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**September 17, 2026**

Closing Date for Entries  
**Received by Saturday, October 10, 2026 midnight Eastern Time**



# **US Dressage Finals**

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Competition will be run by the latest Official Prize List.

Online entries are accepted at [www.HorseShowOffice.com](http://www.HorseShowOffice.com). There is NO surcharge for entering online. Online entries may be paid by electronic check or credit card.

No hard copy entries accepted

Website: [www.usdressagefinals.com](http://www.usdressagefinals.com)

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Thurs #	Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	US Dressage Finals Classes	Division	Fee
<b>Junior/Young Rider Division</b>						
Junior/Young Rider Finals classes are open only to those H/R combinations that have received an Invitation based on their placing or Wild Card score received at the 2026 GAIG/USDF Regional Championships.						
			409J	US Dressage Finals Training Level Championship	Jr/YR	\$150
		319J		US Dressage Finals First Level Championship	Jr/YR	\$150
			429J	US Dressage Finals Second Level Championship	Jr/YR	\$150
		339J		US Dressage Finals Third Level Championship	Jr/YR	\$150
			449J	US Dressage Finals Fourth Level Championship	Jr/YR	\$150
		359J		US Dressage Finals Prix St. Georges Championship	Jr/YR	\$190
			469J	US Dressage Finals Intermediate I Championship	Jr/YR	\$190

Note: Classes may not necessarily run in the order listed above.

Thurs #	Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	US Dressage Finals Classes	Division	Fee
<b>Open Division</b>						
Open Finals classes are open only to those H/R combinations that have received an Invitation based on their placing or Wild Card score received at the 2026 GAIG/USDF Regional Championships.						
	2090			US Dressage Finals Training Level Championship	Open	\$150
		3190		US Dressage Finals First Level Championship	Open	\$150
			4290	US Dressage Finals Second Level Championship	Open	\$150
1390				US Dressage Finals Third Level Championship	Open	\$150
		3490		US Dressage Finals Fourth Level Championship	Open	\$150
1590				US Dressage Finals Prix St. Georges Championship	Open	\$190
	2690			US Dressage Finals Intermediate I Championship	Open	\$190
1790				US Dressage Finals Intermediate II Championship	Open	\$190
	2890			US Dressage Finals Grand Prix Championship	Open	\$190
	6190			US Dressage Finals First Level Freestyle Championship	Open	\$160
		7290		US Dressage Finals Second Level Freestyle Championship	Open	\$160
	6390			US Dressage Finals Third Level Freestyle Championship	Open	\$160
			8490	US Dressage Finals Fourth Level Freestyle Championship	Open	\$160
		7690		US Dressage Finals Intermediate I Freestyle Championship	Open	\$200
		7890		US Dressage Finals Grand Prix Freestyle Championship	Open	\$200

Note: Classes may not necessarily run in the order listed above.

Thurs #	Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	US Dressage Finals Classes	Division	Fee
<b>Adult Amateur Division</b>						
Adult Amateur Finals classes are open only to those H/R combinations that have received an Invitation based on their placing or Wild Card score received at the 2026 GAIG/USDF Regional Championships.						
			409A	US Dressage Finals Training Level Championship	AA	\$150
		319A		US Dressage Finals First Level Championship	AA	\$150
	229A			US Dressage Finals Second Level Championship	AA	\$150
		339A		US Dressage Finals Third Level Championship	AA	\$150
	249A			US Dressage Finals Fourth Level Championship	AA	\$150
			459A	US Dressage Finals Prix St. Georges Championship	AA	\$190
	269A			US Dressage Finals Intermediate I Championship	AA	\$190
179A				US Dressage Finals Intermediate II Championship	AA	\$190
	289A			US Dressage Finals Grand Prix Championship	AA	\$190
			819A	US Dressage Finals First Level Freestyle Championship	AA	\$160
		729A		US Dressage Finals Second Level Freestyle Championship	AA	\$160
			839A	US Dressage Finals Third Level Freestyle Championship	AA	\$160
		749A		US Dressage Finals Fourth Level Freestyle Championship	AA	\$160
		769A		US Dressage Finals Intermediate I Freestyle Championship	AA	\$200
		789A		US Dressage Finals Grand Prix Freestyle Championship	AA	\$200

Note: Classes may not necessarily run in the order listed above.

Thurs#	Fri#	Sat#	Sun #	USDF Fall Classic Classes (Open to all horse/rider combinations; priority given to H/R combinations entered in Finals classes)	Divisions	Fee	With GAIG/USDF Q Fee
100	200	300		USEF Training Level Test of Choice*	AA/Open/Jr/YR	\$95	\$115
110	210	310		USEF First Level Test of Choice*	AA/Open/Jr/YR	\$95	\$115
120	220	320		USEF Second Level Test of Choice*	AA/Open/Jr/YR	\$95	\$115
130	230	330		USEF Third Level Test of Choice*	AA/Open/Jr/YR	\$95	\$115
140	240	340		USEF Fourth Level Test of Choice*	AA/Open/Jr/YR	\$95	\$115
			400	USEF Test of Choice (only Training, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> ) *	AA/Open/Jr/YR	\$95	\$115
150	250	350	450	FEI Test of Choice (only PSG, I1, I2 & GP) *	AA/Open/Jr/YR	\$125	\$145
191				USDF First Level Freestyle** ^	AA/Open	\$105	\$125
192				USDF Second Level Freestyle** ^	AA/Open	\$105	\$125
193				USDF Third Level Freestyle** ^	AA/Open	\$105	\$125
194				USDF Fourth Level Freestyle** ^	AA/Open	\$105	\$125
195				FEI Intermediate I Freestyle** ^	AA/Open	\$135	\$155
196				FEI Grand Prix Freestyle** ^	AA/Open	\$135	\$155

Note: Classes may not necessarily run in the order listed here.

\* Great American/USDF Qualifying

# Classes 191 through 196 are only open to those horse/rider combinations that are entered in US Dressage Finals Freestyle classes.

*^ Music must be submitted in either WAV, MP3, MP4 or AIFF format and uploaded to [hideshowoffice.com](http://hideshowoffice.com) by October 23, 2026. CDs are highly discouraged and if used will not be returned after the competition. Sound tests will be scheduled via email once your music has been received. Time blocks will be on the schooling schedule. All freestyle competitors must complete a sound check.*

## Entry Information:

Entries must be submitted online at [www.HorseShowOffice.com](http://www.HorseShowOffice.com). No hard copy entries accepted. There is NO surcharge for entering online. Online entries may be paid by electronic check or credit card. Entries must be received by Saturday October 10, 2026, midnight ET. Any entry requiring a signature, payment, or copies of proof of valid membership will be considered incomplete and may incur additional fees. For an entry to be considered complete, it must contain the signed OH State specific USEF Waiver & Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement. No refunds after closing date, for any reason.

**Post Entries for US Dressage Finals Championship Classes:** Post entries will be accepted for final championship classes if the schedule permits.

## **Policy for Accepting Post Entries and Filling Scratches in US Dressage Finals classes:**

- Must have qualified and be eligible for class.
- Must register with secretary and put name on wait list.

Post entries in Finals classes will only be accepted to fill scratches in allotted time slots (Time schedule determined by the draw held prior to the class). Exceptions will be made when two or more competitors meet the same criteria and are deemed equal in priority status. Exceptions may also be made when conditions are created by weather or other natural disasters.

**Entry Information Requirements:** Competitors are responsible for providing valid membership numbers on the entry form for all horse, owner, rider, and trainer names listed on the entry form. USEF and USDF registration is verified electronically if valid membership numbers are provided on the entry form. You may be asked to provide copies of your membership documents if your memberships cannot be verified for any reason. All entries must include a current negative EIA (Coggins) test (within 12 months). Horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within 6 months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the grounds upon request by competition management (USEF GR845). All entries must include the signed OH State specific USEF Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement.

**Horse Requirements for Entry into WEC Wilmington:** All horses entering the WEC Wilmington grounds must have valid proof of negative EIA (Coggins) test (within 12 months). Horses who fail to arrive with appropriate paperwork will not be allowed to unload onto the showgrounds. Owners with horses from other states are responsible to check for most up-to-date health regulations.

## Entry Fees:

DESCRIPTION	FEES
US Dressage Finals Training through Fourth Level Classes	\$150
US Dressage Finals First through Fourth Level Freestyle Classes	\$160
US Dressage Finals FEI Level Classes	\$190
US Dressage Finals FEI Level Freestyle Classes	\$200
Open Classes Training through Fourth Level Classes	\$95
Open FEI Level Classes	\$125
Great American/USDF Qualifying Fee	\$20 per eligible class
Office Fee per horse/rider combination	\$90
Time Change within a class (request by 3 PM the day prior)	\$35 per change if possible
Non-competing horse fee (Must also pay office fee of \$90)	\$100
USEF Fee (D&M \$15.00, USEF \$10.00)	\$25 per horse
Post Entry Fee	\$100

Processing fee for ineligible entries	\$15
Non-negotiable Payment Fee	\$75
Late Entry Fee (if accepted)	\$100

## **Stabling/Bedding/Hay Fees & Information:**

DESCRIPTION	FEES
Heated interior stall (10x10) minimum (Wednesday 12pm through Sunday 12:00 midnight)	\$550/stall
Heated interior tack stall (Wednesday 12pm through Sunday 12:00 midnight)	\$400/stall
Heated interior stall (10x10) minimum (Tuesday 12pm through Sunday 12:00 midnight)	\$660/stall
Heated interior tack stall (Tuesday 12pm through Sunday 12:00 midnight)	\$450/stall
Heated interior stall (10x10) minimum (Monday 12pm through Sunday 12:00 midnight)	\$900/stall
Heated interior tack stall (Monday 12pm through Sunday 12:00 midnight)	\$450/stall
Late Departure (Past 7am Monday November 2) unless pre-arranged	\$60/hour
Shavings -Subject to Market Price Change	\$17/bag
Straw (limited availability) - Subject to Market Price Change	\$13/bale
Pellet Bedding -Subject to Market Price Change	\$10/bag
Timothy Hay – 3 Tie – Subject to Market Price Change	\$60/bale
Timothy/Orchard Light Mix Hay – 3 Tie – Subject to Market Price Change	\$60/bale
Alfalfa Hay – 3 Tie – Subject to Market Price Change	\$60/bale

- Barns open Wednesday 12pm. Arrival prior to Wednesday 12pm requires approval and early stabling fee. Competitors will be charged \$60 per hour per stall if they are not departed by 7am on Monday November 2, unless pre-arranged. All stabling is permanent, and climate controlled with permanent stall doors provided and rubber matted; mats may not be removed from any stall without incurring at \$50 per mat fine. Nearly all of the barns are connected via enclosed walkways.
- All horses must have a stall, and stalls cannot be shared by more than one horse. No trailer-ins allowed. Please list stable groups on entry form and use only one name for each stable group to ensure that your group will be stabled together.
- No exhibitor may withdraw horses from a licensed show after it has commenced or remove them from the showgrounds without permission of the show secretary.
- **Aisles must be kept clear at all times to enable horses and people to pass safely. Exits and fire extinguishers must remain unobstructed. Bedding, hay and tack trunks must be placed flush against the stall. The competition's safety officer will be monitoring aisle safety. No cross ties, tacking, grooming, or loitering will be permitted in the aisles. No horses or dogs are permitted to be tied in the aisles. Dogs on leashes must not be able to access the aisle unless attached to a human due to safety concerns.**
- **Barn windows and doors maybe opened from 11am to 3pm if the outside temperature is above 55 degrees. Please check with stable manager or show office.**
- Additional Stabling Information posted under Facility Information on pages 12-13.
- Feed may be purchased through the show office. Options include Buckeye Senior Pelleted, Buckeye Supreme 14, Buckeye Senior Cadence, Tribute Kalm Ultra, Tribute Kalm N Ez Pelleted, Tribute Essential K, Beet Pulp with Molasses and Bran 40#.

### **Nightwatch available from 9pm-5am Wednesday-Sunday nights (Tuesday night available upon request)**

To sign up, please respond to the email that will be sent out the week before the show; all pricing and details will be included. Contact Katherine Sclichter, ([ksclichter@gmail.com](mailto:ksclichter@gmail.com)) if you do not receive an email about Night Watch.

# US Dressage Finals Eligibility – **New Protocol for 2026!**

The US Dressage Finals is an Invitational competition using the USEF/USDF Regional Championship program to qualify. Qualifying takes place at each of the nine Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, based on either 1) Placing in a Regional Championship Class or 2) Wild Card Eligibility. Either must be achieved at a Regional Championship in a class and eligible division offered at the US Dressage Finals.

## I. Qualification Based on Placing in a Regional Championship Class:

The top four placed horse/rider combinations for each level and eligible division from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited, provided the following requirements are met: US Citizenship and earning an eligible placing in a Regional Championship class.

- 1) Placing in a Regional Championship Class: Eligibility to enter US Dressage Finals classes is based on a horse/rider combination's placing in a Regional Championship class. The top four placed horse/rider combinations in eligible classes will be automatically invited as long as they have achieved the prerequisite score of 57% or higher.
- 2) United States Citizenship Requirement: To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen at the time they compete in the US Dressage Finals.

## II. Qualification Based on Wild Card Eligibility:

Horse/rider combinations who are not otherwise qualified to compete in the US Dressage Finals based on their Regional Championship placing (see above) will be invited to participate in a Finals class by earning a Wild Card score achieved at one of the nine Regional Championships, provided the following two requirements are met: US Citizenship and earning an eligible Wild Card score in a Regional Championship class.

- 1) Eligible Wild Card Score: Eligibility to enter US Dressage Finals classes is based on a Wild Card score earned in a Regional Championship class. For all levels and divisions from Training through Grand Prix, a horse/rider combination that competes in a Regional Championship class and achieves a score at or above the score listed below for that level and division may compete in the same level and division at the US Dressage Finals.
- 2) United States Citizenship Requirement: To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen.

	OPEN:	AA:	Jr/YR:	<u>Freestyles</u>	OPEN:	AA:
Training:	72%	68%	68%	First:	70%	68%
First:	70%	67%	67%	Second:	70%	68%
Second:	68%	65%	65%	Third:	70%	68%
Third:	68%	64%	64%	Fourth:	70%	68%
Fourth:	67%	64%	64%	Intermediate I:	68%	67%
Prix St. Georges:	67%	64%	64%	Grand Prix:	68%	67%
Intermediate I:	67%	63%	63%			
Intermediate II:	65%	63%				
Grand Prix:	65%	63%				

## III. Invitations:

Invitations will be emailed to eligible/qualified horse/rider combinations immediately after each Regional Championship. There will be two categories of emails:

- 1) Invitation emails will be sent to the top four placed horse/rider combinations that have achieved the minimum score of 57%.
- 2) Invitation emails will be sent to combinations eligible for a Wild Card.

*Note: Competitors do not need to receive an actual invitation to enter the US Dressage Finals. The entry system will have their eligibility status, and they can enter prior to receiving an email invitation.*

## IV. Entry Requirements

Completed entries for the US Dressage Finals *must be received* by the closing date, Saturday, October 10th midnight Eastern Time.

Each online entry must include the following: full payment, fully signed 2026 US Dressage Finals entry form and signed USEF Waiver, current negative Coggins test and current Flu/Rhino Vaccine Record. All documents must be uploaded when you receive your online entry confirmation from Horseshowoffice.com, that is emailed immediately to you after you enter online.

## Travel Grant Funds Available

Competitors who fall into the following groups (based on the rider's address of record as associated with the USDF membership) will be eligible to apply for travel grants:

Group 1 (WA, OR, CA, HI, AK, MT, ID, AZ, NV, UT)

Group 2 (WY, NM, CO)

Group 1 competitors are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$1,500. Those in Group 2 are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$1,000. Group 1 applicants will receive priority allocation. Grants will be based solely on the rider's residence of record.

Grants will be awarded to the horse/rider combination. A rider may apply for a grant with each eligible horse entered. Riders are permitted to receive additional grants from other entities. To be considered for a grant, the competitor must submit a grant-request application with entry, which can be done through the online entry process. Grants will be awarded only after the horse/rider combination is verified as having arrived on the competition grounds. Travel grants will be paid to the USDF recorded owner of the horse within 30 days after the competition. Travel grants will not be paid at the competition.

## Additional Entry Policies

- Jr/YRs wishing to compete in the US Dressage Finals at the Intermediate II, Grand Prix or a freestyle class must qualify and compete in the open division at their Regional Championship and earn qualification through their placing in the class or through a Wild Card score.
- Eligible riders may compete in the AA division in Freestyles at the US Dressage Finals provided they have AA status with USEF at the time of their Regional Championship and at the time of the Finals.

## US Dressage Finals Entries and Refunds:

- Completed entries for the US Dressage Finals competition *must be received* by the closing date, Saturday October 10, 2026, midnight ET.
- Invited horse/rider combinations that have completed entries, and that notify the secretary in writing prior to closing date of their intention to scratch, will receive a 75% refund of stabling fees paid to the competition. All other fees will be refunded with the exception of any processing (office fee is never refunded) fees.
- Complete entries are allowed on opening date for competitors in any region.
- Refunds will be paid within 30 days after the competition.

## Important Competitor Information:

- Parking for trailers or cars will not be allowed near the barns or rings. Parking will be in designated areas and parking not in designated areas will result in fines and being towed. **Open schooling times and locations will be posted. Absolutely no schooling permitted outside of posted hours.**
- **Mandatory sign-up for late schooling will be available in the show office.**
- A preliminary schooling schedule will be posted on the Finals website prior to the event.

## US Dressage Finals Rules:

1. The US Dressage Finals is a Level 5 competition. Please refer to USEF Dressage Levels Chart for specific competition requirements.
2. Each entry must designate the division being entered (open, adult amateur or junior/young) and must meet invitation or wild card requirements for each championship class entered.
3. If a rider intends to enter the US Dressage Finals as an adult amateur, the rider must be an adult by the current USEF definition (DR 119.3) and a current amateur by the USEF definition. (USEF GR1306, 1307).
4. If a rider intends to enter the US Dressage Finals as a junior/young rider, the rider must be a junior/young rider by the current USEF definition (DR119.3).
5. A Rider must be a US citizen at the time of the US Dressage Finals competition in order to ride in a Finals class.

6. Proof of membership: USEF and USDF registration are verified electronically if valid membership numbers are provided on entry form. Copies of USEF and USDF memberships, horse recordings, and Lifetime Horse Registration ARE NOT REQUIRED with your entry provided you include the membership numbers on your entry form. You may be asked to provide copies if your memberships cannot be verified for any reason.
7. If the horse has more than one owner, at least one owner must have both active USEF membership and active USDF Participating or Business Membership and must be the owner of record with USEF and USDF. For a business or farm to be the valid owner under this requirement, it must be listed as an owner with both USEF and USDF.
8. Whips may not be carried in championship tests (Exception: Competitors in possession of a Federation Dispensation Certificate or Presidential Modification letter. Competitors riding sidesaddle may carry a whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, in USEF/USDF Championships.) An adjustable-length whip may not be carried by a mounted rider.
9. All championship tests must be ridden from memory. (USEF DR122.1)
10. Under penalty of disqualification from all championship classes for the horse/rider combination, within 24 hours prior and at no time during a USEF/USDF Championship competition may any horse entered in that championship competition be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the Championship competition on that horse (exception: grooms riding on loose rein). Further, any horse entered in the Finals competition, even entered at two levels, must be ridden by the same rider throughout the competition. (USEF DR127.6) (NOTE: This applies throughout the entire competition, even after a horse has completed its championship classes.)
11. In the event of a tie (equality of total points) for champion and/or reserve champion in USEF/USDF championship classes, the collective marks will determine first, second, and/or third or all three places; (i.e., when a tie for first place is broken by collective marks, tied competitors will receive first and second places, etc.). If collective marks are equal, the tie will remain unbroken (i.e., two first places will be awarded next third place, etc.). For ties in freestyle classes refer to USEF DR129.5 which states the highest score shall be declared the winner of the class. In the case of a tie, the higher artistic score shall determine the winner. Ties (equality of total points) after second place will be broken by collective marks. Ties (equality of total points and collective marks or artistic scores) occurring in third through eighth places will remain unbroken. In the case of a tie (equality of total points and collective marks or artistic scores) for champion, prize money designated for champion and reserve champion will be combined and divided equally between the two competitors.
12. Hors de Concours entries are not permitted in USEF/USDF championship classes. (USEF DR119.5) Horses competing Hors de Concours in a non-championship class at the competition, are no longer eligible for further prizes, awards, or placings at that competition.
13. In a US Dressage Finals class, the horse/rider combination must obtain the necessary minimum percentage score to be named champion or reserve champion. (USEF DR123.6) If the highest placed horse/rider combination receives less than the minimum percentage, no Championship awards or prize money will be issued, however an awards ceremony will be held for the entire class.
14. In USEF/USDF championship classes, a steward will be appointed to check the saddlery, bits, and spurs, on both sides of each horse immediately after it has completed its test and has left the arena. The Technical Delegate may follow the competitor to a designated area if necessary. Any discrepancy to the saddlery rules will result in immediate elimination. (USEF DR126.1.i.1)
15. TDs must investigate incidents of non-compliance and report violations to USEF.
16. A tentative schedule for the awards ceremonies will be available in the show office and within the electronic Event Program.
17. The confirmed schedule for the awards ceremonies will be posted in the show office by noon on the day prior to the beginning of the competition. If the posted awards schedule is changed, all affected competitors will be notified.
18. **New for 2026: Participation in awards ceremonies by rider/horse combinations placed first through third is mandatory. Awards ceremony participation for horse/rider combinations placed fourth through tenth is optional as riders are invited to attend but not required to attend. For first through third placed horse/rider combinations, failure without prior permission of the competition manager, to be present and properly attired, will eliminate the official score and placing and the next highest score will move up in placing.** If riders placed in US Dressage Final classes choose to participate in awards ceremonies, they must be present, mounted and in full riding attire at their designated times. It is recommended that saddlery for awards ceremonies be the same as in the competition, but that dark or white leg bandages or boots are also allowed. Conservative bell boots are permitted, i.e. bling, metallic are not allowed. For safety reasons competitors may decline to participate in the victory round.

## **Awards Information:**

**Awards and Prize Money for US Dressage Finals Classes:** Prize money for US Dressage Finals Championship classes will be paid directly by the USDF office to the recorded horse owner within thirty (30) days of the end of the championship. The amount of prize money to be awarded for the US Dressage Finals Championships classes will be \$1500 for Champion, \$750 for Reserve Champion, \$350 for third place and \$150 for fourth place.

**Prizes will include:**

Champion: Embroidered fleece dress sheet from SmartEquine, embroidered saddle pad from Adequan®, prize from Platinum Performance, engraved crystal plate, neck sash

Reserve Champion: Deluxe halter with engraved nameplate from SmartEquine, prize from Platinum Performance, engraved crystal plate, neck sash

Third through Tenth place: Neck sash

**Awards for open Classes:** Ribbons to sixth place for each class. First place competitors will receive a prize. Divisions (AA, Open, Jr/YR (for national level non-freestyle classes) may be run concurrently as one class. Divisions will be pinned separately. Riders must clearly specify division choice. When no designation is made, riders will automatically be entered as open. Riders may enter only one division per class.

**High Score Breed Awards:** Participating breed and performance registries will award two high score awards for junior/young riders, one for the national levels (Training through Fourth Level combined), and one for Prix St. Georges and Intermediate I (combined), two high score awards for adult amateur riders, one for the national levels (Training through Fourth levels combined) and one for the FEI levels (Prix St. Georges through Grand Prix levels combined). There will also be two high score awards offered for open riders, one for the national levels (Training through Fourth levels combined) and one for the FEI levels (Prix St. Georges through Grand Prix levels combined). Results from freestyle and open classes will not be included. Only scores from the US Dressage Finals classes will be used for high score calculations. **Competitors must indicate their intent to be eligible for high score breed awards at the time they enter the competition.** More information on participating breeds and registries, and how to register for these awards will be available on the USDF website at <http://www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/competitors/breed.asp>

**A US Dressage Finals Regions Cup awards competition will be held for teams of riders from each region.** Each regional team will consist of the top scoring eligible athlete/horse combination from Training/First Level regional championship classes, the top scoring eligible athlete/horse combination from FEI Level regional championship classes, the top scoring eligible adult amateur athlete/horse combination from Second-Fourth Level regional championship classes and the top scoring eligible junior/young rider athlete/horse combination from Training-Fourth Level regional championship classes. Reserve athlete/horse combinations will be substituted only once the athlete/horse combination they would be replacing has withdrawn from the finals class(es). The winning team is determined by averaging the highest final scores achieved by each athlete/horse combination in their US Dressage Finals class. In the case of competitors having the same score in one of the three categories (Training-First, Second-Fourth, Training-Fourth, FEI), the competitor with the score from the highest level (i.e. Grand Prix vs. Prix St. Georges) will be given first option of accepting. If competitors have the same score at the same level, the placing at the regional championship will be used to determine who will be given first option of accepting. If both levels and placings are the same, a coin toss will decide which rider would have the first option of accepting. Visit [usdressagefinals.com](http://usdressagefinals.com) for complete rules.

**Awards Ceremony Schedule & Rules for US Dressage Finals Classes:** A tentative schedule for the awards ceremonies will be placed within the electronic Event Program and the official schedule will be posted in the show secretary's office by noon on the day prior to the beginning of the competition. Classes will be placed champion, reserve champion, and third through tenth place for each US Dressage Finals Class. **Participation in awards ceremonies by rider/horse combinations placed first through third is mandatory.**

**Awards ceremony participation for horse/rider combinations placed fourth through tenth is optional. For first through third placed horse/rider combinations, failure without prior permission of the competition manager, to be present and properly attired, will eliminate the official score and placing and the next highest score will move up in placing.** Riders placing in the US Dressage Finals classes that choose to participate in awards ceremonies must be present, mounted and in full riding attire for award ceremonies (ten placings for all championship classes). It is recommended that saddlery for awards ceremonies be the same as in the competition, but that dark or white leg bandages or boots are also allowed. Conservative bell boots are permitted, i.e. bling, metallic are not allowed. Unmounted horses may not participate in awards ceremonies. If mounted horses are led in the groom must be appropriately dressed.

**Trophies/prizes will be mailed at the expense of the competitor upon request.**

**US Dressage Finals Perpetual Trophies:** The US Dressage Finals is pleased to offer a variety of beautiful perpetual trophies, donated by generous individuals and organizations. Please see the US Dressage Finals website for more information, including specific eligibility requirements, and pictures of these beautiful trophies. Contact USDF if you would like to dedicate/sponsor/donate a US Dressage Finals perpetual trophy.

## **Facility Information:**

**Directions:** The World Equestrian Center Wilmington is located in Southwest Ohio, less than 2 hours north of the Kentucky Horse Park. Address for GPS: 4095 OH-730, Wilmington, Ohio 45177.

**Trailer Parking:** All trailers must park in approved lot. No parking is allowed in the barn area.

**Footing/Arenas:** All competition arenas and designated competition warm-up rings will be standard size with silica sand and fiber manufactured by OttoSport or another company. All championship classes will be held indoors.

**Stabling:** All stalls are climate-controlled, permanent wood construction with rubber mats, at minimum stalls are 10x10 with doors. Nearly all of barns are connected via enclosed walkways ensuring safe and comfortable movement between competition facilities and stables regardless of weather.

**Bedding:** No bedding will be supplied, and no outside delivery of bedding is allowed. Shavings can be added to your entry or purchased in the show office. Alternatively, competitors may bring shavings using their private vehicles.

**Feed and Hay:** No outside deliveries of feed or hay is permitted. Exhibitors may also bring their own feed and hay.

**Concessions:** Food and concessions will be available on the show grounds Wednesday through Sunday.

**Golf Carts/Mopeds Etc.:** Must be at least 16 years of age, with valid driver's license to operate a golf cart, moped, etc. There will be no golf carts or mopeds allowed in the indoor complex. No segways, Scooters or hoverboards etc. allowed.

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above-described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

**Warning:** Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who participates in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities.

**Weather/Acts of God/Accidents or Emergency Policy:** Management reserves the right to cancel any classes due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, Accidents or Emergencies. In addition, management reserves the right to move, close or add designated lungeing areas due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, accidents or emergencies. Every effort will be made to reschedule with priority given to Championship classes. No refunds for cancellations due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, Accidents or Emergencies.

**Reminder:** All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All

participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).

## **Accommodations:**

### **On Site:**

**Cabins:** Thirty-six charming cabins adorn the southwest side of the World Equestrian Center – Wilmington property, all within walking distance of show rings and stabling. Each of the cabins comfortably sleeps up to six guests and is outfitted with a refrigerator, microwave and flat-screen TV both upstairs and downstairs. The cabins also feature all of the comforts of home like spacious front porches, a single-cup coffee maker, an all-in-one washer dryer combo and Wi-Fi. World Equestrian Center – Wilmington also offers two cabins with handicapped-accessible accommodations. See [www.worldequestriancenter.com](http://www.worldequestriancenter.com) for availability.

**Home Away from Home:** World Equestrian Center – Wilmington features 125 “Home Away from Home” units directly across the street from the barns and arenas. Each unit features two or three bedrooms, a fully equipped kitchen with a dishwasher, a spacious living and dining room, a full-size washer and dryer, two TVs, a one-cup coffee maker and Wi-Fi. See [www.worldequestriancenter.com](http://www.worldequestriancenter.com) for availability.

**RV Lodging Amenities:** World Equestrian Center – Wilmington offers 176 hookups, 36 of which are full-service hookups that include electricity, water and sewer service. Partial hookups are also offered, which include electricity and water. RV and trailer parking spots are offered to provide easy access to all amenities and facilities at World Equestrian Center – Wilmington. RV hookups are \$300 for five or fewer nights and can be reserved when completing your entry. These can be reserved during the entry process.

For hotels listings and detailed information visit [www.usdressagefinals.com](http://www.usdressagefinals.com)

## **General Regulations, Policies and Entry Specifications:**

**EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT FEDERATION RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.**

US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION rules are in force from the moment show management allows access to the showgrounds. This includes conduct, correct saddlery and equipment, and attire.

Liability – Horses by their inherent nature present a risk. This show, the management, the USEF Licensee, and the facility will not be responsible for any loss or damage or injury to horses exhibited, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed, or in any way injured. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned to any person, whomsoever, by any horse owned or exhibited by said exhibitor and shall indemnify the show, the management, the show committee and volunteers, the USEF Licensee, the USEF and USDF, or any member thereof, against all claims and demands, of any nature or kind, that may grow out of any injury occasioned by any horses owned or exhibited by them, or arise from the negligence of the person in charge of any such horse. All horses exhibited in this show participate entirely at the owner’s risk. Neither the Organizing Committee, show volunteers and staff, the facility or its owners, USEF or USDF or their members will be responsible for any damage, injury, or loss to persons, horses, or property of exhibitors or spectators. All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.

Exhibitors should exercise extreme caution before medicating their horses and should be aware of the US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION rules governing drugs and medications. Any questions about the use of certain medications and regarding Rule IV should be directed to the USEF Federation Equine Drugs and Medications Program, 956 King Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43212-2655. (800) 633-2472, (614) 299-7707, FAX (614) 299-7706

A trainer is defined as any adult who has responsibility for the horse on the competition grounds. Trainers must sign the entry form and must be USEF active members.

Numbers must be worn at all times when a horse is being exercised or ridden.

#### **USEF Membership Statement (GR901.9)**

**Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$45 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot (exception: Friesian performance FR218) and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.**

**Protective Headgear:** Protective headgear in compliance with the accepted testing standards published on the Federation's website. Protective headgear must carry the applicable quality testing tag and/or label. See GR801. From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds, including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, mounted participants in exhibition classes, and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para Dressage tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until the headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear may be the same as or a coordinating color with the coat, and may include contrast coloring, accent, and crystal decoration. See DR136 for dress code rules for exhibitions.

Show Management reserves the right to vary or add officials and refuse any entry for a cause; to disqualify any exhibitor and/or his or her horse for cause; to cause an exhibitor to forfeit his or her ribbons and winnings for cause; to return any entry and/or stall fee before or during the show for cause; all without being liable for damage or compensation. Show management reserves the right to make any changes deemed necessary for the safe and efficient conduct of this competition.

**Important notice to all affected parties:** Third parties may come upon the property or enter the facilities where any herein described or listed event will occur; provided, that this is a license to enter the premises, for the purpose of observing or participating in the event, but not otherwise, and such license to any individual is subject to revocation by the owner, lessee or organizer, and entry for any purpose other than granted herein, shall be deemed criminal trespass and subject to appropriate legal proceedings.

**Attention Competitors:** Each competitor is responsible for supplying the show management with the correct and required association numbers of USDF and/or USEF for the horse, owner, rider, coaches, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not count towards national awards. Priority for entries in USDF Fall Classic classes will be given to horse/rider combinations entered or wait listed in US Dressage Finals classes. If USDF Fall Classic classes are oversubscribed entries will be accepted based on time/date entry was received. Only one horse-rider combination per entry form.

**No Shows:** All "No Shows" that have not contacted the show office will be considered a scratch for the rest of the show and time slots may be filled. Exhibitors enter with this understanding and agreement.

**Sharps Disposal:** Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments. Containers are located at the end of each barn aisle and within center aisles when center aisles are present within the barns.

**Dogs:** Must be on a maximum 6' leash at all times, with the leash being attached to a human or suitably restrained in a tack stall or crate as per USEF rules. Dogs are not allowed in the VIP area or the pre-awards gathering area. Loose animals may be removed from the grounds at the owner's expense. PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND DO NOT LEAVE DOGS IN VEHICLES.

**Membership/Registration Requirements for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Qualifying Classes:**

Riders must be current USDF Participating members & USEF members (Junior, Senior or Life) in good standing. Horses must be USDF Lifetime Registered and USEF Annual or Lifetime Recorded. Horses with only an HID are not eligible. Owners must be current USDF Participating or Business members & USEF members (Junior, Senior or Life) in good standing. If the horse has more than one owner, at least one owner must have both active USEF membership and active USDF Participating or Business Membership and must be the owner of record with USEF and USDF. For a business or farm to be the valid owner under their requirement, it must be listed as an owner of the horse with both USEF and USDF. For current Great American/USDF Championship requirements, go to [www.usdf.org/competitions/competitions-championships/regionals/index.asp](http://www.usdf.org/competitions/competitions-championships/regionals/index.asp).

**2027 Great American/USDF Qualifying Classes:** Only open (non-championship) classes will be offered as qualifying classes. Please indicate that the class is to count for qualifying by placing a Q after the class number. Class fee plus an additional \$20 fee must be paid prior to start of the class. Qualifying will not require a separate ride. An exhibitor riding in the Open or AA classes will pay an additional \$20 USDF fee to have this score entered in the Great American/USDF qualifying division at that level. US Dressage Finals classes are not eligible to be used as Great American/USDF qualifying classes.

**Show Schedule and Ride Time Conflicts:** It is the responsibility of the rider to inform the management of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving the schedule. Finals ride times are by draw. Organizers cannot guarantee that Finals draw times will not conflict with open class times.

**Show Conflict/Rider Time Conflicts:** Conflicts need to be brought to the attention of the show secretary the Monday prior to the show.

**Adult Amateur Classes:** Participants must possess current USEF Amateur status and qualify under the USEF Amateur rules. Open to Adult Amateurs only; riders must compete as adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22.

**Official Show Photographer:** This is a Level 5 competition and USEF rules state that a show photographer is required. Susan J Stickle Photography will be on site to meet the photographic needs of the competitors. Any photographer coming to the show to photograph their clients will be required to leave the show grounds.

**U.S. Equestrian Federation, Inc. Entry Agreement**

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of the competition.

I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered.

I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable-casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation.

The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

The rules may have changed from the current USEF Rule Book. It is the competitor's responsibility to check the current USEF Rule Book for any changes. Current rules can be found on [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).

**Competitor/Spectator Activities:**

General admission to the US Dressage Finals is free and spectators are welcome. For those interested in other things to do in Wilmington, Ohio please visit the World Equestrians Center's [website](#).

# ATTENTION FREESTYLE COMPETITORS



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## Freestyle Competitor Reminders

- The format for the music should be listed in the prize list. If not check with competition management.
- Submit your music clearly labeled with your name, horse's name, bridle number, and freestyle level.
- Make sure to bring a backup in the format requested.
- Be present for your sound check.
- Know the rules for the level you are riding. This includes forbidden and allowed movements for your level.

### Questions?

Contact: [MusicalFreestyle@usdf.org](mailto:MusicalFreestyle@usdf.org)

**USDF Membership Benefits:** USDF is dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For details on member benefits, including educational programs, awards, and other opportunities, refer to the *USDF Member Guide* or the USDF website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).

**This  
competition  
is recognized  
by USDF  
for 2027**

**Membership Requirements for USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Competitions:** Owners and riders, including foreign riders and owners who are not residents of the US, wishing to participate in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition as a rider or owner/lessee, must have either a USDF Group Membership (GM), Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF Non-Member (NM) fee. (Note: USDF Business Members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their USDF Business Membership.)

Horses competing at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions must have either a USDF Horse Identification (HID) number or a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR). Proper credentials or verification certificates must be presented to the competition secretary.

Riders and owners wishing to participate in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition, and not able to present the competition secretary with verification of a USDF membership or NM identification, and USDF LHR or USDF HID, must complete a USDF Competition Affidavit Form and pay the \$5 affidavit filing fee. A copy of a completed affidavit form from another competition may also be used for verification purposes for up to 60 days. (Exception: Affidavits cannot be used at Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships.)

**Exceptions:**

- Horses competing only in Individual Breed Classes (IBCs) at DSHB competitions, sires and dams of horses in DSHB group classes, where those sires or dams are not actually competing in the same competition, horses competing only in breed restricted dressage or DSHB classes at Regular Competitions (e.g. all Arabian, all Friesian, or all Morgan classes), or in USDF Introductory Level tests, pas de deux or quadrille, are exempt from this requirement. Also exempt are horses ridden in leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot, academy, and opportunity classes.
- Riders and owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the USDF NM identification number and NM fee requirements. Also exempt are handlers of horses competing in DSHB In-Hand or Group classes.

**Memberships Defined**

**Participating Membership (PM):** A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. The membership year is December 1 through November 30. PMs are available for 1-year (\$100), 5-years (\$400), or life (\$2,000). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for individuals who have not reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current membership year (\$80). A PM allows the member to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions and to participate as a rider and/or owner/lessee for all Adequan<sup>®</sup>/USDF Year-End Awards and the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship program.

**Group Membership (GM):** A membership issued to an individual by USDF when the member name and dues are submitted to USDF through an affiliate Group Member Organization (GMO). The GM year begins December 1 and ends November 30. A GM allows the member to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions and participate in the USDF Rider Awards Program.

**Business Membership (BM):** A membership that runs December 1 through November 30 and is issued to a business or organization directly by USDF. The USDF BM (\$280) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

**Non-Member (NM) Identification Number:** For each USDF NM owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a USDF NM fee of \$55 per competition that must be collected by the show secretary and submitted to USDF, along with the USDF Report of Fees document and the \$5 affidavit fee and Competition Affidavit Form if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card. Owners/lessees or riders exempt from the NM number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF NM fee. If there are multiple owners of a horse and all are NMs, only one of the owners must pay the NM fee. If the horse has at least one owner who is a current USDF PM, GM, or BM there is no NM fee assessed. Competition management will be invoiced for all applicable USDF NM fees not received with the USDF post-competition paperwork, along with a report listing all USDF NMs. Competition management is then required to submit the NM fees within 30 days to the USDF. An individual with a USDF NM identification number is not eligible for any USDF membership benefits. Once a USDF NM number has been assigned, a USDF NM card can be obtained from the USDF website.

**Horse Identification (HID) Number:** A one-time tracking number for horses (\$45). Scores earned by a horse with an HID number will be recorded but will NOT be counted towards Adequan<sup>®</sup>/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID number is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$95. If a horse has a USDF LHR it does not need an HID number. An HID number is a one-time fee that does not need to be renewed.

**Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR):** A horse with an LHR (\$140) is eligible for Adequan<sup>®</sup>/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse has an LHR it does not need an HID number. An LHR does not need to be renewed.

**How to Join USDF**

Applications for USDF Participating Membership (PM), Business Membership (BM), Horse Identification (HID) number, and Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) may be found in the following locations:

- On the USDF website: [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). You can submit the application online or download the form.
- In the show office at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions classified by USEF as Dressage Competitions, and Regular Competitions which are open to all breeds.
- By calling the USDF office at (859) 971-2277, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511

The effective date of membership is the date the form and correct fees are received in the USDF office or, if applying at a competition, the date accepted by the competition secretary, provided the application is signed and dated by the competition secretary, member, and/or horse owner on that same day.



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## **USEF SHOW PASS FAQS – EFFECTIVE 12/1/2022**

**Q. Currently riders competing in Academy, Walk-Trot, and Opportunity classes are exempt from USEF membership. Will these exemptions remain in place in 2023?**

A. Yes, any classes or sections that are currently exempt from membership will continue to be exempt.

**Q. Will the online show pass system at USEF communicate with show management software systems?**

A. Yes, the USEF Show Pass information will be available live, in real time through the USEF API to show management software.

**Q. Will the USEF API indicate whether someone is ineligible for a Show Pass if they have already paid for one for that year?**

A. Yes, the USEF API will return information that the person is ineligible.

**Q. Are riders, owners, and trainers all eligible for one Show Pass per competition year?**

A. No. While riders and owners are eligible for one Show Pass, trainers and coaches are no longer eligible to participate under a Show Pass and must be an Active USEF member.

**Q. Are parents that sign as the trainer or coach for their minor child exempt from membership and/or show pass?**

A. No, anyone that signs an entry blank or acts as a trainer or coach must be an Active USEF member and is not eligible for a Show Pass.

**Q. Are foreign competitors (citizens of other nations) with proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation required to pay a Show Pass?**

A. No, non-US citizens who are members in good standing of their National Federations with proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation are exempt from payment of the Federation Show Pass fee.

**Q. Can a competition accept payment from an exhibitor for a Show Pass fee?**

A. No, Show Pass purchases can only be made online by exhibitors.

**Q. If I purchase one Show Pass, is it good for the whole competition year?**

A. No, a Show Pass is only valid for one competition and non-member participants (riders, drivers, handlers, vaulters, longeurs, owners, lessees, and agents) are limited to obtaining no more than one (1) Show Pass per competition year.



## 2027 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships

A single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), will be held in each of the nine USDF regions. The Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). Please refer to the 2027 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

### Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

*All memberships and registrations/recordings must be correct and current at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.*

#### Rider:

- Must have a USDF Participating\* Membership (PM).
- Must have a USEF membership (Active or Life).

#### Horse:

- Must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR).
- Must have a USEF (Annual or Lifetime) Horse Recording.
- USDF horse registration and USEF horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s). A horse is not required to have breed registry papers.
- Horses must be entered in qualifying and championship classes under their official recorded names and ownership as specified in USEF GR1102.3, and transfers of ownership or lease registrations must be completed in compliance with USEF rules GR1105 and GR1108 prior to the competition in order for the horse to compete under the name of the new owner or lessee. (USEF DR127.2)

#### Owner:

- Must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Active or Life Membership or Annual Recorded Farm/Business (with Senior Active Competing Farm Owner in good standing). If the horse has more than one owner, at least one owner must have both active USEF membership and active USDF Participating or Business Membership and must be the owner of record with USEF and USDF. For a business or farm to be the valid owner under this requirement, it must be listed as an owner of the horse with both USEF and USDF.

\* PMs are USDF members who join USDF directly. USDF Group Members (GM) are ineligible.

**Minimum Qualifying Scores:** One set of nationally-standardized qualifying scores has been established for all USEF/USDF Regional Championships, for Training Level through Grand Prix, in three divisions: open, adult amateur and junior/young rider.

The minimum percentages are as follows:

	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
Training Level (Test 3)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 3)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 3)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Prix St. Georges	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	62%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%

FREESTYLE	OPEN/Jr/YR	AA
First Level	65%	65%
Second Level	65%	65%
Third Level	65%	65%
Fourth Level	65%	65%
Intermediate I	65%	65%
Grand Prix	65%	65%

# **USDF Horse Welfare Statement**

As those engaged in equestrian sport, we are committed to ensuring our horses receive the best possible care to the best of our ability. We acknowledge that we are the caretakers of our horses and as such we are committed to always, without exception, treating our horses with dignity, fairness, kindness, and understanding.

We realize that horses, whether in a herd or as an individual, will communicate contentment, fear, pain and confusion in the only way they can, which often takes the form of physical reactions that can be misinterpreted and misunderstood.

Therefore, we believe it is our obligation to seek to understand our horses with the goal of providing care and training methods that are never the manifestation of anger, frustration or cruelty. We are committed to these principles at all times, whether on or off the show grounds.

We are committed to humane treatment and application of these principles on behalf of all animals including but not limited to horses, donkeys, mules, companion animals, and pets. Lack of humane treatment, whether the result of actions taken, or by care withheld, will not be tolerated.

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Show Name \_\_\_\_\_ Show Dates \_\_\_\_\_ (hereafter "Competition")

### USDF Hold-Harmless Clause

I hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless USDF, its instructors, officers, directors, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability or damage arising from or because of, or in connection with, participation in this competition or related activities. I also hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the competition management, show committee and members, officers, directors, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability or damage arising from or because of, or in connection with, participation in this competition or related activities.



## FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of \_\_\_\_\_(Competition). I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable - casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR907.4.

If not currently a USEF Active Competing member or Subscriber and competing only in classes that are exempt from membership requirements, I acknowledge and agree that I will be enrolled at no cost as a USEF Fan and my USEF Fan Account will continue to annually automatically renew unless and until USEF determines in its sole discretion to terminate my Fan account. Additionally, I acknowledge that the benefits of a USEF Fan are subject to change without notice. I acknowledge that I may opt out at any time by going to My USEF Dashboard or calling (859) 810-8733.

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE** that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), as amended from time to time, as well as all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand.

**Rider/Handler (mandatory)**  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner/Agent (mandatory)**  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Trainer (mandatory)**  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach (if applicable)**  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian (if applicable)**  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_



# WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian ("USEF") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and \_\_\_\_\_ ("USEF Event" or "USEF Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INHERENT RISKS: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with equine activities, including but not limited to horseback riding and equestrian sport, are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any USEF Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the propensity of an equine to behave in a way that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine; the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; hazards including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions; a collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object; and the potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person or participant or to other persons, including, but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant; the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the USEF Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("Risks").

### EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING:

**CAUTION: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

**Under Ohio law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.**

C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I understand that the aforementioned Risks may be caused in whole or in part or result directly or indirectly from the negligence of my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the USEF Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby voluntarily and knowingly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that I incur as a result of my participation in any USEF Events. I also agree to be responsible for any injury or damage caused by me, my horse, my employees or contractors under my direction and control at any USEF Event.

D. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY: In conjunction with my participation in any USEF Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: USEF, USEF Recognized Affiliate Associations, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USEF clubs, members, Event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, judges/officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any USEF Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the USEF Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where a USEF Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties (**Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"**), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("**Liability**") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the USEF Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.**

By signing below, I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time. Further, by signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in USEF Events. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

**The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.**

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR  OWNER  TRAINER  OFFICIAL  STAFF  VOLUNTEER  COACH (IF APPLICABLE)  OTHER

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent//Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_