

Mid-Ohio Dressage Association (MODA)

POLICIES

(as of March 13, 2021)

1. MODA SHOWS AND MODA RECOGNIZED SHOWS:

- a. A MODA Recognized show is any show which has met all of the requirements as set forth in the current MODA Recognized Competition form and has paid any and all fees required for recognition, and must meet all requirements of the form, including returning a set of results.
- b. No entry fee refund after closing date of a MODA Schooling Show. [4/99]
- c. There will be a discount for all youth at MODA Schooling Shows. In accordance with USDF definition: a Youth is any individual who has not reached his or her twenty-first (21st) birthday as of December 1 of the year immediately preceding his/her membership. [1/06 amended 1/17]
- d. A show recognized by MODA's Schooling Show Liaison must be judged by a USEF judge (active or retired) or an active USDF L graduate.
- e. Upon meeting all Recognition requirements, shows will be Recognized and notified by the Schooling Show Liaison. [4/07 amended 01/17]
- f. A qualified judge (to be determined by the Board) may be used for USDF Introductory tests at MODA Schooling Shows and MODA Recognized Schooling Shows. [4/03]
- g. MODA and Ohio Dressage Society will reciprocally recognize each other's Schooling Shows and waive any approval fees. [10/07]
- h. For managing a show, clinic, seminar the manager, co-manager and organizer will receive volunteer credit. [9/87] If paid for those services, that individual will not receive volunteer hours. [Amended 2/17]
- i. For non-USEF Recognized Shows, the day secretary will be paid \$5.00 per entry for a one day show and \$8.00 per entry for a two-three day show per entry, or as otherwise determined by the Board. Supplies will be part of the fee and will not be reimbursed. If paid for those services, that individual will not receive volunteer hours. [1/17]
- j. The day secretary maybe either be paid or be a volunteer. [2/17]
- k. At any MODA event (including, but not limited to Schooling Shows, clinics and symposiums) it is compulsory for all riders to wear proper fastened protective headgear. MODA hereby incorporates into its Policies all of the current rules and regulations of USEF (or as hereafter amended by USEF) regarding the wearing of headgear. [4/1/11]
- l. All photos of mounted riders that appear in any MODA publication or on the MODA website shall comply with the foregoing headgear provisions herein. [4/1/11]
- m. At any MODA Schooling Show or Recognized Show, no individual may be near the judge's booth except those having official or requested duties to perform (judge, scribe, runner, show management or USDF L candidate). [6/3/11 amended 2/17]

2. USDF ANNUAL CONVENTION:

The MODA Delegate to the USDF Annual Convention will be the President or officer with the highest rank available to attend the convention. 6/3/11

3. ADVERTISEMENTS AND/OR SPONSORS:

Website and newsletter pricing shall be set by the Marketing Chair and the Newsletter Editor and reviewed annually by the Board.

4. VOLUNTEERS AND VOLUNTEERING

We rely on the hours of volunteer work to support MODA activities including shows and clinics, as well as our sponsorship, awards, and communication activities. Although your time and talents are most valuable to us primarily at shows and clinics, we do offer a variety of other ways to earn hours towards Year End Awards and help support the mission of MODA!

Our primary need is support at our MODA shows (USEF/USDF Recognized MODA Shows and MODA Schooling Shows) and MODA hosted events.

For participation in the MODA Year End Awards Program, 8 hours of volunteer time is required. These hours can be obtained by:

- a. Volunteering at USEF/USDF Recognized MODA hosted shows, or MODA hosted Schooling Shows [**NOTE: volunteer hours for schooling shows hosted by other entities DO NOT COUNT (even if the schooling show is MODA Recognized).**]
 - b. Volunteering at MODA clinics, or MODA hosted events
 - c. 2 hours may be earned by referring new member(s); 2 hours per new member referred (must not have been a member within last 5 years).
 - d. 6 hours may be earned for the writing of an article (500 words minimum) for educational purposes for distribution in the *On the Bit* Newsletter, or in the *Corral*, or for the MODA website, and with Board approval
 - e. 6 hours may be earned for the successful solicitation of sponsor(s) for any MODA educational event, schooling or recognized show at a \$500.00 minimum, and with Board approval
 - f. 8 hours may be earned for providing arena and/or lecture space for a MODA organized educational event with Board approval.
 - g. 8 hours for conducting, organizing or managing a MODA education event, with Board approval.
 - h. 8 hours for active current Committee and Board Members.
 - i. 4 hours per event if volunteers are solicited by MODA for special events (i.e., Regional events, National events, etc.), with Board approval.
- Additionally, a member may purchase volunteer hours for \$10.00 per hour up to a maximum 4 hours, and MUST still also earn 4 hours through one of the options contained above in paragraphs “a” through “i”.
 - If one has an overage of hours, volunteer hours may be donated for the purpose of Year End Awards between members.

If a member has signed up to volunteer, had been assigned a position and upon arriving to fulfill the assignment is told that they are not needed, that member will be given volunteer credit for the assigned position. [1/93]

For the Adult/Youth Education Grant, 8 hours of volunteer time is required to be obtained at a MODA hosted USDF/USEF Show. No donation hours or purchased hours are permitted. .

5. For information regarding the MODA Year End Awards Program and the Adult/Youth Education Grant, please visit the MODA website.

6. GENERAL

- a. MODA will not sell or give its membership roster to any outside company or business for the purpose of direct mail solicitation or any other type of usage. [9/90]
- b. MODA will pay entry fee (class, office) and drug fee for one (1) team of 3 or 4 riders for a given team event. 3/99 (note stabling USDF reimburses).
- c. The Treasurer has authorization to seek the advice and services of a tax consultant. [4/88]
- d. The Board will make all decisions regarding expenses for each event. Each event is expected to cover expenses. The Board must approve any single previously unbudgeted expense over \$200.00.[4/03 amended 1/17]
- e. Only Board members may cast a vote at a Board meeting. Any member can cast a vote at a membership meeting. All members are welcome to attend Board meetings, and input from members is welcomed.
- f. To be eligible for election to the Board, a person must be a dues paying member in good standing as of the date of the election. [2/17]
- g. For any proposed action to be taken without a meeting by the Board of Directors pursuant to Bylaws Article VI, Sec.3 (ii), the deadline to respond shall be no less than 48 hours; unless the proposed action to be taken is an emergency, in which case the deadline to respond shall be no less than 24 hours.