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Fall 2008

### Approved Membership/Horse Registration Verification

Please do not accept any USDF online printouts that are not **acceptable forms** of verification. **Questions?**

### Incomplete Membership and Horse Registration Applications

Please be advised that membership and horse applications submitted at shows with incomplete information will not be processed 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.

### New Regional Championship Rule for 2009

Regional Championship program Rule C.4 Qualifying System - changed to read: **Junior Riders (age 14-18) must ride the FEI Junior Team Test to qualify for the FEI Junior Division and may ride the FEI Junior Individual Test to qualify for Third Level. Junior riders may ride the FEI Junior Freestyle to qualify for the Third Level Freestyle.** This change is effective immediately for the regional championship 2009 qualifying period. **Questions?**

### Foreign Riders in the 2009 Regional Championships

Effective 12/1/2008: Foreign riders will now be able to compete in the 2009 Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships. Foreign riders must have a USEF active membership, USDF Participating Membership and if qualifying for the Adult Amateur (AA) division, the rider will have to qualify under the USEF amateur criteria. All other criteria for qualifying and membership will also have to be met for both the horse and the owner. **Questions?**

### End of September Results Deadline

For competitions held during the last two weeks of September (including the last two weekends), results, fees, and paperwork must be received in the USDF office within five days of the last day of the dressage or DSHB classes of the USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition, in order to be considered "on time." We do realize this deadline may be difficult, but this is required in order to finalize the year-end awards program which ends September 30. Please contact us if you anticipate problems with this deadline.

### USDF is Testing a New Results Processing Program

The USDF is testing a new results processing program which will eventually lead to more efficient results processing. Currently we are testing the program using the dat files that you currently send to USEF. When sending results to **results@usdf.org**, please send both your PDF file and your dat file. **Questions?**

### Non-Member Forms

Please remember that for each USDF Non-Member (NM) fee submitted you must include the completed USDF NM form. The USDF NM form is required to be submitted with the post competition paperwork and fees.

**Questions?**

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### **Important Changes to NAJYRC Criteria for 2009**

Effective 6/30/2008: The FEI Junior Freestyle may be scheduled on the same day as either the FEI Junior Team Test or the FEI Junior Individual Test, but must be scheduled after the team test. The FEI Young Rider Team Test and the FEI Young Rider Prix St. Georges Test cannot be scheduled on the same day. The FEI Young Rider Team Test must be offered on a day prior to the FEI Young Rider Prix St. Georges Test. The FEI Young Rider Freestyle may be scheduled on the same day as either the FEI Young Rider Team Test or the FEI Young Rider Prix St. Georges Test, but must be scheduled after the team test. **Questions?**

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### **DSHB Group Classes**

Effective immediately: Sires and dams of produce in group classes are not required to have USDF numbers. Also the owners of sires and dams in group classes are not required to have a USDF number or pay the USDF NM fee. **Questions?**

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### **USDF Competition Recognition**

Recognition forms for competitions, from May through September 2009, are being sent via e-mail. If your competition has been licensed with USEF for 2009 and you have not received either a form in the mail, or an e-mail form, please contact the **office**.

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### **USDF Banners**

Managers are urged to return USDF banners to the office as soon as possible. We have many shows that are waiting for banners, and we must rely on you to send yours back so we can send them on to the next competition. Also, please remember that USDF banners are available for purchase through the **USDF Online Store**.

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