter the Division of their choice but not both

To qualify for the Ontario Silver Dressage Championships, a horse/rider combination must compete in a minimum of two shows and earn two scores of 55% or higher at different competitions (from the same or

different judges) at each level to be entered. In addition, competitors showing at a Silver competition AFTER the Ontario Silver Dressage Championships of the current year may use scores obtained at that Silver competition as qualifiers into the Ontario Silver Dressage Championships of the following year.

In the event that entries for the Championships must be limited due to time considerations, all entries will be accepted up to the closing date. Classes will then be filled in descending order by the average of the qualifying scores submitted.

**USEFUL EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR SILVER COMPETITIONS IN YOUR AREA:**

Orangeville area: [www.caledondressage.com](http://www.caledondressage.com)  
Centaur Riding School: [www.centaurridingschool.com](http://www.centaurridingschool.com)  
Hamilton/Burlington area: [www.glanbrook.com](http://www.glanbrook.com)  
Sudbury: [www.gsda.com](http://www.gsda.com)  
Guelph: [www.conestogacadora.com](http://www.conestogacadora.com)  
Kawartha Lakes: [www.geocities.com/kawartha\\_lakes\\_dressage](http://www.geocities.com/kawartha_lakes_dressage)  
London: [www.londondressage.ca](http://www.londondressage.ca)  
Niagara region: [www.dressageniagara.com](http://www.dressageniagara.com)  
Ottawa: [www.ottawadressage.com](http://www.ottawadressage.com)  
Toronto: [www.torontocadora.com](http://www.torontocadora.com)  
Belleville/Kingston area: [www.qslb.ca](http://www.qslb.ca)