



# Rocky Mountain Dressage Society

In cooperation with USDF



Hi all,

Are you interested in the 2022-2023 RMDS L program A – C Sessions? We received word from USDF that the L program has been accepted. This is to inform you that the application process is open. If you're interested in applying, please read the following, make sure you can commit, and then send the application as soon as possible. I'm going to list some pertinent info below for you to read. If your application is not accepted by USDF, this will be returned in full. Checks should be made out to RMDS.

Thanks so much,

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## Dates:

A session - November 5-6, 2022 – Joan Darnell-WA – Parker, CO (Sunday PM in a barn)  
B session – February 18-19, 2023 – Dorie Vlatten-Schmitz-AZ – Parker, CO (both days in a barn)  
C session - March 25-26, 2023 – Debbie Rodriguez-VA – Loveland, CO (Sunday in a barn)

## Participant Costs:

A-C - \$1050 (RMDS members) \$1125 (non-members)

Auditing (A-C) - \$100 RMDS members per session; \$135 non-members per session

## • How Participants will be Chosen (Per USDF Guidelines Below):

**A\***Must be a USDF member, group or participating memberships are accepted.

**B\***Applicants should be willing to commit to attending all sessions.

**C\*** No applications will be accepted over the phone. All applicants must fill out and send in an application form along with the proper fee.

This means payment in full for all sessions. Pay by check or online at: <https://www.rmds.org/payment>

- Developed by the USDF Judges Committee, this educational training program teaches judges to evaluate the correct training of dressage horses
- Auditors are invited but will not be able to ask questions hence "silent auditor" in the registration.)
- The L Education Program is designed with several goals in mind:
  - Provide trainers, instructors, competitors and spectators' insight into the evaluative techniques of judging dressage.
  - Prepare and evaluate candidates who wish to pursue entry into the USEF 'r' Judge Training Program.
  - Provide continuing education for licensed judges and L graduates.
- This educational training program features selected faculty of experienced, United States Equestrian Federation recognized "S" judges.
- The Program is divided into two parts; each part is made up of three sessions:

- Part 1- “A Judge’s Perspective” is open to all USDF Members; this is the educational foundation of the program.
  - **Session A** (November 5-6, 2022) is an introduction to judging and biomechanics.
  - **Session B** (February 18-19, 2023) is about judging criteria for gaits & paces, movements & figures
  - **Session C** (March 25-26, 2023) is about collective marks, equitation, rider biomechanics and basics.
- MORE details from USDF: <https://www.usdf.org/education/judge-training/lprogram/index>.