

## Judges Guidelines

The following are the Procedural Guidelines for DI judges. Please read it carefully.

### **Procedural guidelines for Dressage Ireland Judges**

1. Reply promptly to judging invitations.
2. Ensure that you know the appropriate test and rules.
3. Dress smartly and in accordance with the status of the event.
4. Arrive in plenty of time.
5. Inspect the arena, checking the going and the positioning of the letters.
6. Be courteous to your writer. Explain how you will give your marks and comments. Warn your writer of any tricky parts of the test.
7. Do not allow competitors or their connections involved in the class to sit in.
8. Keep to time.
9. Check the score-board and the results before leaving the show. If you are unsure of the accuracy of the scorers, have the result checked.
10. If judging as a member of a panel, be prepared to discuss the judging afterwards - in private.
11. If you are not able to fulfil a judging commitment it is up to you to discuss with the organiser to jointly find a suitable replacement i.e. a Judge of the correct list etc.
12. A judge should not judge for more than 5 hours (including breaks) unless by prior arrangement.
13. There should be a break of 10 minutes between classes to allow the judge to familiarise themselves with the new test.
14. There should be at least a 10 minute break every 90 minutes (this applies particularly to **Eventing Ireland** competitions).
15. Every eventuality cannot be provided for. In any unforeseen or exceptional circumstance, it is the duty of the Ground Jury to make a decision in a sporting spirit.