

King County 4-H Horse Dressage Medals Program

Instructions to Exhibitor

Attempting to qualify for or earn King County 4-H dressage medals at a non King County 4-H show is a three step process. Please read and execute the following instructions carefully in order to make sure your attempt is valid.

Step1 – *Prior to the show, please fill out the Intent to Attempt form below. Return that form and a copy of the show premium to Lori Glasgow. Form must be postmarked or hand delivered prior to the day of the show. If attempting a Medal, also include Medals class fee of \$10 (Bronze, Silver, Gold or Supreme). Please note that the horse to be ridden must be a current year project horse with a certificate on file and for which a record book is being kept. Also, the judge's credentials must meet criteria specified in the King County Rule Book in order for the attempt to be valid.*

As written in 2011 Rule Book:

- For dressage classes at 4-H shows to be medals qualifying or for dressage medals to be awarded, the judge must hold a dressage endorsement on the Pacific NW 4-H Judges List or be an “L” graduate or better through USDF. (See Medals rule book.) If a show or King County Fair offers dressage classes and is unable to provide a judge with the proper credentials, the dressage classes will not be Medals qualifying regardless of number of riders entered or scores awarded.

Step2 – *PLEASE NOTE THAT STEP 2 IS NOT REQUIRED FOR USEF RATED DRESSAGE SHOWS SINCE THEIR REQUIREMENTS ARE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN 4-H REQUIREMENTS. Step 2 is required for dressage schooling shows, 4-H shows in other counties, etc.*

When you arrive at the show, present the form on the following page to the show manager or secretary. Politely explain that you are attempting to qualify for or earn a 4-H dressage medal and that you need verification of your participation and that your tack and attire meets 4-H requirements. Work with the show officials to determine who will signing your paperwork and checking your tack and attire.

Step3 – *When you receive your signed scoresheets back from your tests, return your show verification form and a copy of scoresheets to the Performance Medals chair. Show verification form is not required for USEF rated dressage shows since results are available on-line.*

INTENT TO ATTEMPT OR QUALIFY FOR KING COUNTY 4-H DRESSAGE MEDALS

Rider's Name _____ KC Exhibitor #: _____

Horse's Name _____

Name of Show _____

Location of Show (arena) _____

Show Date _____

Organization Sponsoring Show _____

Judge's Name _____

At this show, I will be attempting to:

_____ Qualify for King County Dressage Medals Program

_____ Earn KC Dressage Medal (indicate Medal below)

Bronze _____
Silver _____
Gold _____
Supreme _____

List below the classes you are entering and attach copy of show premium. KC 4-H members are limited to one medal attempt per show day so please indicate clearly the class to be entered for medal attempt.

<u>Name of Class</u>	<u>Medal Attempt (Y/N)?</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Exhibitor's signature _____ Date _____

Exhibitor's Phone _____

Return to Performance Medals Chair

KING COUNTY 4-H HORSE DRESSAGE MEDALS PROGRAM VERIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION AT NON 4-H SHOW

Rider's Name _____

Horse's Name _____

Name of Show _____

Location of Show (arena) _____

Show Date _____

Organization Sponsoring Show _____

Judge's Name _____

As show Manager/Steward/Secretary, I confirm that the rider and horse competed in the show indicated above. I can provide formal results at the request of the KC Medals Chairperson up to one year from the date of this event.

I also verify that the judge/steward or other show official has read the attached guidelines for 4-H Dressage tack and attire and the rider was in compliance with 4-H rules.

Show Manager/Secretary (please print name): _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Phone _____ work _____ home _____ cell _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Exhibitor: Return this form with appropriate signatures and copies of your scoresheet(s) to King County 4-H Medals chair with 14 days of show date.

Tack and Attire Checklist – 4-H Dressage

Required Rider Attire

Shirt: Tailored shirt, turtleneck, or ratcatcher worn tucked in and closed at the neck.

Hunt coat in a conservative color: must be worn with short shirt sleeves; optional with long sleeves.

Pants, breeches, or jodhpurs

Tall dress or field boots, jodhpur or paddock boots

Allowed:

English type spurs, rowels must be free to rotate

Whips and crops no longer than 44"

Half chaps

Saddle

Any English forward seat saddle

Not allowed: Cutback/saddle seat type saddle

Bridle

English bridle with cavesson made of leather or leather-like material.

Noseband may be regular, dropped, flash, figure 8.

Bit

English snaffle bit with mouthpiece made of metal or rigid plastic. Mouthpiece may be covered with rubber.

Not allowed: double twisted wire snaffle, any flexible rubber mouthpiece, kimberwicke, Pelham, bit converter, full double bridle

Misc Allowed tack:

Breast collar/plate

Saddle pad

Not allowed:

martingales or tie downs of any kind
side, draw, running, balancing reins
boots (including hoof boots)

polo wraps

bit guards

ear muffs or plugs

any form of blinkers

nose covers, seat covers, hoods

Grounds for Elimination

Unauthorized assistance

Four errors of the course

Horse's tongue tied down

Late entry into the arena

All four of the horse's feet leave the arena

Cruelty

Marked lameness