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Recognized Shows



Calendar of USEF/USDF/ODS-Recognized Shows

Mar 20-22 Spring Into Dressage

Page R-20 Sherwood, OR, Donna Edwards, (503) 263-1946, atxhltsalute@aol.com

Apr 4-5 AiM Back to Basics Dressage Show

Page R-19 Sherwood, OR, Karen Bragg, (503) 382-4982, kbragg@paintedvalley.com

May 2-3 Idaho Dressage Festival I & II

Page R-24 Nampa, ID, Caroline Herrmann, (208) 591-0326, carolineandjoel@rtci.net

May 2-3 Shasta Spring Dressage Show

Page R-28 Cottonwood, CA, Connie Davenport (530) 265-0950, davenport@saber.net

May 7-10 Rogue Valley Arabian Horse Festival

Page R-19 Central Point, OR, Jennifer Burgdorf, (541) 482-0900, jen@desarabians.com

May 9-10 Heart of the Valley Dressage Show

Page R-31 Sherwood, OR, Jennifer Milburn, (541) 926-7130, jennifer.milburn@oregonstate.edu

May 23-24 Dressage in the State of Jefferson

Page R-34 Central Point, OR, Connie Davenport (530) 265-0950, davenport@saber.net

May 29-31 Fort Vancouver Dressage Show

Page R-37 Ridgefield, WA, Rose Newman, (360) 281-6550, rose_newman@yahoo.com

June 13-14 Central Oregon Dressage Classic

Page R-42 Bend, OR, Laura Swenson, (541) 390-7015, lswenson@dadco.com

Jun 26-28 Letter Perfect

Page R-45 Ridgefield, WA, Barbara Tuohino Funk, (360) 687-5477, lp2009@dovecreekonline.com

Jun 27-28 Cascade Dressage I & II

Page R-48 Tulelake, CA, Kaye Phaneuf, (503) 651-3037, phaneuf@canby.com

Jul 24-26 Dressage at DevonWood

Page R-51 Sherwood, OR, Jennifer Milburn, (541) 926-7130, jennifer.milburn@devonwoodec.com

Jul 31 -Aug 2 Dressage at Lake Oswego Hunt

Page R-52 Lake Oswego, OR, Eva Fellner, (503) 646-4975

Aug 2-3 Summervale Dressage Festival I & II

Page R-55 Roy, WA, Paula Helm, (425) 457-1105, paula.helm@gmail.com

Aug 7-9 Arabians in Motion Sport Horse Classic

Page R-19 Sherwood, OR, Jean Beck, (559) 642-2072, jrbshow@aol.com

Sept 11-13 Oregon Dressage Society Open & Championship Dressage Shows

Page R-60 Sherwood, OR, Jennifer Milburn, (541) 926-7130, jennifer.milburn@oregonstate.edu

Sept 25-27 NW Dressage Championships & GAIG/USDF Region 6 Championship Show

Page R-71 Sherwood, OR, Lothar Pinkers, (425) 454-5547, lopink@comcast.net

Watch the ODS Website for Updates & Added Shows!

General Information about USEF/USDF/ODS-Recognized Shows

The information below is a brief synopsis of some of the rules found in the U.S. Equestrian Federation Rule Book. It is by no means an exhaustive list. Competitors are responsible for familiarizing themselves with and being in compliance with all current USEF rules. A current rule book may be ordered from the U.S. Equestrian Federation, (859) 258-2472, or downloaded from their website, www.usef.org.

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Shows listed in this yellow section are all recognized by the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF), the U.S. Dressage Federation (USDF) and the Oregon Dressage Society (ODS). They may also be recognized by other organizations.

The following information applies to all shows listed in this section. We hope you'll find it useful, especially when filling out your entry.

General information about entering a USEF/USDF/ODS-recognized show

- A completed entry is required for every horse brought onto the show grounds. (Horses not entered in the show may not be brought onto the show grounds without prior permission of show management.)
- In the Dressage division, each horse/rider combination is considered a separate entry, and is issued a separate number. Therefore, a completed entry form is required for *each horse/rider combination*.
- *An entry is not complete* without full payment, proper signatures, and proof of all required memberships and horse enrollments. No entry is valid without full payment; additionally, competitions have the right to refuse entries that are in any way incomplete.
- Be sure to use the 2009 USEF/USDF/ODS-RECOGNIZED SHOW ENTRY FORM for all shows listed in this section. Read each prize list carefully to ensure that the show does not have its own required form (such as for the USDF Region 6 Championship Show). Photocopy the master entry form at the back of this *Omnibus*, or download the appropriate form from the ODS website, www.oregondressage.com/entryforms.html.
- Resist the temptation to sign the master form before photocopying. Only original signatures, in ink, are valid.

- Separate signatures are required for Rider, Owner and Trainer. Even if it's all the same person, three signatures are required.
- Entries will be processed in postmark order unless otherwise stated. When all ride times have been filled, *even if before closing date*, remaining entries will be placed on a waiting list.
- Phoned, faxed or hand-delivered entries will not be accepted unless otherwise stated.
- Early entries — entries postmarked before the published opening date — may be penalized by being considered to be postmarked up to three days after opening date, at the discretion of show management.

Class splits and rider divisions

Classes at these recognized shows may be split by division — Open, Junior, Young Rider, Adult Amateur, or any combination — at the discretion of show management. Be sure to indicate rider's division on entry, or you will be put into the Open section by default. Eligibility for the various divisions is specified in the *U.S. Equestrian Rule Book*, which is available online at www.usef.org. See rule DR119.3 for Juniors and Young Riders; GR808 & 809 for Amateur.

- Riders are **Juniors (JR)** until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 18. *They must provide their birthdate on the entry form as proof of age.*
- Riders are **Young Riders (YR)** from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 21. *They also must provide their birthdate on the entry form as proof of age.*
- For the shows in this section, adults are **Amateurs (Am or AA)** only if the USEF has certified them as such. Please be aware that, per the adult amateur definition in the dressage rules, a rider cannot compete as an adult amateur until they are over the age of 21. USEF members who apply for amateur certification will find the word **AMATEUR** printed on their membership cards. *A photocopy of this card is required as proof of eligibility for Amateur classes.*
Adult riders who are not members of USEF may apply for a USEF Non-Member Amateur Certificate. *Again, a photocopy of this card is required as proof of eligibility for Amateur classes.*
- Riders who do not fit into any of the above categories must compete in the **Open** division.

Entry rules for horses

- A horse must be 36 months of age (from foaling date) to compete under saddle in the Dressage division. It must be at least 6 years old (January 1 of foaling year to January 1 of competition year) to compete above Fourth Level, and 7 years old to compete at Grand Prix.
- A horse may be entered in a class only once. It may compete in a maximum of three dressage tests per day at Fourth Level and below, or two tests above Fourth Level. Freestyles are included in these counts; equitation and materiale classes are not.

<p>EVERY CLASS OFFERED AT ANY SHOW LISTED IN THIS SECTION WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT FEDERATION RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.</p>
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- A horse may be entered in no more than two consecutive levels at any one competition. (*Exception: Pas de Deux.*)

Documentation that must be included with your entry

Some show offices don't have photocopiers, and some show secretaries will return your entry as incomplete if you don't include proof of required memberships. That said, yes, it is perfectly legal to apply for any of these memberships at the show. However, it is far preferable to do it (1) well in advance of the show and (2) on-line, so that you can print out proof of application to use while you wait for your cards to arrive in the mail.

Always send photocopies of the following documents with your entry, or as soon thereafter as possible; it will help you avoid long lines when you check in at the show.

Again, you'll find more information at www.usef.org, www.usdf.org, and www.oregondressage.com.

Documentation for the Rider/Handler

USEF: copy of current individual junior or senior competing membership card. Card must say **AMATEUR** to be eligible for Adult Amateur division.

USEF non-members pay \$30 fee.

USDF Qualifying classes require proof that rider is a USEF Junior, Senior, or Life member. Rider must also be a U.S. citizen.

Exempt from USEF membership requirement and non-member fees:

riders competing only in USDF Introductory (walk/trot), Pas de Deux

What is a Qualifying ride?

This confuses everyone! Scores earned at USEF/USDF/ODS-recognized shows can be used to qualify for two different championships — the ODS Championship Show and the GAIG/USDF Region 6 Championship Show. When we talk about Qualifying rides, Qualifying fees, and memberships required for Qualifying classes, we're talking about the GAIG/USDF Regional Championship Show, sponsored by the Great American Insurance Group (GAIG).

If your goal is to ride in the ODS Championship Show, it's up to you to keep track of your qualifying scores, which can be earned at any tests of the level. You don't have to declare anything at the qualifying show; just be an ODS member at the time you earn the scores. *To learn more about the ODS Championship Show, see the show listing and visit the Oregon Dressage Society Championship Show website, www.odschampionshipshow.com.*

If your goal is to Qualify for the GAIG/USDF Regional Championship Show, carefully read the membership requirements specified in "Documentation that must be included with your entry", above. *To learn more about the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region 6 Championship Show, visit the USDF Region 6 website, www.region6.org.*

Documentation for the Rider/Handler (continued)

and Quadrille classes and assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (in-hand) classes. See also page R-8 regarding non US Citizens who are members in good standing of their own national federation.

USDF: copy of current membership card or Non-Member ID.

Effective 10/1/2007: For each USDF Non-Member (NM) owner/lessee and USDF NM rider, there will be a USDF NM fee of \$20 per competition that must be collected by the show secretary. In addition, a \$5 affidavit fee must be collected if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card.

Exception: Riders and owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the USDF non-member ID requirements and fees. These classes include Individual Breed Classes (IBC) at DSHB competitions; breed restricted dressage or DSHB classes at Regular Competitions (e.g. all Arabian, all Friesian, or all Morgan classes); USDF Introductory Level, Pas de Deux, or Quadrille classes; FEI ParaEquestrian classes; or leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot and academy classes. Also exempt are Handlers of horses competing in DSHB In-Hand or Group classes.

Note: when you join ODS, you automatically become a Group member of USDF. *You will receive a different membership card and different membership number in each organization.*

USDF Qualifying classes require proof that the rider is a USDF *Participating* member. A Group membership is not sufficient.

ODS: copy of current membership card.

Check individual prize list for non-member fees. Non-member riders' scores will not count toward ODS year-end awards or championship qualifications.

Documentation for the Owner

USEF: copy of current individual junior or senior competing membership card. If the horse is owned by a Farm or Business, send copies of USDF Farm/Business recording certificate and one owner's active membership card.

USEF non-members pay \$30 fee.

USDF Qualifying classes require proof that owner is a USEF Junior, Senior, or Life member.

USDF: copy of current membership card or Non-Member ID.

Effective 10/1/2007: For each USDF Non-Member (NM) owner/lessee and USDF NM rider, there will be a USDF NM fee of \$20 per competition that must be collected by the show secretary. In addition, a \$5 affidavit fee must be collected if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card.

Exception: Riders and owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the

USDF non-member ID requirements and fees. These classes include Individual Breed Classes (IBC) at DSHB competitions; breed restricted dressage or DSHB classes at Regular Competitions (e.g. all Arabian, all Friesian, or all Morgan classes); USDF Introductory Level, Pas de Deux, or Quadrille classes; FEI ParaEquestrian classes; or leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot and academy classes. Also exempt are Handlers of horses competing in DSHB In-Hand or Group classes.

USDF Qualifying classes require proof that the owner is a USDF *Participating* or *Business* member.

ODS: There is no membership requirement for owners of dressage horses; however, *owners of Dressage Sport Horse Breeding horses must be members of ODS or scores will not count toward ODS year-end awards.*

Documentation for the Horse

USEF: If your horse has a USEF Horse ID or annual or lifetime registration, you must provide that number.

Horses not in the USEF database may use their USDF Horse ID number.

USDF Qualifying classes require proof that the horse has current annual or lifetime recording with USEF (Horse ID number not sufficient).

USDF: All horses competing in a USEF/USDF/ODS-recognized show must have at least a USDF Horse ID number unless only competing in classes on the HID exception list. USEF Horse ID cannot be substituted.

USDF Qualifying classes require proof that the horse is *USDF lifetime registered* (Horse ID number not sufficient).

ODS: There is no horse registration program. However, several shows offer breed awards. It's always a good idea to include a copy of your horses's breed registration papers with your entry.

Documentation for the Trainer

Trainer means the adult who is responsible for the horse while it is on the show grounds. In the case of a minor, the parent or another adult must assume the responsibilities of "trainer." Therefore, every horse does indeed have a trainer, and that person must sign the entry and provide the following:

USEF: copy of current individual senior competing membership card.

USEF non-members pay \$30 fee.

Exempt from this requirement: parent signing as responsible party for a junior exhibitor's horse.

USDF/ODS: no membership requirement for Trainer.

Documentation for the Coach

A *coach* is a person who receives remuneration for “instructing, teaching, schooling or advising” the rider. If that person won’t be coaching you on the show grounds, don’t list him/her on the entry. Coaches must sign the entries of all riders they will be coaching at the show, and provide:

USEF: copy of current individual senior competing membership card.

USEF non-members pay \$30 fee.

USDF/ODS: no membership requirement for Coach.

General rules for USEF/USDF/ODS-recognized shows

- Management reserves the right to cancel, combine or reorder classes, add or substitute judges, or make any other changes required.
- Management reserves the right to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry for cause deemed sufficient by show management.
- Classes with no entries by closing date may be canceled. Classes with fewer than three entries may be combined.
- If schooling is allowed in the competition arenas, hours will be posted and announced in advance.
- Minors who do not have a valid drivers' 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. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accommodated by an adult with a valid 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 USEF Rule 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals are exempt from this rule [USEF GR1401.29].
- No one is permitted on foot in the warm up arena.
- Read refund policies closely as they differ from show to show.
- Unless stated otherwise, competitions will not refund entry fees in the event that classes are cancelled due to severe weather or other emergency.

General rules for riders

- Competitors are allowed in and around the competition arena only during their scheduled ride times and during posted **schooling hours**.
- If a mathematical error on the **scoresheet** is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of that competition day.
- Classes may be scheduled out of order. **It is the competitor’s responsibility to find out his or her ride times**, and to immediately notify show management of any time conflicts that escaped the scheduler’s notice. *Failure to enter the competition arena at the assigned time will result in elimination.*

ODS Awards for Riders in Recognized (Licensed) Shows

ODS Plates / 60% Award: A small brass plate will be awarded to each ODS member in good standing who earns a score of 60% or better at Training Level or above, including Musical Freestyles, in a single show season. (Shows must be approved by USEF, USDF and ODS.) Recipients will continue to receive plates every year thereafter if they receive a 60% or higher score. The plate is engraved with the horse's name, level of competition and number of 60% or higher scores in that show season. A personalized wall plaque is available for purchase for mounting the plates.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Awards must be earned at ODS/USEF/USDF recognized competitions during the *current membership year* of November 1 to October 31 (ODS League shows and practice shows do not count).
2. Only *current* members of ODS in good standing shall be eligible to receive ODS awards.
3. Horses must be ridden by a current member of ODS in good standing at the time scores are earned. Owner need not be an ODS member.
4. Only scores earned from *current USEF or FEI tests* will apply towards awards.
5. Competitors are *not required* to submit award report forms in order to be eligible for year-end awards.

USDF Rider Awards

Read the *USDF Directory* for a complete and detailed explanation of all awards. The *USDF Directory* is mailed automatically to all USDF Participating Members; if you are not a USDF Participating member and you wish to purchase a copy of the *USDF Directory*, please contact USDF at (859) 971-2277.

General Requirements: The following explanations are condensed.

Riders must be members of USDF (Group, Participating or Intercollegiate/Interscholastic) at the time their scores are received. ODS membership includes a USDF *Group* membership. A USDF *Participating* membership costs an additional \$62. *It is the rider's responsibility to know which USDF membership level is required for awards.*

Scores are cumulative and need not be earned in one year. Any number of horses may be used. Only scores from USEF/USDF licensed competitions, riding current USEF or FEI tests, will be counted. If two or more judges score one ride, the average of their scores will count as one. Riders are personally responsible for notifying USDF of scores for rider awards, using official rider award report forms available from USDF.



The 2009 USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program

The USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program is designed to specifically recognize and encourage the adult amateurs riding at Second Level.

Awards

1. Dover Medal Recipient

The eligible rider with the highest score of 58% or better in the designated Second Level Test Three class or applicable test of choice USDF/Dover Adult Medal class at a participating competition will receive a handcrafted USDF/Dover pewter medal and neck ribbon. Winners will receive a \$20 Dover Saddlery gift certificate for the first three USDF/Dover Adult Medals they win during the 2009 competition season.

2. The USDF/Dover National Merit Award

A USDF/Dover National Merit Award will be awarded to riders winning three USDF/Dover Medals in the same competition year.

3. Year-End Awards

The USDF/Dover Medal National Champion and Reserve Champion are determined from the average of the top three winning ride scores during the competition year. The Champion receives a \$1000 Dover Saddlery gift certificate and a Jaguar dressage saddle. The Reserve Champion receives a \$500 Dover Saddlery gift certificate and a Jaguar dressage bridle.

Rider Eligibility

To be eligible, a rider must meet the following criteria:

1. Rider must be a current USDF group, participating or intercollegiate/interscholastic member at the time of the competition.
2. Rider must ride at Second Level Test Three.
3. Rider must be an adult amateur in accordance with Article GR1306 of the USEF rules and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur as of the competition date.

Additional Information

For additional information and an updated list of competitions offering the USDF/Dover Adult Amateur Medal Program, please visit <http://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/adultmedalprogram.asp>.

USDF Awards for Riders (continued from page R-9)

RIDER PERFORMANCE AWARD: awarded at each level: Training, First and Second. Requires four scores of 60% or higher at respective level from at least two different competitions, from four different judges and from four different rides. Patch and certificate are awarded when final scores are reported.

BRONZE MEDAL: requires six scores of 60% or higher, from two different judges for two different rides, at First Level, Second Level, and Third Level (two scores at each level), with a score equivalent of FEI Junior Preliminary Test = Third Level. USDF Bronze Medal presented at Annual Convention.

SILVER MEDAL: requires four scores of 60% or higher, from two different judges for two different rides, at Fourth Level and Prix St. Georges (two scores at each level), with score equivalent of FEI Junior Team and Individual Tests; FEI Young Rider Preliminary, Consolation and Team tests = Fourth Level and FEI Young Rider Individual Test = Prix St. Georges. USDF Silver Medal presented at Annual Convention.

GOLD MEDAL: requires four scores of 60% or higher, from two different judges for two different rides, at Intermediate I and/or II and Grand Prix (two scores at each level). USDF Gold Medal presented at Annual Convention.

MASTERS CHALLENGE AWARD: Competitor must be 60 years of age or older. At Training, First and Second Levels, four scores of 60% or higher are required. Scores must be from four different judges for four different rides. At Third, Fourth and FEI Levels, three scores of 55% or higher are required. These scores must be from three different judges for three different rides.

PAS DE DEUX AWARD: Several levels of this team award are available. Minimum of two scores at the same level from two different judges from two different competitions with a median score of 60% or higher to qualify. The top three teams at each level will be presented with a certificate for each team member.

QUADRILLE TEAM AWARD: Several levels of this team award are available. Minimum of four scores: from either compulsory or freestyle, with at least one score from compulsory, from three different judges, from three different competitions with a median score of 58% or higher to qualify. The top three teams at each level will be presented with a certificate for each team member.

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

Membership Requirements for USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed Competitions: Owners and riders, including foreign riders and owners who are not residents of the US, wishing to participate in a USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competitions as a rider or owner/lessee, must have either a USDF group membership (GM), intercollegiate/interscholastic membership (IM), participating membership (PM), or have a USDF non-member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF NM fee. (Note: USDF business members (BM) can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their BM.)

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Horses competing at USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed shows 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 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 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 Regional Championships.)

Exceptions:

- Horses competing only in Individual Breed Classes (IBC) at DSHB competitions, 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, Quadrille, or FEI ParaEquestrian classes, are exempt from this requirement. Also exempt are horses ridden in leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot and academy classes. For foreign-owned horses competing in a CD, USDF accepts copies of the horse identification pages from an FEI passport in lieu of a USDF HID or Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) number.
- 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 (\$62), 5-years (\$250), or life (\$1,000). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for members under 21 (as of December 1 of the current membership year) for \$35. A PM allows the member to compete at USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competitions and to participate as a rider and/or owner for all Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, Great American Insurance Group/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 USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competitions and participate in the USDF Rider Awards program.

Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Membership (IM): A membership issued to an individual by USDF when the member name and dues are submitted to USDF through an affiliate Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Member Organization (IMO). The membership year is December 1 through November 30. An IM allows the member to compete at USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed 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 (\$175) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

Non-Member (NM) Identification Number: For each USDF non-member owner/lessee and USDF non-member rider there will be a USDF non-member fee of \$20 and a USDF non-member form 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 if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card.

Owners/lessees or riders exempt from the non-member number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF non-member fee. If all the owners of the horse are non-members, only one of the owners must pay the non-member fee. If the horse has at least one owner who is a current USDF member there is no non-member fee assessed. Competition management will be invoiced for all applicable USDF non-member fees not received with the USDF post competition paperwork, along with a report listing all USDF non-members. Competition management is then required to submit the non-member 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 Web site.

Horse Identification (HID) Number: A one-time tracking number for horses (\$20). Scores earned by a horse with an HID will be recorded, but will NOT be counted towards Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes or Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals. An HID can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$65. If a horse has a USDF LHR it does not need an HID. An HID does not need to be renewed.

Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR): A horse with a LHR (\$85) is eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete at Great American Insurance Group/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 a LHR it does not need an HID. A LHR does not need to be renewed.

How to Join USDF

Applications for participating membership (PM), business membership (BM), non-member (NM) identification number, horse identification (HID) number, and lifetime horse registration (LHR) may be found in the following locations:

- On the USDF Web site: www.usdf.org. You can submit the application online, print, fax or mail it.
- In the show office at USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed 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 received by the competition secretary.

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USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 125 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership in excess of 33,000 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.

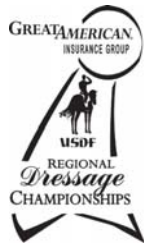
As an educational organization, USDF has numerous programs, which teach people how to pursue the accepted, humane training methods. A program of certifying instructors also emphasizes protecting the horse's welfare in pursuit of dressage training.

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ATTENTION, COMPETITORS

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers and copies of current cards (USEF, USDF, ODS, etc.) for horse, owner, rider, trainer and coach before the day(s) of the competition. **The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers and copies of cards may not be counted toward national or state year-end awards.**



2009 Great American Insurance Group/ USDF Regional Dressage Championships

In 2009, a single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), 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 GMO is received by April 1 of the prior year.

The 2009 Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF Web site at: <http://www.usdf.org/Programs/RegionalChampionships/index.asp>. Please refer to the 2009 USDF Directory for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying & Championships:

Rider:

- Must be a USDF Participating* Member at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

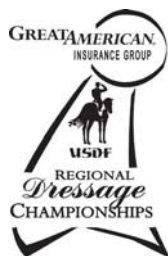
Horse:

- Must be USDF Lifetime Registered at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships. Horse registration must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record. If a current lease recording is on file with USDF, the lessee is recognized as "owner" for all USDF membership requirements.
- Must be USEF (Annual or Lifetime) recorded at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships. Horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record.
- Horse does not have to be breed registered.

Owner:

- Must be a USDF member (Participating or Business) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

**Participating Members are USDF members who join USDF directly*



2009 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 Rider and FEI Young Rider classes have only one respective division. Freestyles have only Open divisions. The minimum percentages are as follows:

	<u>Open</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>Jr/YR</u>
Training Level (Test 4)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 4)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 4)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
FEI Junior Rider (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%
<u>Freestyle</u>			
First Level	65%	--	--
Second Level	65%	--	--
Third Level	65%	--	--
Fourth Level	63%	--	--
Intermediate I	63%	--	--
Grand Prix	63%	--	--

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 **\$30** nonmember registration 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. **EC 7/21/08 Effective 12/1/08**