

## **KETTLE MORaine DRILL TEAM COMPETITION CATEGORY DEFINITIONS**

In an effort to level the playing field in our competition categories, we have decided to actually describe our categories.

We are trying to encourage new teams to join in on competitions & we feel that a novice team having to compete against a flag carrying team loping around the arena just defeats them right from the beginning & we feel the other two divisions are more appropriate for a faster pace and flags.

We simply want to place riders & horses with about the same talent and experience together to make it a fun & fair competition for all with the added bonus of encouraging riders to keep bettering their horses and skills.

**NOVICE:** These teams should have atleast 50% new members/horses that are new to the sport of drill and should be basically a walk/trot team with very little if any loping & no flags.

**INTERMEDIATE:** These teams should be loping more of their drill but not more than 50%, have more advanced maneuvers & may or may not carry flags.

**OPEN:** These teams have more experience, more intricate maneuvers & speed, (more than 50% loping) Flags are encouraged in the open but not necessary.

All of the above categories will be judged not on speed but more importantly on the basic requirements of drill, i.e. precision, straight lines, correct spacing, riding ability, uniformity, degree of difficulty, etc. Carrying flags, speed and more intricate maneuvers will be judged higher **only** if the other basic requirements are met.

We hope you understand why we have defined the classes as we have and also hope this makes it easier to place your team in a correct category. Thank you for your understanding.

We look forward to seeing all of you,

The Kettle Moraine Rough and EZ Riders