

Drill Team Manual of the California State Horsemen's Assoc. Inc.

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CSHA Drill Team Program Manual

The California State Horsemen's Association Drill Team Program is one of the oldest Drill Associations in the United States. CSHA itself was formed in 1942, and the Drill Program got underway in 1949. The CSHA Drill Program is going strong and we have some of the most experienced judges and volunteers around, so it was time to roll up our sleeves and get some of the information and lessons learned down on paper.

In 2013 the CSHA Drill Team Committee decided to create a drill team manual. The goal was to produce a document that could serve as a guide to new teams starting up, or as a reference to existing teams. Each section was written by a member of the committee then brought to a quarterly meeting for review, revision, and finally approval. At the 2013 Convention the completed first edition was unveiled for distribution. CSHA is committed to improving, expanding and growing the sport of drill and building awareness in the equine community and beyond. Thank you to Alice Lawellin, Patti Souza, JoLynn Tetzlaff, Nancy White, Jill Kraut and Robert Lorbeer for your contributions to this manual.

In addition to the manual we are also placing the notes from presentations at our annual Judges and team symposium online. These delve a little more deeply into subjects of interest to our teams and into scoring categories on our judge's sheets. This allows teams to know what the judges will be looking for when they mark your score in that category.

There is no one absolute correct way to run a drill team. There are numerous decisions that are made, and each has many possible options. We have tried to cover obstacles and challenges a team will encounter and a solution or strategy that has been successful in the past. This manual will be updated and added to at regular intervals. Please feel free to contact us with problems, solutions, information etc. that you would like to see reviewed for inclusion in the next revision. This manual is for the teams and the sport of equestrian drill. The more teams we have, the stronger they are, the stronger the sport is.

In 2019 we stopped the printing presses and prepared the manual for online distribution. This is free to all drill team all we ask is that if you print, share or distribute that you give credit to the California State Horsemen's Association Inc.

CSHA is dedicated to supporting, promoting and preserving the sport of equestrian drill as an all-American, family friendly equestrian sport that is designed to entertain and showcase the spirit of our western heritage.

Check back for additional sections which will be added soon.

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Chapters

1. History of CSHA Drill
2. Planning & Startup
3. Drill Basics
4. Teaching Drill
5. Leadership
6. Competitions
7. Flag Protocol
8. Maneuvers – Coming Soon

Judges & Team Symposiums

1. 2017 “What is Difficulty”
2. 2018 “Choreography”

