

**USEF/USDF DRESSAGE COMPETITION  
HOUGHTON COLLEGE SPRING DRESSAGE I & II**

I:USEF/USDF #315563, II: USEF/ USDF #329488

Recognition: USEF/USDF Level 2 Shows

Opening Date: March 24, 2021

Closing Date: May 7, 2021

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JUNE 4 & 5, 2021

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**CLASS LIST:** USEF, USDF and FEI tests will be current edition tests.

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101, 201.	USDF Introductory Test A	Open/AA/JRYR
102, 202.	USDF Introductory Test B	Open/AA/JRYR
103, 203.	USDF Introductory Test C	Open/AA/JRYR
104, 204.		
	A) USEF Training Level Test 1	Opportunity
	B) USEF Training Level Test 2	Opportunity
	C) USEF First Level Test 1	Opportunity
	D) USEF First Level Test 2	Opportunity
105, 205.	USEF Training Level Test 1	Open/AA/JRYR
106, 206.	USEF Training Level Test 2	Open/AA/JRYR
107, 207.	USEF Training Level Test 3***	Open/AA/JRYR & Q
108, 208.	USEF First Level Test 1	Open/AA/JRYR
109, 209.	USEF First Level Test 2	Open/AA/JRYR
110, 210.	USEF First Level Test 3***	Open/AA/JRYR & Q
111, 211.	USEF Second Level Test 1	Open/AA/JRYR
112, 212.	USEF Second Level Test 2	Open/AA/JRYR
113, 213.	USEF Second Level Test 3***	Open/AA/JRYR & Q
114, 214.	USEF Third Level Test 1	Open/AA/JRYR
115, 215.	USEF Third Level Test 2	Open/AA/JRYR
116, 216.	USEF Third Level Test 3***	Open/AA/JRYR & Q
117, 217.	USEF Fourth Level Test 1	Open/AA/JRYR
118, 218.	USEF Fourth Level Test 2	Open/AA/JRYR
119, 219.	USEF Fourth Level Test 3***	Open/AA/JRYR & Q
120, 220.	Musical Freestyle – open to Training**, First through Fourth Level**, ***	Open/AA/JRYR & Q
121, 221.	Musical Freestyle – open to FEI levels**	Open/AA/JRYR & Q
122, 222.	FEI Prix St. Georges***	Open/AA/JRYR & Q
123, 223.	FEI Intermediate I or II Test of Choice *** (Specify which)	Open/AA/JRYR & Q
124, 224.	FEI Grand Prix***	Open/AA/JRYR & Q
125, 225.	USEF Dressage Seat Equitation	Open/AA/JRYR
126, 226.	FEI Test of Choice*** (Any FEI test not already offered)	Open/AA/JRYR & Q allowed
127, 227.	USEF Test of Choice*** - open to Training through Fourth Level	Open/AA/JRYR & Q allowed

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**IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT CLASSES**

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\* **Separate entry form for each day (June 4 classes 101 – 127, June 5 classes 201-227)**

\*\* Specify level on entry form. Freestyle riders are responsible for their own music. Training Level Freestyles excluded from GAIG/USDF Qualifying.

\*\*\* SPECIFY Open, Adult Amateur, JR/YR or Qualifying and FEI test chosen on entry form. For Qualifying Classes (for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships), rider must be USEF & USDF participating member; owner must have USDF Participating or Business membership; horse must be registered with USEF & have USDF Lifetime Horse Registration

For all classes except Opportunity classes, specify Open, Adult Amateur or JR/YR on entry form. Classes will be split in placings if entries warrant, otherwise each class number will be placed as one class.

**Due to COVID-19 the show committee plans to implement social distancing policies at the shows and operate under a LIMITED SHOW OFFICE to help protect exhibitors, staff, and officials.**

**Some of these policies will include:**

- Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, has tested positive for COVID-19 within last two weeks, or \*has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks cannot enter the competition grounds. \*Exception: Healthcare personnel who have treated patients using appropriate medical grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties are exempted from this restriction.
- Staff, officials, and volunteers will have their temperatures taken upon arrival each morning.
- Participants and their support crew (rider, trainer, groom) are required to self-monitor their temperature once daily prior to entering the competition grounds.
- All participants, including licensed officials and volunteers, must provide emergency contact information and execute an updated Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement required by USEF, as a condition of participation.
- Anyone with a temperature of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher may not enter the facility.
- All attendees are required to social distance by a minimum of six feet and wear a face mask/covering at all times unless on a horse.
- A staff member will be patrolling the barn areas to remind people to wear masks and social distance.
- A face mask or face covering is required for all staff, officials, volunteers, service providers, and participants at any time while on the grounds and when not mounted on a horse. Competitors and their support crew are required to provide their own masks.
- All entries must be perfect to facilitate pick up outside show office. Limited office visits will be permitted.
- Scratches and rider/horse changes will be communicated via email and/or phone with the show office.
- Issues that need staff or official's attention will be initiated by a phone call to the office and, if needed, the appropriate staff or officials will address the item at the exhibitor's stabling area.
- Competitors are encouraged to limit their time inside indoor buildings outside of their ride times and time to properly attend to their horses.
- Competitors may not report to their warm up area more than one hour before their ride time.
- The number of horses in each warm up area will be limited.
- **Spectators will not be permitted.** Wristbands will only be issued to rider, trainer, groom and owner.
- The Competition Organizer has the authority under GR 702.1 and GR914 to remove from the facility any person who does not comply with the regulations and requirements in effect at the competition.
- **Due to the current COVID-19 environment, items in this prize list are subject to change. Please check for updates.**

## USEF/USDF DRESSAGE COMPETITION HOUGHTON COLLEGE SPRING DRESSAGE COMPETITION

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### ENTRIES

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\$35.00 per class for USDF Introductory & Opportunity classes; \$45.00 per class Training-Fourth Level; \$55.00 FEI classes. ADD \$15.00 to applicable class fee per GAIG/USDF Qualifying class. No number deposit is required. **No refunds after closing date.** Post entries pay additional \$10

COMPLETE ENTRIES INCLUDE:

- + USEF/USDF recognized Entry Form, signed by rider, owner, trainer (& coach if applicable). Separate form for EACH day! (Each day is a separate show!)
- + COPY of 2020/2021 negative Coggins test & COPY of rabies certificate dated within one year of competition & signed by a veterinarian; documentation of Flu/Rhino inoculation within 6 months of arriving at show grounds.
- + COPIES of **USEF** membership card(s) for rider, owner, trainer (& coach if applicable). If competing as Adult Amateur, copy of Adult Amateur card.
- + USEF Non-members must pay a \$45 Show Pass fee for each rider, owner, trainer (& coach if applicable) that is a nonmember (**EXCEPT for those competing only in Introductory Level &/or Opportunity classes** ).
- + Copy of USEF Horse ID **OR** Horse Recording number is required on your entry form. If you do not have a Horse ID or Horse Recording number, you may apply for one before the competition, or provide your USDF Horse ID/Registration number and card as proof. For GAIG/USDF Qualifying Classes, a COPY of USEF Horse Recording Certificate & USDF Lifetime Horse registration is **required or you will not be allowed to compete**. For other classes, if you do not have a Horse ID or Registration, you will be required to fill out either a [Horse ID \(\\$35 fee\)](#) or a [Horse Recording \(\\$115 fee\)](#) before being allowed to compete
- + USDF membership information for EACH rider and owner is required on your entry form (**except for those competing only in Introductory &/or Opportunity classes**). Please send copies of your USDF non-member ID (NID) or USDF membership cards. If you do not have a USDF membership card you will be required to pay a \$35 nonmember fee.
- + Class fees, as stated above (ALSO, for GAIG/USDF Qualifying Classes, a COPY of USEF Horse Recording Certificate & USDF Lifetime Horse Registration)
- + **\$65/day stall fee (if stall is desired) (\$130 for both days) (+ separate \$25 stall cleaning fee in check to Houghton College. Check returned for stall cleaned/checked prior to leaving show. If entering online, bring check to show)**
- + **REQUIRED: \$23 USEF Fee (Drugs & Medications \$15, U.S. Equestrian \$8) for each entry form (separate form for each day) EXCEPT for those competing ONLY in Introductory Level or Opportunity classes**
- + **\$30 non-refundable office fee for each entry form (separate form for each day); electronic entries available at [HorseShowOffice.com](#)**
- + **Check to "Houghton College" & mail early with entry form & required documents to secretary or enter online at [HorseShowOffice.com](#) and pay online, except bring stall cleaning fee check to show**

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TIMES will be posted on [www.WNYDA.org](#). by May 28, 2021.

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### AWARDS

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6 ribbons for each class or section, other awards as provided by sponsorships. High score award for each show, High score Junior Rider award for each show, High Score Musical Freestyle

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### FOOTING AND ARENAS

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Sand & rubber mix in outdoor competition and all warm-up arenas. Indoor competition arena has GGT footing. **All** tests will be ridden in 20m x 60m arena. Competition Arenas open for schooling 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Thursday & after last Friday class until 9:00 p.m. Friday. Warm-up Arenas and Lunging Arena available throughout shows and until 9:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday.

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## STABLING

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Permanent box stalls 10'x10' or larger with doors on grounds. \$65.00 per stall per day (\$130 for both days).  
Shavings: pre-order & prepay at \$10/bag. Competitors may arrive 3 p.m. Thursday. If only showing Saturday, may arrive 6 p.m. Friday. Send stabling fees with your entry form. Three wash racks w/hot-cold water available.

Early arrival either day **MUST BE pre-approved (email: [equestrian@houghton.edu](mailto:equestrian@houghton.edu)) and pay \$50 early arrival fee; Pre-approved early arrival stalls will be ready. Early arrivals WITHOUT pre-approval must pay a \$100 early arrival fee & wait for a stall to be readied.**

A separate \$25 stall cleaning check to Houghton College is required– check will be returned or shredded if stall is inspected & clean prior to leaving the show premises.

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## REFRESHMENTS AND SERVICES

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Refreshments: Concession stand adjacent to horse show arenas.

3 Bums Pizza and China Star Restaurant in Houghton, Ace's Country Cupboard, Belfast Hotel and Stillwater Inn in Belfast, and Riverside Restaurant in Fillmore

Veterinarian on call: Bruce Kaplan, DVM, on call. 585-268-5643

Farrier on call: Ed Carls 585-975-9307 (cell)

EMT on grounds: Mae Stadelmaier

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

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Inn at Houghton Creek (585-567-8400)

KOA Camping, Houghton (585-567-4211)

Glen Iris Inn, Castile (585-493-2622)

Genesee Falls Inn, Portageville (585-493-2484)

Oaks Motel, Oramel, NY (585-307-8704)

The Lodge Bed & Breakfast, Caneadea, NY (585-365-2322)

\*Housing accommodations at Houghton College in campus housing will NOT be available

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## MANAGEMENT NOTES

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Management reserves right to combine or cancel classes, or alter the show ring size if entries warrant. Only horses entered in the competition are permitted on grounds, due to insurance regulations.

**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 and handlers must wear PROTECTIVE HEAD GEAR at all times when mounted (USEF rule DR1210.6, see rulebook for full details)**

SMOKING is not permitted on the premises.

Dogs are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and must be held on a leash or otherwise restrained. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dog owners are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from their dogs' behaviors. Dog owners failing to comply with this rule will be issued a Yellow warning card and may be subject to penalty under Chapters 6 and 7. (GR1301.6) No other pets or livestock other than horses and mules allowed on grounds.

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## OFFICE INFORMATION

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Office Hours-The show office and stabling will open at 2:00 Thursday of competition weekend. During the show, the show office will be open one hour before the first ride until one hour after the last ride.

Ride Times-Provisional times will be available at [www.WNYDA.org](http://www.WNYDA.org). Management reserves the right to change the time schedule after tentative times have been posted. It is the responsibility of the rider to inform the management of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving the schedule. Official times will be available at noon the day before each show. Check online or the official posting of ride times at the office for ride times. This show follows USEF GR830 with regard to rescheduled ride times. Any changes after closing date initiated by rider or owner will incur a \$20 per change fee.

Schedule-Classes may not necessarily be run in the order listed in the class lists.

Schooling will begin at 3:00 Thursday of show weekend. All competitors must have their current issued bridle number before riding. Schooling on Thursday will continue until dusk. Friday schooling will be available after the show until dusk.

Hand-walking of unmounted horses is allowed around the exterior of the competition rings from sunrise until 30 minutes prior to the first ride. No mounted horses allowed.

Leaving the Competition-No exhibitor may withdraw horses from a licensed show after it has commenced or remove them from the show grounds without permission of the show secretary.

Bridle numbers-All horses must always wear current issued bridle numbers when out of stall.

**Anyone mounting, getting on, riding or trying a horse at the facility during the weekend of the show (including warmup day) must sign a show release form in the show office.**

**Please contact show secretary for any questions regarding entering competition/entry forms.**

Freestyles/Music: Music for all freestyles on CD in WAV format must be given to the show office upon arrival. Sound checks will be conducted Thursday late afternoon/early evening. Other times must be arranged with show management. The times for sound checks will be posted in the show office. Competitors are responsible to picking up their music before the end of the show. Music left will not be mailed. DR129.9

**Except for USEF/USDF Championship classes and for FEI Pony Riders, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider and FEI Para-Equestrian Freestyles, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 63% for Training through Fourth levels and 60% for FEI levels in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a USEF/USDF licensed Dressage Competition or FEI recognized Dressage Competition or "open" Dressage class (i.e. open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility, or copy of the USDF score verification, must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class. BOD 7/8/19 Effective 12/1/19**

## ATTENTION FREESTYLE COMPETITORS



### UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™ Freestyle Competitor Reminders

- Submit two CDs of your music clearly labeled with your name, horse's name, bridle number, and freestyle level.
- Be present for your sound check.
- Know the rules for the level you are riding. This includes forbidden and allowed movements for your level.

### Questions?

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

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## CLASS LIMITATIONS, OPPORTUNITY, & EQUITATION CLASSES:

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Consecutive Levels-Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels, Freestyle levels included, at any one competition. Refer to DR119.2 for levels chart.

Classes per Day-Horses are limited to a maximum of three Dressage rides per day at Fourth Level and below or two Dressage rides per day above Fourth Level. Horses competing at both Fourth Level and Prix St. Georges, or their equivalents, are limited to two Dressage rides per day. Dressage Seat Equitation, Quadrille, Pas de Deux and Materiale classes are excluded from the maximum limit of rides per day and horses in these classes may compete at any level for which they are otherwise eligible during the same competition.

Opportunity Classes-Opportunity classes are intended for entry level riders. Horses and riders entered only in "Opportunity" classes are exempt from USEF and USDF membership requirements and do not have to pay non-member (show pass) or HID fees. Federation and drug fees do not apply. Horses entered only in these classes are still subject to and must comply with the Drugs and Medication rules and are subject to drug testing. Riders and/or horses entered in "opportunity" classes may not cross-enter in other recognized classes at the show. Participants must abide by all USEF regulations pertaining to attire, tack, and equipment for the recognized show. DR120.5 Riders in Opportunity classes in Level 2 and Level 3 Competitions, may compete wearing breeches and shirts of any color as permitted in DR120.8. Jackets or vests of any type are allowed but not required and neckwear may be worn only if the rider chooses to compete in a riding jacket. Boots and protective headgear are required as specified in DR120.1-6. USEF rule GR821 for additional information on opportunity classes.

Dressage Seat Medal Program-The USEF/USDF Dressage Seat Medal Program, for riders ages 18 and under, celebrates excellence in equitation and strives to develop a solid foundation for future success in the dressage arena. Riders wishing to qualify for the USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals must compete in the USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals held at the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships. To qualify for the USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals, a competitor must earn a qualifying score of 70% or above in any eligible Dressage Seat Equitation class (except walk/trot) held at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competition during the qualifying period or by qualifying for the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships. The top two placing riders in the Semi-Finals are automatically invited to the Finals.

USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program-Rider must be an Adult Amateur (age 22 and up) and have a USDF participating membership at the time the qualifying score is earned. Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration when the qualifying score is earned. To be eligible for the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class, rider must have earned a score of 70% or higher in any dressage seat equitation class within the qualifying period or qualify to compete in any regional dressage championship class (excluding freestyles.)



**UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™**  
**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

- 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*
- 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](#).

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## USEF & USDF – GENERAL REGULATIONS and FEES FOR RECOGNIZED SHOWS

Applicable USEF and USDF information must be provided for each horse, rider, owner, trainer, and coach. Entries must include current membership or identification numbers and a copy of ALL USEF and USDF cards. If not included, entry will be considered incomplete and will be subject to the fee(s) and/or completion of applications listed below. Entries must contain all three/four mandatory original signatures for (1) Rider, (2) Owner, (3) Trainer, and if applicable (4) Coach. The word “same” will be rejected. If you do not have a formal trainer on the show grounds, the rider must sign as trainer. If the rider is under 18 years old, a parent/guardian must sign entry and must sign as trainer if no trainer is present. If you do not have a coach on the grounds, no signature is required for coach. Non-competing horses and riders are not subject to any USEF or USDF fees. **Competition management urges all competitors to complete membership and/or identification requirements with USEF and USDF in advance of entering any recognized competition.**

### 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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## USEF REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COMPETING ENTRIES:

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- \* Horse must be USEF annual or life recorded or have USEF HID (Horse Identification Number) [or a USDF HID known to USEF](#)
- \* RIDER, OWNER, TRAINER, (COACH) must have a USEF Life Membership or USEF Annual Membership or be a USEF Junior Member
- \* RIDER, OWNER, TRAINER, (coach) without USEF membership must pay the USEF non-member show pass fee
- \* Parent/guardian signing for junior rider/owner/trainer is exempt from USEF membership requirements.
- \* **NOTE: Entries competing only in USDF Introductory or USDF Pas de Deux or USDF Quadrille or Opportunity classes are exempt from USEF membership/identification requirements and non-member fees.**

### 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).

### **USEF Fees** (as applicable)

\$23 REQUIRED FEDERATION Fee (includes drugs/medication \$15, US Equestrian \$8) FOR ALL COMPETING HORSES

\$25 HID (Horse Identification ) \* number (fee waived if application is made via internet)

\$95/\$300 Annual Horse Recording Certificate\*/Lifetime Horse Recording Certificate\*

\$45 Non-member Show Pass fee for each non-member rider, owner, trainer, and coach

\*USEF application forms are available from the competition secretary



**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

US Equestrian wants you to know: if you are a victim or survivor of sexual abuse or suspect abuse of any kind, there are resources and people to help.

**REPORT**  
720-531-0340 or [uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern](https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern)

**24/7 HELPLINE**  
866-200-0796 or visit [safesporthelpline.org](https://safesporthelpline.org)

**TRAINING & RESOURCES**  
Free to US Equestrian members at [usef.org/safesport](https://usef.org/safesport).

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## USDF REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COMPETING ENTRIES

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- \* HORSE must have a USDF Lifetime Registration OR have a USDF HID (Horse Identification Number)
- \* RIDER and OWNER must each be a USDF Participating or GMO member or have USDF NID (non-member identification number). OWNER also has option of USDF Business membership.

*\*Note: Entries competing only in USDF Introductory or USDF Pas de Deux or USDF Quadrille or Opportunity classes are exempt from USDF membership/identification requirements.*

### **USDF fees** (as applicable):

- \$90 Adult Participating Membership\*
- \$72 Youth Participating Membership\*
- \$115 Horse Lifetime Registration\*
- \$80 Upgrade from HID to Lifetime Registration
- \$35 Horse Identification (HID) Number\*
- \$35 Non-member fee for each USDF non-member Owner/lessee & non-member rider per competition

## ***USDF Statement on Animal Welfare***

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership of nearly 30,000 members, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## USEF RULES

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

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

### **USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT DR901.9**

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 nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$45 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot (exception: Friesian performance FR222) and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

### **MOTORIZED VEHICLE RULE In accordance with GR1301.7:**

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/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.

**Sharps Containers**-Competition management shall place a minimum of one sharps container per competition barn for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments. 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. Please do not use garbage cans for this material. If local law has different requirements, local law will prevail.

**Protective Headgear Rule DR120.6** Current USEF helmet policy will be strictly enforced.

**THE RULES MAY HAVE CHANGED FROM THE CURRENT RULE BOOK. IT IS THE COMPETITORS' RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THE CURRENT USEF RULE BOOK FOR ANY CHANGES. The listed rules Are only general and are subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Directors of USEF.**

**IT IS THE RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW RULES FOR SHOWING AT A DRESSAGE SHOW.  
CHECK THE CURRENT USEF 2021 RULE BOOK FOR ALL CHANGES AT [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)**

Current rules can be found on [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)

Directions to horse show grounds at: Houghton College Equestrian Center  
9823 School Farm Road  
Houghton, New York 14744

**From NW (Buffalo, NY area, CANADA):** Follow route 400 S to end. Continue S on route 16 through small towns of South Wales, Holland, and Chaffee. In Yorkshire, turn left at traffic light on route 39 E. Follow route 39 E for a little over 3 miles into small town of Arcade. Just after crossing RR tracks in Arcade, turn left at traffic light at T-intersection on route 98 S. Follow route 98 S to route 243. Bear left on route 243 (do NOT turn right on route 98!). Follow route 243 to end at T-intersection with blinking light in Caneadea.

Turn left at blinking light on route 19 N. Go 3 miles on route 19 N. At south edge of Houghton, just after 35 MPH sign, turn left up Tucker Hill Road (sign for “Houghton College Equestrian Center” is on the corner). Go 0.9 mile up Tucker Hill Road. Turn right on School Farm Road (sign for “Houghton College Equestrian Center is on the corner”). Bear right on driveway at end of pavement.

**From NE (Rochester, NY area):** Follow route 390 S to exit for Mt. Morris. At bottom of exit ramp, turn left on route 408. Follow route 408 through Mt. Morris (left at light at top of hill, go ½ block, right at next light, then about 11 miles) to town of Nunda. At 4-way stop intersection in Nunda, turn right on route 436 W. Follow route 436 W to Portageville where it crosses a bridge over the Genesee River, turns right, and ends at T-intersection on route 19-A. Turn left on route 19-A S. Follow route 19-A S to end at blinker light in small town of Fillmore. Continue straight through intersection on route 19 S for 4 miles to Houghton. Drive through Houghton to south edge of town (about 0.5 mile). Turn right up Tucker Hill Road (sign for “Houghton College Equestrian Center on corner”). Go 0.9 mile up Tucker Hill Road and turn right on School Farm Road (another sign for “Houghton College Equestrian Center” is on the corner). Bear right on driveway at end of pavement.

**From the South:** Drive north to route I-86. Follow I-86 to exit 30 (Houghton is one of the towns on the green exit sign). Turn N on route 19. Follow route 19 N to south edge of Houghton (about 14 miles). Turn left up Tucker Hill Road (sign for “Houghton College Equestrian Center” is on the corner). Go 0.9 mile up Tucker Hill Road. Turn right on School Farm Road (another sign for “Houghton College Equestrian Center” is on the corner). Bear right on driveway at end of pavement.

Once you arrive at Houghton College Equestrian Center, stop by the Welcome Center on the north (driveway) end of the large indoor arena. Inside the Welcome Center you can pick up your competitor packet and stall assignments. You can then drive to park briefly near your stall to unload your horse(s) and gear, then drive to the large gravel parking lot to leave your rig. The grounds are set up so that you can always drive forward to get from one spot to the next, with NO backing needed. 😊

**WELCOME to HOUGHTON COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN CENTER!**

**We are delighted you came, whether for a USEF/USDF, IEA or open show or a skills or certification clinic run by HC, WNYDA, or other group.**

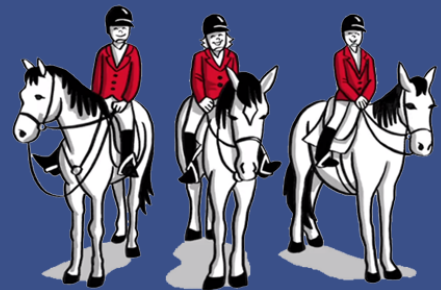
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**USDF Membership Benefits:** USDF is dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For details on member benefits, including educational programs, awards, and other opportunities, refer to the *USDF Member Guide* 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®/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®/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID number is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$80. If a horse has a USDF LHR it does not need an HID number. An HID number is a one-time fee that does not need to be renewed.

**Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR):** A horse with an LHR (\$115) is eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse has an LHR it does not need an HID number. An LHR does not need to be renewed.

#### How to Join USDF

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

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

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



## 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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COMPETITION NAME \_\_\_\_\_ 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 #	GROOM	

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER CITIZENSHIP (IF NOT USA) \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAINER** \_\_\_\_\_

USEF# \_\_\_\_\_ USDF# \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ST/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**COACH** \_\_\_\_\_

USEF# \_\_\_\_\_ USDF# \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete all three pages. Reverse MUST be SIGNED.

CLASS NO.	DIVISION	CLASS DESCRIPTION	QUAL Y/N	FEES

## SUBTOTAL CLASS FEES AND QUALIFYING FEES

USEF Show Pass Fees \$45 PER NON-MEMBER

USDF NON MEMBER FEE \$35 PER NON-MEMBER

OFFICE FEE AND/OR BRIDLE # FEE

## USEF HORSE FEES

\$8 USEF FEE + \$15 DRUG FEE = \$23.00

## CDI HORSE FEES

\$8 USEF FEE + \$25 DRUG FEE = \$33.00

IHP DISCIPLINE FEE (\$35 IF REQUIRED)

STABLING FEES \_\_\_\_\_ STALL @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /STALL

TACK STALLS \_\_\_\_\_ STALL @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /STALL

BEDDING \_\_\_\_\_ BALES @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /BALE

NON COMPETING HORSE FEE

SPONSORSHIP

GROUNDS FEE OR OTHER FEES \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

LATE/CHANGE/BANK CHARGES FOR CC

**TOTAL FEES**

Stabling Information &amp; 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**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/Vaultor/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Is Rider/Driver/Vaultor a U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

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☐ **MasterCard**      ☐ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME ON CARD:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CVV #** \_\_\_\_\_

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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 ("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](http://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").

### EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING:

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

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

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

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

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

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

By signing below, I (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. \_\_\_\_\_