

# DVCTA

## Summer Opener

**Saturday June 2, 2018**

**Dunmovin Farm, West Chester, PA**

**US Equestrian Federation/USDF Recognized  
Level 2**

**Col. Bengt Ljungquist Memorial & GAIG/USDF Championship Qualifier**

USEF/USDF # 3359

**Opening Date:** April 7, 2018

**Closing Date:** May 12, 2018

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**Medical Services**

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on grounds during  
the show

**Farrier \***

On Call

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**Announcer**

Richard Kellerman

**Technical Delegate**

Lisa Toaldo (r-NJ)

**Veterinarian\***

On Call  
New Bolton Center

**Judge**

Ida Norris (S-VT)

**Show Administration:** DVCTA, Inc. a Non-Profit Corporation  
President: Alix James



**DELAWARE VALLEY COMBINED TRAINING ASSOC.  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

DVCTA c/o Elsie Kellerman  
258 Old Kennett Road  
Kennett Square, PA 19348

<b>Primary Name</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr.		
<b>Business Name</b>			
<b>Additional Household Names</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Phone 1</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Work	
<b>Phone 2</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Work	
<b>Email</b>			
<b>Status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing <input type="checkbox"/> Rejoining	USDF#	Date of Birth
<b>Directory</b>	List me in the DVCTA directory <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>Newsletter</b>	Send me the DVCTA newsletter by <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Postal mail		
<b>Payment</b>	Primary Member	\$55.00	\$
	Supporting/Household Members	_____ x \$30.00	\$
	Tax Deductible Donation to DVCTA		\$
		TOTAL DUE	\$
	Send check payable to DVCTA to above address or join online at <a href="http://www.DVCTA.org">www.DVCTA.org</a> .		

**DVCTA Membership Includes:**

- Reduced fees at DVCTA schooling shows, clinics and events
- Lots and lots of year-end awards (requires volunteer hours)
- Earn "DVCTA Dollars" for volunteer time
- Group membership in USDF (not Participating membership, see [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) for more information)
- USDF Connections monthly magazine (one copy per household only)
- DVCTA Newsletter TOPLINES and email updates on events
- Eligibility to vote in yearly DVCTA elections
- Eligibility for DVCTA scholarships
- Free Classified Ads on DVCTA.org website
- Listing in the DVCTA Directory

**You must sign a DVCTA Release of Liability and DVCTA Photo Release OR Photo Refusal Request to be eligible for membership. The DVCTA membership year runs December 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. You are considered paid through the following year if you join after August 1.**

## Fees

<b>Intro and Opportunity Classes :</b> \$35.00 per test (note: Intro classes are exempt from all horse ID and membership requirements)	<b>EMT Fee:</b> \$10.00
<b>Training thru Fourth Level (includes USEF Rider Test):</b> \$45.00 per test	<b>Non-Competing Horse Fee:</b> \$40.00 Must submit Completed Entry and negative Coggins. No USEF / USDF fees apply
<b>FEI Classes:</b> \$60.00 per test	<b>Non – Negotiable Check Fee:</b> \$35.00 ( if applicable)
<b>Musical Freestyles:</b> \$65.00	<b>USEF Fee: (\$8.00 USEF Fee + \$15 Drug Fee)</b> \$23.00 per horse
<b>Pas de Deux :</b> \$60.00 per Team <b>Quadrille:</b> \$100.00 per Team	<b>USEF Show Pass ( If applicable):</b> \$45.00 for each Non-Member rider, owner, or trainer
<b>Office Fee: Both Fees Non Refundable</b> <b>\$45.00</b> per entry <b>Online</b> <a href="http://www.Equestrianentries.com">www.Equestrianentries.com</a> <b>\$55.00</b> per Entry <b>Mailed</b>	<b>USDF Non-Member Fee ( if applicable):</b> \$35.00 for each NM rider, owner
<b>Late Fee: \$35.00</b> (for any entry <b>RECEIVED</b> after the closing date)	<b>USDF Affidavit Fee:</b> \$5.00 Should a USDF member not be able to provide any other proof of membership
<b>Entry Change Fee:</b> \$25.00 if change is possible and before closing date	<b>GAIG Qualifying Classes:</b> Additional \$15.00 per class

## Class List

*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*

101. USDF Intro TOC	11. Third Level Test 2 (BLM)
102. Training Level Opportunity - TOC	12. Third Level Test 3 - (GAIG/USDF-Q)
103. First Level Opportunity - TOC	13. Fourth Level Test 1
1. Training Level Test 1	14. Fourth Level Test 2 (BLM)
2. Training Level Test 2 ( BLM)	15. Fourth Level Test 3 - (GAIG/USDF-Q)
3. Training Level Test 3 - (GAIG/USDF-Q)	16. USEF Test of Choice Class - Open/GAIG/USDF Q
4. First Level Test 1	17. Pas de Deux/Quadrille
5. First Level Test 2 ( BLM)	18. Musical Freestyle Training Level - BLM Q
6. First Level Test 3 - (GAIG/USDF-Q)	19. Musical Freestyle TOC First - FEI - Open/BLM/GAIG/USDF Q
7. Second Level Test 1	20. Prix St. Georges – Open/BLM/GAIG/USDF Q
8. Second Level Test 2 (BLM)	21. FEI TOC - Intermediate A; Intermediate B
9. Second Level Test 3 (GAIG/USDF- Q)	22. FEI TOC (I1-2; GP) (or the equivalent to) – Open/BLM/GAIG/USDF Q
10. Third Level Test 1	23. USEF/FEI Young Horse TOC

**FREESTYLE REQUIREMENTS:** Except for USEF/USDF Championship classes and for FEI Pony Riders, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider and FEI Para-Equestrian Freestyles, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 60% in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a Federation Licensed or FEI recognized Dressage Competition or “open” Dressage class (i.e. open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. **A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility, or copy of the USDF score verification, must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class.** (DR 129.9).

### **Freestyle Music: Three options of submitting music**

1. Upload a MP3 file to a share and send a link to Dana at [dguthrie4@comcast.net](mailto:dguthrie4@comcast.net) - must be sent 48 hours before show - Preferred by management
2. Bring owner Ipad or mobile device that has a headphone jack - submitted to secretary at time of registration
3. CD - two copies - submitted to secretary at time of registration

## Awards

- ◆ **Ribbons 1st Thru 6th place.** All classes will be ranked by rider status (*AA and Jr. ranked together*) and pinned separately if there are more than three riders of a certain status in the class (*ie. - three AA/Jr. and one Open - class will be pinned separately*). Otherwise the class will be pinned as scored.

### DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY:

- **BLM:** Results of these classes are used to qualify horse and rider combinations for the 2018 Colonel Bengt Ljungquist Memorial Championships. Riders must be a member of a participating GMO. For rules go to [www.cblm.org](http://www.cblm.org)
- **GAIG/USDF –Q:** If entering a Great American Group /USDF Qualifying class, enclose additional \$15 fee. “**RIDERS** must be Active USEF members and USDF Participating Members; **OWNERS** must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Junior Active, Senior Active, Life, or Recorded Farm (with Active Farm Owner)). **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. 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.; HORSES** must be USEF Annual or Lifetime Recorded and have a USDF Lifetime Registration.”
- **Adult Amateur:** Adult Amateur entries must include a copy of their current USEF membership card declaring them such.
- **JR/YR:** Individuals are eligible to enter as Juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Individuals are eligible to enter as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age 21. Competitors shall compete as Adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22. (DR19.3) Riders who are 16 and 17 may compete as either Juniors or Young Riders. Date of Birth must be noted in designated spot on entry form.
- **AQHA Approved:** American Quarter Horse Association requires horses to be AQHA registered and have an AQHA Lifetime Dressage Competition license and riders to have current membership with AQHA. Nomination form at [www.aqha.com/forms/pdf/AQHA Dressage Nomination.pdf](http://www.aqha.com/forms/pdf/AQHA_Dressage_Nomination.pdf) Additionally all USDF/USEF requirements must also be met.
- **USDF Horse Numbers:** USDF requires all competing horses to have a Horse Identification Number (HID) for the purpose of tracking scores. A HID can be obtained from USDF online for a fee \$35. If your horse is Lifetime Registered that number is your horse HID. Competitors are strongly urged to acquire this number prior to the competition. Go to [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)
- **USEF Horse Numbers:** USEF requires all competing horses to have an Identification number (ID). USEF and USDF have reached an agreement to share HID/ID numbers. Horses must be fully registered with both the USEF and USDF to be eligible to participate in the GAIG/USDF-Q classes.

### USEF FEES AND REQUIREMENTS:

- **USEF membership information** for EACH Rider, Owner, Trainer, Horse, Coach ~ if applicable, **is required on your entry form.** If an exhibitor does not submit the proper membership documentation to the competition and the competition can not verify such information, (with the exception of Federation measurement cards), the exhibitor will be responsible to pay a \$30 non member fee with is non refundable. ( GR 1309, 2.b)
- For USEF Non- Members: A Show Pass is required - A \$45 fee will be collected for EACH non-member rider, owner, trainer, coach ~ if applicable.
- **USEF HORSE ANNUAL OR LIFETIME REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR QUALIFYING CLASSES.**
- The USEF Horse ID or Horse Recording number is required on your entry form. If you do not have a Horse ID, you may apply for one before the competition [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) , provide your USDF Horse HID number as proof for Horse ID ( GR 1101)

### USDF FEES AND REQUIREMENTS:

- The **USDF membership information** for EACH Rider, Owner, Horse is **required on your entry form.**
- For each USDF non-member (NM) owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a fee of \$35 collected by the competition. In addition an Affidavit form and \$5 affidavit fee will be used for any USDF member not able to provide any other proof of membership.
- The USDF Horse ID (HID) or Lifetime Registration is required on your entry form. If you do not have a HID or Lifetime Registration number, you will be required to fill out either a HID form or Lifetime form and pay appropriate fees. If you have a HID or Lifetime Registration and cannot provide proof , you will be required to fill out an affidavit and pay an additional \$5 fee to USDF before you are allowed to compete. **USDF Horse Lifetime Registration is required for Qualifying Classes.**
- **Para-Equestrians** - please note that beginning in the 2016 competition year, which began on October 1st, 2015, participants and horses competing in Para-Equestrian classes at USDF recognized competitions will no longer be exempt from USDF memberships. Para-Equestrian competitors will now be required to have a USDF Group Membership, a USDF Participating Membership or a USDF Non-Member ID and pay the \$35 Non-Member fee per competition. Owners of horses competing in the Para-Equestrian classes will be required to have a USDF Participating Membership, a USDF Business Membership, a USDF Group Membership or a USDF Non-Member ID and pay the \$35 Non-Member fee per competition. The horses competing in Para-Equestrian classes will be required to have a USDF HID number or be USDF Lifetime registered.

**Entries must include:**

- ◆ **2018 USEF/USDF Region One Entry form only.** FILL OUT ENTRY IN ITS ENTIRETY.
- ◆ Management reserves the right to return entries that are incomplete or inaccurate
- ◆ \$55.00 **Office Fee** per entry. (\$45 if entered through Equestrian entries)
- ◆ \$23.00 **USEF Federation Fee** per entry. ( Includes \$15 for Drugs and Medication Fee and \$8 Federation fee)
- ◆ \$10.00 EMT Fee
- ◆ **Class Fees**
- ◆ **Entry** must include **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER** in the space provided.
- ◆ Entries must be **RECEIVED BY CLOSING DATE. No telephone, e-mail, or faxed entries will be accepted.**
- ◆ Incomplete entries will be placed on wait list until all documents are received.
- ◆ **USEF Vaccination Record** not required with entry but must be able to present document if asked by show management on competition day. USEF - GR845
- ◆ **Negative Coggins** dated within one year of the show date. **Horse name on the entry blank must match coggins report and USEF / USDF documentation.** USEF GR 907.3
- ◆ Copies of USEF and USDF **Membership cards** for Rider, Owner, Trainer, Horse, and Coach (if applicable) or USEF/USDF non member fees.
- ◆ A copy of Qualifying Test for Musical Freestyle.
- ◆ Include a **LEGIBLE** e-mail address on entry form. This will be used to send confirmations as well as ride times.
- ◆ Make checks payable to: **DVCTA** - Checks returned for insufficient funds will incur a \$35 fee. The entry will be placed on waiting list until another form of payment is secured. No exhibitor is permitted to show until all fees are paid. Competitors will be subject to USEF Non –negotiable funds Rule (GR 1508.1)
- ◆ **REFUNDS:**
  - ◆ **Prior to closing date** - Cancellations to those entries entered and with confirmations sent prior to closing date will be refunded **minus** office fee and Equestrian Entry Fees (if applicable).
  - ◆ **After Closing Date: NO REFUNDS will be given to CANCELATIONS (including overpayments) FOR ANY REASON.**
- ◆ **Waitlist: Only complete entries will be placed on the waitlist**
  - ◆ **Entrants will be notified ASAP to be placed on waitlist**
  - ◆ **Entrants Accept Waitlist:**
    - ◆ **Full refund before closing date**
    - ◆ **After Closing Date: Minus Office fee and Equestrian Entry fee (if applicable)**
- ◆ **POST ENTIRES:** Accepted if space available. A \$35.00 additional fee per entry applies.
- ◆ Non Competing Horses: Must submit completed entry form with signatures, a current negative coggins and \$40.00 fee prior to show date.
- ◆ Management reserves the right to cancel any classes due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, accident, or emergency. Every effort will be given to reschedule with priority given to Qualifying classes. No REFUNDS for cancellations due to hazardous weather, Acts of GOD, accidents or emergencies.

BRIDLE NUMBERS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES ON THE SHOW GROUNDS. THIS INCLUDES NON-COMPETING HORSES

**Warning: Under Pennsylvania law an equine professional and equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.**

### **Arena Footing and Arenas:**

- ◆ Competition arena is set in an Indoor arena and is a Standard Dressage Arena ( 20 x 60 m) with sand and rubber footing. **All tests ridden in an Indoor Arena**
- ◆ Warm Up – Sand and Rubber footing. **Outdoor arena**
- ◆ NO WARM UP or LUNGING in PARKING AREA
- ◆ Lunging is permitted in fenced grass arena next to parking.

### **Times & Office hours :**

- ◆ The show office will be open at 12:00 noon on Friday before the show and at 7 am on show day.
- ◆ Provisional Ride Times will be posted at DVCTA.org by May 23.
- ◆ Official ride times will be posted at 12 noon Thursday May 31. Classes may be scheduled out of order.
- ◆ Dressage classes must be run in their entirety.
- ◆ Failure to enter the arena at your specified time will result in elimination.

**Scores:** It is the responsibility of the competitor to verify the accuracy of all scores. Scoring errors must be reported to the Show Secretary within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of the show day.

**Foreign Competitors:** Non-US citizens and Foreign Competitors must provide proof, in English, of current membership in good standing in their respective National Federation, or hold a current membership in good standing with USEF.

### **ATTENTION COMPETITORS**

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers (USDF, United States Equestrian Federation) for horse, owner, and rider before the day(s) of the competition. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national awards.

### **Motorized Vehicle Statement**

In accordance with GR1301.7:

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. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

### **Hold Harmless Clause:**

Understanding that horse sports may be hazardous and dangerous, even leading to permanent injury or death, each owner, rider, spectator, and other participant assumes any and all risk of loss or injury and agrees to hold harmless, regardless of negligent acts or omissions Dunmovin, Second Century LLC, the show management, show committee, and all horse show personnel.

**Protective Headgear : 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, mounted participants in exhibition classes 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. (GR120.6)**

### Other Important Notes:

- ◆ Specify on entry form OPEN/AA/Jr/YR. Classes may be split if entries warrant. Adult Amateurs MUST include a copy of their current USEF Membership card proving AA status.
- ◆ Please specify if *Qualifying Ride* on entry form. Enclose additional \$15 fee plus class fee. Rider must have a USDF Participating Membership and Owners must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership for qualifying rides.
- ◆ **Freestyle Music: Three options of submitting music**
  1. Upload a MP3 file to a share and send a link to Dana at dguthrie4@comcast.net - must be sent 48 hours before show - Preferred by management
  2. Bring owner Ipad or mobile device that has a headphone jack - submitted to secretary at time of registration
  3. CD - two copies - submitted to secretary at time of registration
- ◆ **No – Shows:** If competitor fails to notify the competition secretary of their intention to scratch a test (ie: is a no show), competition management reserves the right to fill all of that competitors subsequent ride times. USEF Rule 126.1(3)b
- ◆ **Test Versions:** Current Editions of USDF Intro, USEF Training – Fourth Level and any FEI and Para tests will be used.
- ◆ **Horse Substitutions:** Riders may substitute horses once they have entered only upon presentation of a vet certificate for the incapacitated horse, or a bill of sale, and **ONLY** in the classes in which the first horse was entered. The secretary **MUST** be notified at least 24 hours prior to the class(es) taking place **AND** a **NEW** entry form must be completed prior and a **office fee** must be included.
- ◆ **Class and Judge Changes:** Management reserves the right to split, combine, delete, or add classes. Management also reserves the right to add or substitute judges or make any changes required by circumstances.
- ◆ **Waiting List:** A wait list will be established if necessary and entries will be accepted on a first –come, first serve basis.
- ◆ **Stabling:** None Available.
- ◆ **Food:** Available on grounds
- ◆ **Sharps containers:** A sharps container will be located at the secretary stand. **Competition Management may fine any individual, including trainers, exhibitors, owner, or their agents, up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.**
- ◆ **DOGS: NO DOGS PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS**
- ◆ **Damages to Third Parties:** All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents, or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events.

### **USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT**

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$45. 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) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

### CONDUCT OF SHOW:

All standard USEF Rules will apply. Please refer to Standard Rules listed in Omnibus or your USEF Rulebook. Show Management reserves the right to limit entries, add or divide classes, to add or substitute judges, to cancel awards and prizes and/or make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications listed herein. Show Management reserves the right to cancel classes insufficiently filled and to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry for cause deemed sufficient by Show Management.

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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 #	GROOM

**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 Fill Out Both Sides of This Form. Reverse side MUST be SIGNED.

CLASS No.	DIVISION	CLASS DESCRIPTION	QUAL Y/N	FEES

SUBTOTAL CLASS FEES AND QUALIFYING FEES	
USEF Show Pass FEES \$45 PER NON-MEMBER	
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	
<b>TOTAL FEES</b>	

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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.

**Federation Entry Agreement Effective**

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor 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 the 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.

**Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification**

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition to the following:

I AGREE that "the Federation" and "Competition" as used herein includes the Licensee and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and Federation affiliates.

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaultor, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm").

I AGREE to hold harmless and release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at the Competition. I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and if applicable, EV114, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf. I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition.

I AGREE that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the Federation on the official USEF accident/injury report form.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank and 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. Copied from USEF website 11/14/2013

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**RIDER EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**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](http://www.usdf.org).

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**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.) Individuals cannot compete at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition with a USDF Education 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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, USDF Breeders Championship Series Finals 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.

**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.

**Education Membership (EM):** A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. This online education only membership expires 12 months after the date joined. This membership type does NOT allow an individual to compete at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition.

**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 or USDF Breeders Championship Series Finals. 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 at USDF Breeders Championship Series Finals and 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](http://www.usdf.org). You can submit the application online or download the form and fax or mail it to the USDF office.
- 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.



# UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION<sup>®</sup>

## 2018 Great American Insurance Group/ USDF Regional Championship Program Rules



*The Regional Championship program rules published herein are effective for the 2018 Regional Championship year, unless otherwise stated. The program rules and qualifying criteria published herein are subject to additions or revisions.*

*While every effort has been taken to avoid mistakes in this publication, the United States Dressage Federation Inc. assumes no liability to anyone for errors or omissions. USEF rules supersede all other rules when qualifying for this championship program.*

*USEF rules are subject to change at any time. Changes and corrections subsequent to this publication are published in the USDF Connection and on the USDF website.*

*Refer to the United States Equestrian Federation's website for official rule changes and the most up-to-date version of their rulebook.*

A single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and licensed 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 2018 Regional Championships will be sponsored by the Great American Insurance Group (Great American), as the title sponsor. The official title of the Regional Championships shall be:

GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE GROUP/ UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION  
REGION (#) DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
licensed by United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.

A Regional Championship is a Level 4 Competition. In each region, USEF/USDF Regional Championship classes must be offered at each level through Grand Prix, in three divisions: open, adult amateur (AA), and junior/young rider (Jr/YR). FEI Junior Team Test and FEI Young Rider Team Test championship classes must also be offered. Freestyles at First, Second, Third, Fourth, Intermediate I, and Grand Prix levels must also be offered in the open division. If freestyle classes are combined, each championship level must be awarded separately.

Dates and locations of the 2017 Regional Championships will be available from USDF after June 1, 2016.

The official prize lists for all of the Championships will be available on the USDF website no later than May 1st.

For the remainder of this document USEF/USDF championship classes will be considered the same as Great American/USDF championship classes.

### **A. 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 (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life).

#### **Horse:**

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

**Owner:**

- **Must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Junior Active, Senior Active, Life, or Recorded Farm (with Active Farm Owner)). 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. 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.

**B. QUALIFYING CLASS AND CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

1. Having won a USEF/USDF Regional Championships three times (in any region over their lifetime), a horse/rider combination may no longer compete in USEF/USDF Regional Championship competition at that or a lower level (Grand Prix excepted), if they received the minimum qualifying score or higher for that division and level in the championship test per USEF DR127.5.
2. A horse may not be entered in more than one USEF/USDF Regional Championship at a particular level in the same calendar year.
3. USDF will presume qualified horse/rider combinations will compete in the region in which the rider resides as determined by the address associated with the rider's membership information on file as of July 1. Riders are NOT required to be a resident of the region to compete in that region's championship. Riders, who wish to compete at Regional Championships in a region other than their region of residence, must submit a Change of Region Form. This form must be submitted with a \$25 fee prior to July 1. Change of Region Forms may be accepted from July 2 up to August 1, with a fee of \$100; from August 2, up to the closing date of the championship region the rider is declaring for, with a fee of \$300. **No changes of region may be made after the closing date of the region in which a rider wishes to enter, for any reason.** In addition, all persons living outside of the United States, who intend to compete in a Regional Championship, must submit a Change of Region form and applicable fee to USDF to declare a region.
4. A rider may not compete in more than one Regional Championship competition in the same calendar year.
5. In the event a competitor is unable to produce copies of the USDF membership or lifetime horse registration documents required to enter a qualifying class, a USDF membership/registration affidavit with appropriate fee may be completed and filed with the competition secretary. The affidavit and appropriate fee must be submitted to USDF by the competition secretary. Copies of the required memberships and registrations MUST be included with the championship entry. Affidavits will not be accepted for USEF or USDF membership or horse recording verification purposes for entry in championship classes.
6. Horses must be entered in qualifying and championship classes under their official recorded names and ownership as specified in USEF GR1102.3, and transfers of ownership or lease registrations must be completed in compliance with USEF rules GR1105 and GR1108 prior to the competition in order for the horse to compete under the name of the new owner or lessee. (USEF DR127.2)

**C. QUALIFYING SYSTEM**

1. There is currently one qualifying system with nationally-standardized minimum percentages (see Section D for qualifying percentages).
2. Prior to competing in a Great American/USDF qualifying class, a horse/rider combination must be eligible according to the USDF/USEF membership and registration requirements for qualifying.
3. To qualify for a Regional Championship, horse/rider combinations must earn a total of two qualifying scores (each score must be the average of all judges officiating in a designated Great American/USDF qualifying class), at two different USEF/USDF-recognized Dressage Competitions, from two different judges, or combination of judges. In addition, the same judge may not have officiated in classes from which qualifying scores are earned, unless the following conditions are met: A panel of judges will be considered as a different judging entity if 50 percent or more of that panel is changed (e.g. a panel of two judges must have one new person, a panel of three judges must have two new people and a panel of five judges must have three new people).
4. To qualify, eligible riders must enter an official Great American/USDF qualifying class at a USEF/USDF-recognized Dressage Competition. The Great American/USDF qualifying class will be the highest or single test of the level and the class must be designated as Great American/USDF qualifying in the prize list.
5. Horse/rider combinations may enter more than one qualifying test, and qualifying Freestyle, at each level per day as Great American/USDF qualifying. (USEF DR 127.4)
6. Eligible competitors must be given the option to enter the class as "USDF qualifying" for a maximum additional fee of \$15 which must be paid to the show secretary prior to riding in the class.

7. USEF/USDF qualifying and/or championship classes must be designated as such in the prize list and the results. (USEF DR127.4). The \$15 qualifying fee will be sent to USDF from the show secretary along with the Report of Fees. All qualifying rides must be marked as such in the results. Once qualifying fees are received by USDF they will not be refunded to competitors for any reason. All regional championship qualifying fees paid to show management must be submitted to the USDF, including fees from riders that scratched, were eliminated, excused or did not show up for the class. Exceptions: Competition Refund policy must clearly state that these fees will be refunded to the competitor; or fees are reapplied to cover indebtedness to the competition not paid by the competitor.
8. Separate ribbons or trophies are not awarded for Great American/USDF qualifying entries.
9. Any and all eligible horse/rider combinations who achieve the minimum qualifying score in a Great American/USDF qualifying class will receive one qualifying score toward their two score requirement to be eligible to enter a Regional Championship if all other conditions are met.
10. To qualify at freestyle, riders must earn a total of two freestyle qualifying scores at the level at which they wish to qualify, earned in designated Great American/USDF qualifying classes, at two different USEF/USDF-recognized Dressage Competitions from two different judges or combinations of judges as described in Section C.3.
11. FEI classes at CDI/CDI-Y/CDI-J/CDI-P or USEF High Performance qualifying competitions must be designated as Great American/USDF qualifying in the prize list in order for classes to be counted as qualifying by USDF. Prior to riding in the class, riders must pay the qualifying class fee to the competition secretary.
12. USDF will presume qualified horse/rider combinations will compete in the region in which the rider resides as determined by the address associated with the rider's membership information on file as of July 1. Riders are NOT required to be a resident of the region to compete in that region's championship. Riders, who wish to compete at Regional Championships in a region other than their region of residence, must submit a Change of Region Form. This form must be submitted with a \$25 fee prior to July 1. Change of Region Forms may be accepted from July 2 up to August 1, with a fee of \$100; from August 2, up to the closing date of the championship region the rider is declaring for, with a fee of \$300. **No changes of region may be made after the closing date of the region in which a rider wishes to enter, for any reason.** In addition, all persons living outside of the United States, who intend to compete in a Regional Championship, must submit a Change of Region form and applicable fee to USDF to declare a region.
13. There is no limit on the number of horses on which a rider may qualify.
14. Qualification is based on horse/rider combination. If a new rider wishes to compete with the horse at the championships, she/he must requalify. (USEF DR127.9)
15. One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash may be carried in all qualifying classes (including NAYRC and NAJC) unless such use is otherwise prohibited by FEI or Federation rules or selection procedures for the classes. (USEF DR120.7) An adjustable-length whip may not be carried by a mounted rider.
16. Tests may be read in qualifying classes except in FEI level classes and freestyle classes.
17. Qualifying seasons vary for each region. The season during which scores may be earned to qualify for a particular Regional Championship starts the day after the closing date of that region's 2017 championship, and ends on the closing date of that region's 2018 championship. Horse/rider combinations may earn qualifying scores in another region but only at shows within the current qualifying year of the region in which that show is held.
18. The closing date of each Regional Championship will be the fourth Monday prior to the start of the Regional Championship competition. Competitions will count for only one calendar year's championship. The qualifying year of each competition is based upon the location of where that show is held, not the region the rider wishes to compete in.

USDF WILL MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF QUALIFIED HORSE/RIDER COMBINATIONS AND WILL POST A PROVISIONAL LIST FOR EACH LEVEL AND DIVISION ON THE USDF WEBSITE. USDF WILL VERIFY ELIGIBILITY OF CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS ENTRIES WITH THE CHAMPIONSHIP'S SECRETARY PRIOR TO EACH CHAMPIONSHIP'S COMPETITION. POST ENTRIES MAY BE SUBMITTED BY QUALIFIED HORSE/RIDER COMBINATIONS IN CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES IF POST ENTRIES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES ARE ALLOWED IN THE PRIZE LIST OF THE COMPETITION.

#### **D. MINIMUM QUALIFYING SCORES**

One set of nationally-standardized qualifying scores has been established for all USEF/USDF Regional Championships, for levels 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. Freestyles have only open divisions.

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	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	60%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%

FREESTYLE	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
First Level	63%	—	—
Second Level	63%	—	—
Third Level	63%	—	—
Fourth Level	63%	—	—
Intermediate I	63%	—	—
Grand Prix	63%	—	—

#### E. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- All Regional Championship competitions are considered Level 4. Please refer to USEF Dressage Level Requirements for specifics.
- Each entry must designate the division being entered (open, adult amateur or junior/young rider) and must meet minimum percentage requirements for the championship division entered.
- Cross entering open and junior/young rider divisions or open and adult amateur divisions for a horse/rider combination is permitted at adjacent levels. It is not permitted at the same level. Exception: freestyle or equivalent FEI Junior or FEI Young Rider levels.
- If a rider intends to enter a Regional Championship as an adult amateur, the rider must be an adult by the current USEF definition (DR 119.3) and a current amateur by the USEF definition. (USEF GR1306, 1307)
- If a rider intends to enter a championship as a junior/young rider, the rider must be a junior/young rider by the current USEF definition and her/his birth date must be on file with USDF by July 1 of the championship year.
- Photocopies of USDF/USEF membership cards and horse recording and registration certificates must accompany championship entry (USDF PM for rider, USDF PM or BM for owner, etc.).
- Under penalty of elimination**, whips may not be carried in championship tests (Exception: Competitors riding sidesaddle may carry a whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, in USEF/USDF Championships.) An adjustable-length whip may not be carried by a mounted rider.
- Under penalty of elimination**, all championship tests must be ridden from memory. (USEF DR122.1)
- The gate at "A" must be closed for every USEF/USDF championship ride. (USEF DR126.1.f.5)
- Under penalty of disqualification** from all championship classes for the horse/rider combination, within 24 hours prior and at no time during a USEF/USDF Regional Championship competition may any horse entered in that Championship competition be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the Championship competition on that horse (exception: grooms riding on loose rein). Further, any horse entered in a championship competition, even entered at two levels, must be ridden by the same rider throughout competition. (USEF DR127.6) (NOTE: This applies throughout the entire competition, even after a horse has completed its championship classes.)
- In the event of a tie (equality of total points) for champion and/or reserve champion in USEF/USDF championship classes, the collective marks will determine first, second, and/or third or all three places; (i.e. when a tie for first place is broken by collective marks, tied competitors will receive first and second places, etc.). If collective marks are equal, the tie will remain unbroken (i.e. two first places will be awarded next third place, etc.). For ties in freestyle classes refer to USEF DR129.5 which states the highest score shall be declared the winner of the class. In the case of a tie, the higher artistic score shall determine the winner. Ties (equality of total points) after second place will be broken by collective marks. Ties (equality of total points and collective marks or artistic scores) occurring in third through eight places will remain unbroken. In the case of a tie (equality of total points and

- collective marks or artistic scores) for champion, prize money designated for champion and reserve champion will be combined and divided equally between the two competitors.
12. Hors de Concours entries are not permitted in USEF/USDF championship classes. (USEF DR119.5)
  13. In a USEF/USDF championship class, the horse/rider combination must obtain the necessary minimum percentage score to be named champion or reserve champion. (USEF DR123.6) If the highest placed horse/rider combination receives less than the minimum percentage, no Championship awards or prize money will be issued, however an awards ceremony will be held for the entire class. In lieu of a champion and/or reserve neck sash, a first and/or second place ribbon will be awarded.
  14. In USEF/USDF championship classes, a steward must be appointed to check the saddlery, bits and spurs, on both sides of each horse immediately after it has completed its test and has left the arena. Any discrepancy to the saddlery rules will result in immediate elimination. (USEF DR126.1.i.6)
  15. A Registered (R) Dressage Technical Delegate (TD), who is a current Participating Member of USDF, is required to officiate at USEF/USDF championships. TDs for competitions offering qualifying and/or championship classes must investigate incidents of non-compliance and report violations to USEF. "R" Dressage TDs hired to officiate Regional Championship classes must be selected from outside the region. This applies only to the primary competition TD, who is the person responsible for filing the TD report for the competition with USEF. (See Section H.3. c, and USEF GR1018.3 and DR127.3)
  16. Entries in USEF/USDF dressage championship classes are limited to competitors who have met the qualifications, membership, horse recording and registration requirements, and deadlines outlined in USEF DR127 and published by USDF. Competitors who are properly qualified, whose completed entries are received by the closing date for a particular Regional Championship, and who have complied with all championship rules may not be denied entry into the Regional Championship classes for which they have qualified. Only one class per division and/or level may be held to determine USEF/USDF regional champions. (USEF DR127.7)
  17. USEF/USDF championships classes may not be split. (USEF DR126.1a.4)
  18. Championship classes for juniors and young riders must only be held on Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday. Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals classes must be held on Saturday or Sunday. Juniors and young riders' entries (horse/rider combinations) are limited to entry in only two championship classes, excluding freestyle.
  19. Except for freestyles, the FEI Junior Team Test, and FEI Young Rider Team test, championship classes at consecutive levels, for the same division, may not be held on the same day.
  20. Ribbons and prizes cannot be distributed prior to the arrival at the awards ceremony.

#### **F. ADDITIONAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS**

1. Competition managers of USEF Dressage Competitions which hold USEF/USDF qualifying and/or championship classes are responsible to USEF for knowing and complying with all USEF rules and USDF guidelines regarding qualifying and/or championship classes. Please refer to USEF Dressage Level requirements. (USEF DR127.3)
2. A host GMO officer or CEO of competition licensee, and the competition manager must sign an agreement with USDF which includes the organizer's agreement to abide by USEF and USDF rules and regulations, and releases USDF from liability, financial or otherwise, during or in connection with the event.
3. Once an application to hold a USEF/USDF regional dressage championship has been submitted, no changes to date, facility, organizer, manager or secretary may be made without prior notification and written consent of both USDF and the regional director. In addition, USDF and regional director reserve the right to select an alternate host site and management if the facility, organizer, manager, or secretary named in the original host site application is changed without written permission from USDF and the regional director.
4. Mounted awards ceremonies must be scheduled for each championship class.
5. A tentative schedule for the awards ceremonies must be printed in the "Show Program".
6. The confirmed schedule for the awards ceremonies must be posted in the show secretary's office by noon on the day prior to the beginning of the competition. If the posted awards schedule is changed, all affected competitors must be notified.
7. Riders placing in Great American/USDF Regional Championship classes must be present, mounted and in full riding attire for awards ceremonies. Failure, without prior permission of the competition manager (see F.9) to be present and properly attired, will eliminate the official score and placing and the next highest score will move up in placing. For safety reasons competitors may decline to participate in the victory round. Unmounted awards ceremonies may be held if weather or other calamity prevents mounted awards ceremonies. Riders must be in full riding attire.
8. Specific requirements and penalties for failure to participate in prize-giving ceremonies must be announced in the prize list. It is recommended that saddlery for ceremonies be the same as in the competition, but that black or white

leg bandages are allowed. Rosettes should be placed on the horses' bridles prior to the ceremony. The judge at "C" should be invited to participate in the prize-giving. Competition management is responsible for the safe conduct of ceremonies and must excuse any horse that threatens the safety of participants. (USEF DR123.12)

9. Except in the case of an emergency requests to be excused from the awards ceremony must occur one hour before the scheduled ceremony. The requests must be made to the Awards Coordinator who must confer with the USDF Representative, the Competition Manager, and the Technical Delegate in the decision-making process.
10. Date applications may not use the name or title of a championship that has not been assigned to that licensed competition for the competition year named in the application. The fees are waived when a competition changes its name to include the title of a regional or national championship or when the name reverts back to its original name. Using the name or title of a championship that has not been assigned to that licensed competition during the same competition year is a violation of USEF rules. (GR706.1.p)
11. Copies of documents submitted by competitors to verify USEF and USDF membership and horse recording must be available to the TD in the competition office. (USEF DR127.2)
12. Management must post the USDF Statement on Animal Welfare on the competition grounds.
13. USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals: All junior riders through age 18 who have qualified at any level for the Regional Championships (excluding freestyle) are automatically eligible to compete in the Semi-Final classes of the USEF/ USDF Dressage Seat Medal Program. Additionally, any rider that earns a score of 70% or higher, from an eligible Dressage Seat Equitation class, during the DSM qualifying period from August 1, 2016 through July 30, 2017 will be qualified to participate in the USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals. One Semi-Final class will be offered for juniors, ages 13 and under, and a second Semi-Final class for riders 14 through 18 at each Great American/USDF Regional Championship. A regional champion and reserve champion for each age group will be named in each USDF region. For more details on this program and the Semi-Finals, see the USEF Rulebook, DR133 or visit the dressage page of the USEF website.
14. **USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program: All adult amateurs who have qualified at any level for the Regional Championships (excluding freestyle) are automatically eligible to compete in the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Finals class. Additionally, any adult amateur ride that earns a score of 70% or high from an eligible Dressage Seat Equitation class, during the applicable regional championship qualifying period, will be qualified to participate in the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final.**

## **G. FACILITIES**

1. Please refer to USEF GR1216 and USEF Dressage Level Requirements for facility requirements.

## **H. PERSONNEL**

1. Management must provide a sufficient number of trained and experienced personnel to manage the event.
2. Level 4 requires that a veterinarian and farrier be present on the grounds during competition. In the year after a competition has hosted a USEF/USDF Regional Championship, a veterinarian will be required to be present only if 200 or more horses competed the year prior to hosting the championships. (USEF GR1211.4) The official veterinarian shall be a licensed graduate of an accredited veterinary school in good standing in his/her state of practice, be familiar with the current USEF Equine Drugs and Medications Rules and have experience in equine veterinary practice. (USEF GR1204.1)
3. Management must contract a sufficient number of officials and pay all their expenses, as agreed upon in their contracts.
  - a. Two judges (at least one of whom must be an "S" or FEI dressage judge) must officiate in each championship class at Second Level and above. It is recommended that three judges officiate in FEI level championship classes. For Training and First level, two "R" judges may be used provided at least one of those judges resides outside the region.
  - b. Fifty percent of judges hired to officiate in Regional Championship classes must have permanent residence outside the region.
  - c. "R" Dressage TD(s) hired to officiate Regional Championship classes must be selected from outside the region and must be a USDF PM. This applies only to the primary competition TD, who is the person responsible for filing the TD report for the competition with USEF. One or more "r" TD(s) can be hired to assist the primary TD, preferably from within the region.
4. Two people should be assigned to score each championship test, and results must be posted promptly.
5. A professional photographer must be retained, at the expense of competition management, to photograph the awards ceremonies and champions.
6. Both competition manager and competition secretary must be USEF Senior Active, or Life Members. The manager and secretary must have a USDF PM or GM at time of application and championship.



## **I. USDF RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Produce the Official Prize List for all 2018 Regional Championships as part of a Regional Championship prize list page for the Great American/USDF Regional Championship Program. This will be published on the USDF website by May 1. Printed copies are available upon request from USDF.
2. On behalf of Great American Insurance Group, USDF will provide:
  - a. Grant money to each championship. Grant money will be paid to the organizer of a Regional Championship. One-third of the grant money will be paid before the competition. The remaining two-thirds will be paid post-competition, once all results have been submitted, banners and other materials have been returned, and all provisions of the contract have been met.
  - b. The first and second place prizes for all USEF/USDF championship classes.
  - c. USEF/USDF championship ribbons for each level and each division to eighth place.
3. USDF will send a representative to each championship. The USDF representative can and should advise management on Regional Championship requirements and report on infractions. However, enforcement of championship requirements is solely within the role and obligations of competition management. The USDF representative will also be available to provide information about USDF and its programs and policies.
4. USDF will publish complete results for each championship in USDF Connection and on the website.
5. USDF reserves the right to change, alter, or retract any placings and/or prizes for up to 60 days after the last day of the championship if an error or violation is discovered, after which no changes will be made.

## **J. PRIZE MONEY AND RECOGNITION**

1. The qualifying fee will be \$15 per class entered. \$7.50 from each qualifying fee will be deposited into a prize money fund. Prize money is accumulated during the USEF competition year (December 1 - November 30). All prize money allocated from qualifying fees will be divided equally among all USDF regions and all Regional Championships classes, with 60% of the amount per class to go to the champion; the remaining 40% will go to the reserve champion.
2. Prize Money for the nine Great American/USDF Regional Championships will be paid directly by the USDF office to the recorded horse owner within 30 days of the last day of each championship. The amount of prize money to be awarded to each champion and reserve champion in all levels and divisions (open, AA and Jr/YR) of the Regional Championships will be announced by February.
3. The horse/rider combination must obtain the necessary minimum percentage score to be named champion or reserve champion and receive prize money and other prizes. (DR123.6)
4. Ribbons through eight placings and prizes, will be provided.

## **K. POSSIBLE SANCTIONS FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW USDF CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM RULES**

1. Withholding all or part of grant money;
2. USDF penalties;
3. USEF penalties for rule violations; and/or
4. Ineligibility of organizer to host future USDF Championships.

# *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.

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