



CNY Dressage & Combined Training Association

In Cooperation with the USDF

Presents

L Education Program

PART 1: A Judge's Perspective

Cazenovia, NY

Developed by the USDF Judges Committee, this educational training program teaches judges to evaluate the correct training of dressage horses.

Are you interested in becoming a dressage judge? Are you a rider who would you like to better understand the judging process and how to ride better dressage tests and improve your scores to find out how to improve? The L Program is the place to start! The L Program consists of two parts, each having 3 sessions. **Part 1 – “A Judge’s Perspective” is open to all USDF Members and is the educational foundation of the program.** It consists of classroom sessions (lecture and video) with live demonstration rides.

Goals of the Program

This program has been designed with several goals in mind:

- 1) To give competitors, trainers, instructors, and other interested people greater insight into the evaluative techniques of judging dressage.
- 2) To meet a requirement to enter the USDF/USEF “r” Dressage Judge Training Program.
- 3) To qualify individuals to judge schooling shows.
- 4) Provide continuing education for licensed judges and L graduates.

This well-designed training program takes a systemic and orderly approach to introduce judging, explain the scoring system, review the rules, and present the biomechanics of the horse’s gaits and the rider’s position. This educational training program features selected faculty of experienced USEF recognized “S” judges.

For more info on the L program, please visit: <https://usdf.org/EDUCATION/judge-training/lprogram/index.asp>

Members can register as Participants, Silent Auditors, or Demonstration Riders.

Participants are granted access to training materials and homework on the USDF website. Auditors are provided handouts at the session but do not have to complete any homework. Auditors can listen and view the entire program but are not permitted to ask questions unless time permits. USDF University credit is available to auditors. Demonstration Riders are needed for all 3 sessions. Part 1 Participants may advance to Part 2. **PLEASE NOTE: CNYD&CTA will not be offering a Part 2 at this time. Part 1 participants can go on to complete a Part 2 elsewhere if they desire.**

How Participants will be Chosen (Per USDF Guidelines Below):

A Must be a USDF member. Group or participating memberships are accepted.

B Applicants should be willing to commit to attending all three sessions.

C No applications will be accepted over the phone. All applicants must fill out and send in an application form along with the proper fee. This means payment in full for all sessions.

Dates

Session A (February 25-26, 2023) Lois Yukins. Introduction to judging and biomechanics.

Session B (April 1-2, 2023) Jodi Lees. Judging criteria for gaits & paces, movements & figures

Session C (May 6-7, 2023) Lisa Schmidt. Collective marks, equitation, rider biomechanics & basics.

Location

For Sessions A and C, classroom work will be held at the Hampton Inn 25 Lakers Ln. Cazenovia, NY 13035. For Session B, the classroom work will be held at the Lincklaen House 79 Albany St. Cazenovia, NY 13035. All three farm sessions will be held at Canterbury Stables 4786 Roberts Rd. Cazenovia, NY 13035. Classroom locations are subject to change depending on enrollment.

Costs

Participants

\$900 (all three sessions) for CNYDCTA members

\$950 (all three sessions) for Non-CNYDCTA members

Participants must attend all three sessions to apply to Part 2. A maximum of 30 Participants will be accepted. A maximum of 50 auditors will be accepted. Application and fees must be received by January 15, 2023. Lunch on both days is included in the registration fee for both categories.

Auditors

\$90 per session for CNYDCTA members

\$100 per session for Non-CNYDCTA auditors

Demonstration Riders

There is no demonstration riding cost for test riders. Riders are responsible for a stabling fee to our host facility, Canterbury Stables, due on arrival to the farm. Demonstration riders are needed at Training, First, and Second Levels. Auditing and lunch are free to demo riders on the day that they ride. If they wish to audit the other day, they will be charged an auditing fee of \$45 for the other day.

For further information, contact Corrinne Spaulding, president@cnydcta.org 315-813-3308.

For registration, contact Candace Martin-Yackel (315) 436-1306 CYackel81@gmail.com. Registration forms are available at cnydcta.org. Mail application and payment to Candace Yackel 411 Jewell Dr. Liverpool, NY 13088. Checks payable to CNYD&CTA

APPLICATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL.

Accommodations Hampton Inn Cazenovia NY (315) 655 – 7666 or Lincklaen House Cazenovia NY (315) 655-3461. Mention our event to receive discount pricing.

Updates, final schedules and any changes will be updated on our website. Please check there often.