



UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION

Exception List

Q. Who is exempt from the USDF membership/non-member fee, and horse registration requirements?

A. Individuals competing only in the following:

- Handlers of horses competing in DSHB in-hand or Group classes
- Horses competing only in Individual Breed Classes (IBC) 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 (i.e. all Arabian, all Friesian, all Morgan classes, etc.)
- USDF Introductory Level tests
- Pas de deux
- Quadrille
- FEI Para-Equestrian classes
- Opportunity classes
- Horses ridden in leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot, and academy classes.

Q. Do foreign competitors have to have a USDF membership, pay the non-member fee, or register their horse with USDF if participating only in CDI classes?

A. Foreign competitors (including foreign riders and foreign owners) competing only in CDI classes are exempt from USDF membership and non-member fee requirements. For foreign-owned horses competing in a CDI, USDF accepts copies of the horse identification pages from an FEI passport in lieu of a USDF HID of Lifetime Registration Number.

Q. If I am competing in one of the above classes AND a class not on the exception list such as a training level class, do I have to meet the minimum USDF membership/horse registration requirements?

A. Yes.

Q. What are the minimum USDF person and horse registration requirements for entering a class NOT on the above exception list at a USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competition?

A. The minimum requirement for the owner and rider of a horse is the USDF non-member number and \$25 non-member fee (this is a per competition fee). The minimum requirement for the horse is the USDF Horse Identification Number. This is a one time fee that allows scores to be entered but not counted towards Adequan/ USDF Year-End awards or Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships.

Q. Are non-US citizens exempt from the USDF membership/non-member fee and horse registration requirements?

A. No, unless they are foreign competitors competing in a FEI Championship or CDI class.

See detailed program information for specific rider/handler/owner/horse eligibility requirements.