

# Driven Dressage Video Rules

## **Equipment Guidelines**

You are responsible for knowing the American Driving Society (ADS) rules for tack and equipment. If you need a refresher, here is a link to their website. <https://www.americandrivingsociety.org/>

## **Video Rules**

You may film your ride as soon as you have your sign. Videos must be in focus. Remember, the judge can only score what they can see, so follow these guidelines carefully!

**IMPORTANT!** Show Management will review all submissions to ensure adherence to the rules as stated below. If a test does not comply with the rules, Show Management will contact the exhibitor immediately via your “My Account” portal of the Spotlight Horse Shows website. The exhibitor will have 48 hours to resubmit their test from the time of the notification. Please take all guidelines into consideration when preparing your test submissions.

- Use arenas that are as close to regulation size as possible and be sure letters are set appropriately to be viewed by the judge. Cones with large letters on them and poles on the ground to delineate the corners are acceptable. Large letters taped on walls or other types of markers work as well. Required ring sizes for the class you are showing in are also included at the ADS website. How to lay out an arena instructions are also included in the show prize list.
- To ensure that only videos taped for this competition are used, videos of tests must be unedited from start to finish, starting at the video sign and ending with final halt and exit out of the arena.
- It must be one continuous recording with the horse and rider visible from the moment they enter the arena. Tests with edits will not be accepted.
- Videos must be filmed in LANDSCAPE orientation.
- The natural background sound for the test must be audible. Tests with no sound will not be accepted.
- Only video links from YouTube will be accepted. Mark the links as either public or unlisted in YouTube prior to uploading your link to your Spotlight Horse Shows portal.
- The test must be videoed from behind C, where the judge would normally be seated. Try and set the camera 4-5' off the ground. It makes the geometry easier for the judge to see.
- Prior to beginning the ride, a sign must be held up showing the show name, video date (optional), competitor and equine names, class # and test description. Remove the sign just before the ride begins. Your video sign can be downloaded from your portal.
- Keep the equine and carriage in frame, paying close attention to the near corners. On the far side, you will need to zoom in for clearer judging visibility.
- Make sure to keep the letters in the frame that are elements of the test being performed.
- Coaching during the test is not allowed.
- Equipment Check:
  - The judge will perform the equipment check as part of the judging process.

**IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU MARK X, ESPECIALLY IN THE LARGE ARENAS.  
A SMALL PILE OF SHAVINGS WORKS WELL.**