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August 24-30, 2026

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Media

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Official Prize List Website

More Information

USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship
Markel/USEF Young & Developing Horse Dressage National Championships
USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship
Adequan®/USEF Brentina Cup Dressage National Championship
Adequan®/USEF Junior Dressage National Championship
Adequan®/USEF Para Dressage National Championships
Aspen Leaf Farm/USEF Pony Rider & Children Dressage National Championships
USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals

July 30, 2026

August 13, 2026

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More Information: For more information on the U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions, including the qualifying requirements and Championship Format, see the USEF website here or contact **Kristen Brett**, USEF Director, Dressage Special Events (Festival@USEF.org).

Official Prize List Website: HITSShows.com or USEF.org

Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF rule book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.

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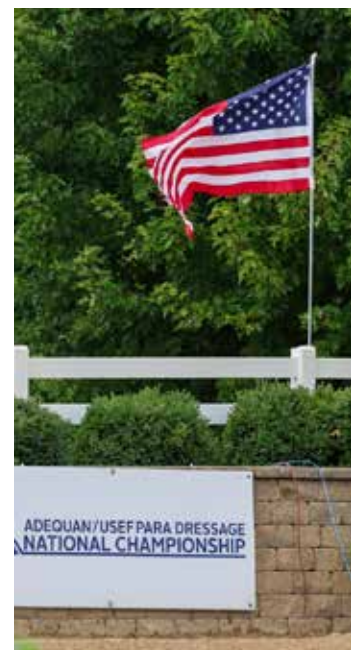
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Class Name	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
USEF Intermediaire I Championship							
FEI Prix St. Georges Test	900						
FEI Intermediate I Test		901					
FEI Intermediate I Freestyle Test				902			
Adequan®/USEF Brentina Cup Championship							
FEI Intermediate II Test	903						
FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test		904					
FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test				905			
Adequan®/USEF Para Dressage Championship							
FEI Para Grand Prix A Test (Grades I-V)	906						
FEI Para Grand Prix B Test (Grades I-V)		907					
FEI Para Grand Prix Freestyle Test (Grades I-V)			908				
FEI Para Intermediate A Test (Grades I-V)	909						
FEI Para Intermediate B Test (Grades I-V)		910					
FEI Para Intermediate Freestyle Test (Grades I-V)			911				
Markel/USEF Young & Developing Horse Championships							
FEI Intermediate II			912				
USEF Developing Grand Prix					913		
FEI Prix St. Georges				914			
USEF Developing Prix St. Georges						915	
USEF 4-Year-Old Test				916			
USEF 4-Year-Old Test						917	
FEI 5-Year-Old Preliminary Test				918			
FEI 5-Year-Old Final Test						919	
FEI 6-Year-Old Preliminary Test					920		
FEI 6-Year-Old Final Test							921
FEI 7-Year-Old Preliminary Test					922		
FEI 7-Year-Old Final Test							923
USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals							
Medal Finals Class for 13 & Under					924		
Medal Finals Class for 14-18							925
Adequan®/USEF Junior Championship							
FEI Junior Team Test					926		
FEI Junior Individual Test						927	
USEF Young Rider Championship							
FEI Young Rider Team Test			928				
FEI Young Rider Individual Test				929			
Aspen Leaf Farm / USEF Pony Rider and Children Championships							
FEI Pony Rider Team Test				930			
FEI Pony Rider Individual Test					931		
FEI Children Team Test						932	
FEI Children Individual Test							933

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FEES & ENTRY INFORMATION

Office Fee per Horse (Non-refundable)	\$55
Class Fee Per Class	\$90
USEF Drug Fee Per Horse	\$25
Non-Competing Horse for the Event	\$100
Village of Wayne Tax (Local tax per horse)	\$12.50

STABLING & GROUNDS FEES

Early Arrival Stabling	Opens August 19 & 20
Stabling Available	August 21-30
Stall - Main Barn, Barns A, B, C, D, & E (Limited Availability)	\$300/stall
Tack Stall - Main Barn, Barns A, B, C, D, & E (Limited Availability)	\$300/stall
Single Stall - Tents 1, 2, & 3	\$300/stall
Double Stall - Tents 1, 2, & 3 (Limited Availability)	\$700/stall
Tack Stall - Tents 1, 2, & 3	\$300/stall
Bedding - wood shavings (Minimum of 4 bags required)	\$12/bag
Early Arrival Stabling (August 19 & August 20)	\$50 / stall / night
Additional Nights Stabling Starting August 30	\$50 / stall / night

VIP, PREMIERE BARN PARKING, & RV PARKING FEES

RV Hookup	\$350 / spot
Premiere Barn Parking (Barns A, B, Tent 1 & Boarder Barn)	Maximum of 2 Spots Per Horse Owner
Begins Sunday, August 23	\$175 per parking spot
	First come, first serve

VIP HOSPITALITY

Located with a view of the HITS Grand Prix Arena (Monday – Sunday) or the HITS Arena (Thursday – Sunday), our VIP Hospitality offers you and your guests premier seats to the competition!

Details to come!

All competitors must complete their check-in at the show office and receive a show/bridle number, before schooling or riding on the show grounds beginning **Saturday, August 22**. Failure to check in at the show office prior to schooling will result in the issuance of a Warning Card. Competition-assigned numbers, or the same number in a personal numbering format, must be worn and visible at all times when a horse is being hand-walked, exercised or ridden, under penalty of elimination.

ENTRIES BY INVITATION ONLY. Classes may only be entered or declared by using the class numbers for the division which the athlete/horse combination is invited to compete in.

ENTRIES OPEN Thursday, July 30, 2026 and **CLOSE** Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 11:59 pm IN CENTRAL STANDARD TIME. Late entries will NOT be accepted unless permission is granted by USEF. Following the closing date to submit an entry to the Championships, the rider/athlete may not change for the Four-, Five-, Six- and Seven-Year-Old divisions.

To Enter the Show: On-line entries only at [Equestrian-hub.com](https://www.equestrian-hub.com) on opening date. A 6% credit card convenience fee will be assessed.

Entry Cancellation/Refunds/Scratches: Cancellations accepted only in writing by e-mail (Festival@USEF.org) prior to or on the closing date.

There will be a 6% CC fee charged to every credit card transaction done on site.

Entire entry refunded minus the office fee. No refunds of any kind for any reason, including Act of God, will be given after the closing date or throughout the competition. All fees collected on behalf of USEF and USDF to be submitted to the Federation provided all outstanding fees are paid in full; else it will be applied to those fees. All entries are accepted with this understanding.

No Shows: All "No Shows" that have not contacted the Show Office or Festival@USEF.org in writing prior to their division's horse inspection will be considered a withdrawal for the rest of the show. No refunds of any kind for any reason, including Act of God, will be given. Exhibitors enter with this understanding and agreement.

USEF Membership Requirements Per Qualifying Requirements:

- Athletes and Owners must be Active Competing members in good standing with USEF through the conclusion of the Event.
- Horses must be Annual or Life Recorded with USEF through the conclusion of the Event.
- Dressage Seat Medal Finals: The rider must be an Active Competing member in good standing with USEF through the conclusion of the Event. The rider must also have a USDF Participating Membership (PM). The horse must have either a Horse Identification Number (HID), Annual or Life Recorded with USEF and must have a USDF HID or USDF Life Horse Registration (LHR). The owner must meet minimum competitions requirements for USEF and USDF.

Current Rules: 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 [USEF.org](https://www.usef.org).

Drug Rules:

- **USEF Drug Rules** will be followed by the Young Horse, Developing Horse, Para Dressage, Brentina Cup, Young Rider, Junior, Pony Rider, Children, and Medal Finals.
- **FEI Drug Rules** will be followed by the Intermediaire I.
- **Dressage Seat Medal Finals:** Riders may not be added to the 2026 USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals following the close of the entry date. Additionally, riders who also compete in the National Competition in a Dressage Seat Equitation class with the same horse entered in the USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals are not required to pay the USEF Drug & Medications Fee twice. There is no penalty for the rider to scratch a Medal Finals class from one horse and add with another horse.

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ADDITIONAL STABLING INFORMATION

Early Arrival Stabling opens on Wednesday, August 19 at 12 pm. No Exceptions!

All stalls for a group need to be reserved under the same "Barn Name" or "Person's Name" to be guaranteed to be stabled together. Larger groups will be more difficult to accommodate. First come, first serve.

All horses must be stabled on the competition grounds and must remain on the grounds for the duration of their participation in the event, from the time of arrival until the horse has finished competing in all classes, including all non-championship classes. If the horse leaves the grounds, it will be disqualified in championship classes, but not in non-championship classes.

Note Arrival for stabling assignments must be between the hours of 8 am - 5 pm daily. Off-hour arrival allowed only with prior approval of Horse Show Management by emailing LamplightStabling@HITSShows.com.

Premium Permanent Stall	Main Barn, Barn A & B - 10'x12', with doors, dirt floors with mats (Limited Availability)
Permanent Stall	Barns C, D, E - 10'x10', with doors, dirt floors with mats (Limited Availability)
Tent Stalls 1, 2, & 3	10'x10', with doors, dirt floors.

Note: Some Temporary Stalls under tents may have tent support poles in them. If a stall assigned to you cannot be used for its intended purpose due to the location of the pole, please notify the Show Office and an alternate stall(s) will be assigned. Stall Fees are non-refundable after the Closing Date of Entries. Exhibitors should notify the show office if any stall part needs repair; unless notified, the Horse Show will assume the assigned stall(s) are deemed safe by the exhibitor, which should be satisfactory for USEF. Bedding on straw is prohibited except when the horse's health is at issue. Please obtain prior approval from the Show Office. Clean-up fee may apply. Permanent Stalls available on a limited basis.

Early Arrival: Additional \$50/stall/night – For arrivals on Wednesday, August 19 or Thursday, August 20. Arrivals prior to Friday, August 21, must contact show management before making shipping arrangements and will require an additional \$50/stall/night including tack/feed stalls.

Additional Nights Stabling (After the show): Additional \$50/stall/night, including tack/feed stalls - Horses needing to stay after the competition concludes on Sunday, August 30 must make prior arrangements with show management.

Bedding - Minimum 4 Bags Required: \$12/bag. Order on entry form or at show office. No initial bedding will be supplied. Shavings are to be purchased from HITS. Bedding on straw is prohibited except when the horse's health is at issue. Please obtain prior approval from the Stabling Manager A \$50 disposal fee is required for straw. (LamplightStabling@HITSShows.com).

Prior to the show office opening on Saturday, August 22, please use the online [Feed & Bedding Order Form](#).

As part of HITS ongoing commitment to ensure the safety of all participants, particularly the horses in this instance, as well as preserving the integrity of our facilities, we are implementing important updates to our stabling guidelines. These new guidelines apply to all events.

WE KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING POINTS

Removal of Stall Customizations: Effective immediately, all customizations to the stalls, including but not limited to nails, screws, staples, eye hooks, plastic sheeting, metal wire, twine, and the like must be removed. The use of such materials, especially staples, poses significant risks to the horses and the integrity of our facilities. We strongly recommend the elimination, or at the very least, significant limitation of staples inside the stalls. Our goal is to ensure that all stalls are safe, clean, and in their original condition (minus the bedding).

Responsibility of Competitors: It is the competitors' responsibility to ensure that their staff is fully informed and comply with these updated guidelines. We encourage team leaders to hold briefings with their staff to ensure everyone is aware of these changes and understands the importance of adhering to them.

Fines for Non-Compliance: In our efforts to maintain the highest standards of facility upkeep and animal safety, HITS will impose a fine of \$500 for stalls that are not left in good condition. This measure is not intended to be punitive, but rather to underscore the importance of leaving the stalls in the same condition as they were found (bedding excluded). We believe this will encourage a collective effort towards maintaining a clean and safe environment for everyone, a form of pay-it-forward for all who utilize our stabling.

IMPORTANT CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Every Tentative Veterinary Inspection (Jog) Schedule – Subject to Change:

Sunday, August 23	4:30 pm Intermediaire I, Para Dressage & Brentina Cup
Tuesday, August 25	4:30 pm Developing Grand Prix & Young Rider
Wednesday, August 26	4:30 pm Young Horses, Developing Prix St. Georges, Pony Rider, & Junior
Friday, August 28	TBD Children

All horses must be presented to the treating veterinarian and members of the judging panel for examination. All individuals aged twenty-five (25) and under must wear protective headgear during the Horse Inspection. Please refer to the FEI Veterinary Regulations on [Horse Inspection Procedures](#).

USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals – No Veterinary Inspection (Jog)

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Sound Checks – Tuesday, August 25:

- Para Dressage, Intermediaire I, & Brentina Cup
- Immediately following the Veterinary Inspection (Jog).
- Information on how to submit your music will be provided in the invitation to the Event.
- Brentina Cup – The FEI Freestyle System (Degree of Difficulty) will be utilized.

Starting Order/Confirmation/Ride Times/Conflicts: Starting order/Ride times will be posted on Equestrian Hub's website here following the horse inspections and at the conclusion of each competition day. It is the responsibility of the rider/athlete to inform the management of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving the schedule. Festival ride times take precedent over the National competition.

Awards:

- **Award Ceremonies:** Details TBD
- **Ribbons will be awarded as follows in the Individual Classes / Tests:**

Intermediaire I	First - Sixth
Developing Horses	First - Sixth
Young Horses	First - Sixth
Brentina Cup	First - Sixth
Para Dressage	First - Twelfth
Young Rider	First - Twelfth
Junior	First - Twelfth
Pony Rider	First - Twelfth
Children	First - Twelfth
Medal Finals	See Below

- **Overall Championship Awards:** Ribbons and sashes will be awarded to each combination eligible to receive an overall placing. Champion and Reserve Champion will receive an embroidered wool dress sheet and trophy.
- **Dressage Seat Medal Finals Awards:** Ribbons and sashes will be awarded to all riders. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medalists will receive a medal and trophy.

Facility Information:

- Footing is all weather.
- Food Service will be available during competition hours.
- Lungeing will be available in designated areas only.
- All tests in standard arenas.
- No paddocks are available for use.

ADDRESS & DIRECTIONS

Address: Lamplight Equestrian Center 6N940 Dunham Rd. Wayne IL, 60184

Parcel Deliveries: Management will not be responsible for mail or parcel deliveries made to exhibitors, vendors or others. Please make arrangements accordingly.

DIRECTIONS TO HITS CHICAGO AT LAMPLIGHT EQUESTRIAN CENTER:

From Chicago: I-90 (Kennedy Expressway) West to Rt. 59 (Barrington, IL), Rt 59 South to Stearns Rd. (West Bartlett, IL), Stearns Rd. West (right turn) to end (Dunham Rd.) Left turn onto Dunham Rd. 1/8 mile Lamplight is on the right.

From St. Charles Hotels: Rt. 64 East (Main St./North Ave.) to Kirk Rd. North. Kirk Rd. turns into Dunham Rd. Continue North. Lamplight is on the left approximately 1.5 miles after Army Trail Rd.

FEED, GOLF CARTS RV SPOT

Feed Store: Hay, grain and bedding may be purchased on the grounds. For deliveries prior to or upon arrival, use the Feed Order form in the prize list or online here. Place orders by noon for same day delivery. No deliveries on Sunday. Questions regarding feed and bedding charges will not be considered after noon Friday. Discrepancies in deliveries will not be considered unless brought to the attention of the Feed Office within 24 hours of placing the order. No commercial feed or bedding source will be permitted to deliver on the show grounds.

Prior to the show office opening on **Saturday, August 22**, please use the online [Feed & Bedding Order Form](#)

Golf Cart: Dever Inc. 859.233.9702 or [DeverInc.com](#). The number of golf carts permitted on the facility is limited and on a first come first serve basis.

RV Spaces: \$350/space (Please indicate reservation with entry) On-site RV spaces include water and 30 or 50 AMP electric hook-up. On-site spaces are limited and are non-refundable after the closing date of entries. Indicate on entry either 30 or 50 amps. Septic pump-outs can be arranged in the show office by 5 pm the day prior for an additional charge. RV Sites ordered after the closing date of entries will be accepted on a space available basis and may be subject to a Late RV fee of \$50. Note: Any RV left parked in the RV area, whether hooked up or not, will incur a weekly fee of \$350 per week or any portion thereof. No exceptions.

NIGHT WATCH

Horses stabled on the grounds will receive Horse Watch provided by HITS Staff. Horse Watch extends from approximately 9 pm until 5 am daily. Horses will be checked approximately 5 times a night each night of the Show Week. Trainers/owners should provide emergency contact information for Horse Watch personnel. Forms will be available in the Feed Office or in the Prize List on Feed Order form. Cell phone numbers for Horse Watch will be available in the Show Office for trainers/owners to be able to contact Horse Watch personnel directly.

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SAFE SPORT

All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at [USEF.org](https://www.usef.org/safesport).

HOTEL

Hotels: Access this link for competitor discounts to hotels in the St. Charles, IL area - [LINK](#)

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR

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

MOTORIZED VEHICLE & GOLF CARTS

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

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

Electric Golf Carts will not be permitted to be plugged into any electrical outlet on the grounds.

MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Alcoholic Beverages in any form may not be brought onto the show grounds.

NON-NEGOTIABLE CHECKS:

- Returned Checks or Credit Cards, for any reason, will be assessed a penalty of \$50 or 10% of the face value of the check/credit card charge, whichever is greater. Upon notification, exhibitors will have three days to make full payment, including penalty, in certified funds, cashier's check, money order, or credit card. A 3% Retail Adjustment will be applied to all Credit Card transactions. Sanctioning organizations will be notified if exhibitors fail to pay in full within three days. A monthly service fee equal to 18% per annum will begin accruing after 30 days. Note: First time returned checks will automatically be redeposited.
- A declined credit card will be resubmitted within several days.
- A closed account, Stop Payment, incorrect or incomplete credit card information or a chargeback will be turned over to sanctioning organizations immediately.
- Cash Only may be required if you have previously given a non-negotiable check to HITS.

Emergency Medical Centers:

Hospital: AMITA Health Saint Joseph Hospital Elgin, 77 N Airlite St, Elgin, IL 60123, 855.692.6482, 8 miles (15 minutes) by car.

Trauma 1 Center: AMITA Health Mercy Medical Center Aurora, 1325 N Highland Ave, Aurora, IL 60506, 855.692.6482, 15 miles (27 minutes) by car.

Accidents Involving Competitors: GR1317. In the event of a head injury due to a fall/accident at a licensed competition, the competitor may be prohibited from further competition until released by medical personnel. In some cases, the competitor may not return to competition without a signed release from a licensed medical professional. The competitor may be placed on suspension by USEF until this criteria is met. Competitors are advised to familiarize themselves with this new rule.

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.

Dogs must be restrained on the show grounds. Loose dogs will be picked up and detained and the owner fined \$100. The owner may be barred from showing and expelled from the show grounds for a second offense, or for refusal to pay the fine, and will not be entitled to any refund of entry or stabling fees paid or due. Management reserves the right to call Animal Control to have an animal removed from the premises.

Electrical/Fire Regulations. Electrical installation and connections must meet all state and county codes. Aisles shall be maintained clear for a minimum of six feet wide by eight feet high. No obstructions or projections shall be allowed in these aisles. No Class I Flammable Liquids such as gasoline are allowed inside the buildings. Cooking is not permitted within any stable area. Anyone found in violation shall be subject to dismissal from further participation in the horse show without recourse. Additional appliances are not permitted within any stable area. Anyone found in violation shall be subject to confiscation of the item(s).

ATTENTION COMPETITORS

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct applicable numbers (USDF and USEF) for horse, owner, rider, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition.

The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national awards.



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USDF Horse Welfare Statement

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

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

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

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

Stall Alterations are strictly forbidden. The removal of stall tent side poles, side ropes and/or stakes/anchors is strictly prohibited. Any exhibitor found in violation will be issued a single warning. If violation continues, Management reserves the right to remove from the show grounds all property belonging to or under the control of said violator. Further, Management reserves the right to bar any exhibitor found to be in violation from any further participation in the horse show without recourse to any refund of entry or stabling fees paid or due.

Damage. Owners and exhibitors shall be held responsible for damage caused by them, their agents or employees to stalls, buildings and other properties on the show grounds, and shall be billed accordingly.

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. Every effort will be made to reschedule with priority given to the USEF Program classes. No refunds for cancellations due to hazardous weather, acts of God, accidents or emergencies. See USEF rule GR311.

EQUINE HEALTH ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Protecting the health of your horse and other horses at HITS Chicago is of the utmost importance to HITS. HITS Horse Shows uses EventPass for all horse show health documents. All horses entering the showgrounds of a USEF licensed competition **MUST** be accompanied by documentation showing vaccinations for Equine Influenza Virus (Flu) and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) within 6 months of the show dates. This is mandatory for every horse entry. See USEF rule GR844. Horses must also have a current negative EIA/Coggins test within 12 months of the show dates. A health certificate (30-day) is needed on all out of state horses.

Sharps & Medical Waste: Appropriate Sharps Containers for the disposal of used Needles will be placed in all barns and tent stabling areas, at the end of aisles or at the breezeways. Sharps must only be disposed of in these containers. 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.

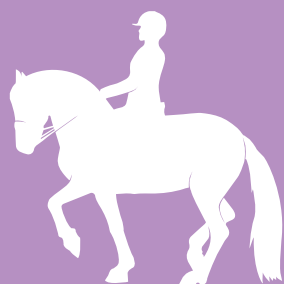
Show Veterinarian phone number will be posted at the Show Office.

FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, or agent at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a 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 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) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

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



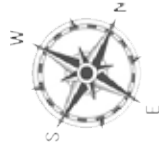
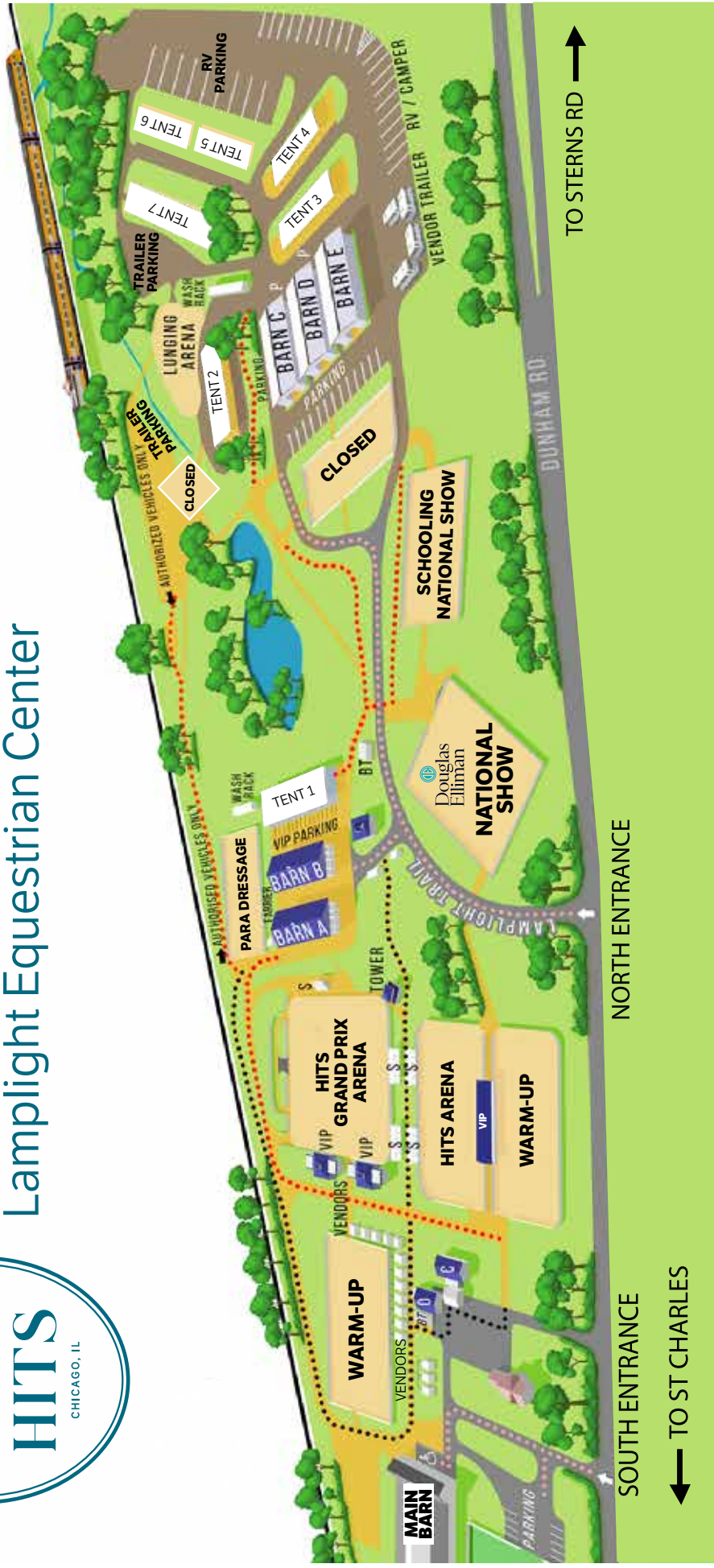
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SPRING

HITS Del Mar Dressage Opener CDI-W	February 26 - March 1
HITS Del Mar Dressage Affaire CDI3*	March 19-22
HITS Del Mar National Horse Show CDI3*	April 16-19
HITS Hudson Valley Dressage May	May 9-10
HITS Chicago Windy City Dressage at Lamplight I&II	May 30-31

SUMMER

HITS Hudson Valley Dressage June CDI3*	June 11-14
HITS Culpeper Commonwealth Park Dressage	June 20-21
Lamplight Summer Dressage I&II at HITS Chicago	June 26-28
HITS Hudson Valley Dressage July I&II	July 10-12
CDS San Diego Road to Championships at HITS Del Mar	July 16-19
HITS Hudson Valley Dressage August I&II	August 7-9
US Dressage Festival of Champions at HITS Chicago	August 24-30

FALL

HITS Del Mar Dressage Fall I	September 5-6
GAIG/USDF Region 8 Dressage Championships at HITS Hudson Valley	September 17-20
Lamplight September Dressage at HITS Chicago	September 17-20
HITS Del Mar Dressage Howl-O-Ween	October 16-18
HITS Ocala Post Time Farm Dressage	November 21-22



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

For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian ("USEF") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and **2026 U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions ("USEF Event" or "USEF Events")**; I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "**Agreement**"):

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

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INHERENT RISKS: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with equine activities, including but not limited to horseback riding and equestrian sport, are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any USEF Event involves risks and dangers including, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury (including broken bones, head or neck injuries), sickness and disease (including communicable diseases), trauma, pain & suffering, permanent disability, paralysis and death; loss of or damage to personal property (including my mount & equipment) arising out of the unpredictable behavior of horses; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the USEF Event organizers and competition management; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("**Risks**").

EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING:

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

Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and the legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to a person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities. 745 ILCS 47/1, et seq.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Print Name: _____

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

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

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

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

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

TRAINER (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

OWNER/AGENT (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

COACH (if applicable)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulteur/Longeur is a minor) _____

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

Is Rider/Driver/Vaulteur a U.S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No

2026

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BRIDLE #COMPETITION NAME U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions COMPETITION DATES

NAME OF HORSE				PREVIOUS NAME (IF ANY)		USEF#	USDF#	FOR SALE
BREED	SEX	HEIGHT	COLOR	COGGINS DATE (ENCLOSED COPY)	SIRE	DAM		
DAM'S SIRE		COUNTRY OF BIRTH	YEAR OF BIRTH	BREEDER	FEI/PASSPORT #	MICROCHIP #		

RIDER/HANDLER

USEF# _____ USDF# _____ FEI/LOCAL# _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIP _____

CELL PHONE _____ JR/YOUNG RIDER BIRTHDAY _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

RIDER CITIZENSHIP (IF NOT USA) _____

RIDER STATUS (CIRCLE ONE): JR/YG ☐ AA ☐ OPEN ☐

OWNER

USEF# _____ USDF# _____ LOCAL# _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIP _____

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TRAINER

USEF# _____ USDF# _____ LOCAL# _____

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COACH

USEF# _____ USDF# _____ LOCAL# _____

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Please complete both pages.

CLASS No.	DIVISION	CLASS DESCRIPTION	QUAL Y/N	FEES

SUBTOTAL CLASS FEES AND QUALIFYING FEES	0
USDF NON MEMBER FEE \$55 PER NON-MEMBER	
OFFICE FEE AND/OR BRIDLE # FEE	
USEF HORSE FEES \$10 USEF FEE + \$15 DRUG FEE = \$25.00	
CDI HORSE FEES \$10 USEF FEE + \$25 DRUG FEE = \$35.00	
IHP DISCIPLINE FEE (\$35 IF REQUIRED)	
STABLING FEES 1 _____ STALL @ \$0 _____ /STALL	0
TACK STALLS 0 _____ STALL @ \$0 _____ /STALL	0
BEDDING 0 _____ BALES @ \$0 _____ /BALE	0
NON COMPETING HORSE FEE	
SPONSORSHIP	
GROUNDS FEE OR OTHER FEES _____	
OTHER _____	
LATE/CHANGE/BANK CHARGES FOR CC	
TOTAL FEES	

Stabling Information & Special Requests: Please list only ONE name (either individual or barn) for entire group (so we can get everyone together)

Group/Self	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Stalls							
Tack Stalls							

Stable Group: _____ Contact: _____

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.

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by USDF
for 2026**

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

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

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

Exceptions:

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

Memberships Defined

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

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

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

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

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

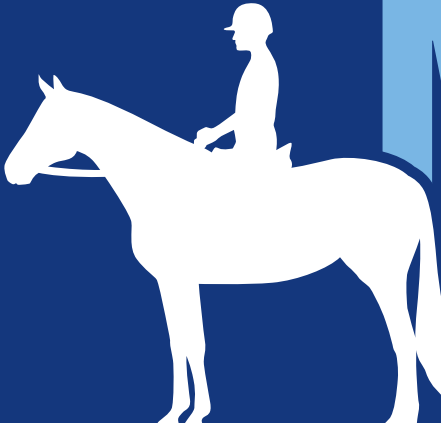
Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR): A horse with an LHR (\$140) is eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse has an LHR it does 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. You can submit the application online or download the form.
- In the show office at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions classified by USEF as Dressage Competitions, and Regular Competitions which are open to all breeds.
- By calling 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.



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