

Opening Date: June 28, 2021

Closing Date: July 23, 2021

Online entries due.  
Mailed entries in hand

## ***Avalon Farm Breed Show I & II***

***July 31 & August 1, 2021***

**Qualifying for USDF Northeast Breeders  
Championship Series.**

**955 Peach Lake Rd N.Salem, NY**

### **Judges**

Carolyn Walz "DHSB R" Saturday & Peter Hansen "DHSB r" Sunday

### **Technical Delegate**

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Recognition: USEF/USDF # 337705/337706 Level 1

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## Qualifier Classes

Class #	Class Name	Fee
<b>Young Horse/Sport Horse Prospect Classes (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>		
1	Fillies of 2021 - w/wo Dam - Separate Non-Compete Entry required for Non-Entered Mare. No fee for mare.	\$45
2	Fillies - yearling (2020)	\$45
3	Fillies – two-year-old (2019)	\$45
4	Fillies – three-year-old (2018)	\$45
5	Four-Year-old Mare Sport Horse Prospect (not breeding stock)	\$45
6	Colts/Geldings of 2021 - w/wo Dam - Separate Non-Compete Entry required for Non-Entered Mare. No fee for mare.	\$45
7	Colts/Geldings - yearling (2020)	\$45
8	Colts/Geldings – two-year-old (2019)	\$45
9	Colts/Geldings – three-year-old (2018)	\$45
10	Four-Year-Old Stallions/Geldings Sport Horse Prospect (not breeding stock)	\$45
11	<b>Current Year Foal Championships</b> – open to 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place from 1 & 6 USDFBC Qualifier.	No fee
12	<b>Filly Championship</b> - open to 1st and 2nd place from 2,3 & 4 USDFBC Qualifier.	No fee
13	<b>Colts/Geldings Championship</b> - open to 1st and 2nd place from 7, 8 & 9. USDFBC Qualifier.	No fee
14	<b>Young Horse Championship</b> - open to Champion and Reserve from 12 & 13. Foals of current year are ineligible for this class.	No fee
15	<b>Four-Year-Old Prospect Championship</b> – open to 1st and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place from 5 & 10 USDFBC Qualifier.	No fee
<b>Mature Horse/Breeding Classes (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>		
16	Four-year-old and older Maiden Mares (never bred)	\$45
17	Four-year-old and older Broodmares in foal or nursing, mare only to be judged	\$45
18	Four-year-old and older Yeld Mares (have been bred in the past, but not currently bred or nursing.)	\$45
19	Four-year-old Stallions	\$45
20	Five-year-old Stallions	\$45
21	<b>Mare Championship</b> - first two places from classes 16, 17 & 18 USDFBC Qualifier.	No fee
22	<b>Stallion Championship</b> - first two places from classes 19 & 20 USDFBC Qualifier.	No fee
23	<b>Mature Horse Championship</b> - Champion and Reserve from classes 21 & 22	No fee
24	<b>Grand Championship</b> - Champion and Reserve from classes 14 & 23 to be judged.	No fee
<b>IBC Classes (Saturday Only)</b>		
55	KWPN	\$45
56	Oldenburg GOV	\$45
57	Oldenburg ISR	\$45
58	Hanoverian NA	\$45
59	PRE	\$45
60	Danish	\$45

**Individual Breed Classes (IBC):** IBC classes are for horses of the same breed or breed registry, per USEF DR 204.2. Open to horses of any age providing copy of breed registration with entry. All classes listed are for horses registered with the sponsoring breed organization and owners must be members in good standing of that organization. Incomplete entries will not be accepted. Horses to be shown in-hand and to move at the judge's discretion.

## Avalon Farm Breed Classes

	Class Name	Fee
<b>Handler Classes (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>		
25	<b>Adult Amateur Handler-</b> To be shown in hand by an Amateur. To be judged on presentation and handling of the animal to the judge, neatness and appearance of the handler and the grooming, turnout, and overall condition of the animal. This class is intended to stimulate participation of the Amateur in the breeding division and does not limit that person to this class. Stallions are permitted. In the dressage division, individuals are only eligible to compete as amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22.	\$45
26	<b>Junior/Young Rider Handler-</b> To be shown in hand by a Junior or Young Rider. To be judged on presentation and handling of the animal to the judge, neatness and appearance of the handler and the grooming, turnout, and overall condition of the animal. This class is intended to stimulate participation of the Juniors and Young Riders in the breeding division and does not limit that person to this class. No stallions or colts except weanlings.	\$45
<b>Pony Breed Classes (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>		
27	Pony Fillies of 2021 - w/wo Dam - Separate Non-Compete Entry required for Non-Entered Mare.No fee for mare.	\$45
28	Pony Fillies – yearling (2020)	\$45
29	Pony Fillies – two year old (2019)	\$45
30	Pony Fillies – three year old (2018)	\$45
31	Pony Colts/Geldings of 2021 – w/wo Dam – Separate Non-Compete Entry required for Non-Entered Mare. No fee for mare.	\$45
32	Pony Colts/Geldings – yearling (2020)	\$45
33	Pony Colts/Geldings – two year old (2019)	\$45
34	Pony Colt/Geldings – three year old (2018)	\$45
35	<b>Pony Current Year Foal Championships</b> – open to 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place from 27 & 31	<b>No Fee</b>
36	<b>Pony Filly Championship</b> – open to 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place from 28, 29 & 30	<b>No Fee</b>
37	<b>Pony Colts/Geldings Championship</b> – open to 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place from 32, 33 & 34	<b>No Fee</b>
38	<b>Pony Young Horse Championship</b> - open to Champion and Reserve from 36 & 37. Foals of current year are ineligible for this class.	<b>No Fee</b>
39	Pony Four-year-old and older Maiden Mares (never bred)	\$45
40	Pony Four-year-old and older Broodmares in foal or nursing, mare only to be judged	\$45
41	Pony Four-year-old and older Yeld Mares (have been bred in the past, but not currently bred ornursing.)	\$45
42	Pony Four-year-old Stallions	\$45
43	Pony Five-year-old Stallions	\$45
44	<b>Pony Mare Championship-</b> first two places from classes 39, 40 & 41.	<b>No Fee</b>
45	<b>Pony Stallion Championship-</b> first two places from classes 42 & 43.	<b>No Fee</b>
46	<b>Pony Mature Horse Championship-</b> Champion and Reserve from classes 44 & 45	<b>No Fee</b>
47	<b>Pony Grand Championship-</b> Champion and Reserve from classes 38 & 46 to be judged	
	Pony measurements will be offered the on July 30 & 31, 2021. Times must be reserved through the show secretary by July 23, 2021. The cost for a pony measurement is \$75.	
<b>Under Saddle Classes (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>		
48	Materiale three-year-old fillies	\$30
49	Materiale four-year-old mares	\$30
50	Materiale five-year-old mares	\$30
51	Materiale three-year-old colts/geldings	\$30
52	Materiale four-year-old geldings, stallions	\$30
53	Materiale five-year-old geldings, stallions	\$30
54	Suitable to Become Dressage Horse	\$30



“Ride” times will be assigned and will become the posted order of go for each class. Time for Handler conflicts will be allowed for in this order of go. Handlers must inform the warm up steward of impending conflicts. Horses must check in with warm up steward before their time slot. Horses that have not checked in with the warm up steward prior to their posted order of go will be given a three-minute call. Horses not ready to show at the end of this three-minute call will be eliminated. Handlers who have multiple horses are requested to tell the warm up steward. Horses not complying with these stipulations may be eliminated, at discretion of Show Management. Owners with multiple horses in a single class must provide sufficient handlers for each entry so as to not delay the class.

#### Turnout

Bridles are optional on yearlings or younger, but mandatory on horses two years old and older. Braiding is optional. Foals must be in control of handler and may not be shown loose.

Breed Registration Full breed registration documentation must be presented with entry.

Headgear DR206.6 All handlers, assistant handlers, and whip assistants of any age must wear protective headgear



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## Avalon Farm Show Fee Schedule

USEF Fee (\$15 drug \$8 admin fee)	\$23	Stall (Friday noon thru Sunday 9 p.m.)	\$175
USEF Show Pass Fee (Fee is assessed for each handler, owner, trainer who does not possess a membership card.)	\$45	Tack stall (Friday noon thru Sunday 9 p.m.) If available	\$175
USDF Nonmember Fee owner	\$35	Early/Late Stall Fee Per Night	\$65
USDF Affidavit Fee	\$5	Change/Add Fee per change after closing date	\$20
Office Fee	\$25	Incomplete Fee (incomplete on closing date)	\$10
Late Entry Fee (postmarked after closing date)	\$50	Post Office Visit Fee if signature required	\$30
Returned Check/Declined Credit Card Fee	\$50		

### REFUNDS, SCRATCHES, and HAZARDOUS WEATHER POLICIES

**Refund Policy** Cancellations accepted only in writing by mail or e-mail. Cancellations prior to or on the closing date will be refunded less \$50 cancellation fee, office fee. **No refunds will be issued after closing date (even if closing date is extended)** except for fees collected on behalf of USEF (drug fees) and USDF (qualifying fees) provided all outstanding fees are paid in full; else it will be applied to those fees. Refundable fees will be mailed within one month after the end of the competition for entries that were cancelled.

Once you are at the show, please notify the show office if you are scratching a class.

A no show gives management the right to schedule other riders in future time slots.

**Please do not be a 'NO SHOW'.**

**Scratches During Show** Competitors have the responsibility to inform the Show Secretary in the Show Office of their intent to scratch a ride prior to the scheduled ride time. Scratches will be accepted at the competition arena or with the Ring Steward but the competitor or representative must contact the show office via text, e-mail, or phone to officially scratch their ride. Scratched rides are not refundable.

**Hazardous Weather/Act of God/Accident Policy** Management reserves the right to cancel any classes due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, accident, or emergency. Every effort will be made to reschedule with priority given to USDF qualifying classes being offered. No refund for cancellations due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, accidents, or emergencies. GR305.4

**Accommodations:** Hotel Zero Degrees, Danbury CT

Hilton Garden Inn, Danbury CT

Hampton Inn, Danbury CT

Ethan Allen Hotel, Danbury CT

**Directions:** From 84E – Follow I-84E to U-202/US-6 in Southeast, take exit 10 towards Brewster from 1-684N. Turn Left onto US-202E/US-6E, Turn right onto NY-121 Peach Lake Road. Avalon Farm will be on your left. Once you've passed Three Phase Farm it will come up on your left shortly. White garage with green trim.

From 84W – Take Exit 21 for NY-121 towards US-202/US-6/North Salem Brewster. Turn left onto NY-121 Peach Lake Road. Avalon Farm will be on your left. Once you've passed Three Phase Farm it will come up on your left shortly. White garage with green trim.

## Entry Information

### Two options to enter:

- 1.) **Online entry-** [www.HorseShowOffice.com](http://www.HorseShowOffice.com)
- 2.) **Mailed entry-** only checks or money orders in **US Funds only** are accepted. Please make a single check/money order payable to **Avalon Farm. NO CREDIT CARDS accepted** for mailed entries. Show entry must be postmarked by the closing date. **Mail to: Kathy Grisolia 1410 Huntertown Rd Versailles, KY 40383 PLEASE SEND ENTRIES WITHOUT A SIGNATURE NEEDED. ENTRIES SENT WITH SIGNATURE REQUIRED WILL INCUR A \$30 POST OFFICE VISIT FEE.**

**E-mailed entries will NOT be accepted.**

**Reminder Each horse/handler combination requires a separate entry form.**

Entry is not complete until payment is received. Checks will be deposited upon receipt. No post-dated checks accepted. Dishonored checks or declined credit cards will require complete repayment prior to the show plus a service charge of \$50. All outstanding fees must be paid before show packets are issued. No bridle number will be issued without full payment and completed entry, including signatures and emergency contact information.

**Complete entries MUST include** USEF and USDF member numbers and signatures of owner/rider/trainer/coach or non-member fee(s) where applicable; USDF and USEF horse Registration/Recording number(s) (where applicable); and a copy of a negative Coggins taken within 12 months of the show dates showing the same horse name as on the entry (GR907.4) A parent or guardian signing on behalf of a junior exhibitor does not need to be a USEF member. **USEF Waiver and Release of Liability** (page 31) will be collected upon arrival.

***Entries missing any of these items will be considered incomplete. Incomplete/incorrect entry fee is \$10.***

Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis based on postmark or online entry date and entries may be limited. Those entries postmarked after closing will be accepted at the discretion of the show secretary, based on a space available basis, and charged a \$50 late fee per show. If the classes are oversubscribed, a Waiting List (in the order of receipt) will be maintained. Management reserves the right to refuse any entry. Entries may close early if time limits for judges are filled. Remaining entries will be placed on a wait list. **Late entries**, if accepted, must be complete and submitted by 11 a.m. the day before start of class. Late Entries will not be included in the program. Entries are limited to one arena. Send your entries early to ensure getting into the shows.

**Conditions of entry** Every horse entered for competition will be under the control of the Horse Show Management, but the Horse Show Management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Horse Show Management, Facility and its Directors harmless for any loss or accident to his horse, horses or equipment which may occur from sickness, fire or otherwise.

**Confirmation of entry will be e-mailed. All e-mail addresses must be CLEARLY printed.**



## NDPC Partner Shows

**Each Partner Show awards two ribbons for High Point and Reserve High Point. These ribbons are presented to winning competitors AT THE SHOW based on the results of pony-only classes.**

Avalon Farm Breed Show I	7/31/21
Avalon Farm Breed Show II	8/1/21

**To be eligible for NDPC Pony Year-End Awards, each pony/rider and horse/rider combination must become members of the NDPC Pony Division. Ponies must have a current valid USEF Pony Measurement on file with the USEF submitted to the NDPC by October 31.**

**There is no minimum or maximum number of scores required to be eligible. All scores from any USDF sanctioned show will count toward Year-End Awards. Ponies may compete at more than one level with the same rider, as long as the levels are consecutive. Non-members are not eligible for Year-End Awards.**

**Scores will have a degree of difficulty figured in per test and then will be averaged. High Point is given to the highest single score without degree of difficulty points added. Our show year is November 1 – October 31.**

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## HORSE/RIDER MEMBERSHIPS and SAFE SPORT

A **TRAINER**, as listed on the entry form, is defined as any adult (18 & older) who has responsibility for the care, custody or performance of the horse while the horse is on the competition grounds. This adult must sign the entry form as trainer. If the rider is considered the trainer, the rider must sign as the trainer. A parent or guardian signing on behalf of a junior exhibitor does not need to be a USEF member. A **COACH**, as listed on the entry form, is defined as an adult (18 & older) who gets paid for instructing, teaching, schooling or advising a rider with their horse on the competition grounds. This adult must sign the entry form as coach. If there is no coach, the signature for coach may be left blank.

**USEF/USDF Horse ID Requirement** All horses entered in USEF/USDF recognized shows must at least have a USDF HID (Horse Identification) number in order to participate. If riding in qualifying classes, you must have a USDF Lifetime Registration in addition to a USEF Annual or Lifetime Recording. These horse identification numbers may be obtained from USEF and USDF. Exempt from this requirement are horses showing only in Introductory Level, Pas de Deux, Quadrille, Opportunity Classes, Leadline, and Exhibitions.

**Membership/Non-Member/Proof of Membership fees** All participants (rider, owner, trainer, agent, lessee, or coach) must present to the competition secretary a current **USEF** membership number. In the event the participant does not have his/her membership number, he/she must pay a \$45 USEF show pass fee per show. All Riders and Owners must present a current **USDF** Participating, Group, or Business (owners only) membership number or pay a \$35 USDF non-membership fee per show. USDF membership is not required for handlers. Those who cannot provide proof of their USDF membership may fill out an affidavit form and must pay the \$5 fee. The affidavit may also be used to verify horse registration and/or horse ownership. The USDF Affidavit Form may be found on [www.USDF.org](http://www.USDF.org). The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted towards national awards.

**Riders Under the Age of 14** No rider under the age 14 is permitted to ride a three-year-old colt, or stallion of any age, in any under saddle class including Dressage Sport Horse Prospect Under Saddle, Materiale, and Suitability classes. DR202.13

**Non-U.S. Citizens** and Foreign Competitors must provide proof, in English, of current membership in good standing in their respective National Federation, or hold current membership in good standing with the USEF. Equine Canada members in possession of current EC membership may sign for USEF Amateur status on a show by show basis at no cost.

**USEF SAFESPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE** Effective January 1, 2019, every USEF adult member (18 & older) with an active senior competing membership must complete USEF's Safe Sport Training, overseen by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. An adult member may be OWNER, RIDER, TRAINER and/or COACH. Adult members listed on the entry must complete the entire course and be Safe Sport Trained before the first day of competition. Safe Sport Training must be completed by all adult members on the entry or the rider will not be allowed to compete. You may access the Safe Sport modules from your USEF member dashboard at [www.USEF.org](http://www.USEF.org).

### 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.

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Free to US Equestrian members at [usef.org/safesport](http://usef.org/safesport).

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## OFFICE INFORMATION

**Office Hours** The show office will be staffed at 12PM on Friday until one hour after the last ride.

**Times** Provisional times will be available to competitors at [www.HorseShowOffice.com](http://www.HorseShowOffice.com). Official times will be available at noon the day before the show. Please double check your times upon check in. Start times are a “guesstimate” and for reference only. Listen for announcements of actual times. Breed classes may be up to 60 minutes ahead or behind posted times. **Check online for official times.**

Any changes after closing date initiated by rider or owner will incur a change fee.

**Schedule** Classes may not necessarily be run in the order listed in the class lists. It is the responsibility of the handler to inform the show secretary of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving the schedule. Management reserves the right to change officials, limit entries, combine or cancel classes, modify the schedule, and to modify or cancel awards and/or make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications listed herein. Show Management reserves the right to cancel classes insufficiently filled and to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry for cause deemed sufficient by Show Management. See page 27 for management rights.

**Bridle numbers/Halter numbers** All horses must always wear current issued bridle numbers when out of stall.

## STABLING and GROUNDS INFORMATION

**Stabling** 36 Temporary wooden sided stalls (12ftx12ft) with full doors available at no cost for duration. Tack Stalls available only if space permits. No refunds on stabling after closing date (except for stall deposit). May arrive on Friday after 3 pm and must vacate by 7pm on Sunday. \$10.00/bag of shavings, please indicate on entry.

**Groups** Please note stalling groups with your entry. Your group should decide on a “group name” that all competitors provide on their entry. Stabling requests honored when possible.

**Footing/Arena** 100X200 indoor arena w/GGT footing, outdoor for warmup & lungeing w/sand&rubber mix

No one on foot (except leadline handlers, ring stewards, equipment checkers, emergency medical service, and show management) is allowed in designated warmups. **Coaches, trainers, spectators, and other unmounted individuals must stand outside fence or partition of warm-up arenas. All horses in the warmup arenas must wear their current issued competition numbers.**

If tack adjustments or rider changes are needed, personnel must perform them outside of the arena.

**Awards:** First place prizes. Ribbons first through sixth place for each class. When classes are posted, you may pick up your ribbons. Management reserves the right to make any changes required by circumstances. Champion and reserve neck sashes will be awarded for USDFBC qualifying classes. Upon request, ribbons not picked up by the end of the show will be mailed to the winners at their expense.

**USDFBC Qualifier Classes** Champion and reserve are eligible for USDF Breeders Championship New England Series Final. New England Series Qualifier sashes will be awarded.

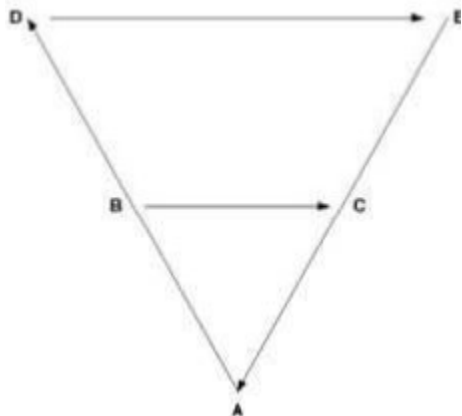
**Veterinarian on Call:** Kaela Choquette -(845) 654-1345

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## IN-HAND TRIANGLE PROCEDURE

In-hand classes will perform individually on the triangle measuring approximately 25 meters on each side, and 15 meters from B-C, or sized, if judge specifies, as described in USEF DR209.

When called by the Ringmaster, follow the procedure as diagramed:



Stand horse at A for conformation judging

Walk small triangle: A - B - C - A

Trot large triangle A - D - E - A

Leave judging area promptly unless requested otherwise by judges.

### Definitions

**Handler** Any person who holds, walks, or trots a horse while it is being judge in the competition arena for any In-Hand, Group, or Championship class. Handlers may have one Assistant Handler, if necessary. The Handler, Assistant Handler, and/or a whip assistant may each carry only one whip or one standard lungeing whip (without attachments, i.e. plastic bags, etc.) In addition, disruptive noisemaking devices are not permitted in the competition ring or warm-up areas. Prior to entering the competition arena, all Handlers and Assistant Handlers must have on file in the show secretary's office a Handler/Assistant Release Form and be wearing an appropriate wrist band. Handlers must be USEF members or pay the show pass fee.

**Assistant Handler** Any person, other than the Handler, who holds or walks a horse in the competition arena during a class, whether or not it is being judged. An Assistant Handler is permitted only for call-backs after In-Hand or Group classes, for Championships, and for handling non-competition mares and foals that accompany another entry in the competition arena. Assistant Handlers may not show a horse at the trot, (except for horses not being judged but accompanying a mare or foal this is being judged.) Only Handlers and Assistant Handlers may act as Whip Assistants. Assistant Handlers are not required to be USEF members or pay the show pass fee but are subject to all other rules regarding Handlers.

### Class Procedure

- All competitors are responsible for understanding and complying with the current USEF Dressage/Sport Horse Breeding rules (Sub-Chapter DR-2.)
- Any horse entering the arena, whether being judged or not, must be controlled by a separate handler or assistant handler. NO HORSE, INCLUDING FOALS, MAY BE SHOWN LOOSE. ONE HORSE, ONE HANDLER AT ALL TIMES.
- In classes with 20 or more entries, the horses with the top scores may be recalled as a group for re-evaluation.
- Championship Class Procedure-Horses will be shown at the walk as a group and individually at the trot.

**DR206.6** Handlers, assistant handlers and whip assistants of any age must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801 while handling or assisting in the competition ring. Any handler or assistant violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further participation until such headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted.

### Guidelines for Breed Show Competitors

- Bridle numbers must be worn at all times when out of the barn. This includes non-competing horses.
- Mares and stallions must stay on designated sides of the warm up area. Colts of the current year accompanied by their dams must stay on the mare's side of the warm up area.
- One horse, one handler – ALWAYS – including mares with foals
- All horses age two and older must wear a bridle with an approved snaffle type bit. This applies to non-competing horses as well.
- Handlers and Assistant Handlers are identified with wristbands. Only those properly identified persons will be allowed to accompany a horse into the competition area.
- Handlers and Assistant Handlers may carry one whip each. Assistant Handlers may carry a standard lunge or shorter whip. Whips may not have attachments of any type.
- Unauthorized assistance is forbidden under penalty of elimination. Any intervention by a third party with the object of facilitating the task of the competitor including voice, signals, etc., is considered illegal assistance.
- Loud snapping whips or other disruptive noise making devices are not permitted in the warm up or competition areas.
- Boots or bandages of any kind are not permitted
- Start times are a "guesstimate" and for reference only. Listen for announcements of actual times. Breed classes may be up to 60 minutes ahead or behind posted times.
- Check in with the Steward in charge of your competition arena.
- Remember that horses, especially young horses, react differently in new surroundings. Please stay alert for unpredictable behavior.

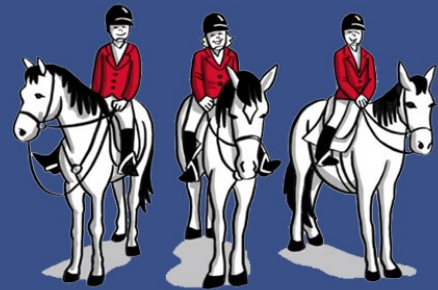
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**Membership Requirements for USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Competitions:** Owners and riders, including foreign riders and owners who are not residents of the US, wishing to participate in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition as a rider or 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.)

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**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.

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**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.

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## 2021 USDF Breeders Championship Series Program Rules-COVID



The USDF Breeders Championship Series (USDFBCS) is a program intent on recognizing quality bloodlines and dressage prospects across the nation. Through a combination of in-hand and materials classes, the USDFBCS program strives to provide top-notch competition opportunities for dressage prospects and breeding stock.

- The USDFBCS is scheduled on a calendar year basis, which means that the USDFBCS competition year runs from January 1-December 31.
- A series must have a minimum of one free qualifying event to host a series final competition. The required qualifier can be held in conjunction with a series final competition.
- Series boundaries are determined by USDF. Please be advised that the boundaries of any given series may cross the regional boundaries established for dressage competitions.
- All Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) and USDFBCS exhibitors and management staff are responsible for knowing the rules pertaining to USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions holding DSHB classes, as well as USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions in general. The USEF Rule Book Chapter Dressage, Subchapter DR-2, contains the DSHB class rules, and can be found online at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org). All recent rule changes in the online USEF Rule Book will be noted in color.

### IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP

#### A. HORSE REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY (IN-HAND CLASSES)

1. All horses entered in any USDFBCS qualifying or series final competition must have either a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) or USDF Horse Identification Number (HID) and submit identification information. Horses registered with a breed organization should have a copy of their registration papers submitted directly to USDF.
2. Owner is not required to be a USDF member for qualifying or series final competitions. If the owner does not have a current USDF Group, Participating, or Business Membership, non-member fees will apply. Should non-member fees not be paid by the USDF owner of record and/or not collected by competition management and submitted to USDF following the completion of an in-hand championship class, elimination from the championship class in question may result due to non-compliance with USDF requirements for competition.
3. Neither USDF membership nor a USDF non-member fee is required for the handler.
4. Horses participating in USDFBCS qualifying or final events are not required to be registered with any studbook, but "if a horse is registered with any breed organization, the name of the breed, sire, dam, damsire, and breeder must be given on the entry blank. For unregistered horses competing in DSHB classes, the information is strongly recommended, if available" (GR907).
5. It is strongly recommended that horses not registered with a breed registry be listed as "unregistered".
6. Should any USDF membership or horse registration applications with related fees fail to be submitted to USDF with the completion of a series final competition, elimination of a horse from its relevant series final class may result.

#### B. REQUIREMENTS FOR USDFBCS IN-HAND QUALIFYING CLASSES

1. Classes must be offered and judged according to DR209.
2. All qualifying competitions must offer every Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand and Breeding Stock In-Hand division of the USDFBCS.
3. Only a single set of Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand and Breeding Stock In-Hand Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes may be offered to serve as qualifying classes for the USDFBCS per competition. These classes must be open to all horses and ponies of the appropriate age and sex, and not subject to any entry restriction.
4. A separate championship class must be held for all divisions, even those that have only one class or one horse in the division. For example, if there is only one class of mares, the top two mares from that class would then be shown in the championship class. If there is only one stallion in the one stallion class, that stallion would then show again in the championship class. All horses must be reevaluated by the judge(s) at both the walk and the trot in the championship class. If any one of the judges adjudicating this class has not previously judged all of the horses in this class, conformation must also be reevaluated on every horse.

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5. **Current Year Foal Championship class:** Each qualifier event must offer a current year filly class, a separate current year colt/gelding class and a current year foal championship class. This current year foal championship class is a series final qualifying class. This class must be held and judged (i.e. reevaluated at the walk and the trot, and conformation if required) in accordance with DR210.  
The current year foal championship class, at qualifier events, must be open to first and second place winners of Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand classes for all foals of current calendar year, as listed below. First and second place fillies and colts/geldings of current year will compete against each other in the same class. (Organizers have the option of including third placed horses in qualifier championship classes.) No scores are given. Ties are not allowed.

#### Current Year Foal Championship:

Fillies of current calendar year  
Colts/Geldings of current calendar year

The champion, ~~and~~ reserve champion, and third place current year foals at each qualifier event are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBCS series final class. A third place foal in the championship class must be named as well.

6. **Filly and Colt/Gelding Championship classes:** Each qualifier event must offer a Filly Championship class and a Colt/Gelding Championship class. These classes are USDFBCS qualifying classes. These classes must be held and judged (i.e. reevaluated at the walk and the trot, and possibly the conformation) in accordance with DR210.  
The filly and colt/gelding championship classes must be open to first and second placed winners of Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand classes for all horses, as listed below. (Organizers have the option of including third placed horses in qualifier championship classes). No scores are given. Ties are not allowed.

#### Filly Championship

Yearling Fillies  
Two-year-old Fillies  
Three-year-old Fillies

#### Colt/Gelding Championship:

Yearling Colts/Geldings  
Two-year-old Colts/Geldings  
Three-year-old Colts/Geldings

The champion and reserve champion filly and the champion, ~~and~~ reserve champion, and third place colt/gelding at each qualifier event are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBCS series final class. A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well.

Current Year Foals ARE NOT ALLOWED in Filly Championship and Colt/Gelding Championship classes.

7. **Four-Year Old Prospect Championship class (New for 2021):** Each qualifier event must offer a 4 Year Old Prospect Championship class. This championship class is a USDFBCS qualifying class. This class must be held and judged (i.e. reevaluated at the walk and the trot, and possibly the conformation) in accordance with DR210. The 4 Year Old Prospect Championship class, at qualifier events, must be open to first and second place winners of Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand classes for all 4 Year Old Prospects, as listed below. First and second place 4 Year Old Prospect mares and stallions/geldings will compete against each other in the same class. (Organizers have the option of including third placed horses in qualifier championship classes.) No scores are given. Ties are not allowed.

#### 4 Year Old Prospect Championship:

4 Year Old Mare Sport Horse Prospects  
4 Year Old Stallion/Geldings Sport Horse Prospects

The champion, ~~and~~ reserve champion, and third place 4 Year Old Prospects at each qualifier event are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBCS series final class. A third place 4 Year Old Prospect in the championship class must be named as well.



8. **Mare and Stallion Championship classes:** Each qualifier event must offer a Mare Championship class and a Stallion Championship class. These championship classes are USDFBCS qualifying classes. These classes must be held and judged (i.e. reevaluated at the walk and the trot, and possibly the conformation) in accordance with DR210. Mare and Stallion Championship classes must be open to first and second placed winners of Breeding Stock In-Hand classes for horses age four years old and over, as listed below. (Organizers have the option of including third placed horses in qualifier championship classes). No scores are given. Ties are not allowed. For details on determining breeding status for competition purposes, please refer to DR203.

**Mare Championship:**

Mare classes may be divided by age, competition and/or breeding status (as of January 1st of the current competition year), as in the following example:

- Four-year-old and older maiden mares – never bred
- Four-year-old and older yield mares – previously bred but not currently bred or nursing
- Four-year-old and older broodmares – in foal or currently nursing (mare only to be judged).

**Stallion Championship:**

Stallion classes may be divided by age or competition status, as in the following example:

- Four-year-old and older stallions showing only in-hand
- Four-year-old and older stallions showing also under saddle

The champion, ~~and~~ reserve champion, and third place mare and the champion ~~and~~ reserve champion, and third place stallion at each qualifier event are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBCS series final class. ~~A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well.~~

9. Age/sex eligibility is determined as follows:
- a. Fillies, colts, and geldings three years of age or under may show ONLY as sport horse prospects, not in breeding stock classes/categories. Note: Two and three-year-olds are ONLY eligible to compete in the filly or colt/gelding championships. They are NOT eligible for the mare or stallion championships.
  - b. Mares, Stallions and Geldings age four are eligible to compete in the 4 Year Old Prospect division. Mares and stallions age four and over, may also show in breeding stock classes/categories.
  - c. Geldings of any age may NOT show in breeding stock classes/categories. Geldings age four and under may show ONLY in sport horse prospect classes.
10. Scoresheets: Age group classes must be judged using the appropriate scoring categories and percentages. Sport horse prospects four years old and under MUST be evaluated on the current USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand scoresheets and breeding stock MUST be evaluated on the current USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock scoresheets.
11. Horses in all USDFBCS classes must be evaluated for movement according to DR210.
12. Each horse may only enter the USDFBCS qualifying class(es) for which it is eligible and may only qualify for the specific USDFBCS championship class(es) for that division(s). For example, a four-year-old mare must enter and qualify in a mare breeding stock class in order to qualify for the USDFBCS mare championship. For that same mare to qualify for the USDFBCS four-year-old prospect championship, she must separately enter and qualify in a four-year-old prospect in-hand class for the four-year old prospect championship.
13. During awards ceremonies, the current year foal champion and reserve, the filly champion and reserve, the colt/gelding champion and reserve, the four year old prospect champion and reserve, the mare champion and reserve, and the stallion champion and reserve, must be named USDFBCS qualifying champions and reserve champions for the show. A third-place horse in each championship class must be named as well. Ties are not allowed. Announcements must identify sponsors and horses' breeding information.

14. For each USDF Breeders Championship Series qualifier class, the champion and reserve champion must be presented with a qualifier ribbon. These ribbons will be supplied to the show by USDF. Only the champion and reserve champion will receive the qualifier ribbons, even if they have previously qualified. The third-place horse in the qualifier championship class will not receive a qualifier ribbon. The qualifier ribbons for champion and reserve champion are identical.
15. All champions ~~and~~ reserve champions and third place horses will be eligible to compete in any USDFBCS series final. ~~In the event that a champion and/or reserve has already qualified for a final, the third placed horse from the pertinent qualifying championship class will be eligible to compete in a final.~~ Competition management is required to have judges place qualifying championship classes to three places, with no ties. In addition, any other horse receiving a 75.000 percent or higher in its age/sex class will be qualified and eligible to compete in the USDFBCS series finals.
16. A list of qualified horses is maintained on the USDF website.
17. Horses may compete in **any** series final competition, regardless of where qualification is earned, but may compete in only **one** series final competition.

**C. CONDUCT OF IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION CLASSES AT SERIES FINAL COMPETITIONS**

1. At least two USEF DSHB judges (DR202) must officiate in each series final class; one of the two required judges must be a USEF 'R' DSHB judge. Each judge will evaluate each entry independently, and scribes must be provided for each judge. Winners will be determined by the average of all judges' scores. The highest scoring horses will be declared champions and the second highest will be declared reserve champions of the series final.
2. Ties in series final classes must remain unbroken.
3. There are six in-hand championship classes in USDFBCS series final competitions. Current year foal champions, reserve champions, and third-place qualifiers from each qualifying event will compete together in a USDFBCS current year foal series final class. Filly champions, reserve champions, and third-place from each qualifying event will compete together in a USDFBCS filly series final class. Colt/gelding champions, reserve champions, and third-place from each qualifying event will compete together in a USDFBCS colt/gelding series final class. Four-Year Old Prospect champions, reserve champions, and third-place from each qualifying event will compete together in a USDFBCS Four-Year Old Prospect series final class. Mare champions, reserve champions, and third-place from each qualifying event will compete together in a USDFBCS mare series final class. Stallion champions, reserve champions, and third-place from each qualifying event will compete together in a USDFBCS stallion series final class. Horses that qualified with a score of 75.000% or higher in their respective qualifying classes will also be eligible for these series final championship classes.
- ~~4-4~~ A grand champion and reserve grand champion current year foal, a grand champion and reserve grand champion filly, a grand champion and reserve grand champion colt/gelding, a grand champion and reserve grand champion four year old prospect, a grand champion and reserve grand champion mare, and a grand champion and reserve grand champion stallion will be named at each USDFBCS series final event. Grand and reserve champions will receive awards and prizes provided by USDF. Third through sixth placed horses in series final classes will receive ribbons provided by USDF. After the last series final competition in a competition year, special certificates will be available from USDF via the website to owners of all horses that competed in USDFBCS series final classes.
- ~~4-5~~ USDF reserves the right to change, alter, or retract any placings and/or prizes for up to 60 days after the last day of the championship if an error or violation is discovered.
- ~~4-6~~ Horses must be shown individually on the triangle at the walk and trot and standing for conformation. Each horse must be evaluated in the same manner. Callbacks are permitted. If horses may be recalled, the prize list or program must state that this procedure will be used (DR209).
- ~~4-7~~ Owner **must enter** the qualified horse in the USDFBCS series final championship class. The horse is NOT automatically entered in the series final championship class because it qualified earlier in the day or at another show.
- ~~7-8~~ Horses in the current year foal final class, filly final class, colt/gelding final class and four year old prospect final class MUST be evaluated using the USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand scoresheets. Horses in the



mare final class and the stallion final class MUST be evaluated using the USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock scoresheets.

- 8-9. Management must collect all required USDF membership, horse registrations, and related fees prior to the commencement of series final classes for eligible entries that wish to compete in a series final class. Should the required USDF membership, horse recording, and related fees fail to be submitted to USDF following the completion of a series final competition, elimination of a horse from its relevant series final class may result due to noncompliance with USDF membership and horse recording requirements for competition. These applications and related fees must be submitted to the USDF office within 24 hours of the series final classes. Refer to section 1.A for all USDF membership and horse recording requirements for competition.
- 9-10. Series final events must agree to allow late entries in series final classes for horses that qualified for the series final event after the official closing date.

## II. MATERIALE CHAMPIONSHIP

Materiale Championships will be held at each USDFBCS series final competition. Each USDFBCS series final will hold a Three-Year-Old Materiale Championship class, a Four-Year-Old Materiale Championship Class, and a Five-Year-Old Materiale Championship class. Fillies, colts, mares, stallions, and/or geldings, will compete in the same championship classes of their respective age groups. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be named for each materiale championship class at each series final event. These specific age categories of three-year-olds, four-year-olds, and five year-olds are the only eligible categories to be offered as USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.

### A. HORSE REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY (FOR MATERIALE CLASSES)

1. All horses entered in any materiale class or Materiale Championship held at a USEF/USDF recognized Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) or dressage competition must have either a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) or USDF Horse Identification Number (HID), and submit identification information. Horses registered with a breed organization should have a copy of their registration papers submitted directly to USDF.
2. Owner is not required to be a USDF member for a horse to compete in materiale classes, earn USDFBCS materiale championship qualification scores at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized DSHB or dressage competitions, or compete in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class. If the USDF owner of record does not have a current USDF Group, Participating or Business membership, non-member fees will apply. Should non-member fees not be paid by the USDF owner of record and/or not collected by competition management and then submitted to USDF following the completion of a materiale championship class, elimination from the materiale championship class in question may result due to non-compliance with USDF requirements for competition.
3. Rider is required to have a current USDF PM at the time a horse's qualifying score is earned and at the time of the USDFBCS Materiale Championship class.
4. Horses participating in USDFBCS qualifying or final events are not required to be registered with any studbook, but, "if a horse is registered with any breed organization, the name of the breed, sire, dam, dam sire and breeder must be given on the entry blank" (GR907).
5. It is strongly recommended that horses not registered with a breed registry be listed as "unregistered".
6. It is the responsibility of the horse owner to ensure that the owner's and rider's USDF membership and USDF horse registration are correct and current. Should any required USDF membership or horse registration application and related fees fail to be submitted to USDF following the completion of a series final competition, elimination of a horse from its relevant series final class may result due to noncompliance with USDF membership and horse recording requirements for competition.

### B. REQUIREMENTS FOR MATERIALE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION

1. A horse may qualify for competition in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class by receiving one score of 72.000% or higher in a materiale class held at any USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized DSHB or Dressage competition during the relative competition year.
2. Scores must be earned at competitions licensed by USEF as dressage competitions. Scores earned at competitions licensed by USEF as Regular or Local competitions are not eligible to be used as qualifying scores for the USDFBCS Materiale Championships.

3. The USDFBCS Materiale Championships will run on the same calendar year as the USDFBCS (January 1-December 31). Qualifications to compete in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class must be earned in the calendar year that the championship will occur. Any qualifications earned in other calendar years will not apply.
4. Qualifying scores must be earned in materiale classes run under DR134 and DR204. Fillies and/or mares may not be combined in classes with colts, geldings and/or stallions (exception: championship materiale classes – see DR204).
5. At each USDFBCS series final competition, materiale championship classes will be held for three age groups. All qualified horses regardless of sex will compete against one another in their respective age groups. This means that all qualified three-year-olds will compete in one class to determine the USDFBCS Materiale Champion Three-Year-Old, and all qualified four-year-olds will compete in one class to determine the USDFBCS Materiale Champion Four-Year-Old, and all qualified five-year-olds will compete in one class to determine the USDFBCS Materiale Champion Five-Year-Old. Horses will be evaluated according to the criteria listed on the current "USDF Materiale Class" scoresheet, and classes must be conducted according to the current USDF "Procedures to Host USDF Materiale Classes".
6. Qualifying scores to compete in a class may be earned up until the championship class occurs.
7. Once a horse has qualified to compete in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class, the horse is eligible to compete at the USDFBCS series final of the owner's choice. This means that the horse does not have to attend the series final being held within the same geographical area or series that the qualifying score was earned in. However, a horse may only compete in one USDFBCS Materiale Championship class in a given calendar year.
8. A list of qualified horses is maintained on the USDF website.
9. A horse may qualify with a different rider than the rider who competes the horse in the championship class.
10. Dressage competitions with materiale classes scheduled after the USDFBCS series finals are held, are not eligible to participate in the USDFBCS program, and will not be qualifying events for the next year's series final.

### C. CONDUCT OF MATERIALE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES AT THE SERIES FINAL

1. At least two USEF DSHB judges must officiate in each USDFBCS Materiale Championship class. One of the two required judges must be a USEF "R" DSHB judge. The other judge may be a USEF "Y" DSHB judge. Guest Cards to judge DSHB classes are not allowed, per USEF GR1011. Each judge will evaluate each entry independently, and scribes must be provided for each judge. Winners will be determined by the average of all judges' scores. The highest scoring horse will be declared grand champion, and the second highest will be declared reserve grand champion for their respective age-group classes. Scores must be awarded to all competitors competing in materiale classes, as well as USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.
  - a. Ties in USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes must remain unbroken.
  - b. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be named for the three-year-old, four-year-old, and five-year-old USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes at each series final competition. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions will receive awards and prizes provided by USDF. Third through sixth placed horses in these materiale championship classes will receive ribbons provided by USDF.
  - c. After the conclusion of the last scheduled series final competition, special certificates will be available from USDF via the website to owners of all horses that competed in USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.
  - d. USDF reserves the right to change, alter, or retract any placings and/or prizes for up to 60 days after the last day of the championship if an error or violation is discovered.
  - e. Owner **must enter** the qualified horse in the horse's appropriate USDFBCS Materiale Championship class prior to commencement of the class. The horse is NOT automatically entered in the class because the horse qualified earlier in the day or at another show. Management must collect all required USDF membership, horse registrations, and related fees prior to the commencement of materiale championship classes for eligible entries that wish to
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- compete in a materiale championship class. Should required USDF membership, horse recording, and related fees fail to be submitted to USDF following the completion of a series final competition, elimination of a horse from its relevant materiale championship class may result due to noncompliance with USDF membership and horse recording requirements for competition. These applications and related fees must be submitted to the USDF office within 24 hours of the series final classes. Refer to section II.A for all USDF membership and horse recording requirements for competition.
- g. USDFBCS series final events must agree to allow late entries in the USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes for horses that qualified for the championship after the official closing date.
  - h. Series final events must hold materiale classes allowing for qualification opportunities prior to holding the USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.

### III. THREE-YEAR-OLD PROSPECT AWARD

The Three-Year-Old Prospect Award will be awarded to the three-year-old horse earning the highest combined scores from their in-hand series final championship class and series final materiale championship class at each USDFBCS Series Final annually. USDF will provide each USDFBCS Series Final competition with the prize for the Three-Year-Old Prospect Award. This award must be presented to the award winner at the competition, and a photo taken of the award winner.

### IV. AWARD CEREMONIES

#### A. REQUIREMENTS

1. For all series finals, a USDF sponsor banner must be prominently displayed. If the banner is misplaced or damaged, the event will be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement. Banners must be returned to USDF within 30 days of the competition.
2. In addition to the general requirements above, the awards presentation ceremonies and award presenters at each series final event must be arranged in cooperation with USDF. USDF will contact sponsors to determine if they or a representative plan to attend the award ceremonies. USDF will forward this information to the appropriate management team.
3. All USDFBCS sponsors (or their representatives) should be invited to participate in the final event award ceremonies. Award ceremony announcements must identify the sponsoring organizations. Any sponsors in attendance at these events should be provided with a complimentary copy of the competition program and be given free admission to the event.
- 4-4. Placed horse and rider combinations cannot be required to participate in awards ceremonies. Awards ceremonies should be conducted to allow for social distancing. Rosettes will not be required to be placed on bridles. (Presidential Modification, DR123.12).
- 4-5. Management must send two champion photos of in-hand competitors, two champion photos of materiale championship competitors, and two champion photos of the Three-Year-Old Prospect award winner, electronically to USDF for publication with the final results. Persons and horses in the photos must be identified. A photographer's release must also be submitted.
- 4-6. Public announcements must be made, which credit sponsors and promote the program to the public. These announcements are required to be made throughout the event, in particular, during the awarding of Current Year Foal, Filly, Colt/Gelding, Mare and Stallion Championships and Three, Four, and Five-Year-Old Materiale Championships. The name of the breeder(s) must be announced during award ceremonies. It is also strongly recommended that breeder(s) and owners of placing horses be invited to participate in award ceremonies.
- 4-7. All unused ribbons and prizes must be returned to USDF within 30 days of the competition. If awards are misplaced or damaged, the event will be responsible for the cost of replacement. For series qualifiers, USDF will provide ten qualifier ribbons (two per division). For series finals, USDF will provide neck sashes and prizes for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion and ribbons for third through sixth place. Ribbons and prizes will be sent directly to the designated competition contact about two weeks prior to the event.
- 7-8. Show management is responsible to have a professional photographer for USDFBCS series final competitions.

### V. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

#### A. APPLYING FOR AND SCHEDULING QUALIFIER AND FINAL EVENTS

1. The USDFBCS is scheduled on a calendar year basis (January 1-December 31).
2. A series must have a minimum of three qualifying events in order to hold a series final. All shows in the series, including qualifier classes held in conjunction with the series final, are qualifying events for any series final.
3. Competitions intending to host USDFBCS qualifying classes must submit their USDFBCS qualifier application to USDF no less than sixty days prior to the start of the competition. Any competitions submitting USDFBCS qualifier applications less than sixty days prior to the start of the competition will be considered on a case-by-case basis and subject to a \$50 late application fee.
4. Competitions may not advertise themselves as being qualifying opportunities for the USDFBCS prior to submitting a qualifier application and related \$75 fee to USDF.
5. The official USDFBCS host site application form for qualifiers and series finals will be available from the USDF office during the summer, prior to the start of the next competition year. USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions interested in hosting a final for a series must submit a completed USDFBCS event application form and contract to the USDF office by October 1 of the year prior to the series final to request consideration for hosting the series final.
6. The final event of each series is often the last USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competition holding DSHB classes scheduled in a particular geographical area of the United States. However, a series final must also be held in conjunction with a USDFBCS qualifying event. Host sites of series finals will be designated on or about November 1 of the year prior to the series final year. Competitions which submit a host site application after November 1 of the year prior to the series final year will be subject to a \$50 late application fee and reviewed on a case-by-case basis. **No host site applications for a series final received within 90 days of the proposed competition date will be considered.**
7. The series final must meet the minimum requirements for a series final: 1) minimum USEF Level 2 competition 2) Show manager and secretary must both be members of USEF and USDF (USDF Participating or Group Membership is required) at the time of championships. 3) all other requirements as stated in the USDFBCS Series Final Host Site Application.
8. It is recommended that a series final be held in conjunction with a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition unless it has a proven stand-alone history.
9. All applications for a series final will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
10. A series final will be considered "definite" when at least three qualifying events have registered with USDF to participate in the series for the year. If it meets the minimum requirements, a series final will be considered "tentative" until at least three events have registered for the series.
11. If two or more qualified events in the same series wish to host the series final, a working group appointed by the Sport Horse Committee, will select the host site of the series final, after consultation with the chair of the Sport Horse Committee, the regional director(s) of the region(s) with qualifying events in the series and the Sport Horse Committee liaison. Priority for the final will be given to 1) the date of event, which must be after all qualifying events are normally scheduled, and ideally, between August 1 and October 1 of the series final year, 2) the most prestigious DSHB show, or USDF Regional Dressage Championship in the geographical area, 3) location and accessibility to competitors, 4) experience of the competition management with DSHB competitions and 5) history of rule compliance with USEF and USDF.
12. All USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions with DSHB classes scheduled prior to the series final in the same calendar year and geographical area are eligible to participate in the USDFBCS program. Dressage competitions with DSHB classes scheduled after the series final in their area are not eligible to participate in the USDFBCS program and will not be qualifying events for the next year's series final.
13. Only one USDFBCS series, or part of a series, may be held in any particular geographical area in the same calendar year. The boundaries of a series will be determined by USDF in consultation with regional directors and the chair of the Sport Horse Committee. Series will include clusters of DSHB shows and may cross the regional boundaries established for dressage competitions.



14. If a USDFBCS series does not have at least three qualifying events recognized by USDF by June 1 of the series final year, the final will not be held. Exceptions will be considered in extenuating circumstances.

#### B. ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION

1. In order to receive full promotional benefits from USDF, qualifying and final events must be approved at least six months prior to the competition.
2. Qualifiers and final events must be approved by USDF in writing each year before they advertise that they are participating as qualifying or final events in the USDFBCS program.
3. "USDFBCS" or "USDF Breeders Championship Series" must be used in its entirety if included as the title of an event, or if referred to anywhere within the prize list or program. (In other words, you cannot title a competition the "XYZ Breeders Competition").
4. The title "USDF Breeders Championship \_\_\_\_\_ Series Final" must be prominently listed in the final event official prize list, show program, promotional materials, and advertisements once the competition has received written approval of its status as a designated USDFBCS Final competition.
5. Series final prize lists must include the prize list insert for the USDFBCS program as provided by USDF.
6. Unless a competition has received written confirmation from USDF of the Federation's approval to host a USDFBCS series final competition, the competition cannot utilize any competition name or title that would include a USDFBCS series final designation. Any failure on the part of the competition management to follow this protocol will result in a \$100 fine.

#### C. PRIZES

1. Prizes will be awarded during the finals competition award ceremonies.
2. Prizes and/or other awards may be withheld by USDF to series winners if the following information is not provided to USDF or show management by required deadlines: name of owner; name, age and sex of horse; and if known, the breed of horse, sire, dam, damsire, and breeder.
3. Prizes and/or other awards may be withheld by USDF if it is found that a series award winner or owner was not in compliance with USDF series final membership, horse registration requirements, and related fees, for competition. These requirements can be seen at I.A and I.IA.

#### D. RULES REGARDING CONTRACTS AND RECOGNITION

1. Qualifying and final events must be USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions and all classes must be conducted under USEF rules.
2. USDFBCS event application, contract and rules for the upcoming competition year will be available to show managers during the summer of the year prior to each USDFBCS competition year.
3. Rule changes and requirements will be fully approved and publicized by July 1 of the year prior to each USDFBCS competition year.
4. Changes of rules, requirements, or contract obligations for competition management (and/or competitors, if applicable) are not permitted after August 1 of the year prior to the start of the USDFBCS competition year, except when changed by the USEF and/or USDF Executive Board.
5. USDFBCS rules and procedures must be listed in the official prize list for the event, and must be available sufficiently in advance to all potential competitors, or the event may be in violation of USEF rules.
6. For qualifying events whose dates fall after the closing date for their series final event, the results must be emailed to USDF at [results@usdf.org](mailto:results@usdf.org) within 24 hours of completion of the qualifying event. USDF will verify those horses who have qualified with the series final event secretary.

#### E. CONDUCT AND COMPETITION STANDARDS FOR USDFBCS QUALIFYING AND FINAL EVENTS

Series Final events must meet the minimum requirements for a series final:

1. A minimum Level 2 competition.
2. Show manager and secretary must both be members of USEF and USDF (USDF Participating or Group Membership is required) at the time of championships. All other requirements are as stated in the USDFBCS Finals Host Site Application.
3. DSHB competitions are not permitted to exclude horses from competing in an event that have previously qualified for a USDFBCS series final. Such exclusion is not permitted by USEF rules, and penalties could result.
4. Neither foals nor horses of any other age may be shown loose.
5. Note the following clarification on "stallion": No geldings may compete in the USDFBCS classes for stallions even if they are gelded after qualifying for the finals and are breeding via frozen semen.

#### VII. LICENSED OFFICIALS

##### A. REQUIREMENTS

1. According to DR202 a competition with a USEF- licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) division must have a USEF- licensed DSHB judge and a USEF- licensed dressage technical delegate (TD). Guest Cards to judge DSHB classes are not allowed, per USEF GR1011.
2. Apprentice judging is NOT permitted during USDFBCS series final classes.
3. Hunter Breeding judges or USEF judges with other licenses or in other disciplines are NOT permitted to judge DSHB classes.
4. It is recommended that the USEF (TD) officiating at a USDFBCS series final have significant experience officiating as a TD at DSHB shows.

##### VIII. UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION RULES

Please note that competition management, licensed officials and competitors must be aware of all USEF DSHB and applicable USEF general rules. Be sure to check the online version of the rules for any clarifications or changes that may have occurred for the current competition year.

USEF Rule Book Subchapter DR-2 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding

## US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION RULES

**“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 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.** 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.

**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).

**THE RULES MAY HAVE CHANGED FROM THE CURRENT RULE BOOK. IT IS THE COMPETITORS' RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW RULES FOR SHOWING AT A DRESSAGE SHOW AND 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.

CHECK THE CURRENT USEF 2021 RULE BOOK FOR ALL CHANGES AT [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)

## MANAGEMENT RIGHTS and SHOW POLICIES

Show Management reserves the right to change officials, rotate rings, limit entries, add, combine or cancel classes insufficiently filled, modify the schedule or reschedule classes after due notice to exhibitors, and modify or cancel awards and/or make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications listed herein.

Show Management reserves the right to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify any riders or exhibitors, and/or prohibit entries deemed sufficient by Show Management without claims for damages.

Every horse entered for competition will comply with the rules of the horse show management, but management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold this horse show and the officials and employees of the show blameless for any loss or accident to his horse, employees, equipment, which may occur from sickness, fire or otherwise.

Exhibitors are notified that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the judges or officials, on the part of the owner, manager, rider, or groom shall disqualify the horse, and the owner shall forfeit his entry fee and other fees.

Show management reserves to itself the power to prohibit any person from attending or showing a horse in the ring and to remove any groom or horse from the show without being liable for compensation.

No person will be allowed in the show ring during the time of judging except the exhibitor and those having official or requested duties to perform.

It is the tradition of the show that riders be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and the horses properly presented. Management may in its discretion bar any person from entering the ring if not suitable presented to appear before an audience.

Show Management reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions regarding or arising out of any incident in the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these rules and regulations shall be decided by the horse show management; their decision will be final.

### *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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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 \_\_\_\_\_ (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/Vaulteur/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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





# 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").

### 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. \_\_\_\_\_