



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 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.

Types of Approved Continuing Education	Prerequisites to the USEF/USDF 'r' Dressage Judge Training Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDF Continuing Education for Dressage Judges Program • USEF Dressage Judge Education Programs • USDF Sport Horse Seminar (for Judge Training) • USEA hosted Eventing judge training programs with a focus on dressage, if taught by USEF-approved judge instructors (for dressage) or L faculty • Convention L Education session • Convention meetings (meetings related to Judging and Judge education) • Auditing or participating in Part 1 of L Education Program • Scribing with USEF R or S judges • Scribing for instructors or examiners at L Program (Part 2) or USEF Dressage Judge Training Programs. (Testing programs are not included) • L Education Online Course available on the USDF Education Library (2 hours) 	<p>To enter the USEF/USDF 'r' Dressage Judge Training Program, applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a current Participating Member in good standing with the USDF. • 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. • Earn five riding scores of 65% or higher at Fourth Level or above from four different 'R' or 'S' Judges. <p>Interested applicants may begin their application process through the Licensed Officials Checklist on the USEF website. Questions may be directed to lotraining@usdf.org.</p>