



UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION
SECTION ONE – USDF AFFILIATION

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The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation with more than 30,000 members throughout all 50 states and abroad. As the national voice of the dressage community, USDF promotes dressage, primarily through educational programs. Membership in USDF is achieved by joining one of nearly 130 affiliated dressage groups, or by joining USDF directly to receive additional benefits of membership.

The Group Member Organization

The Group Member Organization (GMO) is a smaller group of individuals at the local level who share a common interest in dressage. These “grassroots” organizations are the very foundation of the United States Dressage Federation. GMOs can be found in every one of the 10 USDF regions and range from as small as 25 members to several thousand in some. To find a GMO in your area, please visit www.usdf.org/Regions.

Benefits of Membership

Whether a Participating Member directly with USDF or a Group Member through affiliation with a local GMO, the benefits of membership are many. The comparison below illustrates the benefits.

Group Member	Participating Member
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive a USDF Group Member card and eligibility to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions. • Monthly issues of <i>USDF Connection</i>. • Eligible for USDF Rider Awards. • Eligible to earn USDF University credits. • Member-discount rates for USDF events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions. • Award-winning <i>USDF Connection</i> • Eligible for USDF Rider Awards • Eligible to earn USDF University credits. • Member-discount rates for USDF events. • Eligible to compete as a rider/owner for USDF Year-End Awards. • Eligible to compete in qualifying/championship classes for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships.