

MDC, Inc. Definitions (Revised 1/2007)

The same definitions apply to MDC, Inc. age definitions as that of the USEF.

JUNIOR: an individual who has not reached the age of 18 before November 1 of the current competition year.

PROFESSIONAL: any person who trains horses or riders for recompense, monetary or otherwise, shall be considered professional for purposes of Michiana Dressage Club, Inc. shows. A rider who works for a barn or boarding stable in exchange for full or partial board and/or instruction shall not be considered a professional, as long as the work does not include training horses and/or riders. Owning a stable, farm or barn, which accepts paying boarders, will not per se make the owner a professional, unless the board paid includes training for the horse or rider, and the training is done by the owner. A Professional rider may not enter Amateur Classes. A Professional rider may enter Novice Horse classes, if the horse is eligible, see USEF rules.

SCHOOL HORSE: a horse on which riders improve and learn. MDC, Inc will recognize school horses that are ridden in the same class, at the same level, and or different levels with multiple riders for year-end awards. Each horse/rider combination must be registered with MDC, Inc. to be eligible. Contact show secretary at each schooling show for entry approval. As voted by MDC, Inc membership, school horse owners have the right to determine the number of rides per day of said school horse.

NOVICE RIDER: a competitor who has NEVER shown above First Level and who has not received three (3) scores of 55.0% or better in the prior show season in classes using current USEF National Tests in a recognized dressage competition. Each of the three scores must be received from a different judge but not necessarily from a different show.

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A Novice Horse may also be entered in a Novice Rider class ONLY if the rider is also a Novice Rider by MDC, Inc definition. A Novice Horse may be ridden and entered in Novice Horse classes by any competitor.

If a Novice Horse is entered in an USEF sanctioned competition, the USEF definition and rules governing Novice Horse classes shall take precedence over the MDC, Inc. definition. USDR has no recognized Novice Rider division. The USEF definition of a Novice Horse is a horse which has not won three first place ribbons at regular member shows of the Association.

The Novice Rider/Horse defined by the MDC, Inc. shall govern all of the following without exception:

The eligibility of any member to enter a Novice class or any member's horse to be entered in a Novice Horse class offered by MDC, Inc. approved and sponsored competitions except for USEF Novice Horse classes as USEF rules allow.

Any MDC, Inc. member or member's horse entered incorrectly in a novice class at any MDC, Inc approved or sanctioned competition may be challenged by another member and shall forfeit any ribbons or points received for that class.

ELIGIBILITY: Open Riders may only ride in Open classes and "if the horse is eligible" Novice Horse classes. Novice Riders may ride in Novice Rider, Novice Horse (if the horse is eligible) and Open classes.