



# UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

## USDF USDF L Graduate Requirements and Important Information

- To remain current as a USDF L Graduate/L Graduate with Distinction, all graduates must have a current USDF GM or PM, complete approved Continuing Education and SafeSport Training requirements. It is important that L Graduates stay current with current judging criteria to give proper comments to riders competing at the grass-roots level.
  - L Graduate Continuing Education: L Graduates are required to complete eight hours of approved continuing education per year. Graduates who meet the requirements will be listed on the [USDF website](#). Continuing education hours are due to the USDF office by April 1 the following year. Report forms may be sent to [lprogram@usdf.org](mailto:lprogram@usdf.org) or mailed to the USDF office.
  - Safe Sport Training: According to current USEF guidelines, Safe Sport Training remains valid for one year from the date of completion. A refresher course must be completed annually thereafter. Please visit your [Member Dashboard](#) on the USEF website for Safe Sport Training date of completion and information on the module. Questions or concerns on SafeSport may be directed to [safesport@usef.org](mailto:safesport@usef.org).

Types of Approved Continuing Education	Judging USDF Regional Schooling Shows	Prerequisites to the USEF/USDF 'r' Dressage Judge Training Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USDF Continuing Education for Dressage Judges Program</li> <li>• USEF Dressage Judge Education Programs</li> <li>• USDF Sport Horse Seminar (for Judge Training)</li> <li>• USEA hosted Eventing judge training programs with a focus on dressage, if taught by USEF-approved judge instructors (for dressage) or L faculty</li> <li>• Convention L Education session</li> <li>• Convention meetings (meetings related to Judging and Judge education)</li> <li>• Auditing or participating in Part 1 of L Education Program</li> <li>• Scribing with USEF R or S judges</li> <li>• Scribing for instructors or examiners at L Program (Part 2) or USEF Dressage Judge Training Programs. (Testing programs are not included)</li> <li>• <a href="#">L Education Online Course</a> available on the USDF Education Library (2 hours)</li> <li>• Review L Education Program Course material and online modules then complete this <a href="#">L Program Quiz</a> (2 hours)</li> </ul>	<p>The USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program offers regional recognition to USDF Group Members competing in non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF recognized competitions.</p> <p>L Graduates are permitted to judge USDF Regional Schooling Shows and must meet criteria listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current USDF L Graduate, with or without distinction (highly recommend USDF L Graduates with distinction), which has met USDF continuing education requirements and Safe Sport training.</li> <li>• <i>FEI classes must be judged by USDF L Graduates with Distinction.</i></li> </ul>	<p>To enter the USEF/USDF 'r' Dressage Judge Training Program, applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a current Participating Member in good standing with the USDF.</li> <li>• Applicants must have graduated the L Education Program with Distinction within five years preceding an application to a Training Program. If it has been more than five years since an individual graduated the L Education Program with Distinction, the individual will need to participate or audit Part I (Sessions A, B, and C) of the L Education Program prior to taking the Final Examination.</li> <li>• Earn five riding scores of 65% or higher at Fourth Level or above from four different 'R' or 'S' Judges.</li> </ul> <p>Interested applicants may begin their application process through the <a href="#">Licensed Officials Checklist</a> on the USEF website. Questions may be directed to <a href="mailto:lotraining@usdf.org">lotraining@usdf.org</a>.</p>