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Date	Show Name	USDF/US EF Number	Level	Show Info	JUDGE	JUDGE	JUDGE	TD	Close Date
May 10-12	Silverwood			<ul> <li>*2024 USEF Children Dressage National Championship</li> <li>*2024 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship</li> <li>*2024 Adequan®/USEF Junior Dressage National Championship*2024         Horseware Ireland/USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship         2024 FEI North American Youth Championships</li> <li>*2024 Adequan®/USEF Brentina Cup Dressage National Championship</li> <li>*2024 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships</li> <li>*2024 Neue Schule/USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship*2024 Neue Schule/USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship*2024 Adequan®/USEF Para Dressage National Championship</li> <li>*2024 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Dressage</li> </ul>	Fran Kehr	Susan			
	Dressage	328120 &	7168 <b>3</b>			Buchanon	Marie Johnso	Pat Maykuth	4/30/24
	Silverwood			Qualifying classes count towards the 2024 Great American/USDF Regional				-	
May 25-26	Dressage	260644	2	Championships.	Kane			Nena Denman	5/15/24

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June 7-9				<ul> <li>*2024 USEF Children Dressage National Championship*2024 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship*2024 Adequan*/USEF Junior Dressage National Championship*2024 Horseware Ireland/USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship</li> <li>*2024 Adequan*/USEF Brentina Cup Dressage National Championship*2024 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships</li> <li>*2024 Neue Schule/USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship*2024 Neue Schule/USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship*2024 Adequan*/USEF Para Dressage National Championship*2024 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Dressage</li> <li>*2024 FEI North American Youth Championships</li> </ul>					
	Silverwood							l	
	Dressage	7171	3		Holekamp	Demis	Fatima Kranz	Nena Denman	5/28/24
July 6-7	Silverwood Dressage	315173	2	Qualifying classes count towards the 2024 Great American/USDF Regional Championships.	Dinah Babcock	ТВА		Ann Sushko	6/26/24
July 13-14	Silverwood Dressage	242012	2	Qualifying classes count towards the 2024 Great American/USDF Regional Championships.	Pam Wooding	ТВА		Ann Sushko	7/3/24
July 27-28	Silverwood	260645	2	Qualifying classes count towards the 2024 Great American/USDF Regional Championships.	Willette Brown	Ann Cizadlo		Ann Sushko	7/17/24
Aug 10-11	Silverwood	317038	2	Qualifying classes count towards the 2024 Great American/USDF Regional Championships.	McElroy	ТВА		Nena Denman	7/31/24
Aug 16-18	Silverwood	328918 & 314971	2	Qualifying classes count towards the 2024 Great American/USDF Regional Championships.	Barb Ebner	Kem Barbosa	ТВА	Nena Denman	8/6/24
Aug 31-Sept 1	Silverwood	317039	2	Qualifying classes count towards the 2025 Great American/USDF Regional Championships.	Debby Savage	ТВА		Karen Cederholm	n <u>8/21/24</u>

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Silverwood Dressage	260646	Qualifying classes count towards the 2025 Great American/USDF Regional Championships.	ТВА		Karen Cederholm	9/4/24
Silverwood Dressage	314356	Qualifying classes count towards the 2025 Great American/USDF Regional Championships.	Sara Schmitt	ТВА	Karen Cederholm	9/18/24
Silverwood Dressage	317040	Qualifying classes count towards the 2025 Great American/USDF Regional Championships.	Fran Kehr	ТВА	Karen Cederholm	10/2/24



# United States Dressage Federation™

2024 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship Program Rules

The Regional Championship program rules published herein are effective for the 2024 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 2024 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
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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. Freestyle classes at First, Second, Third, Fourth, Intermediate I, and Grand Prix levels must also be offered in the open/junior/young rider division and adult amateur division.

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 (Active or Life).

### Horse:

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

### Owner:

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

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Class Fees Pas De Deux (PER RIDER) USDF Introductory, and Opportunity Training-FEI Equitation, Freestyles and Material JR/Young Rider/Brentina Cup/Young Horse/Developing Horse Great American/USDF Qual. Fee all levels (add to class fee)	\$25 \$35 \$50 \$70 \$15
Show Fees	
USEF Fee (\$15 drug, \$8 Admin. fee)	\$23
USEF Non-Member Fee	\$45
USDF Non-Member fee	\$35
Office Fee if entered at entry.foxvillage.com/	\$50
Office fee if entered only in <b>opportunity</b> classes (showing 1 day)	\$25
Electronic Entry Fee via entry.foxvillage.com/.com (fees apply)	
will be added by entry.foxvillage.com/.com (ONLY way to enter!)	
Post Entry (add for each class)	\$5
Late Charge of Horse or Rider (after closing)	\$15
Non-Compete (for horses not entered in any classes)	\$100
Returned Check Fee	\$50
Permanent Stall -2 day show (\$40 refunded if stall is cleaned)	\$160*
Permanent Stall -3 day show (\$40 refunded if stall is cleaned)	\$205*
Day Stall (when available- <b>no overnight</b> )	\$50
1 night Stall (for Friday entries or 1 day opportunity classes ONLY)	\$75
Shavings per bag	\$11
*\$40 will be credited back to your credit card if stalls are stripp	ed to the

mat.

Pony Measure fee-for ponies that need measurement \$100 (offered at May 10-12, June 7-9) must email secretary for appointment & entry must be in by close date! See note about measurement on following pages.

Entries: Enter online at www.entry.foxvillage.com/.com or emailed ONLY. If you can't enter online you must email the secretary. Mailed entries will be accepted only with prior notice. Entries must be RECEIVED by closing date (late entries accepted if scheduling allows). Email/scanned entries accepted with a credit card ONLY. "No Shows" will be considered a scratch for the rest of the show and time slots may be filled. Current coggins required with entry or must be on file for the 2024 season. If coggins will not cover the show season they will not be kept on file.

### 2024 USEF/USDF Membership verification

Silverwood Farm will verify all memberships via the internet. Please Include all memberships' numbers on the entry form. Submit a 2024 Coggins and be set for the entire season! No need to send in copies! You must have cards/registration with you on the show grounds in case there is a problem with electronic verification.

Shows that qualify for the 2025 Season note that the USDF fee will increase to \$20

Refunds: Requested in writing (emailed) ON or BEFORE closing date will be honored less the office fee. No refunds including stall fees for any reason after closing date. No changing of show dates after closing. By paying for you entry you agree to this policy.

**Times:** Will be posted emailed approximately

2-7 days prior to competition. Adequate time intervals cannot be guaranteed when rider enters multiple horses or if a horse has more than 1 rider.

Awards: Ribbons to 6th place for all classes.

**For Saturday ONLY**-A championship Ribbon and prize will be given to the horse and rider combination with the highest % (60% minimum) one test in the following divisions: USDF Intro, Jr/Yg Rider, Adult, Open (Training-First), All divisions combined ( $2_{nd}$ - $4_{th}$ ), and FEI. Kurs are NOT Eligible. High points will be awarded on Sunday. Riders must pick all prizes and tests at the show.

**Stabling:** 10x10 permanent with doors in the stabling complex, 12x12 with doors in the main barn. When main barn is filled or not available, request will be reassigned to stabling complex. Temporary stall will be used ONLY if necessary. Shavings are \$9 per bag (bedding **NOT** included) and orders must be received with entry or by 2:00pm each day. Competitors responsible for stall damage

For stabling groups please use ONE unique name. Secretary cannot match up people if different names are used.

### Hotels:

Executive Best Western Pleasant Prairie (262) 857-7699\*
\*(Ask for the Silverwood discount! Book rooms early!)

Comfort Inn & Suites Pleasant Prairie (262)857-3450

LaQuinta in Pleasant Prairie (262) 857-7911\*

Country Inn and Suites (262) 857-3680

Value Inn Bristol (262) 857-2622

Super 8 Kenosha (262) 857 7963

Radison Pleasant Prairie (262) 857-3377

Best Western (847)395-3606

### Camp Grounds (No camper hookups at show grounds)

Chain O'lakes State Park (847) 587-5512 www.reservationsamerica.com Happy Acres Bristol (262) 857-7373

Parking: All trailers must park Parking Field. No vehicle parking by

boarder/Main Barn!!!

Food: Show days on grounds.

Arrival time: Friday Noon. Earlier arrival must be approved by farm Management at 262-299-5200 (text only). NO EXECPTIONS.

**Arenas**: 4 standard sand arenas, 3 sand warm-up arenas & a lunge arena. Competition arenas are available for schooling on Friday only for 2 day shows and Thursday and Friday (after last Class) for 3 days shows. **IF** 

### **CONDITIONS ALLOW**

ALL Shows level 2 unless a NAYC qualifier. Then a level 3

Competition arena schooling hours will be emailed.

**Directions:** From I94-Exit Hwy "C" west to Rt.83, North 1/3 mile to "SA" west (left) 2.5 miles to "AH" turn left, ½ mile to farm on right.

From Richmond, IL: Rt 173 east to Wilmot Rd (North) to town of Wilmot. At 2nd stop sign-Hwy "C" turn Right (east) to "B" turn (left) to "AH" turn right, 1/2

mile to the farm on the left.

**For internet directions:** 28426 98th Street, Trevor, WI 53179 (do not mail to this address)

**Veterinarian**: Bristol Vet Service (on call) (262) 859-2560 **Farrier**: On call-information at show office

**Important:** Please see the "General Regulations and Entry Specification Section" in the beginning of this Omnibus for additional policies that this show subscribes to and follows.

**Note:** YRT, JRT These classes may be used as Great American/USDF Qualifying. 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.

For pony measurement veterinarian needs to be scheduled. Available hours are Friday between 10-4, Please contact the secretary prior to show to set an appointment. Measurement fee of \$100 must be paid before the start of the show

All entries must use our Electronic signature system. You will only need to do this once per season. A link to sign will be includeed with your Entry Status after closing date.

Class list on following pages. Please note:

AA, Open, JR. classes may be combined, but will be pinned separately.

All classes with "Adult" in the title are Adult Amateur

## Silverwood Dressage Friday Class list May 10, June 7 and August 16<sup>th</sup>

Code	Class	Code	Class			
FDE	Dressage Equitation	F320	Third Level Test 2 Open/AA/JR			
FUA	USDF Introductory A Opportunity	F33O	3rd 3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q +			
FUB	USDF Introductory B Opportunity	\$15)				
FC	USDF Introductory C Opportunity	F410	Fourth Level 1 Open/AA/JR			
F01N	Training 1 Opportunity Class	F42O	Fourth Level 2 Open/AA/JR			
F02N	Training 2 Opportunity Class	F43O	4th 3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q +			
F03N	Training 3 Opportunity Class	\$15)				
F01O	Training Level 1 Open/AA/JR	FM4%	Musical T-4 (GAIG/USDF Q + \$15)			
F02O	Training Level 2 Open/AA/JR		(Training Level NOT Q)			
F03O	T3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q	FFPO	PSG Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q +			
\$15)		\$15)				
F110	First Level Test 1 Open/AA/JR	FF1O	I1 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q + \$15)			
F11N	First Level Test 1 Opportunity	FF2A	Inter. Open/AA/JR A			
F12N	First Level Test 2 Opportunity	FF2B	Inter. Open/AA/JR B			
F120	First Level Test 2 Open/AA/JR	FF2O	I2 Open/AA/JR II (GAIG/USDF Q + \$15)			
F130	1st 3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q +	FFGP	GP Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q + \$15)			
\$15)		FFGS Grand Prix Special Open/AA/JR				
F13N	1st 3 Open/AA/JR Opportunity	FFGP	Grand Prix (GAIG/USDF Q + \$15)			
F210	Second Level Test 1 Open/AA/JR	FFEI	Musical Freestyle Open/AA/JR			
F220	Second Level Test 2 Open/AA/JR		(GAIG/USDF Q + \$15)			
F230	2nd 3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q	FNC	Non-Compete			
+ \$15)						
F310	Third Level Test 1 Open/AA/JR	*For 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> level Opportunity email th				
		secretary BEFORE close date.				
		All Classes may be separated by division				
			·			
		if need	ed.			

<b>Silverwood Dressage Saturday Class List</b>
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_	Code Class	Code	e Class
ZDE	Dressage Equitation	320	Third Level Test 2 Open/AA/JR
UA	USDF Introductory A Opport	<b>■</b>	3rd 3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q
UB	USDF Introductory B Opport	unity add \$15	
UC	USDF Introductory C Opport	unity 410	Fourth Level 1 Open/AA/JR
01N	Training 1 Opportunity Class	420	Fourth Level 2 Open/AA/JR
02N	Training Opportunity Class	430	4th 3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q
03N	Training 3 Opportunity Class	add \$15	5)
010	Training Level 1 Open/AA/JF	YRT	FEI Young Rider Team* (GAIG/USDF
020	Training Level 2 Open/AA/JF	l	Q add \$15) & USEF/NAYC*
030	T3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDI		FEI Jr. Team Test(GAIG/USDF Q
110	First Level Test 1 Open/AA/J		\$15)* USEF/NAYC
11N	First Level Tes 1 Opportunity	"	FEI Child Team Test*
11N	First Level Test 2 Opportunity		FEI Pony Team Test*
120	First Level Test 2 Open/AA/J		Musical T-4 (GAIG/USDF Q + \$15)Q
130	1st 3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/US	DF Q add FPO	PSG Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q
\$15)		add \$15	5)
13N	First Level Test 3 Opportunit		PSG National Champ Q*
210	Second Level Test 1 Open/A		I1 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q add
220	Second Level Test 2 Open/A	Ψ.Ο/	
230	2nd 3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/US		Inter. Open/AA/JR A
\$15)	Third I aval Toot 1 Onen/AA/	F2B	Inter. Open/AA/JR B
310	Third Level Test 1 Open/AA/	1 . 20	Inter. Open/AA/JR II (GAIG/USDF Q
		+ \$15)	
		FGP	GP Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q add
		\$15)	
		FGPN	Grand Prix National Champ Q*
		FEI	Musical Free (GAIG/USDF Q +\$15)
		NC	Non-Compete (one or both days)
*For	· 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> level Opportunity 6		USEF Test for 4 year-Olds Practice
secr	etary BEFORE close date.	FT5	WBC FEI Test for 5 Year-Olds Prelim
	,	FT6	WBC FEI Test for 6 Year-Olds Prelim
		FT7 BC	WBC FEI Test for 7 Year-Olds Prelim FEI GP 16-25 Test*
			OC FEI GP A TOC*
		PDTOC	
		300F	Materiale 3 Year old Fillies
		300C	Materiale 3 Yr old Colts/Geldings
		400F	Materiale 4 and 5 Year old Mares
		400C	Materiale 4 and 5 Year Old
			Stallions and Geldings
		PTOC	Pony Test of Choice (GAIG/USDF
			Q + \$15)Q
			*May 10-12, June 7-9, are
			Qualifiers for: 2024 NAYC, and
			USEF National Championships.
			Please visit USEF for full NAYC
			Calendar and information.

### **Silverwood Dressage Sunday Class list**

Code	Class	Code	e Class
SDE	Dressage Equitation Sun.	\$330	3rd 3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q + \$15)
SUA	Introductory A Opportunity	6410	Fourth Level Test 1 Open/AA/JR
SUB	Introductory B Opportunity	S42O	Fourth Level Test 2 Open/AA/JR
SUC	Introductory C Opportunity	643O	4th 3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q + \$15)
S01N	Training 1 Opportunity Class	SYRI	FEI YR Individual NAYC *
S02N	Training 2 Opportunity Class	SCI	FEI Child Individual Test NAYC *
S03N	Training 3 Opportunity Class	SJRI	FEI JR Individual Test NAYC *
S010	Training Level 1 Open/AA/JR	SPI	FEI Pony Individual *
S02O	Training Level 2 Open/AA/JR	SFPO	PSG Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q + \$15)
S03O	T3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q +	SF10	I1 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q + \$15)
\$15)		SF1ONC	Intermed. 1 National Chap. Q*
S11N	First Level 1 Opportunity Class	SF2A	Inter. Open/AA/JR A
S12N	First Level 2 Opportunity Class	SF2B	Inter. Open/AA/JR B
S13N	First Level 3 Opportunity Class	SF2O	I2 Open/AA/JR II (GAIG/USDF Q +\$15)
S110	First Level 1 Open/AA/JR	SFGP	GP Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q +\$15)
S12O	First Level 2 Open/AA/JR	SFGSNC	Grand Prix Special Nat. Champ Q*
S13O	1st 3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q +	SFEI	FEI Test of choice
\$15)		SFT4	USEF Test for 4 year Olds
S210	Second Level 1 Open/AA/JR		*Markel/USEF
S220	Second Level 2 Open/AA/JR	SFT5	WBC FEI Test for 5 Year-Olds Final*
S23O	2nd 3 Open/AA/JR (GAIG/USDF Q +		Markel/USEF
\$15)		SFT6	WBC FEI Test for 6 Year-Olds Final*
S310	Third Level Test 1 Open/AA/JR		Markel/USEF
S32O	Third Level Test 2 Open/AA/JR	SFT7	WBC FEI Test for 7 Year-Olds Final* Markel/USEF
		SDPSG	USEF Developing Horse PSG
		Markel/U	SE Qual. *
SPARAF	S FEI Para Dressage Freestyle TOC*	SDGP	USEF Developing Horse GP Markel/USE
		Qual *	
		SBC	FEI Intermed. II Test Brentina Cup Q
		SYRF	FEI YR Freestyle NAYC *
SPARAT	OC FEI Para GP B TOC*	SJRF	FEI Jr Freestyle NAYC*
		5300F	Materiale 3 Year old Fillies
	ALL Days for GAIG/USDF Regional	5300C	Materiale 3 Yr old Colts/Geldings
Champ C	Q. Classes.	5400F	Materiale 4 and 5 Year old Mares
If O is li	isted then the class can count	5400C	Materiale 4 and 5 Year Old Stallions
If Q is listed then the class can count			and geldings
for (GAIG/USDF Regional championships),			Pony TOC (GAIG/USDF Q + \$15)Q
	needs to be added on entry. (Equestrian		* May 10-12, June 7-9, and
entries na	as the option to add this fee)		Qualifiers for: 2024 NAYC, and USEF
All Class			National Championships.
	ses may be separated by		Please visit USEF for full NAYC
divisior	n if needed.	I	Calendar and information.

Classes SYRI & SJRI are USEF/NAYC Qualifying. SFT5, SFT6& SFT7 are MARKELWBC Qualifying \* 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 competition 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-licensed/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; exception, CDI panels exempt from this requirement. Scores earned where CDI panels officiate are eligible to be used for qualifying if there are no changes to the judging panel in two separate CDI competitions where both scores are earned).
- 4. To qualify, eligible riders must enter an official Great American/USDF qualifying class at a USEF-licensed/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. 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-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage Competitions from two different judges or combinations of judges as described in Section C.3. All FEI Pony Rider are equivalent to Second Level; all FEI Junior Rider Tests are equivalent to Third Level; all FEI Young Rider Tests are equivalent to Prix St. Georges; and the USEF Brentina Cup (Young Adult) Test and FEI Young Rider Grand Prix 16-25 Test are equivalent to Intermediate II. For purposes of freestyle qualification, all are considered equivalent to the highest test of that level and may be used to enter a freestyle at that level or a level below. Young Horse and FEI Children Tests cannot be used for freestyle qualification at any level.
- 6. 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)
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Separate ribbons or trophies are not awarded for Great American/USDF qualifying entries.

- 10. 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.
- 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 NAYC) 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 2023 championship and ends on the closing date of that region's 2024 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.
- 19. 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.

The minimum percentages are as follows:

	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
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FREESTYLE	OPEN/Jr/	YR	AA
First Level	65%		65%
Second Level	65%		65%
Third Level	65%		65%
Fourth Level	65%		65%
Intermediate I	65%		65%

### **E. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

- 1. All Regional Championship competitions are considered Level 4. Please refer to USEF Dressage Level Requirements for specifics. (USEF DR126.4)
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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)
- 5. 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.
- 6. Verification 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.)
- 7. 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.
- 8. Under penalty of elimination, all championship tests must be ridden from memory. (USEF DR122.1)
- 9. The gate at "A" may be left open for every USEF/USDF championship ride. Decisions to either close the gate or leave it open must be consistent for all championship classes. Each Regional Championship competition management must publish in its official prize list if the gate will be closed in championship classes. (USEF DR126.2.f.5)
- 10. 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.)
- 11. In the event of a tie (equality of total points) for champion and/or reserve champion in USEF/USDF championship classes, the collective marks after coefficients have been applied 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. Should the artistic mark be the same, the higher mark for harmony will decide. If still tied the higher mark for choreography will decide. Ties (equality of total points and total collective marks after coefficients have been applied) after second place will be broken by collective marks. Ties (equality of total points and total collective marks after coefficients have been applied) occurring in third through eight places will remain unbroken. In the case of a tie (equality of total points and total collective marks after coefficients have been applied) 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 DR123.7) 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 DR126.2.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 DR126.2a.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 can be distributed prior to arrival at the awards ceremony. Award ceremony attendance is not mandatory. Riders should let show management know if they plan not to attend.
- 21. All horses competing in Regional Championships classes must be stabled on the competition grounds and must remain on the grounds for the duration of their participation in the event, from the time of arrival until the horse has finished competing in all classes. If the horse has been found to have left the grounds, and returned, it would be eliminated from championship classes, but not in non-championship classes. (USEF DR127.8)
- 22. For USEF/USDF freestyle championship classes, the competitor must provide the show with music for the freestyle. Acceptable formats/methods must be specified in the prize list. Formats must include CDs and/or digital files (MP3 and/or WAV.). Only one freestyle music per CD or digital file. All music must be submitted in the time frame specified in the prize list. Video files (MP4 or .mov) will not be accepted. Digital files must be sent and received electronically or on a thumb drive. Music should not be played via a competitor's cell phone, iPad, or any other personal mobile device. The competitor is required to bring a back-up copy (thumb drive or CD) with them to the competition. See also H.7.
- 23. The test ridden for national level USEF/USDF championship classes will be the highest test of the level.

### 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 the 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 USDF with consultation with the respective Regional Director, when appropriate. In addition, USDF reserves 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.
- 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 if they elect to participate. 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 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 white or dark colored leg bandages or boots are allowed. Whips may be carried in prize giving ceremonies. 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 DR123.13)
- 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 will be qualified to participate in the USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals. The DSM qualifying period runs from January 1, 2024 through the end of the qualifying period for the regional championship that will host the DSM Semi-Finals the rider plans to attend. One Semi-Final class will be offered for juniors, ages 13 and under, and a second Semi-Final class for riders 14

- 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. (DR123.7)
- 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.
- 5. Fineable sanctions and action taken will be published in USDF Connection and on the USDF website.

### **Qualifying Season:**

The qualifying season will vary for each region. The season during which qualifying scores may be earned for a particular Regional Championship begins the day after the closing date of that region's previous year Championship, to the closing date of that region's current year Championship. The closing date for all Regional Championships will be the fourth Monday PRIOR to the competition.

### **Membership Requirements:**

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

### Rider:

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

### Horse:

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

### **Owner:**

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

Horses must be entered in qualifying 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 prior to the competition in order for the horse to compete under the name of the new owner or lessee. (USEF DR127.2)

### **Special Notice:**

Competitions are reminded that USEF rules require that 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.

Technical Delegates for these competitions must investigate incidents of non-compliance and report violations to USEF. In addition, competitions will also be responsible to USEF to ensure that horses in qualifying classes are both USEF recorded and USDF Lifetime registered, and that rider and owner memberships are current as specified in the current championship requirements.

Copies of documents submitted by competitors to verify USEF and USDF membership and horse recording must be available the show office.

In the event a competitor is unable to produce copies of the USDF membership and/or LHR documents required to enter a qualifying class, a USDF membership affidavit may be completed and filed with the competition secretary. A fee of \$5 is required for each affidavit filed. A copy of the affidavit and the \$5 must be submitted to USDF. Affidavits will not be accepted for USDF membership or horse recording verification purposes for entry in championship classes.

Competitions are also reminded that USEF/USDF qualifying classes at ALL levels, including Training Level, MUST be held in a standard-size arena. USEF rules state that grass arenas are not recommended for qualifying classes, and if qualifying classes may be held on grass, this fact must be stated in the prize list.

Finally, please give careful consideration to the scheduling of judges for qualifying classes in multiple day shows. Riders need scores from different judges for their qualifying rides and too often shows are scheduling the same judges in the same qualifying tests on multiple days. The riders will appreciate you help in this matter.

<sup>\*</sup> PMs are USDF members who join USDF directly. USDF Group Members (GM) are ineligible.



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR 3-6 YEAR OLD HORSES COMPETING IN MATERIALE AND/OR USEF/FEI YOUNG HORSE TESTS

	3 YEAR	4 YEAR	5 YEAR	6 YEAR
	OLD	OLD	OLD	OLD
ADEQUAN®/YEAR-END AWARDS*				
Materiale Horse of the Year Award	х	Х	X	
(min. 3 scores required)	^	^	^	
USEF Four-Year-Old Award				
(min. 4 scores required)^		Х		
FEI Five-Year-Old Award			Х	
(min. 4 scores required) <sup>^</sup>			^	
FEI Six-Year-Old Award				Х
(min. 4 scores required)^				^
BREEDERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**				
Materiale Championships				
(min. 1 score required of 72% or higher)				
Three-Year-Old Championship	Х			
Four-Year-Old Championship		Χ		
Five-Year-Old Championship			Χ	

### For Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards - at the time scores are earned

- \* Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration Number (LHR)
- \* Owner must have a USDF Participating (PM) or Business Membership (BM)
  - \* Rider must have a USDF PM
  - \*Competition year starts October 1 and ends September 30

### For USDF Breeders Championship Series - to compete in the championships

- \*\* Horse must have a USDF Horse Identification Number or LHR
- \*\* Owner must have a USDF Group Membership, PM, BM or pay a non-member fee per competition
  - \*\* Rider must have a USDF PM
- \*\*Competition year starts January 1 and ends December 30

^Scores earned in the USEF Four- and FEI Five- & Six-Year-Old tests are also eligible to be used towards a USDF Horse Performance Certificate 
^^ Horses competing in the USDF Breeders Championship Series Final 
Three-Year-Old Materiale Championships may also be eligible for the 
Three-Year-Old Prospect award

# ATTENTION FREESTYLE COMPETITORS



# United States Dressage Federation $^{\scriptscriptstyle\mathsf{M}}$

# Freestyle Competitor Reminders

- The format for the music should be listed in the prize list. If not check with competition management.
- Submit your music clearly labeled with your name, horse's name, bridle number, and freestyle level.
- Make sure to bring a backup in the format requested.
- Be present for your sound check.
- Know the rules for the level you are riding. This includes forbidden and allowed movements for your level.

**Questions?** 

Contact: MusicalFreestyle@usdf.org

### ATTENTION COMPETITORS

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

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

### **USDF** Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of individual members and over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States, 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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### 2024 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships

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

### Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

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

### Rider:

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

### Horse:

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

### Owner:

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

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

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

This competition is recognized by USDF for 2024

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

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

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

### **Exceptions:**

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

### **Memberships Defined**

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

**Group Membership (GM):** A membership issued to an individual by USDF when the member name and dues are submitted to USDF through an affiliate Group Member Organization (GMO). The GM year begins December 1 and ends November 30. A GM allows the member to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions and participate in the USDF Rider Awards Program and the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program. **Business Membership (BM):** A membership that runs December 1 through November 30 and is issued to a business or organization directly by USDF. The USDF BM (\$240) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

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

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

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

### **How to Join USDF**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Vaulter or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, represof the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") abound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the compet under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the compet the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate us a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federasts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of mor benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likeness to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably wair compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropithe Stateof New York, and any action instituted against the Federation. If not currently a USEF Active Competing member or Subscriber, I a	cknowledge that I will be enrolled for no cost as a USEF Fan and my USEF Fan Account tion. Additionally, I acknowledge that the benefits of a USEF Fan are subject to change
USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies	ree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time, as well as all ing this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have yown hand.
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For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian ("USEF") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and \_\_\_\_\_\_("USEF Event" or "USEF Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

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

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

### WARNING:

A person who is engaged for compensation in the rental of equines or equine equipment or tack or in the instruction of a person in the riding or driving of an equine or in being a passenger upon an equine is not liable for the injury or death of a person involved in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, as defined in section 895.481 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR ☐ OWNER ☐ TRAINER ☐ OFFICIAL ☐ STAFF ☐ VOLUNTEER ☐ COACH (IF APPLICABLE)			
Signature: Date:	Print Name:		
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