



BASICS ON SCORING



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Even though your event is a schooling show, it's a good idea to do the scoring the same way as you would for a licensed competition, so you (and the competitors) become familiar with how Working Equitation events are scored and placed.

Your Judge is a great resource for learning how to score and place your WE competition (learning how to do this is part of the training they receive to become licensed). It's important, though, for you to have a general idea of what to do as well, so we're providing instructions for you here.

Scoring Dressage

1. Go through the dressage test after the judge has finished scoring it and calculate the number of points earned. Pay attention to the movements with a coefficient of "2" – for these, you will need to double the score that the judge assigned when adding the points earned for that movement.
2. Divide the # of points earned by the total # of points possible (this is different for the different tests). This gives you the % earned on that test.
3. Write down the % earned by each horse/rider pair on the scoring sheet (provided). For each of your divisions (e.g., junior, amateur, open, children, senior), place the Dressage trial, awarding 1st place to the horse/rider with the highest %, 2nd place to the next highest, etc.
4. Convert the placings to "points earned". To do this, start by counting the # of horse/rider pairs in the division you're placing. The 1st place horse/rider pair will receive one point more than the total # of competitors in their division (e.g., if the division has 5 riders, the 1st-place horse/rider pair will receive $5 + 1 = 6$ points). The 2nd place horse/rider pair will receive one point less than the total # of competitors in their division (e.g., if the division has 5 riders, the 2nd-place horse/rider pair will receive $5 - 1 = 4$ points). Continue down the list, until you get to the last-placed horse/rider pair. They will receive 1 point (unless they DQ/scratch, etc., in which case they will receive 0 points for the Dressage trial).
5. If there is a tie based on the % earned, the horse/rider pair with the highest score for Collective Marks shall place higher. If the tied competitors have the same number for their Collective Marks, then the tie remains, and both riders should be awarded the points associated with the placing for which they are tied (you will then "jump" a point and award the next-lower placing horse/rider pair 2 points less than the tied competitors).

Scoring EOH

1. Go through the EOH test after the judge has finished scoring it and calculate the number of points earned. Pay attention to the collective mark for Transitions/Navigation because it has a coefficient of "2." You will need to double the score that the judge assigned when adding the points earned for that part of the test.
2. Divide the # of points earned by the total # of points possible (this will depend on the # of obstacles you've included at each level). This gives you the % earned on that test.
3. Write down the % earned by each horse/rider pair on the scoring sheet (provided). For each of your divisions (e.g., junior, amateur, open, children, senior), place the EOH trial exactly the same way you did the Dressage trial, awarding 1st place to the horse/rider with the highest %, 2nd place to the next highest, etc.
4. Convert the placings to "points earned" the same way you did for the Dressage trial. To do this, start by counting the # of horse/rider pairs in the division you're placing. The 1st place horse/rider pair will receive one point more than the total # of competitors in their division (e.g., if the division has 5 riders, the 1st-place horse/rider pair will receive $5 + 1 = 6$ points). The 2nd place horse/rider pair will receive one point less than the total # of competitors in their division (e.g., if the division has 5 riders, the 2nd-place horse/rider pair will receive $5 - 1 = 4$ points). Continue down the list, until you get to the last-placed horse/rider pair. They will



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receive 1 point (unless they DQ/scratch, etc., in which case they will receive 0 points for the EOH trial).

5. If a tie occurs in the EOH trial, the rider who incurred a 0 will be placed lower than the rider who did not. If both have 0's, the rider with more 0's will be placed lower. If the tie remains, the collective marks are used to break the tie. If these marks are equal, the entries remain tied and each will be awarded the points associated with the placing for which they are tied (you will then "jump" a point and award the next-lower placing horse/rider pair 2 points less than the tied competitors).

Scoring Speed

1. Time each horse/rider pair as they complete the Speed course. The judge should keep track of the # of penalties each horse/rider pair receives.
2. At the end of the ride, add the number of seconds in penalty points earned to the time and subtract 10 seconds if the rider successfully deposited the ring in the "Retrieve Pole/Skewer Ring/Replace Pole" obstacle. This will give you the final time for each horse/rider pair.
3. Write down the final time for each horse/rider pair on the Scoring sheet (provided). For each of your divisions (e.g., junior, amateur, open, children, senior), place the Speed trial, awarding 1st place to the horse/rider with the fastest time, 2nd place to the next fastest, etc.
4. Convert the placings to "points earned" the same way you did for the Dressage & EOH trials. To do this, start by counting the # of horse/rider pairs in the division you're placing. The 1st place horse/rider pair will receive one point more than the total # of competitors in their division (e.g., if the division has 5 riders, the 1st-place horse/rider pair will receive $5 + 1 = 6$ points). The 2nd place horse/rider pair will receive one point less than the total # of competitors in their division (e.g., if the division has 5 riders, the 2nd-place horse/rider pair will receive $5 - 1 = 4$ points). Continue down the list, until you get to the last-placed horse/rider pair. They will receive 1 point (unless they DQ/scratch, etc., in which case they will receive 0 points for the Speed trial).
5. If a tie occurs in the Speed trial, the competitor with the lowest accrued penalty/bonus time (in seconds) will be placed higher. If the time penalties are equal, the entries will remain tied and each entry will be awarded the points associated with the placing for which they are tied.

Placing the Show

1. Once you have scored and placed the Dressage, EOH, and Speed trials, it's a fairly simple process to figure out overall placings. Simply add the # of points earned in each of the trials (Dressage Points + EOH Points + Speed Points). Write this in the Total Score column of the placing document.
2. For each class, the horse/rider pair with the most points in the Total Score column earns 1st place. The horse/rider pair with the second most points in the Total Score column earns 2nd place, etc.
3. In the event of a tie for overall placement at a given level:
 - The competitor who earned the highest average combined Dressage and EOH score will place higher.
 - If there is still a tie, the competitor with the highest score in EOH will place higher.
 - If there is still a tie, the fastest time in the Speed trial will place higher.



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Placing Document

Show Name: _____

Date: _____

Judge: _____

Class: _____

Entries		DRESSAGE				EASE OF HANDLING					SPEED				OVERALL		Tie Breakers		
Rider	Horse	%	Collective Marks	Place	Points	%	# of "0" scores	Collective Marks	Place	Points	Final Time	# of Time Penalties	Place	Points	Points	Placing	If tied, average of Dressage & EOH	If still tied, higher EOH score	If still tied, faster Speed score

Transfer scores from scoresheets to this placing worksheet. Convert placings in each trial to points. At the end, add up all the points for Overall Points → Overall Placings.