

# USDF L PROGRAM, PART 1 HOSTED BY OKS

**Central Plains Dressage Society - Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association - Oklahoma Dressage Society**

This is Part 1 of the L Program - presented in three separate sessions, hosted by three GMOs

This program provides an opportunity not only for those wishing to become "L" Graduates, but also for any rider wanting to gain insight into the evaluative techniques of judging dressage.

Part 1 consists of both classroom sessions (lectures and videos) and live demonstrations. The program takes a systematic and orderly approach to explaining the judge's methodology. It examines biomechanics of the horse's gaits and the rider's position; the scoring system; appropriate comments; and how the horse properly demonstrates the basics through the first three levels of dressage (Training through Second Level).

Individuals may register as Participants or Auditors. Participants are granted access to training materials and homework on the USDF website.

Auditors are also provided information on the website, but do not have to complete homework. Auditors are able to listen and view the entire program but are not permitted to ask questions unless time permits.

- \* Participants have the opportunity to meet a requirement to become "L" Program Graduates and judge schooling shows
- \* Participants -have the opportunity to meet the requirement to enter the USDF "r" Judge Training Program
- \* This program provides education for licensed judges and graduates of the L Program.
- \* Trainers and instructors learn how to better inform and guide their students
- \* Competitors have a better understanding of the meaning of judge's comments
- \* Riders develop a better awareness of proper training sequences
- \* Riders develop better understanding of how horses move according to their conformation
- \* Riders have a more informed appreciation of what is expected at each level

**Session A**      May 21 – 22      Rogers State University, Claremore, Oklahoma  
Hosted by Oklahoma Dressage Society  
Introduction to judging and biomechanics    Presented by Joan Darnell

**Session B**      July 30 – 31      Valley View Equestrian Center, Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Hosted by Central Plains Dressage Society  
Judging Criteria for gaits, paces, movements, and figures  
Presented by Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez

**Session C**      October 15 – 16      Capall Stables, Wichita, Kansas  
Hosted by Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association  
Collective Marks, equitation, rider biomechanics and basics  
Presented by      Kathy Rowse  
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Registration Fees for Participants is \$265 each session (includes lunch) and \$90 each session for Auditors (includes lunch)

Participants must attend all three sessions to be eligible to apply to Part 2. Auditors may attend any or all of the sessions

For further information or applications please contact the Program Coordinator:  
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