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## Houghton University Spring Dressage I & II May 29 & 30, 2026

USEF/USDF Nos. **315563** & **329488**  
Recognition: USEF/USDF Level 2 Competitions

HOUGHTON UNIVERSITY EQUESTRIAN CENTER  
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\*\*\* Mailed entries need to be postmarked a week before the closing date \*\*\*

## Houghton University Spring Dressage I & II Class List

Friday Class	Saturday Class	Class Description	Divisions	Fee	Qualifying Fees
101	201	USDF Introductory Test A	Open	\$40	
102	202	USDF Introductory Test B	Open	\$40	
103	203	USDF Introductory Test C	Open	\$40	
104-A	204-A	USEF Training Level Test 1	Opportunity	\$40	
104-B	204-B	USEF Training Level Test 2	Opportunity	\$40	
104-C	204-C	USEF First Level Test 1	Opportunity	\$40	
104-D	204-D	USEF First Level Test 2	Opportunity	\$40	
105	205	USEF Training Level Test 1	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	
106	206	USEF Training Level Test 2	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	
107	207	USEF Training Level Test 3	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	\$20
108	208	USEF First Level Test 1	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	
109	209	USEF First Level Test 2	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	
110	210	USEF First Level Test 3	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	\$20
111	211	USEF Second Level Test 1	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	
112	212	USEF Second Level Test 2	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	
113	213	USEF Second Level Test 3	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	\$20
114	214	USEF Third Level Test 1	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	
115	215	USEF Third Level Test 2	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	
116	216	USEF Third Level Test 3	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	\$20
117	217	USEF Fourth Level Test 1	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	
118	218	USEF Fourth Level Test 2	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	
119	219	USEF Fourth Level Test 3	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	\$20
120	220	Musical Freestyle – Training Level**, First through Fourth Level**	Open/AA/JRYR	\$50	\$20
121	221	Musical Freestyle – FEI Levels**	Open/AA/JRYR	\$55	\$20
122	222	FEI Prix St. Georges***	Open/AA/JRYR	\$55	\$20
123	223	FEI Intermediate I or II Test of Choice***	Open/AA/JRYR	\$55	\$20
124	224	FEI Grand Prix***	Open/AA/JRYR	\$55	\$20
125	225	USEF Test of Choice*** – Training through Fourth Level	Open/AA/JRYR	\$60	\$20
126	226	FEI Test of Choice***	Open/AA/JRYR	\$60	\$20
127	227	USEF Dressage Seat Equitation	Open/AA/JRYR	\$35	
128	228	FEI Para Test of Choice***		\$60	
	229	USEF/FEI Pony Test of Choice***	Pony	\$60	\$20

### IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT CLASSES

#### Separate entry for each day (May 29 classes 101 – 129, May 30 classes 201 – 230)

- \*\* Specify level on entry form. Freestyle riders are responsible for their own music. Training Level Freestyles excluded from GAIG/USDF Qualifying.
- \*\*\* Specify test and division on entry form.
- For Qualifying Classes (for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships), rider must be USEF & USDF participating member, owner must have USDF Participating or Business membership; horse must be registered with USEF & have USDF Lifetime Horse Registration.
- For all classes except Opportunity classes, specify Open, Adult Amateur, or JR/YR on entry form. Classes will be split in placings if entries warrant, otherwise each class number will be placed as one class.
- All tests will be ridden in a standard long 20x60m arena.

## HOUGHTON UNIVERSITY SPRING DRESSAGE I & II FEE SCHEDULE

<b>Show Fees (No refunds after closing date)</b>	
Show Office Fee (per entry per show – separate entry required for each show)	\$40
Late Entry Fee (if space is available & per entry per show)	\$30
Change/Add Fee After Closing Date (per change)	\$30
Incomplete/Incorrect Entry Fee	\$25
Returned Check/Declined Credit Card Handling Fee	\$30
<b>USDF and USEF Fees</b>	
Great American/USDF Qualifying Fee (additional)	\$20
USEF Drug/Medication Fee (D/M = \$15, USEF = \$10)	\$25
USDF Non-member Fee per rider and owner	\$55
USDF Affidavit Fee	\$5
<b>Stall Fees</b>	
Weekend Stall Fee (Thursday 3pm – Saturday 8pm)	\$145
Weekend Tack Stall Fee (Thursday 3pm – Saturday 8pm)      *if space allows*	\$145
Early Arrival ( <b>must designate arrival date and get approval</b> )	\$50
One Day Stall Fee (Thursday 3pm – Friday 6pm or Friday 6pm – Saturday 8pm)	\$80
One Day Tack Stall Fee (Thursday 3pm – Friday 6pm or Friday 6pm – Saturday 8pm)	\$80
Trailer In/Grounds Fee (per day for those showing off trailers)	\$30
Pre-Purchased Shavings (per bag)	\$12
Stall Cleaning Fee ( <b>separate check made out to Houghton University</b> )*	\$50

\*If entering online, bring check to show. Check won't be deposited if stall is cleaned prior to leaving the show.

### ENTRY INFORMATION

**Two options to enter:**

**Online entry** – Bank drafts are the only method of payment. [www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com) Separate check needed for stall cleaning fee if stabling. Bring check to show.

**Mailed entry** – Only checks or money orders in US Funds are accepted. Please make a single check/money order payable to Houghton University. For security, NO CREDIT CARDS accepted for mailed entries. **Show entry must be postmarked a week before the closing date.**

Mail to: Kathy Grisolia  
1410 Huntertown Road  
Versailles, KY 40383

**Send entries without a signature needed.**

**E-mailed entries will NOT be accepted.**

**Reminder: This prize list covers two shows. You must submit TWO entry forms if entering both shows. Payment required with entry. Each horse/rider combination requires a separate entry form.**

Entry is not complete until payment is received. Checks will be deposited upon receipt. No post-dated checks accepted. Dishonored checks or declined credit cards will require complete repayment prior to the show plus a service charge of \$30. All outstanding fees must be paid before show packets are issued. No bridle number will be issued without full payment and completed entry, including signatures and emergency contact information.

#### **Complete entries MUST include:**

USEF and USDF member numbers and signatures of owner/rider/trainer/coach or non-member fee(s) where applicable. (A parent or guardian signing on behalf of a junior exhibitor does not need to be a USEF member.)  
USDF and USEF Horse Registration/Recording number(s) (where applicable)  
Copy of a negative Coggins taken within the last 2 calendar years (2025-2026) showing the same horse name as on the entry  
Copy of Flu/Rhino vaccination within 6 months of show (GR844.1)  
Freestyle classes must include copy of qualifying test with entry.  
All entries must include the USEF Waiver and Release of Liability.

**Entries missing any of these items will be considered incomplete. Incomplete/incorrect entry fee is \$25.**

Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis based on postmark or online entry day and entries may be limited. Those entries postmarked after closing will be accepted at the discretion of the show secretary, based on a space available basis and charged a \$25 late fee per show. If the classes are oversubscribed, a Waiting List (in the order of receipt) will be maintained. Management reserves the right to refuse any entry. Entries may close early if time limits for judges are filled. Remaining entries will be placed on a wait list. Late entries, if accepted, must be completed and submitted by 11 a.m. the day before the start of class. Late Entries will not be included in the program.

**Great American/USDF Qualifying Classes** indicate the class entered is to count for qualifying by placing a Q after the class number on your entry. Qualifying does not require a separate ride. An exhibitor riding in the Open, AA, Young Rider, or Junior classes must pay an additional \$20 USDF qualifying fee to have this score entered in the GAIG/USDF qualifying division at that level. RIDERS must have an active USEF Membership and a USDF Participating Membership. OWNERS must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Junior Active, Senior Active, Life, or Recorded Farm (with Active Farm Owner)). If the horse has more than one owner, at least one owner must have both active USEF membership and USDF Participating or Business Membership. For a business or farm to be the valid owner under this requirement, it must be listed as an owner of the horse with both USEF and USDF. HORSES must be Annual or Lifetime Recorded with USEF and USDF Lifetime Registered – an HID is not sufficient.

**Conditions of entry** Every horse entered for competition will be under the control of the Horse Show Management, but the Horse Show Management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Horse Show Management, Facility, and its Directors harmless for any loss or accident to his horse, horses, or equipment which may occur from sickness, fire or otherwise.

**Confirmation of entry will be e-mailed. All e-mail addresses must be CLEARLY printed. Times will be posted on [www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com) & [www.wnyda.org](http://www.wnyda.org) by May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.**

### **Refunds**

Refunds will be given for cancellations received in writing or emailed on or before the closing date less office fee. No refunds after the closing date or for 'acts of God' which require management to cancel classes or day(s) of competition. Any unused USEF or USDF fees will be refunded after any indebtedness is settled.

### **HORSE/RIDER MEMBERSHIPS & SAFESPORT**

A **TRAINER**, as listed on the entry form, is defined as any adult (18 & older) who has responsibility for the care, custody, or performance of the horse while the horse is on the competition grounds. This adult must sign the entry form as the trainer. If the rider is considered the trainer, the rider must sign as the trainer.

A **COACH**, as listed on the entry form, is defined as an adult (18 & older) who gets paid for instructing, teaching, schooling, or advising a rider with their horse on the competition grounds. This adult must sign the entry form as coach. If there is no coach, the signature for coach may be left blank.

**USEF/USDF Horse ID Requirement** All horses entered in USEF/USDF recognized shows must have at least a **USDF & USEF** HID (Horse Identification Number) in order to participate. If riding in qualifying classes, you must have a USDF Lifetime Registration in addition to a USEF Annual or Lifetime Recording. These horse identification numbers may be obtained from USEF and USDF. Exempt from this requirement are horses showing **only** in Introductory Level, Pas de Deux, Quadrille, Opportunity Classes, Leadline, and Exhibitions.

**GR1101.10** Effective December 1, 2026, all horses competing at Federation Licensed and Endorsed Competitions must provide a microchip number that verifies the animal. A microchip used to verify identity must be a fifteen-digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip and be implanted in the nuchal ligament of the animal.

**Membership/Non-Member/Proof of Membership Fees** All participants (rider, owner, trainer, agent, lessee, or coach) must present to the competition secretary a current USEF membership number. **As of 12/1/2022, only one Show Pass Form is allowed per competition year.** If you have already submitted a Show Pass Form for the year, a competing membership is required. **Please Note: Competing membership is required for Trainers/Coaches, and this includes parents signing as trainers.** Refer to GR 202.1 for more information. All Riders and Owners must present a current USDF Participating, Group, or Business (owners only) membership number or pay a \$55 USDF non-membership fee per show. Those who cannot provide proof of their USDF membership may fill out an affidavit form and must pay the \$5 fee. The affidavit may also be used to verify horse registration and/or horse ownership. The USDF Affidavit Form may be found on [www.USDF.org](http://www.USDF.org). Exempt from this requirement are individuals competing **only** in Introductory Level, Pas de Deux, Quadrille, Opportunity Classes, Leadline, and Exhibitions.

**Non-U.S. Citizens and Foreign Competitors** are required to join USEF as Competing Members. Those individuals 18 years of age and older must take SafeSport Training to be eligible to participate in USEF national competitions. For those

participating in FEI events only, this requirement does not apply. As of December 1, 2023, EC Sport License Holders Participating in USEF – National Competitions will now be required to join USEF as Competing Members at no cost.

**USEF SAFESPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE** Effective January 1, 2019, every USEF adult member (18 & older) with an active senior competing membership must complete USEF's Safe Sport Training, overseen by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. An adult member may be OWNER, RIDER, TRAINER and/or COACH. Adult members listed on the entry must complete the entire course and be SafeSport Trained before the first day of competition. SafeSport Training must be completed by all adult members on the entry or the rider will not be allowed to compete. You may access the SafeSport modules from your USEF member dashboard at [www.USEF.org](http://www.USEF.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.

### **CLASS LIMITATIONS, OPPORTUNITY CLASSES & EQUITATION**

**Consecutive Levels** Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels, Freestyle levels included, at any one Competition. Refer to DR119.2 for levels chart.

**Classes per Day** Horses are limited to a maximum of three Dressage rides per day at Fourth Level and below or two Dressage rides per day above Fourth Level. Horses competing at both Fourth Level and Prix St. Georges, or their equivalents, are limited to two Dressage rides per day. Dressage Seat Equitation, Quadrille, Pas de Deux, and Materiale classes are excluded from the maximum limit of rides per day and horses in these classes may compete at any level for which they are otherwise eligible during the same competition.

**Opportunity Classes** Opportunity classes are intended for entry level riders. Horses and riders entered only in "Opportunity" classes are exempt from USEF and USDF membership requirements and do not have to pay non-member (show pass) or HID fees. Federation and drug fees do not apply. Horses entered only in these classes are still subject to and must comply with the Drugs and Medication rules and are subject to drug testing. Riders and/or horses entered in "opportunity" classes may not cross-enter in other recognized classes at the show. Participants must abide by all USEF regulations pertaining to attire, tack, and equipment for the recognized show.

**Pony Class** All ponies entered in class 230 must have a USEF Standard or Temporary Measurement card submitted with entry. **If a measurement card is needed, the owner or agent of the pony must notify competition management and/or competition secretary to request a measurement within five days of the start of the competition (5/24).**

**Dressage Seat Medal Program** The USEF/USDF Dressage Seat Medal Program, for riders ages 18 and under, celebrates excellence in equitation and strives to develop a solid foundation for future success in the dressage arena. Riders wishing to qualify for the USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals must compete in the USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals held at the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships. To qualify for the USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals, a competitor must earn a qualifying score of 70% or above in any eligible Dressage Seat Equitation class (except walk/trot) held at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competition during the qualifying period or by qualifying for the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships. The top two placing riders in the Semi-Finals are automatically invited to the Finals.

**USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program** Rider must be an Adult Amateur (age 22 and up) and have a USDF participating membership at the time the qualifying score is earned. Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration when the qualifying score is earned. To be eligible for the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class, rider must have earned a score of 70% or higher in any dressage seat equitation class within the qualifying period or qualify to compete in any regional dressage championship class (excluding freestyles).



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## Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program

The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program recognizes adult amateurs competing in equitation and promotes correct seat, position, and use of the aids in dressage. An Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class presented by Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply will be held in conjunction with each of the nine USDF Regional Dressage Championship competitions, providing adult amateurs with additional opportunity for recognition. Ribbons awarded through 8<sup>th</sup> Place and gift certificates awarded to top four riders.

Adult amateurs wishing to qualify to compete in an Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final may do so by meeting the following requirements.

### Qualifying Requirements

To be eligible for the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class, rider must have

- a) Earned a score of 70% or higher in any dressage seat equitation class (except walk/trot) at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage competition within the qualifying period of the applicable regional championship.

or

- b) Qualified to compete in any regional dressage championship class (excluding freestyles).

### Membership Requirements

- Rider must have a USDF Participating Membership at the time the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Rider must be an adult amateur, in accordance with GR1306 of the USEF rules, and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur when the score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Owner must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.

The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program rules and information can be found on the USDF [website](#).

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## **OFFICE INFORMATION**

**Office Hours** The show office and stabling will open at 3:00 p.m. Thursday of competition weekend. During the show, the show office will be open one hour before the first ride until one hour after the last ride.

**Ride Times** Provisional times will be available at [www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com). Management reserves the right to change the times schedule after tentative times have been posted. It is the responsibility of the rider to inform the management of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving the schedule. **Official ride times** will be available at noon the day before each show. Check online or the official posting of ride times at the office for ride times. This show follows USEF GR830 with regard to rescheduled ride times.

**Any changes after closing date initiated by rider or owner will incur a \$30 per change fee.**

**Schedule** Classes may not necessarily be run in the order listed in the class lists.

**Schooling** will begin Thursday at 3:00 p.m. of show weekend. All competitors must have their current issued bridle number before riding. Schooling on Thursday will continue until 8:00 p.m. Friday schooling will be available until 7:00 p.m.

**Hand-walking** of unmounted horses is allowed around the exterior of the competition rings from sunrise until 30 minutes prior to the first ride. No mounted horses allowed.

**Leaving the Competition** No exhibitor may withdraw horses from a licensed show after it has commenced or remove them from the show grounds without permission of the show secretary.

**Bridle Numbers** All horses must always wear current issued bridle numbers when out of stall.

**Anyone mounting, getting on, riding, or trying a horse at the facility during the weekend of the show (including warmup day) must sign a show release form in the show office.**

**Please contact show secretary for any questions regarding entering competition/entry forms.**

**Freestyles/Music** Music for all freestyles can be submitted with entry on [www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com) in MP4A, MP4, MPEG, MP3, or WAV format. CDs in WAV format can also be given to the show office upon arrival. Sound checks will be conducted Thursday late afternoon/early evening. Other times must be arranged with show management. Competitors are responsible for picking up their music before the end of the show if using a CD. Music left will not be mailed.

DR 129.9 “a. With the exceptions noted below, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 63% for Training through Fourth levels in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level. For the FEI levels, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 60% at the declared freestyle level or any test at a higher level. Scores must be received at a Federation /USDF Licensed Dressage Competition or FEI recognized Dressage Competition or “open” Dressage class (i.e. open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. The 63% minimum qualifying score applies to all Training through Fourth level Freestyles, even if an FEI test is being ridden as a qualifier. For example, a horse/rider combination competing in PSG or the FEI Young Rider test must obtain a score of 63% or higher in order to ride a Fourth Level Freestyle and a horse/rider combination riding the FEI Pony Rider test must obtain a minimum score of 63% to enter a Second Level Freestyle.

b. To enter an FEI Para Dressage Freestyle class, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 60% in any FEI Para Dressage test (Para Novice Test, Para Intermediate Test or Para Grand Prix Test) at the rider’s classified Grade. This score may be earned at a USEF/USDF licensed Dressage Competition or FEI recognized Dressage Competition or “open” Dressage class (i.e. open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class.

c. A copy of the USDF score verification verifying eligibility, must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class, except to enter USEF/USDF Musical Freestyle Championship classes. Qualification of those entries will be verified by USDF. Riders receiving scores within 30 days prior to a competition may submit a copy of the test verifying eligibility.

d. All FEI Pony Rider Tests are equivalent to Second Level; all FEI Junior Tests are equivalent to Third Level; all FEI Young Rider Tests are equivalent to PSG; and the USEF Brentina Cup (Young Adult) Test and FEI Young Rider Grand Prix 16-25 Tests 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, as long as the appropriate score is earned. Young Horse and FEI Children Tests cannot be used for freestyle qualification at any level.

e. A qualifying score is not required to enter FEI Pony Rider, FEI Junior, and FEI Young Rider Freestyles.

f. In addition, a horse/rider combination competing in the U25 division is not required to obtain a minimum qualifying score prior to riding a GP Freestyle.”

## ATTENTION FREESTYLE COMPETITORS



### UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™ 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](mailto:MusicalFreestyle@usdf.org)

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## STABLING & GROUNDS INFORMATION

**Smoking/vaping and alcohol are prohibited on the premises.**

**No staples or nails are allowed to be affixed to any Houghton University Equestrian Center Property. Individuals wishing to tape advertisements or flyers to the walls must first obtain approval from Show Management.**

**Stabling** Permanent box stalls 10’x10’ or larger with doors on grounds. Shavings are not included but can be pre-ordered & paid for. Shavings not pre-ordered ahead of show can be purchased on site based on availability. Competitors may arrive at 3:00 p.m. Thursday. If only showing Saturday, may arrive at 6:00 p.m. Friday. Send stabling fees with your entry form. Three wash racks with hot/cold water are available. **Early arrival either day MUST be pre-approved (email: [equestrian@houghton.edu](mailto:equestrian@houghton.edu)) and pay \$50 early arrival fee. Pre-approved early arrival stalls will be ready. Early arrivals**

**WITHOUT pre-approval must pay a \$100 early arrival fee & wait for a stall to be readied.** A separate \$50 stall cleaning check to Houghton University is required—check will be returned or shredded if stall is clean prior to leaving the show premises. A stall fee or trailer in/grounds fee must be paid for every horse.

**Groups** Please note stabling groups with your entry. Your group should decide on a “group name” that all competitors provide on their entry. Stabling requests will be honored when possible.

**Arenas/Footing/Warm-Up** Sand & rubber mix in outdoor competition and all warm-up arenas. Indoor competition arena has GGT footing. **All** tests will be ridden in 20m x 60m arena, except Para Dressage Levels I-III. Competition Arenas will be open for schooling 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Thursday & after last Friday class until 7:00 p.m. Warm-Up Arenas and Lunging Arena available throughout shows and until 8:00 p.m. Thursday & 7:00 p.m. Friday. Lunging permitted in designated areas only.

No one on foot (except leadline handlers, ring stewards, equipment checkers, emergency medical service, and show management) is allowed in designated warm-ups. **Coaches, trainers, spectators, and other unmounted individuals must stand outside fence or partition of warm-up arenas. All horses in the warm-up arenas must wear their current issued competition numbers.** If tack adjustments or rider changes are needed, personnel must perform them outside of the arena.

## **AWARDS**

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

**Ties** In the case of equality of points, the competitor with the highest marks received under General Impressions shall be declared the winner. When the scores for General Impressions are equal after coefficients have been applied, the horses must remain tied. Errors on a test may not be used to break ties [DR123.3]

**Class Awards** Ribbons will be presented for first through sixth place. When classes are posted as final, you may pick up your ribbons. Qualifying classes will not be pinned separately. Separate sets of ribbons will be awarded for JR/YR, AA, and Open divisions within classes.

**High Point Awards** High Point Champion & Reserve Champion ribbons and sponsored prizes will be awarded each day for overall High Point riders in each division (Jr/YR, Adult Amateur, Open) for Training-Second, Third-Fourth, and FEI levels. Overall High Point Champion & Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded each day for Jr/YR, Adult Amateur, and Open divisions.

**Overall Grand Champion Freestyle** High Point Champion Freestyle ribbon will be awarded each day for overall high point musical freestyle.

**Pony Cup** High Point Champion & Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded on Saturday for the overall High Point and Reserve Champion High Point riders in class 230 (USEF/FEI Pony Test of Choice).

**The Jockey Club** Each day the Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) will provide awards for Introductory, Training, First, Second-Fourth, FEI, Freestyle, and Overall High Point Thoroughbreds.

## **MANAGEMENT RIGHTS & SHOW POLICIES**

Show Management reserves the right to change officials, rotate rings, limit entries, add, combine, or cancel classes insufficiently filled, modify the schedule or reschedule classes after due notice to exhibitors, and modify or cancel awards and/or make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications listed herein.

Show Management reserves the right to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify any riders or exhibitors, and/or prohibit entries deemed sufficient by Show Management without claims for damages.

Every horse entered for competition will comply with the rules of the horse show management, but management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold this horse show and the officials and employees of the show blameless for any loss or accident to his horse, employees, equipment, which may occur from sickness, fire, or otherwise.

Exhibitors are notified that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the judges or officials, on the part of the owner, manager, rider, or groom shall disqualify the horse from the show without being liable for compensation.

No person will be allowed in the show ring during the time of judging except the exhibitor and those having official or requested duties to perform.

It is the tradition of the show that riders be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and the horses properly presented. Management may in its discretion bar any person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.

Show Management reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions regarding or arising out of any incident in the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these rules and regulations shall be decided by the horse show management; their decision will be final.

Show Management reserves the right to cancel any classes without refund due to hazardous weather, acts of God, accident, or emergency. Every effort will be made to reschedule with priority given to Great American/USDF qualifying classes being offered. See GR305.4.

**Drugs & Alcohol** The competition grounds, Houghton University Equestrian Center, is a smoke, drug, and alcohol free facility. The consumption, purchase, distribution, or possession of illegal drugs, cannabis (in all of its various forms), alcoholic beverages, or smoking/vaping of products while on-campus is prohibited. Those failing to follow these requirements will be asked to leave the competition grounds.

**Dogs** are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and must be held on a leash or otherwise restrained. Harris County leash law will be enforced. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dog owners are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses, or actions resulting from their dogs' behaviors. Dog owners failing to comply with this rule will be issued a Yellow warning card and may be subject to penalty under Chapter 7. (GR 1301.6) No other pets or livestock other than horses and mules allowed on grounds.

**Bridle & Bit Check Procedures** Per the updated bridle & bit inspection requirements in USEF Rulebook DR126.2.i.1.a (page 48) Technical Delegates (TD) are now required to inspect at least 50% of bridles & bits of horses entered in the competition. Along with ringside inspections the TD will be walking through the barns inspecting bridles & bits.

## USDF Horse Welfare Statement

As those engaged in equestrian sport, we are committed to ensuring our horses receive the best possible care to the best of our ability. We acknowledge that we are the caretakers of our horses and as such we are committed to always, without exception, treating our horses with dignity, fairness, kindness, and understanding.

We realize that horses, whether in a herd or as an individual, will communicate contentment, fear, pain and confusion in the only way they can, which often takes the form of physical reactions that can be misinterpreted and misunderstood.

Therefore, we believe it is our obligation to seek to understand our horses with the goal of providing care and training methods that are never the manifestation of anger, frustration or cruelty. We are committed to these principles at all times, whether on or off the show grounds.

We are committed to humane treatment and application of these principles on behalf of all animals including but not limited to horses, donkeys, mules, companion animals, and pets. Lack of humane treatment, whether the result of actions taken, or by care withheld, will not be tolerated.

## SERVICES

**Announcements** Class announcements and ride time announcements are a courtesy to the exhibitor and not all shows provide the capability of public address announcements. Exhibitors are responsible for presenting themselves to the ring at their designated time and accept the full responsibility of doing so. Competitions offering public announcements will make every effort to maintain a working PA system, but it is stressed that it is still the exhibitors' responsibility to be on time. No protest will be upheld, nor any ride time changed on the basis of a PA breakdown or missed announcement. Ring stewards will also make every effort to keep people informed and entering the ring in a timely fashion. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the correct show time and their scheduled performance time regardless of PA announcements or ring stewards. No protest will be upheld, nor ride time changed due to failure of the exhibitor to meet their responsibilities.

**Veterinarian** Kim Anderson, (585) 409-3134, will be on call each show day. Phone numbers and information will be posted at the show grounds on the information boards.

**Farrier** Ed Carls, (585) 975-9307, will be on call each show day. Phone numbers and information will be posted at the show grounds on the information boards.

## ACCOMODATIONS & HOSPITALITY

**Concessions** are available at show grounds.

### Local Refreshments

3 Bums Pizza, Houghton  
Coppa Co, Houghton  
Valley Bread & Bounty, Fillmore

China Star Restaurant, Houghton (Cash Only)  
71 West Bar & Grill, Fillmore  
Ace's Country Cupboard, Belfast (Cash Only)

### Accommodations

Houghton University Campus Flats, Houghton ([becca.crouch@houghton.edu](mailto:becca.crouch@houghton.edu))  
Inn at Houghton Creek, Houghton (585-567-8400)      Houghton Letchworth KOA Camping, Houghton (585-567-4211)  
Glen Iris Inn, Castile (585-493-2622)      Genesee Falls Inn, Portageville (585-493-2484)  
Oakes Oramel Inn, Oramel (716-353-1981)

## LIABILITY INFORMATION

**Liability** Horses by their inherent nature present a risk. **Neither the organizing/show committee, the show volunteers and staff, the facility or its owners, any host GMO, USEF, or USDF or their members will be responsible for any damage, injury, loss to persons, horses, or property of exhibitors or spectators/attendees. All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents, or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up-to-date.**

Each participant in an equestrian activity expressly assumes the risk of and legal responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property which results from participation in an equestrian activity. Each participant shall have the sole individual responsibility for knowing the range of his or her own ability to manage, care for, and control a particular horse or perform a particular equestrian activity, and it shall be the duty of each participant to act within the limits of the participant's own ability, to maintain reasonable control of the particular horse or horses at all times while participating in an equestrian activity, to heed all posted warnings, to perform equestrian activities only in an area or in facilities designated by the horseman and to refrain from acting in a manner which may cause or contribute to the injury of anyone. If while actually riding in an equestrian event, any participant collides with any object or person, except an obviously intoxicated person of whom the horseman is aware, or if the participant falls from the horse, or from a horse-drawn conveyance, the responsibility for such collision or fall shall be solely that of the participant or participants involved and not that of the horseman.

**Accidents** A participant involved in an accident shall not depart from the area or facility where the equestrian activity took place without leaving personal identification, including name and address, or without notifying the proper authorities, or without obtaining assistance when that person knows or reasonably should know that any other person involved in the accident is in need of medical or other assistance.

**Important notice to all affected parties** Third parties may come upon the property or enter the facilities where any herein described or listed event will occur; provided, that this is a license to enter the premises, for the purpose of observing or participating in the event, but not otherwise, and such license to any individual is subject to revocation by the

owner, lessee or organizer, and entry for any purpose other than granted herein, shall be deemed criminal trespass and subject to appropriate legal proceedings.

## **US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION RULES**

**“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.”**

USEF rules are in force from the moment show management allows access to the show grounds. This includes conduct, correct saddlery and equipment, and attire.

## **USEF 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, 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; and 7) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.**

## **MOTORIZED VEHICLE RULE**

**In accordance with GR1301.7:** Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. 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.

**In accordance with GR1301.8:** 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.

**Sharps Containers** 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. Sharps containers are located in each of the barns.

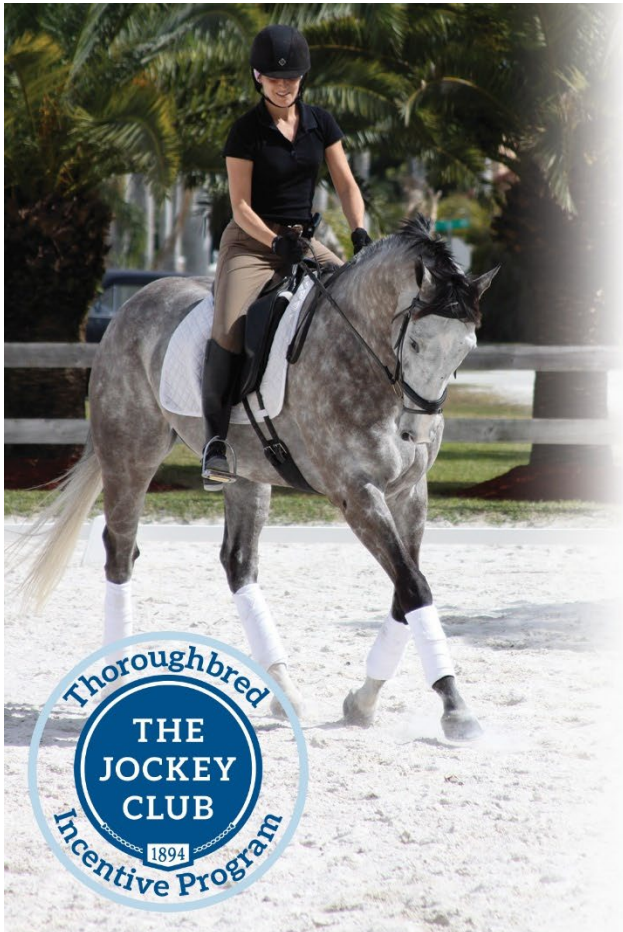
## **Protective Headgear DR120.1.1 (GR801)**

Protective headgear in compliance with the accepted testing standards published on the Federation's website. Protective headgear must carry the applicable quality testing tag and/or label. See GR801. 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 Dressage tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until the headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear may be the same as or a coordinating color with the coat, and may include contrast coloring, accent, and crystal decoration. See DR136 for dress code rules for exhibitions.

**SafeSport 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](http://www.usef.org).

**THE RULES MAY HAVE CHANGED FROM THE CURRENT RULE BOOK. IT IS THE COMPETITORS' RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THE CURRENT USEF RULE BOOK FOR ANY CHANGES. The listed rules are only general and are subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Directors of USEF. IT IS THE RIDERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW RULES FOR SHOWING AT A DRESSAGE SHOW. CHECK THE CURRENT USEF RULE BOOK FOR ALL CHANGES AT [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).**



## Ride a **Thoroughbred?**

Provide T.I.P. Numbers  
with your entries.

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to see if your Thoroughbred is eligible,  
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Good luck to the  
Thoroughbreds and riders!

## **DIRECTIONS**

**Houghton University Equestrian Center  
9823 School Farm Road  
Houghton, NY 14744**

From NW (Buffalo, NY area, CANADA): Follow route 400 S to end. Continue S on route 16 through small towns of South Wales, Holland, and Chaffee. In Yorkshire, turn left at traffic light on route 39 E. Follow route 39 E for a little over 3 miles into small town of Arcade. Just after crossing RR tracks in Arcade, turn left at traffic light at T-intersection on route 98 S. Follow route 98 S to route 243. Bear left on route 243 (do NOT turn right on route 98!). Follow route 243 to end at T-intersection with blinking light in Caneadea. Turn left at blinking light on route 19 N. Go 3 miles on route 19 N. At south edge of Houghton, just after 35 MPH sign, turn left up Tucker Hill Road (sign for "Houghton University Equestrian Center" is on the corner). Go 0.9 mile up Tucker Hill Road. Turn right on School Farm Road (sign for "Houghton University Equestrian Center is on the corner). Bear right on driveway at end of pavement.

From NE (Rochester, NY area): Follow route 390 S to exit for Mt. Morris. At bottom of exit ramp, turn left on route 408. Follow route 408 through Mt. Morris (left at light at top of hill, go ½ block, right at next light, then about 11 miles) to town of Nunda. At 4-way stop intersection in Nunda, turn right on route 436 W. Follow route 436 W to Portageville where it crosses a bridge over the Genesee River, turns right, and ends at T-intersection on route 19-A. Turn left on route 19-A S. Follow route 19-A S to end at blinker light in small town of Fillmore. Continue straight through intersection on route 19 S for 4 miles to Houghton. Drive through Houghton to south edge of town (about 0.5 mile). Turn right up Tucker Hill Road (sign for "Houghton University Equestrian Center on corner). Go 0.9 mile up Tucker Hill Road and turn right on School Farm Road (another sign for "Houghton University Equestrian Center" is on the corner). Bear right on driveway at end of pavement.

From the South: Drive north to route I-86. Follow I-86 to exit 30 (Houghton is one of the towns on the green exit sign). Turn N on route 19. Follow route 19 N to south edge of Houghton (about 14 miles). Turn left up Tucker Hill Road (sign for "Houghton University Equestrian Center" is on the corner). Go 0.9 mile up Tucker Hill Road. Turn right on School Farm Road (another sign for "Houghton University Equestrian Center" is on the corner). Bear right on driveway at end of pavement.

Once you arrive at Houghton University Equestrian Center, stop by the Event Center on the north (driveway) end of the large indoor arena. Inside the Event Center you can pick up your competitor packet and stall assignments. You can then drive to park briefly near your stall to unload your horse(s) and gear, then drive to the large gravel parking lot to leave your rig. The grounds are set up so that you can always drive forward to get from one spot to the next, with NO backing needed.

USEF Competition Name:

USEF#:

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):



# MAAPP

## MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION

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

**This  
competition  
is recognized  
by USDF  
for 2026**

**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 (\$100), 5-years (\$400), or life (\$2,000). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for individuals who have not reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current membership year (\$80). 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<sup>®</sup>/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.

**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 (\$280) 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 \$55 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 (\$45). Scores earned by a horse with an HID number will be recorded but will NOT be counted towards Adequan<sup>®</sup>/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 \$95. 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 (\$140) is eligible for Adequan<sup>®</sup>/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](http://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.