



COMPETITION CONTACT

FALL 2007

Hosting the Great American Insurance Group USDF Regional Dressage Championships

September, October and November of 2007 are the months when the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships take place in each of the nine USDF regions. If you are a show manager, it could also be the time to begin thinking about applying to host the Regional Championships for 2009.

If you are interested in hosting your region's 2009 Regional Championships, the application forms will be available by February 1, 2008 on the USDF Web site or from your Regional Director. Each region determines its own application due date, so check with your Regional Director for those dates.

Applications will be reviewed by a

regional committee usually consisting of the Regional Director, the Competition Management Council Regional Coordinator and the Competitors Council Regional Coordinator. The applications are also reviewed by a sub-committee of the USDF Planning Committee. Please note that each Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championship is required to host the USEF Dressage Seat Medal semi-finals classes for that region.

The host site application includes more detailed information regarding the requirements for hosting a Regional Championship. The most current Regional Championship Program Rules may also be downloaded from the USDF Web site.

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USDF Fox Village Manager/Secretary Clinic at Convention

The Competition Manager/Secretary Clinic for 2008 will focus on the dressage competition software program called Fox Village. The clinic will consist of two separate sessions, the first session being an introductory session and the second session being a more advanced session. The clinic will be taught by a USDF Competition Management Council Coordinator in a Power Point presentation format followed by discussion and questions. An updated resource book will be available.

The sessions will be held on Friday, November 30, 2007.

Registration information, clinic details and session schedules are in the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention registration materials of the *USDF Connection* or on-line at www.usdf.org (look for the convention banner on the home page). For further information contact Krystina Firth, kfirth@usdf.org or at (859) 271-7895.

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MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

- INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED A USDF MEMBERSHIP OR HORSE IDENTIFICATION (HID) NUMBER/LIFETIME HORSE REGISTRATION (LHR) FORM AT A COMPETITION DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE AND PAY FOR AN AFFIDAVIT.
- NEW LEASE RECORDINGS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE USDF OFFICE WITH A \$25 LEASE RECORDING FEE. USDF RECOMMENDS THAT THE LESSEE BE ADVISED TO CONTACT USDF TO SUBMIT A LEASE RECORDING FORM.
- COPIES OF FEI PASSPORTS SUBMITTED TO USDF MUST INCLUDE THE PASSPORT COVER, LINEAGE PAGE(S), AND RECORD OF OWNER(S) PAGE.

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Attention Competition Managers hosting NAJYRC Qualifiers:

Remember to send your prize lists to prizelist@usdf.org for review two weeks prior to printing. Please direct any questions regarding these classes to jryoung rider@usdf.org

Incomplete Membership and Horse Registration Applications

Please be advised that membership and horse applications submitted at shows with incomplete information will not be effective with the date of the show. We ask that you encourage individuals submitting applications to double check their forms, making sure all of the member/horse information and payment information is complete. If incomplete forms are received in the USDF office, the membership or horse registration will not take effect until the correct paperwork and/or fees are resubmitted by the member and received in the USDF office.

Prize Lists

Prize lists are due in our office no later than 30 days prior to the competition. However, we encourage competitions to submit their rough drafts to us so that we can help correct any issues prior to the prize list being published. Also, please submit any updates done to the class list as soon as possible to help avoid confusion when the results are received. Please label any prize list submitted as a "draft," "official," or an "update." This will help us keep track of where the show is in the revision process. Electronic copies of prize lists should be submitted to prizelist@usdf.org.

In keeping with USEF's decision not to accept omnibuses, USDF will be requiring that each show submit an official prize list. Hopefully, by making our requirements match USEF's, we will eliminate confusion. This official prize list must consist of all of the required and relevant pages; these may be copied out of the omnibus. (This includes the USDF Recognition Page and entry form.)

In an effort to help competition manage-

ment meet the required deadlines for insurance certificates and prize list submission we have begun sending email reminders prior to the due dates. These reminders are going out to the primary contact, secretary, and manager. If you receive one of these reminders and think you have already submitted the documentation please contact us. We are striving to get prize list reviews done within a week of receiving the prize list. If you have submitted a prize list (or believe one was submitted with an omnibus) and have not received a confirmation from our office that it was received, please contact us at prizelist@usdf.org.

Are You Using the Correct Forms?

A fee increase went into effect April 1, 2007 for the USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) and upgrading from a USDF Horse Identification (HID) number to a LHR. The new horse registration form for competitions has all USDF horse registration options on it and is much more user-friendly. Order yours today! Any old USDF LHR forms should be discarded immediately. Using the old forms with the incorrect fees listed causes delays in processing the horse's registration.

New Affidavit Form Coming!

Due to changes regarding the NM number and fee, USDF Business Membership (BM), and the discontinuation of the Group Member (GM) discount, a new membership application will be created for use at competitions. The new form will include the NM, and the affidavit on one convenient form. The membership form will be a separate form. Please be sure to contact USDF and order new forms if you have a competition on or after October 1, 2007. The old PM, NM, and affidavit form should be discarded, as they will no longer be valid. Forms can be ordered by contacting the USDF competitions department at compforms@usdf.org.

Class Numbering

When numbering a class list in the prize list it may help to have numbers which coincide with the levels being ridden and suffixes that

match the division. Some examples are below:

101A Training Level Test 1 Amateur
101J/Y Training Level Test 1 Junior/Young Rider

101O Training Level Test 1 Open
102A Training Level Test 2 Amateur
102J/Y Training Level Test 2 Junior/Young Rider

102O Training Level Test 2 Open
201A First Level Test 1 Amateur
201J/Y First Level Test 1 Junior/Young Rider
201O First Level Test 1 Open

You can add a number at the front of the class to designate the day the class is held if it is more than a one day show. Some examples are below:

Friday: 1101 Training Level Test 1, 1201 First Level Test 1

Saturday: 2101 Training Level Test 1, 2201 First Level Test 1

Sunday: 3101 Training Level Test 1, 3201 First Level Test 1

Great American/USDFBC Qualifier Information

Every Great American/USDFBC Qualifier and Final will receive a USDF banner. Please return the banner using the pre-paid return receipt that is shipped with the banner, the Monday after the show. The return receipt will be in a large USDF envelope with a bright colored piece of paper on the front. Please do not lose the return receipt; USDF must still pay for the unused receipts. Do not fold the banner into the box, it must be rolled. Do not hang the banner with duct tape or any other tape that may leave a permanent, damaging residue. If the banner is damaged the show could be fined for the price of a replacement banner.

If you have unused Great American/USDFBC Qualifying ribbons please send them back to the office as quickly as possible after the show. We can send the unused ribbons to other qualifiers.

Please remember that results of Qualifiers and Finals held in the last two weeks of September must be received in the USDF office within five (5) days of the last day of the competition.

Sponsor recognition is a very important responsibility for USDFBC Series management teams to recognize. Please make certain that the USDFBC banner is displayed

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in a prominent place and the USDFBC Series Sponsor PA announcements are read, as required, during the competition and especially during the award ceremonies. The announcer's copy is in your competition packet from USDF.

Increase to Competition Administration Fees

Please note that for shows scheduled beginning with the 2008 USDF competition year (beginning October 1, 2007) the administration fees have increased to \$75 per competition, regardless of the number of days in length.

New for 2008: USDF/Dover Medal Class Requirement

Beginning October 1, 2007 the USDF/Dover medal class must be Second Level Test Three. Please update your prize lists accordingly and send all corrections to prizelist@usdf.org.

New for 2008: USDF Non-Member Fees

Effective 10/1/2007: There will be a USDF Non-Member (NM) fee of \$20 per rider, per owner, per competition that must be collected by the competition secretary and submitted to USDF with the post competition paperwork and fees. An additional \$5 affidavit fee per rider per owner per competition must be collected if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM identification number card. Riders exempt from the NM number requirements are also exempt from the USDF NM fees.

Apprentice TD Clinic

Are you considering becoming a dressage technical delegate, in the process of becoming a TD, or simply want to learn more about dressage rules and how dressage shows are conducted? Then make plans to attend the full-day Apprentice Dressage Technical Delegate clinic to be held in conjunction with the 2007 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Orlando, FL.

Although the clinic is a requirement for

those applying for the USEF "r" TD program, anyone can attend. This clinic should be of interest for current and prospective competition management teams.

The clinic fee includes a working lunch. Registration information is included in the convention registration materials. For more information contact Sally Davenport at (859) 971-7306 or at sdavenport@usdf.org.

More Materiale

Materiale is a group class, therefore a rider may ride only one horse in the class. To deal with this issue, shows could offer a Materiale class on both days of a 2-day show, for instance, to allow a rider to ride two different horses.

Promote Evaluation Form!

The Competitors Council would like management to promote usage of the Competitor Evaluation Form. It is available for the competitors on the USDF Web site, but important



to remind riders when they are in the show office, picking up their packets or leafing through their show program. The flyer shown here can be utilized in the program or posted near the stabling chart or information boards. An announcement can be made at the show as a reminder to fill out an evaluation form. The completed forms are forwarded to the show managers, Competitors Council and applicable coordinators to assist in improvement of shows. The USDF Competitions Department is keeping a "historical" spreadsheet of comments, complaints and suggestions from the evaluation forms received so that issues, positive and negative, can be tracked and reviewed. We hope you'll encourage your competitors to fill out these forms – to show their appreciation!

4-In-1 Meeting At Convention

Please note that the popularity of the 4-in-1 meeting at convention necessitated requesting a larger meeting room and a longer meeting time. The 4-in-1 meeting combines the Competitors Council, Judges Committee, Technical Delegates Council, and Competition Management Council in one forum to address concerns they have observed or issues presented by members. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, from 8:00-10 a.m. Don't miss it!

Regional Championships Eligibility

A message from Veronica Holt, Acting Regional Championships Committee Chair:

For those of you who voraciously read all the Regional Championship materials, I apologize for redundancy! Hopefully, when you have offered designated qualifying classes all year long, the office team and technical delegate have checked to make sure that all paperwork is in order and the qualifying entries are eligible to go forward to championships. Even this year, I have been dismayed to find the old tear-off USDF horse registration as proof. These days we require more stringent proof, and it has to be a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration! Not only that, the name of the horse and the name of the rider and/or owner on the entry must be identical to the USEF membership and horse recording. Currently, riders that qualify throughout the year and enter a championship have their eligibility requirements verified by the USDF office staff. In the past, championship management and the TD informed a rider that none of the qualifying scores could be counted, and that all the money spent and hours driven to the championships were for naught. Not fun.

Let's all do our part to ensure that competitors are legitimately entering qualifying classes and that the time and money they invest will pay off in a rewarding championship experience.

*Sincerely,
Veronica*

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2007 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Region 8 will kick off the Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championship season, followed closely by Regions 2, 5, and 6 – on the same weekend! Regions 1, 3, 4 and 7 are in October, and in November Region 9 brings the 2007 season to a close.

REGION 1

October 25-28, 2007
Virginia Horse Center,
Lexington, VA
Contact: Bettina Longaker
540-832-7611 phone
540-832-2926 fax
vadvirag@earthlink.net

REGION 2

September 27-30, 2007
Lamplight Equestrian Center,
Wayne, IL
Contact: Lloyd Landkamer
612-290-8523 phone (cell)
763-420-7051 fax
fdressageshowinfo@aol.com

REGION 3

October 20-21, 2007
HITS Post Time Farm –
Commercial Show Grounds,
Ocala, FL
Contact: Barbara Petti
352-237-3743 phone
352-816-3422 cell
352-237-4855 fax
bpetti5570@aol.com

REGION 4

October 12-14, 2007
The National Equestrian
Center, Lake St. Louis, MO
Contact: Gerri Muldrow
573-764-5070 home
314-808-2475 cell
gerri.muldrow@citi.com

REGION 5

September 27-30, 2007
Colorado Horse Park,
Parker, CO
Contact: Heather Petersen
719-683-8435 home/fax
719-338-0854 cell
slush@drqw.net

REGION 6

September 28-30, 2007
Donida Farm Equestrian Center,
Auburn, WA
Contact: Lothar Pinkers
425-454-5547 phone
425-454-4816 fax
lopink@comcast.net

REGION 7

October 11-14, 2007
Woodside Horse Park,
Woodside, CA
Contact: Glenda McElroy
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818-841-3559 alt phone
818-840-8208 fax
glenda@glenroys.com

REGION 8

September 12-16, 2007
HITS on the Hudson,
Saugerties, NY
Contact: Beth Jenkins
508-655-6490 home
508-655-3456 fax
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bjenkins@ix.netcom.com

REGION 9

November 1-4, 2007
Great Southwest Equestrian
Center, Katy, TX
Contact: Kathleen Jones
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