

Having trouble viewing this?



OPPORTUNITIES

Consider hosting a Great American/USDF Breeders' Championship Qualifying Competition

Consider hosting a USDF Breeders' Championship qualifying or final event! We need more competitions for the following series: East Coast, Midstates, Rocky Mountain, Southern, Southwest and West Central. Find applications [here](#).

Taking Applications for 2010 Great American/USDF Regional Championships

The **2010 Regional Championship Host Site Application** is now available! If you are interested in hosting a Regional Championship Final in 2010, please complete the application and forward it to your Regional Director by February 10.

New Online Process for NAJYRC qualifiers

Applications for NAJYRC qualifiers dated January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010, are going electronic! The USEF has developed an online process for applying for qualifiers. The link will be made available soon. Deadline for submission is April 30th.

Hosting a Dover Saddlery Medal Class

The USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program offers competitions an easy and cost free way to draw competitors to their event. If you would like to host the program simply return the completed **application** to USDF at least 90 days prior to the start date of your competition. For information on this program, visit the [USDF Web site](#).

Opportunity to Comment

USDF is seeking feedback on proposals presented at the annual convention.

USEF Dressage Competitions Ratings and Standards

National Dressage Championships

WHAT'S NEW

Additional way to qualify for Great American/USDF Breeders' Championships

Starting in 2009, horses earning a score of 77 percent or better in a Great American/USDFBC qualifying class will be eligible to compete in the Great American/USDFBC series final event. Please refer to the **USDFBC rules** for additional information.

Foreign Riders in Regional Championships

Effective 12/1/2008: Foreign riders will now be able to participate in the Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships program. Foreign riders must have a USEF active Senior, Junior or Life membership (refer to USEF GR 201), 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?**

New FEI Tests NOT eligible as qualifying tests for Regional Championships

Effective 1/1/2009: The FEI has revised the FEI Young Rider Individual and the Young Rider Grand Prix 16-25. Please be aware that neither of these tests are eligible to be used as Great American/USDF qualifying tests. **Questions?**

Results Submission Updates

Effective April 1, 2009: Hand written results will not be accepted. Mail service with delivery verification is required, postmarked within ten days, for results which cannot be sent in the USDF ERSS format.

New Registration Exemption for DSHB

Effective Immediately: Sires and dams of horses in DSHB group classes where the sires or dams are not actually competing in the same competition are exempt from the USDF HID/Lifetime registration requirements.

Exemptions for Foreign Competitors Competing in CDI Classes

USDF person and horse membership requirements are waived for foreign competitors participating in FEI Championships and in CDI classes.

2009 USEF Dressage Rule Changes

Please note that there are many USEF rule changes that will affect dressage show managers, officials and competitors. There have been rule changes regarding USEF Membership fees, USEF breed and discipline fees, International High Performance fees, USEF Federation fees, USEF Non-member fees, whip length, half-chaps, and qualifying scores for freestyles, to name a few. Please see the USEF [Web site](#) to access all USEF rule changes.

USDF Freestyle Score Sheets

Effective 12/1/2008: The minimum score required to enter a freestyle class at any level for a horse/rider combination has been increased to 60 percent. (Please see the USEF rulebook for exceptions.) Please note that the existing 2007 USDF Freestyle score sheets are still in effect even though they state the minimum score required is 58 percent.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Is your competition recognized? Check the calendar to be sure!!

There are a large number of 2009 competitions that are currently unrecognized. Please check the [USDF calendar](#) to verify your competition has been recognized by the USDF. If your competition is not listed on the calendar and you need to receive a recognition form or check the status of a recognition form please contact the [USDF office](#).

Prize List Review

Please allow our office ten to fourteen days to review prize lists. Rush prize list reviews do not allow for a proper comprehensive review.

Class Number in Results

When submitting results, it is imperative that the class numbers in the results match the class numbers in the prize list. Results are now being processed electronically and therefore numbers must match or results will need to be resubmitted. [Questions?](#)

Approved Membership/Horse Registration Verification

Please do not accept any USDF online printouts that are not [acceptable forms](#) of verification. [Questions?](#)

Incomplete Membership & Horse Registration Applications

Please be advised that membership and horse applications submitted at competitions 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.

Copyright © **United States Dressage Federation.**

Photos courtesy of Jennifer Munson, Amy Hoffield, and Robyn Botkin. All rights reserved.

4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511

Phone: (859) 971-2277 Fax: (859) 971-7722

NOTICE: To stop receiving messages from the USDF, reply to this message and type in "REMOVE"