



OPEN SCORING DURING FEI DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

Technical requirements

1. Overview

Open Scoring means that every single mark of each judge will be shown on a scoreboard immediately after each exercise. This procedure has to be used at all international championships. International dressage tournaments are allowed to use it.

To ensure that judges are influenced as little as possible, there are certain requirements to be met.

2. Requirements

2.1 Network

For each judge there must be a writing secretary and one person who operate the computer. There must be a computer on each desk with the client software on it. To transmit the several marks to the server in real time there must be a network connection. The type of connection does not matter, a 100 Mbit Ethernet cabling or a wireless LAN with at least 11 Mbit is recommended.

2.2 Software

The software at the judge's desk has to be developed in a way, that during a ride only marks and sums of the judge himself are visible, never marks and sums of other judges. After each ride, there has to be a final confirmation of the marks from each judge's position. After this confirmation there must not be any possibility to make any changes. At this point sums or percentages of other judges may appear on the screen.

The software at the IT centre receives the marks from each judge. During a ride marks must not be changed here, not even if the received mark is obviously wrong (e.g. wrong key stroke etc.). After each ride, all entered marks will be compared to the written ones. If there are differences, the written mark counts and the mark in the computer system can be changed.

This software must control the scoreboard directly or must be connected through a network connection to the scoreboard software.

2.3 Scoreboard

2.3.1 Position

In principle, the position of the scoreboard should be selected in a way that the number of judges who can see the scoreboard are as few as possible to avoid influences.

Due to the fact that almost every spectator should see the scoreboard this will not be possible for all judges.

The best positions for the scoreboard are at the corners between the judges, this means between E and H or between M and B. In this case only one judge has a view on the scoreboard.

If this is not possible, the scoreboard should be placed behind the judges on the short side.

2.3.2 Size and content

To show the marks and the relevant information, a scoreboard of a certain size is required. All sizes given here refer to scoreboards with proportional fonts. Scoreboards with non-proportional fonts have to show the same contents.

The rider, the horse, the number of the exercise, the description of the exercise, the judges' positions and the mark of each judge must be shown at least.

To save the clarity of the data there should be lines between the several areas.

It follows from this that the size is at least 6 rows and 20 characters per row. This could look like this:

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ISABELLE WERTH GER
GIGOLO          123
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19. Passage
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-E- -H- -C- -M- -B-
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7 8 9 8 7
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To display the whole description of the exercise and to show longer names of the rider and the horse, a minimum width of 26 characters is recommended.

Besides, the name of the sponsor should be mentioned at least in one row. So the recommend height is 8 rows.

This is an example with 10 rows and 26 characters like the scoreboard in the Hanns-Martin-Schleyerhalle in Stuttgart:

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STUTTGART GERMAN MASTERS
10. GRAND PRIX SPECIAL
PRIZE OF YORN KARSTADT
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ISABELLE WERTH GER
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GIGOLO          123
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19. Passage
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-E- -H- -C- -M- -B-
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3. Controlling the scoreboard

3.1 Single marks

After receiving all marks for an exercise from each judge the marks should be shown on the scoreboard. Normally there is automatically a delay because the marks will not be entered until the end of an exercise. The software must guarantee that only the marks of the exercise before the last one are displayed. A later correction of a single mark from the judge's desk will be much more

difficult because there must be more communication for which there is no time during a ride.

3.2 Trends

Trends, the current percentage and the current placing of the current percentage, must not be displayed permanently in order to prevent an influence on the judges, too. At no time are the percentages of each single judge allowed to appear on the scoreboard.

Recommended is a trend two or three times during a ride at the end of a logical part of the test (e.g. after canter or after pirouettes)

The content could be displayed like this:

STUTTGART GERMAN MASTERS
10. GRAND PRIX SPECIAL
PRIZE OF YORN KARSTADT

ISABELLE WERTH GER
GIGOLO 123

PROVISIONAL PERCENTAGE
AFTER 19TH EXERCISE:
75,56 % 1.

This information should be shown for the time of two exercises. For these two exercises there will be no single marks at the scoreboard.