



2026 USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program Presented by Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply

The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program presented by Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply is designed to recognize adult amateurs competing in equitation and promote correct seat, position, and use of aids in dressage. The program culminates with an Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class which is held in conjunction with each of the nine USDF Regional Dressage Championship competitions, providing adult amateurs with additional opportunity for recognition.

A. Membership and Horse Registration Requirements:

1. Rider must have a USDF Participating Membership at the time the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
2. Rider must be an adult amateur, in accordance with GR1306 & GR1307 of the USEF rules and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur when the score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
3. Owner must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
4. Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
5. **Rider, horse and owner must be eligible according to current USEF requirements.**

B. Eligibility:

1. To be eligible for the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class, rider must have
 - a. Earned a score of 70% or higher in any dressage seat equitation class within the qualifying period of the applicable regional championship.
or
 - b. Qualified to compete in any regional dressage championship class (excluding freestyles).
2. Any dressage seat equitation class (except walk-trot and Opportunity **classes**), held at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage competition during the qualifying period, may be used to qualify for that year's USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class presented by Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply.
3. Qualifying periods for this program vary for each region. The period during which an adult amateur may qualify for a particular Regional Final class starts the day after the closing date of that region's 2024 championship and ends on the closing date of that region's 2025 championship.
4. A rider can elect to compete in any one of the nine USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final classes presented by Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply but may only compete in one USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class per calendar year.

C. Regional Final Class Requirements

1. Current USEF Dressage Seat Equitation scoresheets must be used for AA Regional Finals and all rules in the USEF Dressage Division section, including USEF DR133.1 must be followed.
2. Competitors must comply with all rules pertaining to horses entered in regional championship classes, including but not limited to the rule that only the rider entered in the championship class may ride the horse.
3. Riders do not need to qualify for and compete in the Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class on the same horse.

D. See "USEF/USDF Dressage Seat Equitation Guidelines for Competition Managers, Judges and Competitors" for information on management requirements, judge information, class format and scheduling for AA Regional Finals classes.

