

Awards:

- 1) Six Ribbons and First Place Trophy for each open class
- 2) Region 8 Championships Awards to 8 places. Champions in each region and division will receive \$437 in prize money, an embroidered vest provided by SmartPak, official supplement feeding system of USDF, and an embroidered nylon stall guard. Reserve champions in each region and division will receive \$291 in prize money, along with a saddle pad provided by the Great American Insurance Group, title sponsor of the championships. Ribbons third through eighth places. In a USEF/USDF championship class, the horse/rider combination must obtain the necessary minimum percentage score (57%) to be named champion or reserve champion. (USEF DR123.6) If the highest and/or second 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.

Entries Fees:

GAIG/USDF Qualifying classes add \$15 to class fee	
USEF Show Pass	\$45
USDF Non-Member	\$35
USEF Drug Fee (\$8 Drug & \$15 USEF Fee)	\$23/horse
Office Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$50/entry
Non-competing Horse Fee plus office fee	\$65
Post Entry Surcharge	\$50
(Applies to all entries RECEIVED after the closing date.)	
Class Change, if granted by show secretary	\$30/class
Non-negotiable check or declined credit card	\$50

All entries MUST submit applicable USEF and USDF documents for rider, owner, trainer and horse, a negative Coggins dated within 12 months of show, proof of EIV and EHV vaccinations dated within six months of the show, a drug fee, and non-refundable office fee. Please include USEF Show Pass and/or USDF non-member fee if applicable. All entries must have three signatures and also emergency info on the entry form. In addition, USEF waiver must be signed by all parties on the entry. Checks payable to **HITS, Inc** or fill out Credit Card info on the entry form. Mastercard and Visa only. Entries can be mailed, emailed or online via www.HorseShowOffice.com. Emailed or online entries are only accepted with CC as payment. Post entries including late championship entries will be accepted to fill scratches with a \$50 post entry fee on www.HorseShowOffice.com. Completed entries will be processed in the order they are received. Please note any conflict with Judges. If notified after scheduling, there will be no refunds if conflict cannot be avoided.

Communication with Competitors: Show secretary will maintain as much communication with competitors as possible using email. Be sure to include email address on entry form

HorseShowOffice.com: Ride Times, Award Schedule, Stabling Assignments, and Wait lists will all be found on the website and updated regularly.

Written Notification: (1) notification to Show Secretary by email and (2) reply by email from Show Secretary. No changes or refunds will be processed without both (1) and (2) above.

No changes to ride times for Regionals Championships classes. Changes to Open Classes may be only done by paying the Change/Add Fee; In addition, any Change or Add that requires issuance of new Bridle Number (and therefore new Entry Form into the computer system) will be charged Office Fee and if after closing Late Entry Fee plus an Office Fee.

Refund Policies

Checks are cashed and credit cards are charged upon receipt of entry. Any refund monies will be issued after show and refunded according to initial payment method and party. Full refunds, except for Office Fee, through Closing Date only with Written Notification (email) to Show Secretary and with written receipt from Secretary. No refunds after Closing Date.

Any unused USEF or USDF fees will be refunded after any indebtedness is settled.

No refunds for cancellation of Event, portion(s) of Event and / or class(es) for any reason including (but not exclusively) situations resulting from: grounds (or portion of grounds) unavailable to / unusable by HITS for any reason; inclement weather; Acts of God; local / national emergency, act(s) of terrorism.

Times: Times will be on the website, www.horseshowoffice.com, at least one week prior to the competition. Please email or upload music. IF CDs are the only method, music must be in MP3 or WAV formats, and CDs will NOT be returned. Once music is received, sound check time will be assigned.

Stabling: 1,100 Stalls available in permanent barns with sliding doors. 484 12x12 stalls in "Front Barns" at \$325 for stall or tack stall; 536 10x12 stalls in "Back Barns" at \$250 for stall or tack stall for duration for open show. Please note your stabling group on your entry. **No refunds on stabling after closing.** May arrive on Tuesday after 4 pm, must vacate by 7pm Sunday. Earlier arrivals and later departures must get permission from management and \$65/night fee. Unexpected early arrivals may have to wait and shavings may not be available. All stalls will be stripped before arrival. No initial bedding. Bedding is \$10/bag. Hay available for \$20/bale. Pre order and pay for bedding with Show Secretary only on or before Friday (9/16) before the show. After this date bedding and hay may still be ordered with the Show Secretary at the show office. Night watch will be provided 9:00 PM until 6:00 AM at show expense. Please make sure your contact information is on your stall card. Paddocks available for \$300.

Stabling Assignments: Stalls will be assigned just after Closing Date by Entry Date. Assignments are by first come first serve. Incomplete entries will not be scheduled until complete. If the front barns fill a waiting list will be established. If you paid for front barn location and are not placed there because of an over fill situation, you will be issued a refund. If you are assigned a front barn location and chose to go to the back barns to be with your group, no refund will be issued.

Competitors who have not scratched may arrange privately to share stall with another party. Competitor must (1) arrange privately the details of cost, bedding, switching horses and (2) notify Show Secretary by Written Notification (email plus written receipt) of the details.

LOCAL RULES

On Wednesday, September 21st, all competition arenas, warm-ups, and lunging will be available at 9am to 6pm.

On Competition days warmups and lunging are open at 7am to 6pm. Before the start of competition, areas around outside of dressage competition arenas are available for hand walking only before 7:30 AM. From end of final class until 6 PM riding is allowed inside rings. Competitors must remain on the designated show grounds, see map.

Photographer - Sue Stickle and staff are on the grounds as the official photographer. No one else may market / sell any event photographs, nor submit to any website or publication.

Flames. No flames of any kind in barns, including cigarettes and BBQs.

Mounting. No horse may be mounted **within** any barn.

Dogs. Dogs must be leashed. Dogs may not be tied in barn aisles.

Cross Tying. Horses may not be cross tied in barn aisles.

Manners. Please treat volunteers, staff and show management with respect.

Enforcement. TDs, in consultation with Show Management, will enforce these rules.

Accommodations:

Diamond Mills – 845-247-0700

Best Western Plus - 845-338-0400, Pets allowed, reservation must be made by 8/24

Other hotels can be found on www.hitsshows.com.

Camper Hookups are \$150 for duration.

Goft Carts: Go directly to Devers, www.deverinc.com, to make your reservation.

Directions:

From the North: Take I-87 (NY State Thruway) to Exit 20 – Saugerties. Turn right on Rt 32 N

*Travel 0.5 mi past Peoples Rd to 'Y' intersection. Bear right at 'Y' intersection to County Rt 34 and go 0.1 mi to 4-way stop. Turn right onto Malden Turnpike/County Rt 34. Go 1.6 mi to stop sign at intersection for Rt 9W. Turn right onto Rt 9W South. Go 0.4 mi to Krout Rd. Turn right onto Krout Rd – Caution! This is a steep downhill grade. HITS will be on your left at the base of the hill. Turn in at Gate A.

From the South: Take I-87 (NY State Thruway) to Exit 20 – Saugerties. Turn left at traffic light after tollbooth. Immediately move into the right lane and bear right onto Rt 32 North. Follow directions from '*'. Maps available on www.hitsshows.com.

Footing: All dressage classes will be scheduled in large (20mx60m) sand arenas with drained all weather sand footing. All weather sand warm ups for dressage competitors. Lunging available. Unusual conditions may force show management to alter these arrangements. Water trucks available in dry conditions.

Entertainment: Food available on the grounds beginning 7am each day. Competitors Party at Diamond Mills on Friday– more details to come. VIP will be available from Thursday to Sunday at \$1500 for table of 6 and \$300 for individual seat. It will include breakfast and lunch, wine and beer and specialty cocktail midafternoon. Menus will be posted closer to the show and the same chef from Festival of Championships event at Lamplight will be doing the catering.

VIP Sponsorships are available for class sponsor, VIP tables, etc. Please contact Chris, chris@hitsshows.com, for more information.

Other: Farrier on the grounds. Veterinarian on the grounds and on call, and contact info will be posted. Management reserves the right to combine, divide, or cancel classes or championships specified in this prizelist. EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULEBOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.

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

Great American Insurance / USDF Region 8 Championship and HITS Open show Class List

Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Class Name	Division (Specify)	Fee	Q
101	201	301	401	USEF Training Test One	O; AA; Jr/YR	\$55	
102	202	302	402	USEF Training Test Two	O; AA; Jr/YR	\$55	
103	203	303	403	USEF Training Test Three	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$55	+ \$15
109O				Great American/USDF Training Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
		309A		Great American/USDF Training Championship	Amateur	\$95	+ \$15
			409J	Great American/USDF Training Championship	Jr/YR	\$95	+ \$15
111	211	311	411	USEF First Level Test One	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$55	
112	212	312	412	USEF First Level Test Two	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$55	
113	213	313	413	USEF First Level Test Three	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$55	+ \$15
			419O	Great American/USDF 1 st Level Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
	219A			Great American/USDF 1 st Level Championship	Amateur	\$95	+ \$15
		319J		Great American/USDF 1 st Level Championship	Jr/YR	\$95	+ \$15
121	221	321	421	USEF Second Level Test One	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$55	
122	222	322	422	USEF Second Level Test Two	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$55	
123	223	323	423	USEF Second Level Test Three	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$55	+ \$15
		329O		Great American/USDF 2 nd Level Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
		329A		Great American/USDF 2 nd Level Championship	Amateur	\$95	+ \$15
			429J	Great American/USDF 2 nd Level Championship	Jr/YR	\$95	+ \$15
131	231	331	431	USEF Third Level Test One	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$65	
132	232	332	432	USEF Third Level Test Two	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$65	
133	233	333	433	USEF Third Level Test Three	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$65	+ \$15
			439O	Great American/USDF 3 rd Level Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
	239A			Great American/USDF 3 rd Level Championship	Amateur	\$95	+ \$15
		339J		Great American/USDF 3 rd Level Championship	Jr/YR	\$95	+ \$15
141	241	341	441	USEF Fourth Level Test One	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$65	
142	242	342	442	USEF Fourth Level Test Two	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$65	
143	243	343	443	USEF Fourth Level Test Three	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$65	+ \$15
149O				Great American/USDF 4 th Level Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
			449A	Great American/USDF 4 th Level Championship	Amateur	\$95	+ \$15
			449J	Great American/USDF 4 th Level Championship	Jr/YR	\$95	+ \$15
151	251	351	451	FEI Test of Choice (Specify test / no freestyles)*	O; AA; Jr/YR;	\$95	+ \$15 *
152				FEI & USDF Freestyle Test of Choice (Specify test)**	Open	\$70	+ \$15 **
	259O			Great American/USDF FEI PSG Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
	259A			Great American/USDF FEI PSG Championship	Amateur	\$95	+ \$15
		359J		Great American/USDF FEI PSG Championship	Jr/YR	\$95	+ \$15
169O				Great American/USDF FEI I1 Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
			469A	Great American/USDF FEI I1 Championship	Amateur	\$95	+ \$15
			469J	Great American/USDF FEI I1 Championship	Jr/YR	\$95	+ \$15
179O				Great American/USDF FEI I2 Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
			479A	Great American/USDF FEI I2 Championship	Amateur	\$95	+ \$15
			479J	Great American/USDF FEI I2 Championship	Jr/YR	\$95	+ \$15
		389O		Great American/USDF FEI GP Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15

		389A		Great American/USDF FEI GP Championship	Amateur	\$95	+ \$15
		389J		Great American/USDF FEI GP Championship	Jr/YR	\$95	+ \$15
			499U	Great American/USDF 1st Level Freestyle Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
			499V	Great American/USDF 2 nd Level Freestyle Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
		399W		Great American/USDF 3 rd Level Freestyle Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
		399X		Great American/USDF 4 th Level Freestyle Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
		399I		Great American/USDF FEI I-I Freestyle Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
	299G			Great American/USDF FEI GP Freestyle Championship	Open	\$95	+ \$15
	259Y			Great American/USDF FEI Young Rider Championship	YR	\$95	+ \$15
	259J			Great American/USDF FEI Junior Championship	Jr	\$95	+ \$15
			4M9A	USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals (13 & Under)	Jr	\$95	
			4M9B	USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals (14 to18)	Jr	\$95	
			475	USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Final	AA	\$95	

NOTE: Open classes will be split if entries warrant.

+ \$15 Enter a "Q" after the appropriate class number if entering the class as a GAIG / USDF qualifier and include the additional qualifying fee of \$15.

* No Para Eq or Young Horse tests. GAIG qualifiers at FEI level if Applicable

** Training Level is not GAIG/USDF Qualifier

Important Details for Regional Competitors

CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION DATES: SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 – AUGUST 29, 2022

Qualifying scores for Championship Classes must be earned on / within these Qualification Dates. See usdf.org for specific details on qualifying requirements.

CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY DETAILS: Show Secretary must receive Entry, complete to all specifications in the Official Prize List as posted at www.usdf.org, for guaranteed space in Championship class(es) on or before Closing Date, 8/29. This applies to all horse / rider combinations, both those already qualified and those which have not yet qualified. Post entry (after Closing Date) if space available for any Championship classes.

For those horses entered but still unqualified on Entry Date, notify Secretary, on or before Closing Date, by Written Notification (*in writing to Secretary AND with reply in writing from Secretary*) of how to process entry. If this Written Notification is not received on or before Closing Date, Secretary will (1) assume horse has qualified and (2) will process the entry and (3) there is no refund of Championship Class entry fee(s). See additional details and Written Notification procedures in General Competition Specifications section of this Official Prize List.

AWARDS CEREMONIES

A tentative schedule for the Awards Ceremonies will be printed in the "Show Program" and the official schedule will be posted in the show secretary's office and will be online at HorseShowOffice.com by noon on the day prior to the beginning of the competition and in an area where social distancing can be adhered to.

Riders placing in Great American/USDF Regional Championship classes will have the opportunity (not required) to attend an awards ceremony (eight places for all Championship classes). If you would like to participate you must be present at your designated time, mounted and properly dressed, and the official show photographer will take photographs at the proscribed times at the Regional Championship backdrop.

USDF DRESSAGE SEAT MEDAL SEMI-FINALS

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 in a DSE class at a licensed Dressage competition during the qualifying period (January 1st thru August 29th, 2022) will be qualified to participate in the USDF Dressage Seat Equitation Semi-Finals. One Semi-Final class will be offered for juniors, ages 13 and under, and a second Semi-Final class for riders 14 through 18 in each Great American/USDF Regional Championship. A regional champion and reserve champion for each age group will be named in each USDF region.

PRIZE MONEY

Prize money for Great American/USDF Regional Championships will be paid directly by the USDF office to the recorded horse owner within thirty (30) days of the last day of each championship. Champions in each region and division will receive \$437 in prize money, an embroidered vest provided by SmartPak, official supplement feeding system of USDF, and an embroidered nylon stall guard. Reserve champions in each region and division will receive \$291 in prize money, along with a saddle pad provided by the Great American Insurance Group, title sponsor of the championships

ADULT EQUITATION REGIONAL FINAL CLASS

To compete in the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class, riders must have qualified by obtaining a 70% or higher in an applicable equitation class during the qualifying period OR be qualified for the Great American/USDF Regional Championships at any level except freestyle. Additional requirements may be found on USDF.org or by contacting the USDF office.



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

USDF

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships Required Rules for Prize List

A. MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFYING AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rider:

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.

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

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\$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)

E. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. All Regional Championship competitions are considered Level 4. Please refer to USEF Dressage Level Requirements for specifics.
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. Photocopies of USDF/USEF membership cards and horse recording and registration certificates must accompany championship entry (USDF PM for rider, USDF PM or BM for owner, etc.).

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" must be closed for every USEF/USDF championship ride. (USEF DR126.1.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 will determine first, second, and/or third or all three places; (i.e. when a tie for first place is broken by collective marks, tied competitors will receive first and second places, etc.). If collective marks are equal, the tie will remain unbroken (i.e. two first places will be awarded next third place, etc.). For ties in freestyle classes refer to USEF DR129.5 which states the highest score shall be declared the winner of the class. In the case of a tie, the higher artistic score shall determine the winner. Ties (equality of total points) after second place will be broken by collective marks. Ties (equality of total points and collective marks or artistic scores) occurring in third through eight places will remain unbroken. In the case of a tie (equality of total points and collective marks or artistic scores) for champion, prize money designated for champion and reserve champion will be combined and divided equally between the two competitors.
12. Hors de Concours entries are not permitted in USEF/USDF championship classes. (USEF DR119.5)
13. In a USEF/USDF championship class, the horse/rider combination must obtain the necessary minimum percentage score to be named champion or reserve champion. (USEF DR123.6) If the highest placed horse/rider combination receives less than the minimum percentage, no championship awards or prize money will be issued, however an awards ceremony will be held for the entire class. In lieu of a champion and/or reserve neck sash, a first and/or second place ribbon will be awarded.
14. In USEF/USDF championship classes, a steward must be appointed to check the saddlery, bits and spurs, on both sides of each horse immediately after it has completed its test and has left the arena. Any discrepancy to the saddlery rules will result in immediate elimination. (USEF DR126.1.i.6)
15. A Registered (R) Dressage Technical Delegate (TD), who is a current Participating Member of USDF, is required to officiate at USEF/USDF championships. TDs for competitions offering qualifying and/or championship classes must investigate incidents of non-compliance and report violations to USEF. "R" Dressage TDs hired to officiate Regional Championship classes must be selected from outside the region. This applies only to the primary competition TD, who is the person responsible for filing the TD report for the competition with USEF. (See section H.3.c, and USEF GR1018.3 and DR127.3)
16. Entries in USEF/USDF dressage championship classes are limited to competitors who have met the qualifications, membership, horse recording and registration requirements, and deadlines outlined in USEF DR127 and published by USDF. Competitors who are properly qualified, whose completed entries are received by the closing date for a particular Regional Championship, and who have complied with all championship rules may not be denied entry into the Regional Championship classes for which they have qualified. Only one class per division and/or level may be held to determine USEF/USDF regional champions. (USEF DR127.7)
17. USEF/USDF championships classes may not be split. (USEF DR126.1a.4)
18. Championship classes for juniors and young riders must only be held on Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday. Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals classes must be held on Saturday or Sunday. Juniors and young riders' entries (horse/rider combinations) are limited to entry in only two championship classes, excluding freestyle.
19. Except for freestyles, the FEI Junior Team Test, and FEI Young Rider Team test, championship classes at consecutive levels, for the same division, may not be held on the same day.
- ~~20. Ribbons and prizes cannot be distributed prior to the arrival at the awards ceremony.~~
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 two CDs that contain their freestyle music, with only one freestyle music per CD that will play on a CD player (i.e. no rewritable CDs). Music should be in .WAV or MP3 format.
23. The test ridden for national level USEF/USDF championship classes will be the highest test of the level.

Motorized Vehicle – GR1301.7 & GR 1301.8

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.

Membership Statement – GR901.9

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 nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$45 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot (exception: Friesian performance FR222) 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.

Protective headgear –DR120.6 (GR801.6)

From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds, including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, mounted participants in exhibition classes and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para-Equestrian tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such head-gear is properly in place. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Unless jackets are waived, while in the competition ring, exhibitors wearing protective headgear must wear a short, dark jacket, dark tail coat (only permitted for tests above Fourth Level), or Armed Services or police uniform (if eligible), dark hat covers (where applicable) and must other-wise conform to DR120 (see GR801).

Sharps Container – GR1210.4

Competition management shall place a minimum of one sharps container per each competition, whether or not stabling is provided. Additionally, at least one sharps container per fifty occupied stalls for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. It is competition management's responsibility to replace such containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments. Competition management will place a notice of this requirement either in its prize list or on a specific handout given to trainers on check in at the competition. If local law has different requirements, local law will prevail. Competitions failing to comply with placing the required number of containers on the show grounds will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.

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



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US Dressage Finals Eligibility

The US Dressage Finals is an Invitational competition using the USEF/USDF Regional Championship program to qualify. Qualifying takes place at each of the nine Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, based on either 1) Ranking in a Regional Championship Class or 2) Wild Card Eligibility. Either must be achieved at a Regional Championship in a class and eligible division offered at the US Dressage Finals.

I. Qualification Based on Ranking in a Regional Championship Class:

Champion and Reserve Champion horse/rider combinations for each level and eligible division from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited, provided the following three requirements are met: US Citizenship; Declaration of Intent completed by the deadline; and earning an eligible ranking in a Regional Championship class.

Note: Since Freestyle classes at Regional Championships are not split by division, the top two declared Open horse/rider combinations and the top two declared Adult Amateur horse/rider combinations for each level from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited. In addition, to be eligible for the Adult Amateur division in the Freestyles at the US Dressage Finals, competitors must check the AA box on the Regional Championship entry form and must provide proof of Adult Amateur status prior to competing in their Regional Championship classes.

- 1) United States Citizenship Requirement: To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen.
- 2) Declaration Requirement: **The horse/rider combination must declare their intention to participate** by completing the Declaration of Intent form by midnight on the day prior to the first day of their Regional Championship competition (including any open class day before the start of championship classes). **There is no fee to declare, but horse/rider combinations must declare at the level(s) and eligible division(s) they intend to compete in at the US Dressage Finals. Go to www.usdressagefinals.com to declare.**
- 3) Ranking in a Regional Championship Class: Eligibility to enter US Dressage Finals classes is based on a horse/rider combination's ranking in a Regional Championship class. Champions and Reserve Champions in eligible classes will be automatically invited, as long as they have declared by the deadline. *Note: In order to be named Champion and Reserve Champion in a Regional Championship class, a horse/rider combination must have achieved a score of 57% or higher.*

In the event that the Champion and/or Reserve Champion declines the invitation, or are ineligible to compete in the US Dressage Finals, the horse/rider combination that has the next highest ranking in the class will be eligible, providing they:

1. Are a US citizen.
2. Completed the Declaration of Intent for that particular level and division by the deadline.
3. Achieved the pre-requisite score of 57% or higher.

If that combination declines, the same process will be followed down through the fifth ranked declared horse/rider combination for that Finals level and division.

No notifications will be issued beyond the fifth ranked, of declared horse/rider combination except as may be eligible through the Wild Card invitations described below.

II. Qualification Based on Wild Card Eligibility:

Horse/rider combinations who are not otherwise qualified to compete in the US Dressage Finals based on their Regional Championship ranking (see above) may be invited to participate in a Finals class by earning a Wild Card score achieved at one of the nine Regional Championships, provided the following two requirements are met: US Citizenship and earning an eligible Wild Card score in a Regional Championship class.

- 1) United States Citizenship Requirement: To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen.
- 2) Eligible Wild Card Score: Eligibility to enter US Dressage Finals classes is based on a Wild Card score earned in a Regional Championship class. For all levels and divisions from Training through Grand Prix, a horse/rider combination that competes in a Regional Championship class and achieves a score at or above the score listed below for that level and division may compete in the same level and division at the US Dressage Finals.

Note: Horse/rider combinations are not required to have filed a "Declaration of Intent" in order to receive a Wild Card invitation.

	<u>OPEN:</u>	<u>AA:</u>	<u>JR/YR:</u>
Training:	72%	68%	68%
First:	72%	68%	68%
Second:	68%	65%	65%
Third:	68%	65%	65%
Fourth:	68%	65%	65%
Prix St. Georges:	68%	65%	
Intermediate I:	66%	64%	
Intermediate II:	66%	64%	
Grand Prix:	66%	64%	
All Freestyles	68%	68%	

III. Invitations:

Invitations and notifications will be emailed to eligible/qualified horse/rider combinations immediately after each Regional Championship. There will be three categories of emails:

- 1) Invitation emails will be sent to the top two of the top five declared horse/rider combinations.
- 2) Invitation emails will be sent to combinations eligible for a Wild Card.
- 3) Notification emails will be sent to the third to fifth declared horse/rider combinations, notifying them that they are on the reserve/alternate list and reminding them to check the website for any status changes that would make them eligible for an invitation.

In the event that an invited horse/rider combination scratches, invitations may be issued up to the start of the competition.

Note: Competitors do not need to receive an actual invitation to nominate themselves for the US Dressage Finals. The entry system will have their eligibility status and they can nominate prior to receiving an email invitation.

IV. Nomination Requirement:

Nomination, including payment of the nomination fee, is required for participation in US Dressage Finals classes, whether qualifying through ranking in a Regional Championship class or by Wild Card Eligibility. The nomination deadline is midnight, 96 hours after the last championship day in the regional championship show in which the horse/rider combination competed. Each US Dressage Finals horse/rider combination is required to complete the nomination (preliminary entry) process including the horse/rider combinations on the reserve/alternate list. The Nomination fee paid will be applied to the total amount due at Closing Date.

V. Entry Requirements

Completed entries for the US Dressage Finals *must be received* by the closing date, October 17, 2022 midnight Eastern Time. Priority for all stabling requests (including stabling in Alltech Barns and for double stalls) will be based on the date of receipt of the COMPLETE online entry. Each online entry must include the following: full payment, fully signed 2022 US Dressage Finals entry form and signed USEF Waiver, current negative Coggins test and current Flu/Rhino Vaccine Record. All documents must be

uploaded when you receive your online entry confirmation from Horseshowoffice.com, that is emailed immediately to you after you enter online. The last factor in determining stabling priority will be the allotted number of Alltech stalls available per region.

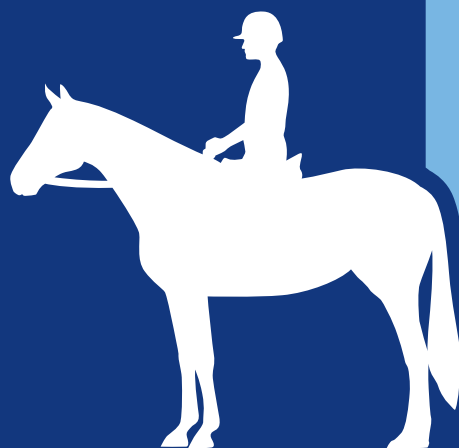
US Dressage Finals Deadlines		
Regional Championship	Declaration	Nomination
1	Wednesday, October 5, 2022	Thursday, October 13, 2022
2	Tuesday, September 13, 2022	Thursday, September 22, 2022
3	Thursday, October 6, 2022	Thursday, October 13, 2022
4	Wednesday, September 7, 2022	Thursday, September 15, 2022
5	Wednesday, September 21, 2022	Thursday, September 29, 2022
6	Wednesday, September 14, 2022	Thursday, September 22, 2022
7	Wednesday, September 21, 2022	Thursday, September 29, 2022
8	Wednesday, September 21, 2022	Thursday, September 29, 2022
9	Wednesday, October 5, 2022	Thursday, October 13, 2022
<p><i>Above deadlines are midnight in the time zone of the specific Regional Championship</i></p> <p>Entry Closing Date is October 17, 2022 midnight Eastern Time</p> <p>See Official Prize List for more information.</p>		

For evolving event and competitor information, usdressagefinals.com will be your source.

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

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 and fax or mail it to the USDF office.
- In the show office at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions classified by USEF as Dressage Competitions, and Regular Competitions which are open to all breeds.
- By calling or writing the USDF office at (859) 971-2277, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511

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



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2023 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships

A single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), will be held in each of the nine USDF regions. In addition, Alaska and Hawaii may each hold state championships if an official request from a Group Member Organization (GMO) is received by April 1 of the prior year. The Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF website at www.usdf.org. Please refer to the 2023 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.

New for 2023! Combined AA/Jr/YR freestyle classes.

The minimum percentages are as follows:

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

FREESTYLE	OPEN	Combined AA/Jr/YR
First Level	65%	65%
Second Level	65%	65%
Third Level	65%	65%
Fourth Level	65%	65%
Intermediate I	65%	65%
Grand Prix	65%	65%

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



FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaulteur or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of USDF Reg 8 & HITS (Competition). I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cablecasts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

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

Rider/Handler (mandatory)	
Signature _____	Print Name _____
Owner/Agent (mandatory)	
Signature _____	Print Name _____
Trainer (mandatory)	
Signature _____	Print Name _____
Coach (if applicable)	
Signature _____	Print Name _____
Parent/Guardian (required if rider/handler is a minor)	
Signature _____	Print Name _____



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

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

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies 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").

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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 as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time, as well as all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Print Name: _____

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

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