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USDF COMPETITION CONTACT

OPPORTUNITIES

It's Easy to Host the USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program!

Competitors appreciate it and there is no cost to host it. Simply return the completed **application** to USDF at least 90 days prior to the start of your event. You will be supplied a packet containing a handcrafted pewter medal to award to the winner. Get more information [here](#).

USDF Education Programs! Host a Benefit Class!

Your competition can help keep USDF strong by hosting a USDF Benefit Class. For a \$100 donation USDF will provide an engraved plaque and ribbons for the Benefit Class. **Questions?**

WHAT'S NEW

USDF/USEF Joint Online Renewal

In an effort to make the 2010 competition renewal and licensing fee payment more streamlined, USDF and USEF are pleased to announce the launch of the online competition renewal that will allow licensees to update, make a payment, submit their 2010 competition license renewal and apply for USDF recognition online in one convenient process. In order to access the online renewal please go to the USEF Web site and log into the licensee's "**My USEF**" **Account**. If you need assistance, please contact the USEF Competitions Department at 859-258-2472.

Sending Results to the USDF Electronically via Dat Files

In an effort to ensure efficiency and streamline the results entering process, please make sure that there is no text in the number fields (such as the placing or horse date of birth field). **Questions?**

No More USEF Affidavits at Dressage Competitions

Effective 12/1/2008, if an exhibitor does not submit the proper USEF membership documentation to the competition and the competition cannot verify such information (with the exception of USEF Federation measurement cards) the exhibitor will be responsible to pay the \$30 USEF non-member fee. USEF has discontinued the use of USEF affidavits for Dressage Competitions. **Questions?**

Attention Regional Championship Qualifying Classes:

The 2009 FEI YR Individual test MAY NOT be used as a qualifying test for the 2009 Great American/USDF Regional Championships. Since this test was changed (January 1, 2009), it is no longer equivalent to Prix St. Georges and therefore it does NOT qualify for the regional championships.

Competitions Handbook Revisions

In the next couple of weeks, on the index page of the downloadable **USDF Competitions Handbook**, revised chapters will be indicated with a revision date so you can keep your downloaded and/or hardcopy versions current.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Required Membership Documentation for Qualifying Classes:

All members who compete in qualifying classes for Great American/USDF Regional Championships MUST show proof of both USEF and USDF memberships for the rider, the owner and the horse. USDF requires the horse to have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration, for the rider to have a USDF Participating Membership and for the owner to have a USDF Participating or Business Membership. Competitors may file a USDF affidavit to prove USDF memberships, however, USEF no longer provides affidavits, therefore, competitors MUST have proof of USEF senior, junior or life memberships for the rider and owner, and proof of an annual or life recording for the horse. Since a USEF affidavit is not an option, failure to have proof of appropriate USEF memberships would prohibit entry into a qualifying class, UNLESS the member chooses to apply or re-apply for USEF membership prior to riding their test.

Online Membership/Horse Registration Transactions

Please ensure that when exhibitors provide proof of online membership payment, that they provide the page which indicates completion of Step Three. This page includes a transaction code. This is the only page of their transaction that indicates that they successfully completed their transaction. **Questions?**

Incomplete Membership and Horse Registration Applications

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

Horse Transfers and Leases Submitted at Competitions

If a transfer of ownership is submitted at a competition, a bill of sale or USDF registration certificate with the previous owner's signature must accompany the application along with the transfer fee. If a lessee registers a horse at a competition he/she must provide a lease agreement that includes the owner's and lessee's signatures, as well as the end date of the lease. **Questions?**

Attention All Sport Horse Qualifying Competition Managers:

Please be reminded that the prize list and the official show program (optional) must identify classes which qualify the champions and reserve champions for the Great American/ USDFBC Series final as "Great American/USDFBC". The official prize list must include a description of the Great American/USDF Breeders' Championship Series and credit the sponsors. If an event does not print a program, Great American/USDFBC Series and sponsor information must be included in the event schedule. This information is available [here](#).

Prize List Deadlines and Program Requirements

A copy of the prize list or omnibus pages must be sent to USDF at least 30 days prior to the competition, or as noted in Great American/USDFBC Series or Great American/USDF Regional Championship contracts. One copy of the program must be sent to USDF for regional championships and Great American/USDFBC Series finals. **Questions?**

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