

DRESSAGE

Guidelines for Sit-In and 1:1 Tutoring

In general (according to the Education System)

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(In these Guidelines, the use of the masculine shall be interpreted to also include the feminine form.)

- Sit-Ins can be done in all FEI competitions according to the level the judge applies for.
- The candidate should be assessed acc. to the Sit-In Assessment Form by a Mentor Judge (MJ) from the FEI list of MJs. All Level 4/5* judges are automatically Mentor Judges.
- The candidate should sit with the MJ throughout the **whole competition** (min. 8 horses)
- MJ and Candidate must be of different nationalities.
- Sit-In and Shadow Judging may be done at the same show but the Shadow Judging must be done before the Sit-In.

Tasks of the Candidate

The candidate should check that an FEI approved MJ will judge at the event and contact him in due time - min. 2 weeks before the event.

He has to make sure the MJ confirms the Sit-In and exchange e-mail addresses, telephone numbers etc.

The candidate must contact the OC min. 2 weeks before the event and ask for permission to Sit-in.

It is the duty of the candidate to contact OC or MJ again shortly before the event and ask for all details concerning his Sit-In (timetable, number of competitors etc...).

If a judge is part of the official panel he can do a Sit-In at the same event.

Tasks of the Mentor Judge

The MJ has to assess the candidate according to the Sit-In Assessment Form.

The MJ:

1. evaluates the appearance and behaviour of the candidate: e.g. friendly, open-minded, well behaved, appropriately dressed, well on time, well prepared with good knowledge of the test
2. checks the knowledge of his/her spoken English
3. assesses the correct use of their technical language.

If possible, the candidate is to be asked some questions about riding/judging principles in the break and/or between two horses. Corrections should be given by the MJ directly if needed.

1:1 Tutoring as a new form of Sit-In is highly recommended:

A MJ sits together with the candidate(s) (max. 3 recommended) in a quiet place in the stands, making him/them give all marks/remarks with the possibility of direct correction and discussion. Each candidate should propose the marks for min. 4 horses to make the 1:1 Tutoring count officially.

1:1 Tutoring as a very effective learning tool for the candidates is accepted as being equivalent to a Sit-In.

After the 1:1 Tutoring, the MJ should give a feedback to the candidate and give further recommendations as to the judging principles which still need to be developed.

The Assessment Form for Sit-In / 1:1 Tutoring has to be sent to the FEI, Dressage Dept. (anna.milne@fei.org) **by the MJ**, within two weeks after the event.