



**JUNE 7, 2021**

OPENING DATE FOR ENTRIES  
DRESSAGE LEVEL 3

**JULY 9, 2021**

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES  
USEF/USDF # 332836 (Fri.)  
USEF/USDF # 321(Sat./Sun.)

***GMHA Dressage Days 50th Anniversary!***

**Friday, July 30, 2021  
GMHA Dressage Day**

**Saturday & Sunday, July 31- August 1, 2021  
GMHA Dressage Days**

**Located at Green Mountain Horse Association  
Rte. 106, 5491 South Road, S. Woodstock, VT 05071**

**OFFICIAL QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS FOR THE  
FOLLOWING CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

**2022 Adequan FEI North American Youth Championships  
2022 USEF Children Dressage National Championship  
2022 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship  
2022 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National  
Championships  
2022 USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' Dressage National  
Championship  
2021 GAIG/USDF Regional Championship**

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***See [www.gmhainc.org](http://www.gmhainc.org) or  
[www.horseshowoffice.org](http://www.horseshowoffice.org)  
for Complete Prizelist and  
Updates***





- **ENTRIES** - Fees made payable to "GMHA"

- \$ 200 - Stabling - Permanent & Temporary (Thurs starting at NOON –Sun PM)
- \$ 10 - Shavings or hay. Please order what you need prior to arrival.
- \$ 23 - USEF DRUG FEE (per horse, \$15 Drug/Meds & \$8 USEF fee).
- \$ 30 - Office fee for Friday show ONLY (non-refundable).
- \$ 35 - Office fee for Saturday/Sunday Show Only (non-refundable).
- \$ 35 - USDF non-member fee.
- \$ 45 - USEF Show Pass Fee (for non-members).
- \$ 30 - Change fee for each change to the original entry (i.e., class change, time change)
- \$ 30 - Returned check fee.
- \$ 30 - Post entry fee per entry for entries RECEIVED after the closing date - if space allows.
- \$ 50 - Fee for non-competing horses (plus drug fee and stabling) - if space available.

- **AWARDS**

- Ribbons 1st - 6th place awarded for each class.
- Award for best ride by GMHA member over all three days (Open, AA, Jr).
- Award for best ride by a CVDA member, first level or above over all three days.
- Ribbon for high score with trophy and reserve (Open, AA, Jr if more than 3 in each division) each show (Fri - #332836 & Sat/Sun - #321) at Training Level, 1st Level, 2nd Level, 3rd Level, 4th Level, and FEI (excluding Freestyles, Dressage Equitation and Young Horse classes).
- It is the competitors responsibility to pick up rider tests and awards during show hours. Awards are available for pickup for one (1) week after the event. Tests, ribbons and awards will "not" be mailed.

- **ENTRY DETAILS**

- Entries accepted on-line through [www.HorseShowOffice.com](http://www.HorseShowOffice.com)
- Classes may be split, combined, or cancelled at the management's discretion.
- Each competition (Fri - #332836, Sat/Sun - #321) requires a separate entry form. Office and USEF fees must be paid for each show.
- Scratches and changes to entry must be received in writing & fees apply (email acceptable).
- A complete entry includes the following when submitted:
  - Rider, horse, and owner USEF and USDF cards printed from [eqverification.com](http://eqverification.com) or verified through [www.HorseShowOffice.com](http://www.HorseShowOffice.com)
  - USEF Competing Members: SafeSport Training required prior to show date.
  - A current Coggins and Proof of Rabies vaccination within 12 months of competition (**titer results are accepted with Veterinarian's note**).
  - Proof of EIV and EHV vaccinations within six months of show.If entering on-line, please upload or send by email on the day of entry submission to be considered complete.
  - Following forms need to be signed: entry form for each show, 1 GMHA waiver for Dressage Days Shows, and the USEF/VT waiver for the season. If entering on-line, must be uploaded or received by email on the day of entry submission to be considered complete. Electronic signatures not accepted by GMHA. Please "hand sign" the GMHA waiver provided with the entry form.
  - Payment (check payable to "GMHA," Visa, or MasterCard)
- Enter on-line or send to secretary postmarked on or after opening day. Accepted entries' checks will be cashed upon receipt. Wait list entries checks will be held. When an opening occurs, they will be notified immediately and if they agree to still enter, their checks will be cashed. Entries must be RECEIVED by the secretary by Closing Date, or Post Entry fee will be charged.
- Refunds—Scratches before closing date will receive refund less office fees. All refund requests must be received in writing (email acceptable). **No refunds after closing date, or for 'acts of God' which require management to cancel classes or day(s) of competition.**
- Show will be run per the USEF COVID-19 Action Plan and as supplemented by the GMHA COVID-19 Action Plan. To review mandatory requirements for participants, go to [www.USEF.org](http://www.USEF.org) and to [www.GMHAinc.org](http://www.GMHAinc.org). Entries and stalls may be limited based on current state and local restrictions.

- **TIMES**

Tentative times will be posted a week before event date on [www.HorseShowOffice.com](http://www.HorseShowOffice.com) and [www.gmhainc.org](http://www.gmhainc.org). Official times will be posted near the show office. Please double-check your ride times upon check-in.

- **STABLING**

- Stall size 10' x 10'.
- 155 permanent box stalls, with additional temporary stabling in Upwey Temp barn (16 stalls) & Pavilion (25 stalls) - total 196 available.
- \$200 block stabling only—Thurs. noon through Sun.
- No stall deposit required. You will be billed a \$50 dirty stall fee for any stalls not stripped.
- No bedding provided. Shavings available for purchase at \$10 per bag, or bring your own. Orders placed with original entry will be delivered to your stalls prior to arrival. Hay available for \$10 per bale.
- Night watch on grounds.
- Tack stalls may be available – competitors will be notified of status after closing day - \$200 fee should be included with your entry, will be refunded if we aren't able to honor your request.
- NO REFUNDS ON STABLING AFTER CLOSING DATE, unless we have a wait list for stabling.
- Indicate what group/persons you wish to be stabled with clearly on your entry form. We will do our best to accommodate stabling requests on original entry forms.

- **ACCOMMODATIONS**

- Visit [www.gmhainc.org](http://www.gmhainc.org), or Woodstock Chamber of Commerce for a full accommodations list.
- ZONING PROHIBITS CAMPING OF ANY KIND (tents, trailer, camper etc.) on GMHA grounds and violators will be required to leave the show grounds.

- **FOOTING**

- Standard arenas (20 x 60) for all tests. 4 arenas. GMHA has EUROPEAN GEO-TEXTILE footing in ALL rings, including warm-ups.

- **ENTERTAINMENT** – Food available on-grounds during show hours.

- **OTHER**

- Sound check for musical freestyles will be held Thursday pm and during breaks on Friday and Saturday before Freestyles. Freestyles will be held on Saturday afternoon. Sign-up in show office after providing music. GMHA accepts music recorded on CD's only. Please provide 2 copies labeled with your name.
- Competition rings open for schooling on Thursday 12pm to 6pm. CLOSED 6pm on.
- Farrier and Veterinarian: on-grounds and on-call; phone numbers posted near show office.
- Under-subscribed classes may be cancelled or combined at management's discretion.
- Strict Dog Policy—Pet must be on leash. \$30.00 fee each off leash occurrence.
- No Smoking/Vaping permitted on grounds. You may smoke in your vehicle.
- Horses must wear bridle number when out of stall.
- Horses may only be ridden by riders, trainers, coaches and owners who have signed the appropriate entry blank and all waivers, including GMHA waiver.
- No cell phone coverage at show grounds. Wireless Internet is available on grounds.

**DIRECTIONS: From West: N.Y. Thruway to I-87 Northway to Exit 20. Take Rt. 149 to Fort Ann, then Rt. 4 to Rutland & Woodstock. Take Rt. 106 (Woodstock Inn) south 5 miles to GMHA. From South: I-91 to Acutney exit. 8 Rt. 131 west 7 mi. to Rt. 106 north 12 mi. to GMHA. From East: I-89 to Exit 1 in Vt. Take Rt. 4 into Woodstock. Then Rt. 106 south to GMHA. Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and regulations of the USEF rulebook will be conducted and judged in accordance herewith.**

**More information can be found on our website at [www.gmhainc.org](http://www.gmhainc.org)**

## Excerpts from USEF Rule Book

“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.”

### Sharps Containers Requirement – GR1210.4

Competition management shall place a minimum of one sharps container per each competition, whether or not stabling is provided. Additionally, at least one sharps container per fifty occupied stalls for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. It is competition management’s responsibility to replace such containers when full and dispose of them properly. 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. Competition management will place a notice of this requirement either in its prize list or on a specific handout given to trainers on check in at the competition. If local law has different requirements, local law will prevail. Competitions failing to comply with placing the required number of containers on the show grounds will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.

### Membership Statement – GR901.9

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

### Motorized Vehicle Statement – GR1301.7 and GR1301.8

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.

### Pony Measurement Statement – DR 135

For Pony measurement, the owner or agent must notify competition management and/or competition secretary, and request a measurement within five days of the start of the competition. A \$100 fee will be incurred to cover the measurement session and scheduling and cost of the veterinarian.

### Headgear Rule – GR801

All competitors must follow the rules regarding Headgear, which can be found in GR801.

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



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



**FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT**

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaulteur 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 GMHA June Dressage Shows (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.

**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.

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| <b>Rider/Handler (mandatory)</b>                              |                  |
| Signature _____   | Print Name _____ |
| <b>Owner/Agent (mandatory)</b>                                |                  |
| Signature _____   | Print Name _____ |
| <b>Trainer (mandatory)</b>                                    |                  |
| Signature _____   | Print Name _____ |
| <b>Coach (if applicable)</b>                                  |                  |
| Signature _____   | Print Name _____ |
| <b>Parent/Guardian (required if rider/handler is a minor)</b> |                  |
| Signature _____   | Print Name _____ |

\* Electronic signatures accepted on this form.



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

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

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree to be bound and abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of USEF as published in the USEF Rule Book and on the website at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time.

B. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: I knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledge the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and know that horseback riding and related equestrian activities 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").

### WARNING:

**Under Vermont Law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities that are obvious and necessary, pursuant to 12 V.S.A. § 1039.**

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 (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 any USEF Event. 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)

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. \_\_\_\_\_





# Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement

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GMHA Event/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

For and in consideration of Green Mountain Horse Association ("GMHA") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a GMHA sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities ("GMHA Event(s)"); 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"):

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**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY:** In conjunction with my participation in any GMHA Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: the Green Mountain Horse Association, Inc. (dba "GMHA") or any of the Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees and Volunteers. I further agree to hold the Green Mountain Horse Association, Inc., the Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, Volunteers and Landowners, the sanctioning/licensing organization ( the "Released Parties of Event Organizers") free and harmless from any liability, claims, suits or damages of whatsoever kind or nature that may be occasioned by the horse(s) used by me or the negligence of the person(s) in charge of such horse(s) and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless this organization and individuals against all liability claims, suits, and expenses including attorney fees incurred arising out of any injury to any person or damage to any property caused by me, my horse(s) or attendants. I agree that if any harm occurs to me or my horse or to any equipment that I may use or intend to use, 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 GMHA Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties. I agree that as a condition of acceptance of entry, GMHA may use photographs, videos, and or other likenesses of the participant and horse taken while at GMHA for any reasonable purpose, including accident/incident/injury analysis, promotion, coverage, or the benefit of the event and/or of GMHA. I agree that if I am injured while participating in this event, the Woodstock Emergency Services personnel treating my injuries may provide a description of the accident, a description of the suspected injury, a description of the treatment administered and information about transport to a hospital to GMHA personnel for the purpose of completing the official GMHA Accident/Injury report. This authorization will expire once the information is given to GMHA personnel or at the end of the event, whichever is later.

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**SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT STATEMENT:** I agree to: 1) Know the rules of my sport and abide by them; 2) Respect and abide by GMHA management's and show officials' decisions; 3) Maintain control of my emotions; 4) Be courteous to all at all times.

**BY SIGNING BELOW, 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 (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 any GMHA Event. 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. I also, **agree** to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of the entry blank and all terms and provisions of the 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.

### PLEASE CIRCLE:

**RIDER / DRIVER / COACH / TRAINER / PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN / SUPPORT PERSON / GROOM / OFFICIAL / VENDOR / STAFF / VOLUNTEER**

*\* PLEASE Hand sign. Electronic signatures not accepted on this form.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature (for minors under 18): \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY OF RESIDENCE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Is participant a U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

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Or call us at **(800) 349-1082** to speak with your USEF benefits team.

**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 2021**

**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 (\$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<sup>®</sup>/USDF Year-End Awards and the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship program.

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

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

**How to Join USDF**

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

- On the USDF website: [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). You can submit the application online or download the form 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.



## 2021 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 2021 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).

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



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## Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program

The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program recognizes adult amateurs competing in equitation and promotes correct seat, position, and use of the aids in dressage. An Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class presented by Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply will be held in conjunction with each of the nine USDF Regional Dressage Championship competitions, providing adult amateurs with additional opportunity for recognition.

Adult amateurs wishing to qualify to compete in an Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final may do so by meeting the following requirements.

### **Qualifying Requirements**

To be eligible for the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class, rider must have

- a) Earned a score of 70% or higher in any dressage seat equitation class (except walk/trot) at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage competition within the qualifying period of the applicable regional championship.

***or***

- b) Qualified to compete in any regional dressage championship class (excluding freestyles).

### **Membership Requirements**

- Rider must have a USDF Participating Membership at the time the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Rider must be an adult amateur, in accordance with GR1306 of the USEF rules, and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur when the score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Owner must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.

The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program rules and information can be found on the USDF [website](#).

# *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.

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# ATTENTION FREESTYLE COMPETITORS



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## 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)





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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR 3-6 YEAR OLD HORSES COMPETING IN MATERIALE AND/OR USEF/FEI YOUNG HORSE TESTS

|  | 3 YEAR<br>OLD | 4 YEAR<br>OLD | 5 YEAR<br>OLD | 6 YEAR<br>OLD |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>ADEQUAN®/YEAR-END AWARDS*</b>   |               |               |               |               |
| <b>Materiale Horse of the Year Award</b><br>(min. 3 scores required)       | X             | X             | X             |               |
| <b>USEF Four-Year-Old Award</b><br>(min. 4 scores required)^               |               | X             |               |               |
| <b>FEI Five-Year-Old Award</b><br>(min. 4 scores required)^                |               |               | X             |               |
| <b>FEI Six-Year-Old Award</b><br>(min. 4 scores required)^                 |               |               |               | X             |
| <b>BREEDERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**</b>                                      |               |               |               |               |
| <b>Materiale Championships</b><br>(min. 1 score required of 72% or higher) |               |               |               |               |
| Three-Year-Old Championship  | X             |               |               |               |
| Four-Year-Old Championship   |               | X             |               |               |
| Five-Year-Old Championship   |               |               | X             |               |

### For Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards - at the time scores are earned

- \* Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration Number (LHR)
- \* Owner must have a USDF Participating (PM) or Business Membership (BM)
- \* Rider must have a USDF PM
- \* Competition year starts October 1 and ends September 30

### For USDF Breeders Championship Series - to compete in the championships

- \*\* Horse must have a USDF Horse Identification Number or LHR
- \*\* Owner must have a USDF PM, BM or non-member number
- \*\* Rider must have a USDF PM
- \*\* Competition year starts January 1 and ends December 30

*^Scores earned in the USEF Four- and FEI Five- & Six-Year-Old tests are also eligible to be used towards a USDF Horse Performance Certificate*

**Complete Award/Championship Requirements Listed in the current *USDF Member Guide***