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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.  
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Thurs #	Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	US Dressage Finals Classes	Divisions	Fee
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open Division</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 2019 GAIG/USDF Regional Championships.</p>						
	6010			US Dressage Finals Training Level Championship	Open	\$120
		7020		US Dressage Finals First Level Championship	Open	\$120
			8030	US Dressage Finals Second Level Championship	Open	\$120
5040				US Dressage Finals Third Level Championship	Open	\$120
		7050		US Dressage Finals Fourth Level Championship	Open	\$120
			8060	US Dressage Finals Prix St. Georges Championship	Open	\$150
	6070			US Dressage Finals Intermediate I Championship	Open	\$150
5080				US Dressage Finals Intermediate II Championship	Open	\$150
	6090			US Dressage Finals Grand Prix Championship	Open	\$150
			8100	US Dressage Finals First Level Freestyle Championship	Open	\$120
		7110		US Dressage Finals Second Level Freestyle Championship	Open	\$120
	6120			US Dressage Finals Third Level Freestyle Championship	Open	\$120
			8130	US Dressage Finals Fourth Level Freestyle Championship	Open	\$120
		7140		US Dressage Finals Intermediate I Freestyle Championship	Open	\$150
		7150		US Dressage Finals Grand Prix Freestyle Championship	Open	\$150

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

Thurs #	Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	US Dressage Finals Classes	Divisions	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 2019 GAIG/USDF Regional Championships.						
			801A	US Dressage Finals Training Level Championship	AA	\$120
		702A		US Dressage Finals First Level Championship	AA	\$120
	603A			US Dressage Finals Second Level Championship	AA	\$120
		704A		US Dressage Finals Third Level Championship	AA	\$120
	605A			US Dressage Finals Fourth Level Championship	AA	\$120
			806A	US Dressage Finals Prix St. Georges Championship	AA	\$150
	607A			US Dressage Finals Intermediate I Championship	AA	\$150
508A				US Dressage Finals Intermediate II Championship	AA	\$150
	609A			US Dressage Finals Grand Prix Championship	AA	\$150
			810A	US Dressage Finals First Level Freestyle Championship	AA	\$120
		711A		US Dressage Finals Second Level Freestyle Championship	AA	\$120
			812A	US Dressage Finals Third Level Freestyle Championship	AA	\$120
		713A		US Dressage Finals Fourth Level Freestyle Championship	AA	\$120
		714A		US Dressage Finals Intermediate I Freestyle Championship	AA	\$150
		715A		US Dressage Finals Grand Prix Freestyle Championship	AA	\$150

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

Thurs #	Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	USDF Dressage in the Bluegrass	Divisions	Fee	Q
101		301		USEF Training Level Test One	AA/Open	\$60	
	202			USEF Training Level Test Two	AA/Open	\$60	
103	203	303		USEF Training Level Test Three*	AA/Open	\$60	\$75
111		311		USEF First Level Test One	AA/Open	\$60	
	212			USEF First Level Test Two	AA/Open	\$60	
113	213	313		USEF First Level Test Three*	AA/Open	\$60	\$75
121		321		USEF Second Level Test One	AA/Open	\$60	
	222			USEF Second Level Test Two	AA/Open	\$60	
123	223	323		USEF Second Level Test Three*	AA/Open	\$60	\$75
131		331		USEF Third Level Test One	AA/Open	\$60	
	232			USEF Third Level Test Two	AA/Open	\$60	
133	233	333		USEF Third Level Test Three*	AA/Open	\$60	\$75
141		341		USEF Fourth Level Test One	AA/Open	\$60	
	242			USEF Fourth Level Test Two	AA/Open	\$60	
143	243	343		USEF Fourth Level Test Three*	AA/Open	\$60	\$75
			400	USEF Test of Choice (only tests listed above)*	AA/Open	\$60	\$75
153	253	353		FEI Prix St. Georges*	AA/Open	\$85	\$100
163	263	363		FEI Intermediate I*	AA/Open	\$85	\$100
173	273	373		FEI Intermediate II*	AA/Open	\$85	\$100
183	283	383		FEI Grand Prix*	AA/Open	\$85	\$100
			401	FEI Test of Choice (only FEI tests listed above)*	AA/Open	\$85	\$100
191				USDF First Level Freestyle*# ^	AA/Open	\$60	\$75
192				USDF Second Level Freestyle*# ^	AA/Open	\$60	\$75
193				USDF Third Level Freestyle*# ^	AA/Open	\$60	\$75
194				USDF Fourth Level Freestyle*# ^	AA/Open	\$60	\$75
195				FEI Intermediate I Freestyle*# ^	AA/Open	\$85	\$100
196				FEI Grand Prix Freestyle*# ^	AA/Open	\$85	\$100

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

Those horse/rider combinations with finals classes scheduled in the Alltech Arena will be given priority for open classes in the Alltech Arena. Others may be scheduled as time permits.

# Classes 191 through 196 are only open to those horse/rider combinations that have qualified for the US Dressage Finals Freestyle classes.

\* Great American/USDF Qualifying

^ Music must be submitted on CD only. Riders must sign up for sounds tests (with 2 CDs) in the show office. Time blocks will be on the schooling schedule. All freestyle competitors must complete a sound check

## **Entry Information:**

Entries must be received by October 21, 2019, midnight ET. Any entry requiring a signature, payment, or copies of proof of valid membership will be considered incomplete and may incur additional fees. No refunds after closing date, for any reason, except for declared entries which do not receive an invitation and are not eligible for a wild card. Additional information on page 10.

**Post Entries for USDF Dressage in the Bluegrass Classes:** Late entries will be accepted for the USDF Dressage in the Bluegrass classes after the closing date if space is available, upon payment of a post entry fee.

**Post Entries for US Dressage Finals Championship Classes:** Nominated entries will be accepted to fill scratches, up to the start of competition, if scheduling permits. No late entry fee will be required.

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

- Must have declared (Exception: Wild Card entries)
- Must have nominated
- Must have qualified and be eligible for class
- Must have previously entered in competition as a competing or non-competing horse, (but not necessarily on grounds due to show being Thursday to Sunday). Note: reserve/alternate entries must complete a full entry by closing date.
- Must register with secretary and put name on wait list
- If scratch was in by placing, first priority will be given to same Region as scratch
- If there is no alternate from Region, will fill scratch outside of Region prioritized by highest qualifying score
- If the scratch was in by Wild Card then priority based only on qualifying score

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 to provide 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 hard copy entries must include copies of all memberships for horse, owner, rider and trainer listed on entry form. All entries must include a current negative EIA (Coggins) test. 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).

**Kentucky Health Regulations:** Owners with horses from other states are responsible to check for most up-to-date health regulation Kentucky State Veterinarian website information before arrival: <http://www.kyagr.com/statevet/import-equine.html>

**Horse Requirements for Entry into the Kentucky Horse Park:** All horses entering Kentucky Horse Park grounds must have valid proof of negative EIA (Coggins) test (within 12 months). A 30-day certificate of veterinary inspection/health certificate is required for all horses arriving from outside the state of Kentucky. All horses considered Kentucky based must have a valid certificate of veterinary inspection/health certificate dated within 12 months. Horses who fail to arrive with appropriate paperwork will not be allowed to unload on park grounds. The Kentucky Horse Park requires all horses/ponies/mules be treated in a humane manner, in accordance with various state and local humane society guidelines. Show management is expected to enforce fair and humane treatment for all horses participating in an event at the park.

**Competitors with out-of-state horses must present their health certificate to the show secretary upon arrival in order to receive their competitor number.**

## Entry Fees:

DESCRIPTION	FEES
US Dressage Finals Nomination Fee- For each National Level Class (Applied to total amount due at Closing Date)	\$120
US Dressage Finals Nomination Fee-For each FEI Level Class (Applied to total amount due at Closing Date)	\$150
US Dressage Finals Training through Fourth Level Classes including Freestyles	\$120
US Dressage Finals FEI Level Classes including Freestyles	\$150
USDF Dressage in the Bluegrass Classes Training through Fourth Level Classes	\$60
USDF Dressage in the Bluegrass FEI Level Classes	\$85
Great American/USDF Qualifying Fee	\$15 per eligible class
Office Fee per horse/rider combination	\$50
Fee for mailed entries (to avoid this fee enter online)	\$50
Time Change within a class (request by 3 PM the day prior)	\$10 per change if possible
Non-competing horse fee (Must also pay office fee of \$50)	\$100
USEF Fee (D&M \$15.00, USEF \$8.00)	\$23 per horse
USEF Show Pass Fee (for each NM rider, owner, trainer, coach)	\$45
USDF Non-Member Fee (for each NM owner and rider)	\$35
USDF Affidavit (for non-championship classes)	\$5
USDF HID	\$35
Post Entry Fee (does not apply to Finals entries that receive an invitation on or after Closing Date)	\$50
+Kentucky Horse Park Equine Facility Fee (mandatory for all horses, including non-competing horses)	\$10 per horse
Processing fee for ineligible entries (reserve/alternate list/in line by placing not be subject to this fee)	\$10 per nominated class
Non-negotiable Payment Fee	\$25

## Stabling Fees & Information:

DESCRIPTION	FEES
Heated interior stall (10x10) in the Alltech Barn (Wednesday 12pm through Sunday 12:00 midnight)	\$430/stall
Heated interior tack stall in the Alltech Barn (Wednesday 12pm through Sunday 12:00 midnight) – Management reserves the right to limit tack stalls in the Alltech Barn.	\$475/stall
Double heated interior stall (10'x20') Alltech Barn only (Wednesday 12pm through Sunday 12:00 midnight) (not available for single nights) (A limited number of double stalls are available. Double stall requests will likely not be stabled with their group since double stalls are only available in certain areas).	\$860/double stall
Non-heated shed row stall (10x10) (Wednesday 12pm through Sunday 12:00 midnight)	\$300/stall
Non-heated shed row tack stall (Wednesday 12pm through Sunday 12:00 midnight)	\$300/stall
Non-heated shed row stall (10x10) (Single Night)	\$160/stall
Early check in before noon on Wednesday, November 6 or layover past Sunday 12:00 midnight	\$80/day

- Barns open Tuesday at 9am. No arrival on grounds prior to this day and time.
- All stabling is permanent, but not all stabling is heated; permanent stall doors provided.
- **Priority for all stabling requests (including stabling in Alltech Barns and for double stalls) will be based on the date of receipt of the COMPLETED entry and allotted number of Alltech stalls available per region.** US Dressage Finals competitors will be given first preference for heated Alltech Barn, but there is no guarantee that all Alltech Barn requests can be filled.
- Double stalls (in Alltech Barns) will be allotted per region. Anyone who receives a double stall will NOT receive a tack stall.
- Non-competing horses will NOT be stabled in the Alltech Barn.
- 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. Please note: If anyone in your group is not entered in the US Dressage Finals Classes, they may be assigned shed row stalls. If your entire group wishes to be stabled together, your group may be assigned to the shed row stalls.
- 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.
- Competitors will be charged for an extra day of stabling if they leave after Sunday 12:00 midnight.
- Stalls have concrete or asphalt floors. Stall mats are available for rent through Deverinc.com.
- Nighttime arrivals: Bring lights to unload. Additional Stabling Information posted under Facility Information on pages 13-14.
- Electric heaters are prohibited in the non-heated shed row stabling.



For hard copy entries please mail to Attn: Bettina Longaker, US Dressage Finals Secretary, 8246 Open Gate Rd, Gordonsville, VA 22942 (please send mailed entries via "no signature required" in order to ensure delivery). Note: \$50 fee for mailed entries (to avoid this fee enter online)

**Make Checks payable to: USDF**

### **Nightwatch available from 9pm-5am Tuesday-Sunday nights**

\$10.00 per horse per night. Hay and water as needed and morning feeding if you wish.

Please contact Amy Struzzi, [Brookesedge@aol.com](mailto:Brookesedge@aol.com), 845-220-7206,

## **US Dressage Finals Eligibility**

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:**

Champion and Reserve Champion horse/rider combinations for each level and eligible division from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited, provided the following three requirements are met: US Citizenship; Declaration of Intent completed by the deadline; and earning an eligible placing in a Regional Championship class.

*Note: Since Freestyle classes at Regional Championships are not split by division, the top two Open horse/rider combinations and the top two Adult Amateur horse/rider combinations for each level from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited. In addition, to be eligible for the Adult Amateur division in the Freestyles at the US Dressage Finals, competitors must check the AA box on the Regional Championship entry form, and must provide proof of Adult Amateur status prior to competing in their Regional Championship classes.*

- A. **United States Citizenship Requirement:** To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen.
- B. **Declaration Requirement:** The horse/rider combination must declare their intention to participate **by completing the Declaration of Intent form by midnight on the day prior to the first day of their Regional Championship competition (including any open class day before the start of championship classes)**. There is no fee to declare, but horse/rider combinations must declare at the level(s) and eligible division(s) they intend to compete in at the US Dressage Finals. Go to [www.usdressagefinals.com](http://www.usdressagefinals.com) to declare.
- C. **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. Champions and Reserve Champions in eligible classes will be automatically invited, as long as their Declaration of Intent has been **received** by the deadline. *Note: In order to be named Champion and Reserve Champion in a Regional Championship class, a horse/rider combination must have achieved a score of 57% or higher.*

In the event that the Champion and/or Reserve Champion declines the invitation, or are ineligible to compete in the US Dressage Finals, the horse/rider combination that has the next highest placing in the class will be invited, providing they:

1. Achieved the pre-requisite score of 57% or higher.
2. Completed the Declaration of Intent for that particular level and division by the deadline.
3. Are a US citizen.

If that combination declines the invitation, the same process will be followed down through the fifth placing horse/rider combination *that has declared* for that Finals level and division.

No invitations will be issued beyond the fifth placing declared horse/rider combination except as may be eligible through the Wild Card invitations described below.

## **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) may 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) **United States Citizenship Requirement:** To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen.
- 2) **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.

***Note: Horse/rider combinations are not required to have filed a "Declaration of Intent" in order to receive a Wild Card invitation.***

	<b><u>OPEN:</u></b>	<b><u>AA:</u></b>
Training:	72%	68%
First:	72%	68%
Second:	68%	65%
Third:	68%	65%
Fourth:	68%	65%
Prix St. Georges:	68%	65%
Intermediate I:	66%	64%
Intermediate II:	66%	64%
Grand Prix:	66%	64%
All Freestyles	68%	68%

## **III. Invitations:**

Invitations and notifications will be emailed to eligible/qualified horse/rider combinations immediately 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 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

In the event that an invited horse/rider combination scratches, invitations may be issued up to the start of the competition.

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

## **IV. Nomination Requirement:**

Nomination, including payment of the nomination fee, is **required** for participation in US Dressage Finals classes, **whether qualifying through placing in a Regional Championship class or by Wild Card Eligibility**. The nomination deadline is midnight, **96 hours after the last championship day** in the regional championship show in which the horse/rider combination competed. Each US Dressage Finals horse/rider combination is required to complete the nomination (preliminary entry) process. The Nomination fee paid will be applied to the total amount due at Closing Date.

## **V. Entry Requirements**

Completed entries for the US Dressage Finals **must be received** by the closing date, October 21, 2019, midnight Eastern Time. Stabling in heated Alltech barns will be allotted by region based on the number of entries received from each region at Closing Date. Assignments for each region's allotment will be based on the date completed entries are received from those requesting Alltech stabling, and completed entries must be received within five days, and no later than five days, after their nomination deadline in order to maintain priority.

<b>US Dressage Finals Deadlines</b>		
<b>Regional Championship</b>	<b>Declaration</b>	<b>Nomination</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 2, 2019</b>	<b>Thursday, October 10, 2019</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 10, 2019</b>	<b>Thursday, September 19, 2019</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Thursday, October 10, 2019</b>	<b>Thursday, October 17, 2019</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 25, 2019</b>	<b>Thursday, October 3, 2019</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Wednesday September 18, 2019</b>	<b>Thursday, September 26, 2019</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 18, 2019</b>	<b>Thursday, September 26, 2019</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 18, 2019</b>	<b>Thursday, September 26, 2019</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 17, 2019</b>	<b>Thursday, September 26, 2018</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 2, 2019</b>	<b>Thursday, October 10, 2019</b>
<p><i>Above deadlines are midnight in the time zone of the specific Regional Championship</i></p> <p><b>Entry Closing Date is October 21, 2019 midnight Eastern Time</b></p> <p><b>Deadline for Alltech stabling priority is five days after the nomination deadline for each region.</b></p>		

For evolving event and competitor information visit [usdressagefinals.com](http://usdressagefinals.com).

## **\$50,000 in 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 \$1,200. Those in Group 2 are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$900. 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**

- Reserve/alternate entries must complete a full entry by closing date.
- Horse/Rider combinations must declare for each level in which they wish to compete.
- Jr/YRs wishing to compete in the US Dressage Finals 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, October 21, 2019, midnight ET.
- 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. 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.
- Nominated horse/rider combinations that receive an invitation before the US Dressage Finals closing date, but do not complete their entries by the closing date, will not be eligible for any refund of fees paid.
- 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 fees.
- In the event that an invited horse/rider combination scratches, invitations may be issued up to the start of competition. (See pg. 5 for policy on accepting post entries to fill scratches.) There will be no late entry fees applied to the US Dressage Finals entry in these cases.
- Horse/rider combinations that receive an invitation after the closing date of the US Dressage Finals competition, and are unable to attend due to late notification, will receive a full refund of Nomination fees paid.
- 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.
- Refunds will be paid within 30 days after the competition.

## **USDF Dressage in the Bluegrass Class Entry Eligibility:**

Horse/rider combinations entered only in open classes are required only to complete their entry by the closing date for the competition.

## **Important Competitor Information:**

- The KHP is a large facility. See the attached layout map for barn, parking, competition grounds and arena locations. No riding or grazing outside of mapped areas.
- Trailer parking is a significant distance from the barns, vehicle parking area and competition rings. Note that vehicle and trailer parking is not permitted by the KHP near or around any barns. Stable areas are monitored by parking attendants and access is permitted only for unloading and loading horses and equipment.
- Paddock rentals available through Dever Show Services at 859-233-9702 at \$50 per day, minimum of 4 day rental required. *Terms subject to change.*

- **No schooling permitted after 5:00pm in outdoor competition or warmup rings.**
- Schooling in the Alltech Arena will be limited to early morning and evening, with priority allotted to those competing in the Alltech Arena.
- **Open schooling times and locations will be posted. No schooling permitted outside of posted hours. Open schooling will be available in the covered arena (Warmup F) from 7am–5pm (sign up in the office by 5pm for schooling from 5-8pm in the covered arena) starting on Wednesday through the end of the show on Sunday. Warmup E and the covered arena will be open for schooling during all posted schooling hours.**
- **Warmup rings A, B, C and D are restricted to Finals horses only during Finals classes starting one hour prior to the first Finals ride each day.**
- Finals classes at all levels, including some FEI Finals classes, will be held in outside rings 2, 3 and 4. Freestyles will be held in the Alltech Arena (indoor/ring 1) or the Murphy ring (outdoor/ring 3).
- A preliminary schooling schedule will be posted on the Finals website prior to the event.
- Warmup inside all competition arenas is allowed on Wednesday, November 6 before 5:00pm. Competitors who want warm up time in competition arenas must arrive on Tuesday, November 5 or early on Wednesday, November 6. **There will be NO WARMUP inside Finals competition rings after Wednesday, November 6!**

## **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 or adult amateur) 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. A Rider must be a US citizen at the time of the US Dressage Finals competition in order to ride in a Finals class.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. All championship tests must be ridden from memory. (USEF DR122.1)
9. The gate at "A" must be closed for every USEF/USDF championship ride. (USEF DR126.1.f.5)
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. 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 printed in the 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. Riders placing in US Dressage Final classes must be present, mounted and in full riding attire for awards ceremonies. It is recommended that saddlery for awards ceremonies be the same as in the competition, but that black or white leg bandages are allowed. 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. 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 \$1750 for Champion, \$850 for Reserve Champion, \$400 for third place, \$200 for fourth place and \$135 for fifth place.

Prizes will include:

Champion: Embroidered wool dress sheet from SmartPak, prize from Platinum Performance, helmet gift certificate from UVEX sports, engraved crystal plate, neck sash

Reserve Champion: Deluxe halter with engraved nameplate from SmartPak, prize from Platinum Performance, riding gloves gift certificate from UVEX sports, engraved crystal plate, neck sash

Third through Tenth place: Neck sash

All participants in US Dressage Finals classes will receive a commemorative stall plaque.

**Awards for Dressage in the Bluegrass Classes:** Ribbons to sixth place for each class. First place competitors will receive a Dressage in the Bluegrass commemorative stall plaque. Divisions (AA, Open) 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 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 non-championship 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 be considered for these awards will be available on the USDF website at <http://www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/competitors/breed.asp>

**A “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, and the top scoring eligible adult amateur athlete/horse combination from Second-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, 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 printed in the 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. Riders placing in the US Dressage Finals classes 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 black or white leg bandages are allowed. 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. Requests to be excused from an awards ceremony must be requested to the competition manager at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled awards ceremony the rider is asking to be excused from. Unmounted horses may not participate in awards ceremonies. If mounted horses are lead in the groom must be appropriately dressed.

**Abandoned music CDs will not be returned unless requested and will incur a \$5 fee, requests must be made within 90 days following the competition. Trophies/prizes will be mailed at the expense of the competitor upon request.**

## **Facility Information:**

**Directions:** The Kentucky Horse Park is located on Iron Works Pike, north of Lexington. From I-75, take exit 120. From other highways, watch for Kentucky Horse Park signs. Enter main gate entrance for the park, watch for signs to US Dressage Finals stabling (or ask for directions from the gate attendant). Address for GPS: 4089 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY, 40511

**Parking:** Passes may be obtained from the Parking Booth or Visitor Information Center upon entry. The fee is **\$15.00** assessed for each **parking pass** per event or **\$5.00** per day. All trailers must park in approved lot. No parking is allowed in the barn area. Trailers must be dropped in the main Kentucky Horse Park parking lot and not in the stabling area.

**Kentucky Horse Park \$10 (per horse) Equine Facility Fee:** This fee has been enacted to produce a sustainable stream of revenue to support show facility maintenance. These funds will go into a restricted account that can only be used for footing maintenance and/or replacement, barn repair, water truck/drag maintenance, etc. This fee will also pertain to non-competing horses, as well as those who choose to show out of their trailers; helping to keep Kentucky Horse Park a world-class facility for years to come. Note: Trailer-ins are not permitted at this competition. ALL horses must be stabled.

**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. Some warm-up arenas may be sand/clay base. Indoor competition arena (Alltech) in addition to outdoor competition arenas will be used. Outside and covered lunging areas with sand/clay footing marked on facility layout map.

**Stabling:** Stalls are 10’x10’ in permanent shed row barns or indoor heated barns and have full sliding doors. A limited number of double heated interior stalls (10’x20’) are available in the Alltech Barn. No temporary equipment may be permanently attached to any existing KHP property such as signs, barricades, stabling, trees, etc. Staples, nails, and/or screws of any kind are not allowed.

**Bedding:** No bedding will be supplied. Straw and shavings are available for purchase from Dever at the horse park (859-233-9702, or [info@deverinc.com](mailto:info@deverinc.com), or [www.deverinc.com](http://www.deverinc.com)) each day between the hours of 8:00am and 7:00pm. Exhibitors should contact Dever at least 24 hours prior to their arrival to make arrangements. Exhibitors may also bring their own bedding, but only wood shavings or straw are permitted. **Bring your own bedding if you are planning to arrive after 7:00pm**, or contact Dever earlier in the day to ensure that you will receive your bedding that night.

**Feed and Hay:** Feed and hay can be pre-ordered from Dever (859-233-9702 or [info@deverinc.com](mailto:info@deverinc.com) or [www.deverinc.com](http://www.deverinc.com)). Exhibitors should contact Dever at least 24 hours prior to their arrival. Exhibitors may also bring their own feed and hay.

**Concessions:** Indoor and outdoor food and concessions will be available on the show grounds Tuesday through Sunday.

**Early Arrivals and Layovers:** Horses occupying early ship-in (from Tuesday 8am until Wednesday 12pm) or layover stabling (past Sunday midnight) are not allowed in any Park arena, ring or other facilities.

**Golf Carts/Mopeds Etc.:** Must be at least 16 year of age, with valid driver's license to operate a golf cart, moped, etc. Not allowed in the tourist/visitor areas of the park. No four-wheelers, three-wheelers, or motor bikes over 50 cc are allowed on park grounds. Golf carts can be rented through Cunningham Golf Carts. [Reserve golf car here](#) and click on the button for KY Horse Park rentals.

In accordance with GR1301.7: 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(s), legal guardian(s), 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 sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. 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.

UNDER KENTUCKY LAW, A FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITY SPONSOR, FARM ANIMAL PROFESSIONAL, OR OTHER PERSON DOES NOT HAVE THE DUTY TO ELIMINATE ALL RISKS OF INJURY OF PARTICIPATION IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES. THERE ARE INHERENT RISKS OF INJURY THAT YOU VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN FARM ANIMAL ACTIVITIES. **KRS 247.4027**

**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.

## **Accommodations:**

Candlewood Suites (603 Adcolor Road, Lexington, KY (859) 967-1940)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$99**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/4/19**

Clarion Hotel (1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY (859) 233-0512)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$105**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

Country Inn and Suites (131 Darby Drive, Georgetown, KY (502) 868-6800)



- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$129**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/4/19**

Courtyard Lexington North (775 Newtown Court, Lexington, KY (859) 253-4646)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$132**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

Embassy Suites (1801 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY (859) 455-5000)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$139**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

Fairfield Inn & Suites Georgetown (200 Tiger Way, Georgetown, KY (502) 868-9955)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$89**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

Fairfield Inn & Suites Lexington North (2100 Hackney Place, Lexington, KY (859) 977-5870)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$117**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

Four Points (1938 Stanton Way, Lexington, KY (859) 259-1311)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$119**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

GLO Best Western (1935 Stanton Way, Lexington, KY (859) 528-1234)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$117**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

Griffin Gate Marriott Resort and Spa (1800 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY (859) 231-5100)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$164**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

Hilton Garden Inn Georgetown (110 Grandstand Drive, Georgetown, KY (502) 863-0099)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$135**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

Holiday Inn Express Lexington/Georgetown (140 Osborne Way, Georgetown, KY (502) 570-0220)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$129**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/4/19**

Holiday Inn Lexington (Hamburg) (1976 Justice Drive, Lexington, KY (859) 687-7008)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$119**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

Hyatt Place (2001 Bryant Road, Lexington, KY (859) 296-0091)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$139**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

Residence Inn Lexington (1080 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY (859) 231-6191)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$104**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Lexington (1790 Vendor Way, Lexington, KY (859) 263-0018)

- **US Dressage Finals Rate: \$93**
- **Cutoff Date: 10/22/19**

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

**Kentucky Horse Park Campground:** Must go to campground for all camping. No camping allowed in barn area at any time. To make reservations for camping at the KHP call 888-459-7275 or reserve online at <http://www.kyhorsepark.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 and must sign the entry form.

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 Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember 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 FR222) 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 Rule:** 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 and those competing in all classes and tests must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. Any rider violating this rule at any time must be immediately prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for

Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted.

**Musical Freestyles:** Music must be submitted on CD only. Riders must sign up for sounds tests (with 2 CDs) in the show office. Time blocks will be on the schooling schedule. Sound tests are mandatory for freestyle competitors.

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. All entries for Open Classes are taken on a first come, first served basis. 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:** Kentucky Horse Park rules require that dogs must be on a leash (not to exceed 6 feet in length) or suitably restrained in a tack stall/cage etc. Loose animals/animals left in vehicles in distress, etc. can and will be removed from the grounds at the owner's expense. **No dogs are allowed in any indoor facility at the KHP such as the Alltech Arena, Club Lounge, Hospitality Rooms, Exhibit Halls, etc.**

**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).

**2020 Great American/USDF Qualifying Classes:** Only USDF Dressage in the Bluegrass 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 additional \$15 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 \$15 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:** Changes need to be requested in the show office by 3pm the day prior.

**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.

### **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:**

### Onsite Events

- Competitor Welcome Reception in Trade Fair/Alltech Arena: Thursday 5:30-7pm (Open to all)
- Dinner in the Alltech Arena: Friday 6:30 pm
  - Dinner provided for all competitors
  - Tickets available for guests at \$35/guest
- Freestyles in the Alltech Arena: Saturday Evening
  - Free Admission for General Seating (Concessions available)
  - Saturday VIP Dinner (Includes VIP parking passes and seating, dinner with wine service):
    - Table of 6 for Saturday night: \$675 (Children 10 and older must be included in table count)
    - Individual for Saturday night: \$125
- **VIP Club Packages** - See [usdressagefinals.com](http://usdressagefinals.com) for package details.
- **General admission** to the US Dressage Finals is free and spectators are welcome. For those interested in touring the Kentucky Horse Park there is a general admission fee. For more information on KHP fees please visit their [website](#).

### Kentucky Horse Park Attractions

- **USDF Hall of Fame, store and your USDF Headquarters** – open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 5 pm.

- **International Museum of the Horse** – Visit the largest and most comprehensive museum in the world dedicated to exploring the history of all horses and their impact on human civilization. Museum exhibitions highlight the history of the horse from ancient times to the popular sporting events of modern times.
- **American Saddlebred Museum and Gift Shop** – Home to the largest collection of Saddlebred artifacts in the world including trophies, photographs, tack, artwork and a library of over 3,000 volumes used for bloodline and genealogical research. This showplace for Saddlebreds is an exciting destination in the park. Visitors learn about the American Saddlebred throughout American history, see rare artifacts, and enjoy many wonderful interactive exhibits.
- **Film: Rein of Nobility** – Narrated by venerable horseman and film and TV star William Shatner, this majestic film explores the world of the horse and is shown in the Visitor Information Center throughout the day.
- **Al-Marah Arabian Horse Galleries** – Designed with younger visitors in mind, this 8,000 square foot gallery is home to a state-of-the-art multimedia, interactive experience showcasing the Arabian breed from its desert beginnings through its emergence across Europe and the journey through America.
- **Wheeler Museum** – Located in the United States Hunter Jumper Association headquarters, this museum is dedicated to Sallie and Kenny Wheeler of Keswick, VA, who built an equestrian dynasty over more than six decades. The museum is available to Kentucky Horse Park visitors year-round. Hours vary, but the museum is generally open during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

#### Educational Activities:

##### Hagyard Equine Medical Institute Tour

Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, the US Dressage Finals official veterinarian, offers tours of their state of the art facility. This tour allows an inside look at how one of the oldest equine veterinary practices in North America operates.

\* For information on tour times and to purchase tickets please visit <http://www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/event/tours.asp>

#### Offsite Events:

##### Old Friends

The “living history museum of racehorses” is home to many once-celebrated champions who are now enjoying a dignified retirement. Home to more stakes winners than any other farm in the bluegrass, take a tour of Old Friends and get up close and personal with victors of some of the world’s greatest races, Hall of Fame inductees, and Horse of the Year. \*Visit <http://www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/event/tours.asp> for more information on how to book a tour

##### Keeneland

Take a break out of your day to visit the renowned Keeneland Racetrack and Sales Company. In addition to seasonal racing, Keeneland is the world’s largest Thoroughbred auction house, taking pride in a history of selling more champions and stakes winners than any other sales company. \* Information on tours and events happening at Keeneland can be found at: <http://www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/event/tours.asp>

##### Horses, Hooch & History Tour (Blue Grass Tours)

Experience the sights, smells, and tastes of Central Kentucky on this popular 5-hour excursion. Tour one of Kentucky’s famous Bourbon Distilleries and encounter Thoroughbreds behind the gates of a signature horse farm. Explore the lush bluegrass countryside with our professional guides as they share tales and traditions of this unique region. Savor a delicious lunch of local fare along the way. \* Please visit <http://www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/event/tours.asp> for more information.

##### Kentucky Bourbon Trail

Kentucky is noted for its bourbon, so take this opportunity to take the legendary, self-guided, Kentucky Bourbon Trail through the heart of bourbon country. Stop in on some of the state’s signature distilleries, including Maker’s Mark, Jim Beam, and Woodford Reserve. Experience the bourbon making process, view the facilities, and stick around for an after-tour bourbon tasting. \*To learn more about the Kentucky Bourbon Trail please visit <http://www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/event/tours.asp>

##### Wineries & Breweries

Though Kentucky’s bourbon industry receives most of the hype, Kentucky has also played a key role in the history of wine in the US. Kentucky was the home to the first commercial vineyard in the country! In addition to our wine history, Kentucky also offers more than a dozen Kentucky breweries. \*To learn more about Kentucky Wineries & Breweries please visit <http://www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/event/tours.asp>

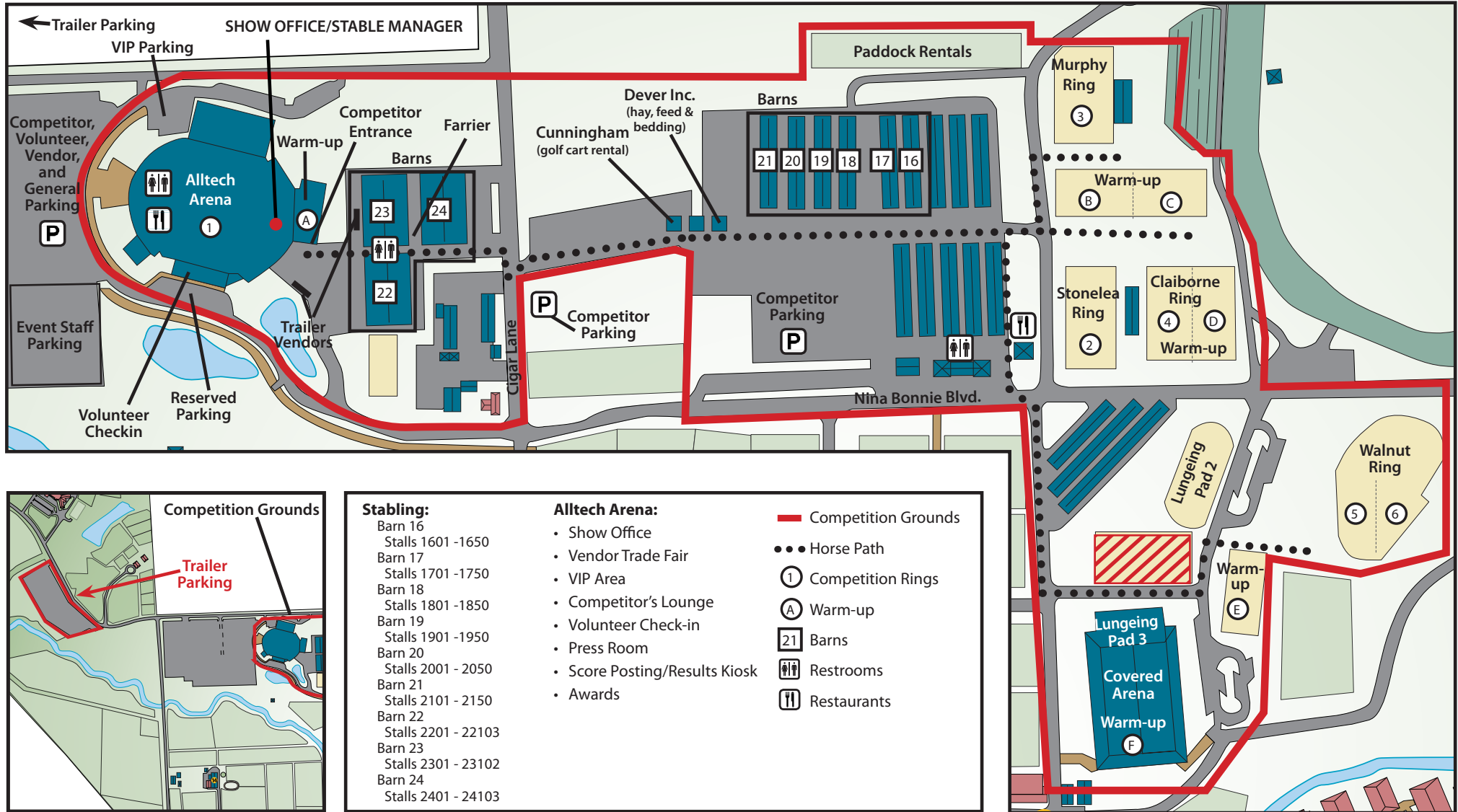
### Golf Outings

Lexington offers a variety of options for the golfing enthusiast, with two of the top three courses being previous stops on the Senior PGA Tour! \* For more information about golfing in the Lexington area please visit <http://www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/event/tours.asp>

## 2019 US Dressage Finals - Deadlines

Description	Date
Opening date for Declarations (All Regions)	July 1, 2019
Closing date for Declarations (By Region)	
Region 1 : 10/3-6/2019	October 2, 2019
Region 2 : 9/11-15/2019	September 10, 2019
Region 3 : 10/11-13/2019	October 10, 2019
Region 4 : 9/26-29/2019	September 25, 2019
Region 5 : 9/19-22/2019	September 18, 2019
Region 6 : 9/19-22/2019	September 18, 2019
Region 7 : 9/19-22/2019	September 18, 2019
Region 8 : 9/18-22/2019	September 17, 2019
Region 9 : 10/3-6/2019	October 2, 2019
Opening date for Nominations (All Regions)	September 11, 2019
Closing date for Nominations (By Region)	
Region 1 : 10/3-6/2019	October 10, 2019
Region 2 : 9/11-15/2019	September 19, 2019
Region 3 : 10/11-13/2019	October 17, 2019
Region 4 : 9/26-29/2019	October 3, 2019
Region 5 : 9/19-22/2019	September 26, 2019
Region 6 : 9/19-22/2019	September 26, 2019
Region 7 : 9/19-22/2019	September 26, 2019
Region 8 : 9/18-22/2019	September 26, 2019
Region 9 : 10/3-6/2019	October 10, 2019
Closing date for US Dressage Finals (All Regions)	October 21, 2019
* Opening date for Declarations is July 1, 2019	
* Closing date for Declarations is the day prior to the first day of each RC competition	
* Opening date for Nominations is the first day of the first RC competition	
* Closing date for Nominations is 96 hours after each RC competition	

# Competition Grounds Map



**TRAILER PARKING** is located beyond the Alltech Arena, off Walt Robertson Rd.

**INFORMATION MUST BE POSTED IN EVENT PRIZE LIST OR COMPETITOR INFORMATION**

1. **PARKING** - Passes may be obtained from the Parking Booth or Visitor Information Center upon entry. **\$15.00** fee assessed for each **parking pass** per event. All trailers must park in approved lot. **NO PARKING** is allowed in the barn area. Trailers should be dropped in the appropriate parking lot and **NOT** in the stabling area.
2. **CAMPING**- Must go to campground for all camping, unless event has made separate arrangements with KHP Special Events. **NO CAMPING ALLOWED IN BARN AREA AT ANY TIME!** **CAMPING**- Please call 888/4KY-PARK (888/459-7275) or reserve on-line at [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov). Groups of 20 or more, please call 859/259-4257 or 800/370-6416. Check-out time is at noon. Violators will be towed.
3. **GOLF CARTS/ MOPEDS ETC.** - A privilege-*not a right*- extended to show participants. Must be at least 16 years of age with valid driver's license. **Not allowed in the tourist/visitor areas of the Park. NO ALL TERRAIN (4-wheeler, 3-wheeler, dirt bikes over 50 cc's) VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON HORSE SHOW GROUNDS!**
4. **DOGS**- Must be on a leash (not to exceed 6 feet in length) or suitably restrained in a tack stall/cage etc. Loose animals/ animals left in vehicles in distress, etc. can and will be removed from the grounds at the owner's expense.
5. **HORSES AND HORSE DRAWN VEHICLES / STABLING** – Horse and carriages have the right-of-way at all times. Competitors must comply with contracted ship-in and ship-out dates.
6. **EXHIBITOR PROBLEMS/SPECIAL REQUESTS**-All non-emergency problems or special requests *must* be relayed through show management to ensure prompt attention.
7. **PACKAGES/DELIVERIES**- The Park is **not** responsible for any deliveries to an event or event participant. All packages are delivered to Central Receiving at the Maintenance Complex; addressee is responsible for retrieving packages. Park mail service personnel will try to assist if conditions allow, however, any delivery/package may be refused/returned to sender, etc at any time without notification.
8. **PARK ADMISSION**- Reduced Park admission is available to event participants and must be obtained at the Visitor Information Center.
9. **FIRE CODES** – As of May 15, 2006, The Kentucky Horse Park will not allow the following inside of barns or tents, which will be enforced by the Fire Marshal:
  - a. any 2-wire appliances
  - b. any 2-wire extension cords
  - c. light duty cords for indoor use
  - d. any 3-way adaptors unless specifically made for outdoors
  - e. any adaptors without 3-wire connections
  - f. any cut or damaged cords
10. **EVENT MANAGEMENT** is responsible for notifying/ making available all Park rules/regulations to participants in their event. Included, but not limited to, exhibitors, officials and volunteers.



**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 2020**

**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.) Individuals cannot compete at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition with a USDF Education 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 (\$90), 5-years (\$360), or life (\$1,800). 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 (\$72). 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®/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 (\$240) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

**Education Membership (EM):** A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. This online education only membership expires 12 months after the date joined. This membership type does NOT allow an individual to compete at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition.

**Non-Member (NM) Identification Number:** For each USDF NM owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a USDF NM fee of \$35 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 (\$35). Scores earned by a horse with an HID number will be recorded, but will NOT be counted towards Adequan®/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 \$80. 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 (\$115) is eligible for Adequan®/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 and fax or mail it to the USDF office.
- 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 or writing 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.

USEF Competition Name:  
Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):

USEF#:

# ATTENTION COMPETITORS



## USEF SAFE SPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENT

Starting January 1, 2019, if you are a USEF Competing Member 18 years of age or older you are required to complete the core Safe Sport Training within 30 days of activating your membership.

If you do not complete the training, you are ineligible to participate in all USEF activities including competitions.

**TAKE the SAFE SPORT TRAINING at [USEF.org](https://USEF.org) by logging into your member dashboard.**

**#youarenotalone**





## 2020 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. In addition, Alaska and Hawaii may each hold state championships if an official request from a Group Member Organization (GMO) is received by April 1 of the prior year. The Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). Please refer to the 2020 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 (Junior Active, Senior 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) of record. A horse is not required to have breed registry papers.

Owner:

- Must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Junior Active, Senior Active, Life, or Recorded Farm (with Active Farm Owner)). 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. FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider classes have only one respective division. Freestyles have only open divisions.

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%
FEI Junior (Team Test)	—	—	60%
FEI Young Rider (Team Test)	—	—	60%
Prix St. Georges	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	62%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%

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

# *USDF Statement on Animal Welfare*

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of individual members and over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals.

Dressage is a classical method of training horses, based upon the horse's natural responses, as carried out in a gradual, planned program during which the horse's athletic abilities are improved in a systematic manner. As a result, the horse becomes capable, comfortable, and responsive in partnership with the rider without the use of force. Dressage competition at various levels of achievement is the ultimate test of the training program to determine whether the desired harmony between horse and rider has been achieved.

The rules pertaining to dressage competition prohibit the use of artificial appliances, training aids, and drugs, which would force the horse to submit. Instead, the emphasis is upon training and a cooperative partnership with the rider. Major competitions are carefully monitored to assure that there is no unnecessary force or harshness displayed.

Unlike other horse sports in which horses enter training at a relatively immature state, dressage training is usually not seriously begun until the horse is three or four. The top levels of achievement require five or more years of progressive training and it is not unusual to see horses in international competition in their late teens. This, in itself, places a premium on good care and soundness throughout the horse's life.

While supporting the concept of animal welfare in its broadest form, the United States Dressage Federation, Inc., also recognizes that it is unrealistic to ascribe human emotions and responses to the horse which in its wild state is a creature of flight, living a hard and precarious existence. Under domestication, the horse is assured of ample food, water, and shelter, as well as protection against infectious diseases and damaging parasites, thus leading a longer and healthier life with a high rate of survival.

As an educational organization, USDF has numerous programs, which teach people how to pursue the accepted, humane training methods. A program of certifying instructors also emphasizes protecting the horse's welfare in pursuit of dressage training.

United States Dressage Federation  
4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511  
Phone: 859-971-2277, Fax: 859-971-7722, [usdressage@usdf.org](mailto:usdressage@usdf.org), [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)

## ATTENTION FREESTYLE COMPETITORS



### UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™ Freestyle Competitor Reminders

- Submit two CDs of your music clearly labeled with your name, horse's name, bridle number, and freestyle level.
- 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 [freestyle@usdf.org](mailto:freestyle@usdf.org)

# DRESSAGE ENTRY FORM

Official Use Only  
Rev BMCI.2018.finals.1

**Show Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Show Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse (and, if applicable, previous name)	For Sale?	Breed	Color	Sex	Height	DOB
Sire	Dam		Dam's Sire		Breeder	
Coggins Date	Country of Birth	Stud Book Reg #	Passport #		Groom	

## Membership Information

Horse	Rider/Handler	Owner	Trainer	Coach
USEF #	USEF #	USEF #	USEF #	USEF #
USDF #	USDF #	USDF #	USDF # (optional)	USDF # (optional)

Class No.	Qual. Div.	Class Description	Fees

Competitors who reside in one of the applicable states (WA, OR, CA, HI, AK, MT, ID, AZ, NV, UT, WY, NM, CO) will be eligible to apply for a travel grant. The rider's address of record, as associated with their USDF membership, will be used to determine eligibility. Grants are based on individual horse/rider combinations, allowing one grant application for each eligible horse entered. To be considered for a grant, the grant request box must be checked within the entry process. More program details can be found in the prize list.

Travel Grant Yes/No

**Rider/Handler** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Is Rider/Handler a US Citizen? \_\_\_\_ If not, state citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date of Junior/Young Rider \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Trainer** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

Stable With \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Departure Time \_\_\_\_\_

Special Stable Requests \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number (for rider) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number (for horse) \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal of Class Fees		
Stabling ( ____ stalls at ____ /stall) <small>(include tack stalls on this line)</small>		
Bedding ( ____ bales at ____ /bale)		
Haul-in Fees		
Office Fee		\$50.00
Fee for Mailed Entry <small>(enter online to avoid this fee)</small>		\$50.00
<b>USEF Fees</b>	USEF Fees (per horse) \$8 USEF + \$15 USEF Drug = \$23	
	USEF Show Pass Fees (\$45 per non-member excl. walk/trot)	
USDF Non-member Fee (\$35 per non-member excl. walk/trot)		
Post Entry/Other		
Total <i>Most fees are nonrefundable. See refund policy in prize list for details.</i>		
<b>If paying by credit card, complete the following:</b>		
Name on Card: _____		
Credit Card #: _____		
Expiration Date: ____ / ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard		
Signature: _____		

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

#### **USDF 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 hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the show 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.

#### **United States 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, cablecasts, 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.

#### **Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification**

**This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.**

**I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition to the following:**

**I AGREE that the "Federation" and "Competition" as used herein includes the Licensee and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and Federation affiliates.**

**I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaultor, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm").**

**I AGREE to hold harmless and release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.**

**I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.**

**I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at the Competition.**

**I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and, if applicable, EV114, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries.**

**If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf.**

**I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition.**

**I AGREE that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the Federation on the official USEF accident/injury report form.**

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank and 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 (required if rider/handler is a minor)**

**Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_**