

# USDF “L” Program to be Hosted by NEDA

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The ever popular USDF “Learner” program will again be hosted by NEDA, starting in October of 2016. Part I, three lecture and practice judging weekends, can be attended by anyone but would be of most interest to dressage riders, trainers and instructors as well as serving as continuing education for USEF licensed dressage judges. 30 people can be accepted as Participants and another 40 as Auditors. Participants are required to attend all three Part I weekends, a criteria for Part II, which involves evaluation and testing. Future articles in the TIP and on the NEDA Facebook page will provide more details. Application forms for both Participants and Auditors will be available about October 1, 2015.

## **Part I: Educational lectures/discussion at a Natick hotel on day 1 and practice judging at Apple Knoll Farm on day 2. 30 Participants maximum.**

Part I- A: October 15-16, 2016 will be taught by Kathy Rowse and will cover an introduction to Judging and Biomechanics.

Part I-B: November 19-20, 2016 will be taught by Joan Darnell and will cover judging criteria for gaits and paces, movements and figures.

Part I-C: April 8-9, 2017 will be taught by Janet Foy and will cover the basics, collective marks on gaits, impulsion, submission and the rider.

## **Part II: Evaluation and Testing. Practice judging at two different competitions, NEDA Spring (May 2017) and GMHA (July 2017) and testing at NEDA Fall (September 2017).**

- Only 10 Participants maximum, based on date application received.
- Persons applying for Part I and who have the requisite scores may apply for the Part II at the same time if they wish.
- A second Part II will be offered in 2018. Those who are on the wait list from the 2017 Part II will automatically be given the opportunity to be first for 2018.
- **Note the new score requirements:** the minimum score requirement to enter the Part II will be three scores from three judges, which include two scores of 65% or higher at the highest test of Second Level and one score of 62% or higher at Third Level or above. Three scores of 62% or higher at Third Level or above from three different judges or any combination of these requirements would also meet the requirements to enter Part II.