

## **Code of Conduct for Dressage Ireland Judges**

The Dressage Ireland (DI) requires that all those officiating in any Dressage competition such as Dressage Ireland, Eventing Ireland, AIRC, IPC, IPS etc. adhere to the DI Judges Code of Conduct:

1. DI Judges must have knowledge of the principles of Dressage, of the DI Rules and Regulations and are qualified to judge DI competitions appropriate to their level.
2. They are always representing DI.
3. A judge should always put the sport and the horse's welfare first.
4. When at a show or acting in any official capacity Judges should be considerate and respectful to other Judges, competitors and show officials.
5. A Judge should not conduct themselves in a manner detrimental to the character of and/or which may be prejudicial to the interests of Dressage Ireland
6. It is the responsibility of the Judge to be in good health and fit to officiate throughout the duration of the competition.
7. A Judge must avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest. Activities which will lead to or may lead to a "conflict of interest" when officiating at a Dressage competition, include but are not limited to:
  - Judging any rider with whose training the Judge is involved in any way for the six (6) weeks prior to any DI Competition. This restriction also applies any other HSI Affiliated Competitions. See DI Rule 6.7.3 and 3.2
  - Parochial judging or favouritism
  - At all times, it is the responsibility of the Judge (and Rider. See DI Rule 3.2) to ensure that no actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
8. Judges should be well prepared for the tests they are judging and should cooperate well with the OC and their colleagues.
9. Judges should be dressed appropriately and must always be aware that they are representing DI.
10. Judges should not solicit organisers for future invitations.
11. Opinion and comments on any of the combinations judged should be heard only by the writer and / or any person invited to sit-in i.e. someone who is shadow judging, and shared only with the competitor in question. Care should be taken not to discuss particular tests with anyone else.
12. Judges should not disclose or discuss any details of any combinations judged on social media sites such as forums, Facebook, twitter, or other websites.
13. Judges should be discreet and loyal to fellow Judges at all times.
14. Judges must observe the Judging restrictions as per the DI Rule Book.
15. The use of electronic communication, including mobile phones, is forbidden inside the Judge's huts/cars while judging.
16. Alcohol should not be consumed by Judges until finishing the day's judging.
17. DI and the DI Judges Committee have the right to undertake disciplinary actions against judges who do not follow the Code of Conduct and the DI Rules and Regulations.
18. Such disciplinary actions may consist of:
  - Warning letter
  - Temporary suspension
  - Demotion
  - Removal from the DI Judges List

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