

Opening Date: May 22, 2024

Closing Date: June 22, 2024



State of Maine Dressage Summer Breeze Show (Dressage Level 1)

USEF/USDF: 332796

GAIG/USDF Regional Championship Qualifying Competition / Qualifies for SMDA Awards

Sunday July 7, 2024

Hollis Municipal Equestrian Park, 123 New County Road (Route 5), Hollis, ME

Judge: Cindi Rose Wylie (S), FL

Panel for class 11-13; Cindi Rose Wylie (S), FL and Krista Nordgren (r), ME

Panel for classes 14-19; Cindi Rose Wylie (S), FL and Bryn Walsh (R), ME

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Organizing Committee: SMDA Board of Directors

Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.

Class List

1. Opportunity Training Level, Test 1***	Open	Sunday
2. USEF Training Level Test 1	Open	Sunday
3. Opportunity Training Level, Test 2***	Open	Sunday
4. USEF Training Level Test 2	Open	Sunday
5. USEF Training Level Test 3	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying*	Sunday
6. Opportunity First Level, Test 1***	Open	Sunday
7. USEF First Level Test 1	Open	Sunday
8. Opportunity First Level, Test 2***	Open	Sunday
9. USEF First Level Test 2	Open	Sunday
10. USEF First Level Test 3	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying*	Sunday
11. USEF Second Level Test 1	Open	Sunday
12. USEF Second Level Test 2	Open	Sunday
13. USEF Second Level Test 3	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying*	Sunday
14. USEF Third Level Test 1	Open	Sunday
15. USEF Third Level Test 2	Open	Sunday
16. USEF Third Level Test 3	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying*	Sunday
17. USEF Fourth Level Test 1	Open	Sunday
18. USEF Fourth Level Test 2	Open	Sunday
19. USEF Fourth Level Test 3	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying*	Sunday
20. FEI Test of Choice**	Open/GIAG/USDF Qualifying*	Sunday

* Please specify Qualifying or Open

** Please specify Level on entry form. Please note: On the Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Prix St Georges, Grand Prix, Young Rider Team and Junior Team tests may be ridden as qualifying for GAIG/USDF Regional Championships.

*** NO USEF/USDF membership or horse ID required if entered in Opportunity classes. Horses entered in Opportunity classes are exempt from the USEF and USDF membership requirements. Opportunity classes cannot cross-enter other recognized classes.

LEVELS

Training Level through Grand Prix, USEF Opportunity classes at Training Level and First Level.

AWARDS

Six ribbons in each class awarded for JR, AA and Open. Class 7 is a USDF Benefit Class with a silver plate and USDF ribbons awarded to the high point overall places in First Level Test 1. Show management reserves the right to combine, divide, cap or cancel classes as entries warrant.

ENTRIES & FEES

SMDA accepts hard copy entries and online entries through <https://entry.foxvillage.com/>; entries are processed according to postmark date. Pre-entries are not accepted and will be mailed back to sender. Make checks payable to SMDA. Credit card only accepted through online entry. Entries must include: Negative Coggins within 36 months for in-state horses; within 12 months for out-of-state horses, documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to the show date (per USEF GR845), and full payment including class fees and other fees. **Copy of USDF and USEF membership cards for horse, rider, owner and trainer are required** (unless exempt). www.eqverification.org printouts preferred.

Trainers are not required to have USDF memberships.

*No refunds after closing date, including Acts of God. Refunds before closing date given less office fee.

Class Fees:

Opportunity: \$35/class

Training through Fourth Level: \$45/class

FEI Tests: \$50/class

Add \$15 for GAIG/USDF Qualifying Class

Other Fees:

\$25 nonrefundable office fee

\$35 for non-negotiable check

\$20 for incomplete/illegible entries not rectified by closing date (missing card copies, check, signature, etc.)

\$50 post entry fee

\$35 USDF non-member fee

\$23 USEF Fee (\$15.00 D&M, \$8.00 USEF) *waived for Opportunity classes*

TIMES/SCHEDULE

Tentative times will be posted July 1, 2024 on SMDA's website at www.mainedressage.com. Official show times will be available in the show office. Please check day sheets to confirm correct ride times.

Classes may begin as early as 8:00 AM and may not run in numerical order.

STABLING

Not available.

DIRECTIONS

From I-95: From Exit 32 Biddeford, take Route 111W to Route 35 and turn right onto Rt. 35. At the junction with Rt. 5, turn left onto Rt.5. Proceed approximately 2.3 miles. Show grounds are on the left.

From 202 North: Bar Mills/Hollis Center and Up; proceed south on Rt. 202. At the junction with Rt. 5, turn left. Show grounds are on the right approximately 0.9 miles.

From 202 South: Waterboro/Alfred and Down; proceed north on Rt. 202. Rt. 202/4 joins Rt.5. Continue along Rt. 202/4/5. After approximately 1.8 miles, Rt 5 leaves 202/4. Follow Rt. 5, show grounds are on the right approximately 0.9 miles.

FOOTING

One large sand arena (20x60) and one small sand warm-up (20x40). All classes held in standard size arena (20x60). Lunging ring on grass.

FOOD

Water available to purchase on show grounds. No food available on show grounds. Convenience stores located within 2-3 miles of show grounds.

OTHER

The show committee reserves the right to cancel or combine any classes.

No dogs allowed on grounds the day of the show. Sharps container in manager's booth. EMT on grounds. Veterinarian on call. Farrier on call. Contact information posted in manager's booth.

Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.

SAFE SPORT STATEMENT: All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at www.usef.org.

MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, or agent at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

MOTORIZED VEHICLE STATEMENT

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses, or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

HEADGEAR

DR120.6. From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds, including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para Equestrian tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted.

2024

Official Use Only
BRIDLE #

COMPETITION NAME _____ COMPETITION DATES _____

NAME OF HORSE		PREVIOUS NAME (IF ANY)		USEF#	USDF#	FOR SALE
BREED	SEX	HEIGHT	COLOR	COGGINS DATE (ENCLOSED COPY)	SIRE	DAM
DAM'S SIRE		COUNTRY OF BIRTH	YEAR OF BIRTH	BREEDER	FEI/PASSPORT #	MICROCHIP #

RIDER/HANDLER _____

USEF# _____ USDF# _____ FEI/LOCAL# _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIP _____

CELL PHONE _____ JR/YOUNG RIDER BIRTHDAY _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

RIDER CITIZENSHIP (IF NOT USA) _____

RIDER STATUS (CIRCLE ONE): JR/YG AA OPEN

OWNER _____

USEF# _____ USDF# _____ LOCAL# _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIP _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

OWNER CITIZENSHIP (IF NOT USA) _____

TRAINER _____

USEF# _____ USDF# _____ LOCAL# _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIP _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

COACH _____

USEF# _____ USDF# _____ LOCAL# _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIP _____

Please complete all three pages. Reverse MUST be SIGNED.

CLASS No.	DIVISION	CLASS DESCRIPTION	QUAL Y/N	FEES

SUBTOTAL CLASS FEES AND QUALIFYING FEES	
USDF NON MEMBER FEE \$35 PER NON-MEMBER	
OFFICE FEE AND/OR BRIDLE # FEE	
USEF HORSE FEES \$8 USEF FEE + \$15 DRUG FEE = \$23.00	
CDI HORSE FEES \$8 USEF FEE + \$25 DRUG FEE = \$33.00	
IHP DISCIPLINE FEE (\$35 IF REQUIRED)	
STABLING FEES _____ STALL @ \$ _____ /STALL	
TACK STALLS _____ STALL @ \$ _____ /STALL	
BEDDING _____ BALES @ \$ _____ /BALE	
NON COMPETING HORSE FEE	
SPONSORSHIP	
GROUNDS FEE OR OTHER FEES _____	
OTHER _____	
LATE/CHANGE/BANK CHARGES FOR CC	
TOTAL FEES	

Stabling Information & Special Requests: Please list only ONE name (either individual or barn) for entire group (so we can get everyone together)

Group/Self	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Stalls							
Tack Stalls							

Stable Group: _____ Contact: _____



USDF

I hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless USDF, its instructors, officers, directors, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability or damage arising from or because of, or in connection with, participation in this competition or related activities. I also hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the competition licensee, show management, competition staff, show committee and members, officers, directors, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability or damage arising from or because of, or in connection with, participation in this competition or related activities.

<input type="checkbox"/> VISA	<input type="checkbox"/> AMEX	CARD NO. _____ - _____ - _____ - _____	EXP DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	NAME ON CARD: _____ CVV # _____	
BILLING ADDRESS _____		ZIP CODE _____	



FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaulteur or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of _____ (Competition). I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable - casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time, as well as all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand.

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

TRAINER (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

OWNER/AGENT (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

COACH (if applicable)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulteur/Longeur is a minor) _____

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

Is Rider/Driver/Vaulteur a U.S. Citizen: Yes No



WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian ("USEF") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and _____ ("USEF Event" or "USEF Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any USEF Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the USEF Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

WARNING:

Under Maine law, an equine professional has limited liability for an injury or death resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the USEF Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any USEF Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any USEF Event.

D. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY: In conjunction with my participation in any USEF Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: USEF, USEF Recognized Affiliate Associations, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USEF clubs, members, Event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, judges/officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any USEF Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the USEF Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where a USEF Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties (**Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"**), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("**Liability**") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the USEF Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.

By signing below, that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time, as well as all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR OWNER TRAINER OFFICIAL STAFF VOLUNTEER COACH (IF APPLICABLE)

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) _____ Date: _____

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

USDF Membership Benefits: USDF is dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For details on member benefits, including educational programs, awards, and other opportunities, refer to the *USDF Member Guide* or the USDF website at www.usdf.org.

**This
competition
is recognized
by USDF
for 2024**

Membership Requirements for USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Competitions: Owners and riders, including foreign riders and owners who are not residents of the US, wishing to participate in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition as a rider or owner/lessee, must have either a USDF Group Membership (GM), Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF Non-Member (NM) fee. (Note: USDF Business Members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their USDF Business Membership.)

Horses competing at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions must have either a USDF Horse Identification (HID) number or a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR). Proper credentials or verification certificates must be presented to the competition secretary.

Riders and owners wishing to participate in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition, and not able to present the competition secretary with verification of a USDF membership or NM identification, and USDF LHR or USDF HID, must complete a USDF Competition Affidavit Form and pay the \$5 affidavit filing fee. A copy of a completed affidavit form from another competition may also be used for verification purposes for up to 60 days. (Exception: Affidavits cannot be used at Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships.)

Exceptions:

- Horses competing only in Individual Breed Classes (IBCs) at DSHB competitions, sires and dams of horses in DSHB group classes, where those sires or dams are not actually competing in the same competition, horses competing only in breed restricted dressage or DSHB classes at Regular Competitions (e.g. all Arabian, all Friesian, or all Morgan classes), or in USDF Introductory Level tests, pas de deux or quadrille, are exempt from this requirement. Also exempt are horses ridden in leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot, academy, and opportunity classes.
- Riders and owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the USDF NM identification number and NM fee requirements. Also exempt are handlers of horses competing in DSHB In-Hand or Group classes.

Memberships Defined

Participating Membership (PM): A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. The membership year is December 1 through November 30. PMs are available for 1-year (\$90), 5-years (\$360), or life (\$1,800). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for individuals who have not reached their 21st birthday by December 1 of the current membership year (\$72). A PM allows the member to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions and to participate as a rider and/or owner/lessee for all Adequan[®]/USDF Year-End Awards and the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship program.

Group Membership (GM): A membership issued to an individual by USDF when the member name and dues are submitted to USDF through an affiliate Group Member Organization (GMO). The GM year begins December 1 and ends November 30. A GM allows the member to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions and participate in the USDF Rider Awards Program and the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program.

Business Membership (BM): A membership that runs December 1 through November 30 and is issued to a business or organization directly by USDF. The USDF BM (\$240) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

Non-Member (NM) Identification Number: For each USDF NM owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a USDF NM fee of \$35 per competition that must be collected by the show secretary and submitted to USDF, along with the USDF Report of Fees document and the \$5 affidavit fee and Competition Affidavit Form if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card. Owners/lessees or riders exempt from the NM number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF NM fee. If there are multiple owners of a horse and all are NMs, only one of the owners must pay the NM fee. If the horse has at least one owner who is a current USDF PM, GM, or BM there is no NM fee assessed. Competition management will be invoiced for all applicable USDF NM fees not received with the USDF post-competition paperwork, along with a report listing all USDF NMs. Competition management is then required to submit the NM fees within 30 days to the USDF. An individual with a USDF NM identification number is not eligible for any USDF membership benefits. Once a USDF NM number has been assigned, a USDF NM card can be obtained from the USDF website.

Horse Identification (HID) Number: A one-time tracking number for horses (\$35). Scores earned by a horse with an HID number will be recorded but will NOT be counted towards Adequan[®]/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID number is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$80. If a horse has a USDF LHR it does not need an HID number. An HID number is a one-time fee that does not need to be renewed.

Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR): A horse with an LHR (\$115) is eligible for Adequan[®]/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse has an LHR it does not need an HID number. An LHR does not need to be renewed.

How to Join USDF

Applications for USDF Participating Membership (PM), Business Membership (BM), Horse Identification (HID) number, and Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) may be found in the following locations:

- On the USDF website: www.usdf.org. You can submit the application online or download the form.
- In the show office at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions classified by USEF as Dressage Competitions, and Regular Competitions which are open to all breeds.
- By calling or writing the USDF office at (859) 971-2277, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511

The effective date of membership is the date the form and correct fees are received in the USDF office or, if applying at a competition, the date accepted by the competition secretary, provided the application is signed and dated by the competition secretary, member, and/or horse owner on that same day.

ATTENTION COMPETITORS

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct applicable numbers (USDF and USEF) for horse, owner, rider, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition.

The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national awards.

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership of nearly 30,000 members, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals.

Dressage is a classical method of training horses, based upon the horse's natural responses, as carried out in a gradual, planned program during which the horse's athletic abilities are improved in a systematic manner. As a result, the horse becomes capable, comfortable, and responsive in partnership with the rider without the use of force. Dressage competition at various levels of achievement is the ultimate test of the training program to determine whether the desired harmony between horse and rider has been achieved.

The rules pertaining to dressage competition prohibit the use of artificial appliances, training aids, and drugs, which would force the horse to submit. Instead, the emphasis is upon training and a cooperative partnership with the rider. Major competitions are carefully monitored to assure that there is no unnecessary force or harshness displayed.

Unlike other horse sports in which horses enter training at a relatively immature state, dressage training is usually not seriously begun until the horse is three or four. The top levels of achievement require five or more years of progressive training and it is not unusual to see horses in international competition in their late teens. This, in itself, places a premium on good care and soundness throughout the horse's life.

While supporting the concept of animal welfare in its broadest form, the United States Dressage Federation, Inc., also recognizes that it is unrealistic to ascribe human emotions and responses to the horse which in its wild state is a creature of flight, living a hard and precarious existence. Under domestication, the horse is assured of ample food, water, and shelter, as well as protection against infectious diseases and damaging parasites, thus leading a longer and healthier life with a high rate of survival.

As an educational organization, USDF has numerous programs, which teach people how to pursue the accepted, humane training methods. A program of certifying instructors also emphasizes protecting the horse's welfare in pursuit of dressage training.

United States Dressage Federation
4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511
Phone: 859-971-2277, Fax: 859-971-7722, usdressage@usdf.org, www.usdf.org



2024 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships

A single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), will be held in each of the nine USDF regions. In addition, Alaska and Hawaii may each hold state championships if an official request from a Group Member Organization (GMO) is received by April 1 of the prior year. The Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF website at www.usdf.org. Please refer to the 2024 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

All memberships and registrations/recordings must be correct and current at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

Rider:

- Must have a USDF Participating* Membership (PM).
- Must have a USEF membership (Active or Life).

Horse:

- Must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR).
- Must have a USEF (Annual or Lifetime) Horse Recording.
- USDF horse registration and USEF horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s).
A horse is not required to have breed registry papers.

Owner:

- Must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Active or Life Membership or Annual or Life Recorded Farm/Business). If the horse has more than one owner, at least one owner must have both active USEF membership and active USDF Participating or Business Membership and must be the owner of record with USEF and USDF. For a business or farm to be the valid owner under this requirement, it must be listed as an owner of the horse with both USEF and USDF.

* PMs are USDF members who join USDF directly. USDF Group Members (GM) are ineligible.

Minimum Qualifying Scores: One set of nationally-standardized qualifying scores has been established for all USEF/USDF Regional Championships, for Training Level through Grand Prix, in three divisions: open, adult amateur and junior/young rider. FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider classes have only one respective division.

The minimum percentages are as follows:

	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
Training Level (Test 3)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 3)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 3)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
FEI Junior (Team Test)	—	—	60%
FEI Young Rider (Team Test)	—	—	60%
Prix St. Georges	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	62%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%
FREESTYLE	OPEN/Jr/YR	AA	
First Level	65%	65%	
Second Level	65%	65%	
Third Level	65%	65%	
Fourth Level	65%	65%	
Intermediate I	65%	65%	
Grand Prix	65%	65%	

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