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## What's New?

### New Competition Managers Flash Drive Now Available

This flash drive contains all of the USDF forms, documents and information you need to hold your USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition and also has an automatic update program installed so that you can maintain the most up-to-date information and forms available. Information is always available at your finger tips, even if you don't have internet access at your show. The competition management flash drive may be purchased from the [USDF Online Store](#).

### New USEF Dressage "Opportunity" Classes

Horses, riders and owners competing only in "opportunity" classes are exempt from USDF horse and person membership requirements, and do not have to pay non-member or HID fees. Please remember that "Opportunity" classes must include "Opportunity" in the class name. More information regarding "Opportunity" Classes may be found on the [USEF Web site](#).

### Non-Member Fee Increase in 2011

At the 2009 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, a USDF Non-Member fee increase was passed, effective for the 2011 competition year. Effective October 1, 2010, the USDF Non-Member fee will increase from \$20 to \$25. [Questions?](#)

### New USEF Rule Regarding Appointing a Safety Coordinator

All Licensed Competitions must appoint a Safety Coordinator, who shall oversee the establishment and coordination of medical and veterinary services. This person may have other roles or duties in relation to the competition except: (1) The Safety Coordinator may not serve as Judge at the competition and (2) The Safety Coordinator may not compete as a rider, driver, vaulter, longeur, or handler at the competition.

The Safety Coordinator shall:

- (1) Oversee provisions for the safety and welfare of exhibitors, horses and spectators.
- (2) Oversee the implementation of the Accident Preparedness Plan (GR1211.5).
- (3) Hold a meeting with Competition Management and Medical Personnel to ensure that parties are aware of the requirements of the Accident Preparedness Plan.
- (4) Provide Medical Personnel with a map of the competition grounds which includes plans for vehicle access to competition/warm-up areas and stabling.
- (5) Have his name and contact information posted along with the required emergency information at the competition. BOD 1/18/09 Effective 12/1/09

### Who signs when a minor is involved?

There have been questions over the years as to when a minor can sign the entry blank and when a parent must sign. Recently, USEF has indicated that only an adult can sign the entry blank. So even if a child owns, trains, and rides the horse, the signature must be of a parent or in exceptional cases when the parent is not at the show, the adult trainer may sign. If the minor is the trainer, then USEF advises that the name printed below the signature is that of the minor, while the signature is that of the parent/trainer/agent.

#### As an example:

1. A parent or guardian (agent, trainer, etc.) must sign in the

"Parent/Guardian" section on the entry blank.

2. If a minor has a trainer other than the parent, the trainer must sign the trainer section; and if the trainer has consent from the parent, she can also sign the "Parent/Guardian" section of the entry blank.

3. If the minor is the trainer of the horse, then the name of the minor must be included in the "print owner (and/or Trainer) name" section; however, the parent must sign the "Owner" and/or "Trainer" signature line on behalf of the minor including (parent) beside their signature. Since the minor is considered the owner and/or trainer (but just can't legally sign), the parent signing the "Owner" and/or "Trainer" line does not have to be a member.

Please see the example [here](#).

### **USDF Prize list reviews now being sent to TDs**

Effective immediately USDF will copy the TD (if listed in the prize list) on all USDF prize list review comments. We hope this will help facilitate communication between USDF, competition management, and TDs in order to ensure USDF program rule compliance.

### **Transfer of Horse Ownership**

USDF encourages owners to transfer ownership of their horse with USDF prior to attending a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition. This will ensure the paperwork is processed before scores are entered in the USDF records.

Transfer of ownership forms for use at competitions and complete instructions on what is acceptable for transferring a horse with USDF are now available for download onto your flash drive or on the [USDF Web site](#).

Please call (859) 971-2277 or [e-mail](#) with any questions.

### **2011 USEF Dressage Tests**

The USEF Test Writing Sub-Committee is in the process of revising all USEF Dressage Tests (Training – Fourth Levels) for 2011, which will take effect December 1, 2010 (the beginning of the USEF competition year). As work continues, the Test Writing Sub-Committee has made the following recommendations, which were supported by the Dressage Committee and announced during the USEF Dressage Committee Open Forum at the USDF Annual Convention in Austin, Texas, on December 3, 2009:

- Reduction of the number of tests per level to three (3) tests for ALL levels.
- Only Training Level tests may be held in a small arena (as included in the 2010 Rule Book). First Level Test 1 may no longer be held in a small arena.
- Allow either rising or sitting trot for both Training and First Level Tests.
- Have a clear distinction between each level. In particular, requirements for Fourth Level will be reduced to illustrate a clear difference between this level and PSG.
- Collective Marks will remain the same as current tests (Gaits x2, Impulsion x2, Submission x2, Rider x3).
- Keep all test times at six (6) minutes or less if possible.
- Re-writing of directives to update language and clarify description and intention of movements for both officials and competitors.
- Support the concept and possible development of "Rider Tests".

The USEF Test Writing Sub-Committee anticipates presentation of final test drafts for approval during the USEF Dressage Committee's June meeting. Therefore, new test material should be available for public distribution by late summer 2010. All test information and updates will be posted on the [USEF Web site](#).

### **Regional Championship Rider Change of Region Timeline Extended!**

Regional Championship riders who wish to change their region have up to July 1 to do so with no fee; from July 2 through August 1 with a \$100 late

fee; and from August 2 up to the closing date of the Region in which they intend to compete, for a late fee of \$300. Click [here](#) for the form.

### **3-Part Carbonless Competition Forms Discontinued**

Effective immediately forms will now only be available printed from the USDF Web site and the Competition Management Flash Drive. A limited number of the three part carbonless forms such as the Non-Member/Affidavit Form, Horse Registration Form and Membership Form are still available while supplies last, for a fee of ten dollars to cover postage and handling. To obtain an order form to purchase these forms please contact the **USDF Competitions Department**.

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## **Important Reminders**

### **USEA Numbers Cannot Substitute for USDF Numbers**

Please note that United States Eventing membership numbers are not a substitution for USDF membership numbers. Owners or 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 a current USDF Group or Participating membership, or have a USDF Non-Member Identification Number and pay the USDF per competition non-member fee (Note: Business Memberships are acceptable for businesses who are owners of record). Certain classes are exempt from membership requirements and non-member fees.

[Exception List](#).

### **NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions for 2011**

USEF is now accepting applications from licensed dressage competitions to become official 2011 qualifying competitions for the USEF Dressage Developing Programs and the FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Dressage Championships (NAJYRC). Competitions licensed for dates from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 will be considered at this time. A completed application for each licensed competition must be submitted and received by April 30, 2010. You can apply online [here](#). For additional information, please contact **Jennifer Keeler, USEF National Director of Dressage** at (859) 225-2024.

### **New Great American/USDF Breeders' Championship Series**

A new Series, which includes qualifiers in MI, IL and WI and referred to as the North Central Series is in place for 2010. Anyone wishing to host a Great American/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Qualifier in this or any Series can apply [here](#). Not all the 2010 Breeders' Championships Series Finals have not been named for 2010 so consideration will be given to Finals applications on a case by case basis.

### **2009 Horse and Rider Score Checks replaced with 2010 Score Checks**

The 2009 online horse and rider score checks were archived and replaced by the 2010 online horse and rider score checks on December 15, 2009.

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