

# Dressage Judges

So you are interested in becoming an official



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# What is the purpose of a dressage judge?

A dressage judge is a certified official, responsible for evaluating the performance of dressage tests at a competition .

# What is judging?

Making an informed/knowledgeable assessment of the training shown by horse and rider for the test level presented .

# Judge's Duties

- Insure the performance arena is correct and safe
- Evaluate each test, giving scores for each movement and comments for the movement when considered helpful.
- Assisting the show committee with competition decisions, enforcement or conflicts .

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- Guiding the riders' training skills by indicating their strengths
- Giving constructive comments to assist in the advancement of their training and
- Understanding the requirements of each portion of their test .

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- Protecting the welfare of horses and riders , insuring that horses and riders are treated with respect and compassion and...
- That horses are never subjected to mistreatment or caused undue stress .

# QUALITIES OF A JUDGE

- Must be thoroughly competent in their knowledge of dressage and dressage training.
- Must have – integrity, accountability & compassion
- Must be able to assess quickly
- Know the training scale

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- Know the scale of marks and their corresponding meaning
- Be able to quickly form brief and helpful comments to guide the riders
- Must be positive and passionate about dressage to encourage the love of dressage riding and training.



# Interested in being a judge?

- Look online at Equestrian Canada/ Dressage Judges, to find all the criteria to become a judge.
- You could also ask at our dressage shows to assist by scribing for the judge, as it is a great way to learn. Or if you would like to sit in the judge's booth with me at a schooling show, I would love to have you there.



Elaine is an FEI dressage rider, trainer and clinician. Has ridden, judged and trained across North America, England, France and Brazil.

Began judging dressage as an Equine Canada certified judge in 1993 and presently maintains her judging card as well as traveling the country giving clinics.

Elaine loves mentoring others in the passion of dressage and is very approachable to help others in their pursuits .

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