



# Important Steps to follow now that you have declared for the US Dressage Finals

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## Step 1: Qualify

1. By Placing - Champion and Reserve Champion horse/rider combinations for each level and eligible division (open or adult amateur) from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited, provided the following three requirements are met: rider is a US Citizen; Declaration of Intent completed by the deadline; and earning an eligible placing in a Regional Championship class.

### **OR**

2. By Wild Card - Horse/rider combinations who are not otherwise qualified to compete in the US Dressage Finals based on their Regional Championship placing may be invited to participate in a Finals class by earning a Wild Card score in a Regional Championship class provided the following two requirements are met: rider is a US citizen and earning an eligible Wild Card score in a Regional Championship class. Please see the US Dressage Finals [prize list](#) for Wild Card Scores.

## Step 2: Receive an Invitation

- Invitations/Notifications will be emailed to eligible/qualified horse/rider combinations after each Regional Championship. There will be three categories of emails:
  1. Invitation emails will be sent to the first and second placed declared combinations.
  2. Invitation emails will be sent to combinations eligible for a Wild Card.
  3. Notification emails will be sent to 3rd -5th of those horse/rider combinations who have declared, notifying them that they are on the reserve/alternate list and reminding them to check the website for any status changes that would make them eligible for an invitation.

## Step 3: Complete a Nomination

- Nomination, including payment of the nomination fee, is required for participation in the US Dressage Final classes, whether qualifying through placing in a Regional Championship class or by Wild Card.
- The nomination deadline is **midnight, 96 hours** after the last championship day in the Regional Championship show in which the horse/rider combination competed.
- The Nomination fee for each US Dressage Finals class is the listed entry fee for that class. The Nomination fee paid will be applied to the total amount due at Closing Date.
- **Nominated horse/rider combinations that do *not* receive an invitation and are ineligible for a Wild Card will receive a full refund of nomination fees paid minus the \$10 processing fee per nominated class. Exception: Reserve/alternate list/in line by placing entries will not be subject to the processing fee.**
- Stabling in the heated Alltech barns will be allotted by region based on the number of entries received from each region at Closing Date. Payment for Alltech stabling, and completed entries must be received within **5 days**, and no later than 5 days, after their nomination deadline in order to maintain priority. **Alltech stabling requests that cannot be fulfilled will be refunded.**

## Step 4: Compete an Entry

- Completed entries for the US Dressage Finals must be received by **midnight ET on October 26, 2017**.
- Complete entries are allowed on opening date for competitors in any region and a refund will be given if the horse/rider is not eligible to participate on the Closing Date. Complete/fully paid entries that do not receive an invitation and are ineligible for a Wild Card and/or do not compete in the show will have the office fee (\$50) and processing fee deducted from their entry refund.