

**APRIL 14, 2025**  
OPENING DATE FOR ENTRIES  
DRESSAGE LEVEL 2



**APRIL 21, 2025**  
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES  
USEF/USDF #343307 (I)  
#338044 (II)

## **SPRING BEAR SPOT FOUNDATION**

Saturday, May 17, 2025

### **DRESSAGE BENEFIT I**

Sunday, May 18, 2025

### **DRESSAGE BENEFIT II**

**Proceeds to Support the Bear Spot Foundation  
for Equine Assisted Psychotherapy**

Bear Spot Farm, 276 Pope Road, Concord, MA 01742

**OFFICIAL QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS FOR:**

**2025 GAIG/USDF Regional Championships**

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**Levels:** Training through Grand Prix, and Freestyles. 2025 GAIG/USDF Qualifying

**Awards:** Six Ribbons and First Place Trophy for each class. High Point and Reserve High Point in Open, AA, and Jr/YR Divisions (Freestyles excluded). High Point Horse and Rider (based on Collective Marks) at each Level. Competitor's responsibility to pick up awards. There will be no mandatory prize-giving (awards) ceremonies.

**Fees:**

USDF Non-Member	\$55
USEF Drug Fee (\$15 Drug/Meds & \$8 USEF Fee)	\$23/horse
Office Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$60/entry
Non-competing Horse Fee plus office fee	\$75
Post Entry Surcharge	\$50
(Applies to all entries <b>RECEIVED</b> after the closing date.)	
Class Change, if granted by show secretary	\$30/class
Non-negotiable check or declined credit card	\$50
Haul-in fee	NC

All proceeds benefit the Bear Spot Foundation, a 401 (c)(3) organization. Donations that exceed your show entry fees are tax deductible. Tax letters are available upon request.

Use online entries at [www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com). Online entries only. Mailed entries will not be accepted. All entries MUST submit applicable USEF and USDF documents for rider, owner, trainer and horse, a negative Coggins dated within 12 months of show, proof of EIV and EHV vaccinations dated within six months of the show, a drug fee, and non-refundable office fee. Please include USDF non-member fee if applicable. All entries must have three signatures including emergency info. MasterCard and Visa accepted online. Post entries will be accepted to fill scratches with a \$50 post entry fee. Completed entries will be processed in the order they are received. Refunds will be given for cancellations received in writing, or email on or before the closing date less office fee. **Unconditionally, no refunds after closing date or for 'acts of god' which require management to cancel classes or day(s) of competition.** Any unused USEF or USDF fees will be refunded after any indebtedness is settled. No stabling is available.

**Times:** Times will be on the websites, [www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com) and [www.bearspotform.com](http://www.bearspotform.com), at least one week prior to the competition and posted at the show. Please email or upload music. Music must be in CDs MP3 or WAV formats. Once music is received, sound check time will be given.

**Directions:** From the Boston area: Take Rt. 128 North to Rt. 2 West. Stay on Rt. 2 until the Concord Rotary. Take second exit off of rotary onto Rt. 2A for approximately 1 mile. Pass McDonald's and take the next right onto Pope Road. In 1 mile, 276 Pope Rd will be on the left. From Rt. 495 North or South: Take the Rt. 2 East exit and travel approximately 7 miles to the Concord Rotary. Take the fourth exit off rotary onto Rt. 119 for approximately 1 mile. Pass McDonald's and take the next right onto Pope Road. In 1 mile, 276 Pope Rd. will be on the left. Note: Trailer parking is located at the first left entrance in the large grass field. There will be a volunteer at gate to help with parking.

**Footing:** Warm-up is in the indoor arena with TravelLight dust free footing. Final warm-up is adjacent to the competition arena with TravelRight all weather footing. Competition arena is 20x60 meters with TravelRight all weather footing

**Entertainment:** Food available on the grounds beginning 8am.

**Other:** Farrier and Veterinarian on call, with contact information posted at the Secretary tent. All dogs must be leashed. Management reserves the right to combine, divide, or cancel classes.

**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).

## Bear Spot Spring Classes

	Sat	Sun	Class Name	Division	Fee	Q
	101	201	USEF Training Level Test 1	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	
	102	202	USEF Training Level Test 2	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	
	103	203	USEF Training Level Test 3	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	\$20
	104	204	USEF First Level Test 1	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	
	105	205	USEF First Level Test 2	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	
	106	206	USEF First Level Test 3	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	\$20
	107	207	USEF Second Level Test 1	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	
	108	208	USEF Second Level Test 2	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	
	109	209	USEF Second Level Test 3	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	\$20
	110	210	USEF Third Level Test 1	O/AA/JrYR	\$75	
	111	211	USEF Third Level Test 2	O/AA/JrYR	\$75	
	112	212	USEF Third Level Test 3	O/AA/JrYR	\$75	\$20
	113	213	USEF Fourth Level Test 1	O/AA/JrYR	\$75	
	114	214	USEF Fourth Level Test 2	O/AA/JrYR	\$75	
	115	215	USEF Fourth Level Test 3	O/AA/JrYR	\$75	\$20
	116	216	FEI Test of Choice*	O/AA/JrYR	\$90	\$20
	117	217	USDF Freestyle TOC**	Open	\$90	\$20
	118	218	FEI Freestyle TOC*	Open	\$90	\$20

Note: Open classes will be split for JrYR/AA if entries warrant.

\* GAIG/USDF Qualifier if applicable

\*\* Class will be split if entries warrant. Note: Training Level is not a GAIG/USDF Qualifier.

Q Column is for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship qualifying.

## Excerpts from USEF Rule Book

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

### Sharps Containers Requirement – GR1210.4

Competition management shall place a minimum of one sharps container per each competition, whether or not stabling is provided. Additionally, at least one sharps container per fifty occupied stalls for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. It is competition management’s responsibility to replace such containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments. Competition management will place a notice of this requirement either in its prize list or on a specific handout given to trainers on check in at the competition. If local law has different requirements, local law will prevail. Competitions failing to comply with placing the required number of containers on the show grounds will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.

### Membership Statement – GR901.9

Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides and Vaulting Competitions: (See GR828.4 of the Federation rules). Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, or agent, at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes

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

Minors who do not have a valid driver’s license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver’s license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver’s license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed “unsafe use” if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

### Pony Measurement Statement – DR 135

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

### Headgear Rule – GR801

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

New bridle & bit check procedures: Per the updated bridle & bit inspection requirements in USEF Rulebook DR126.2.i.1.a (pg. 48) Technical Delegates (TD) are now required to inspect at least 50% of bridles & bits of horses entered in the competition. Along with ringside inspections the TD will be walking through the barns inspecting bridles & bits.

# DRESSAGE ENTRY FORM

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

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

**Membership Information**

Horse	Rider/Handler	Owner	Trainer	Coach
USEF #	USEF #	USEF #	USEF #	USEF #
USDF #	USDF #	USDF #	USDF #	USDF #
FEI #	FEI #			

Class No.	Qual. Div.	Class Description	Fees

**Rider/Handler** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is Rider/Handler a US Citizen?  If not, state citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth date of Junior/Young Rider \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Trainer** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stable With \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Departure Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Stable Requests \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact Number (for rider) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact Number (for horse) \_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal of Class Fees		
Stabling ( ___ stalls at ___ /stall) <small>(include tack stalls on this line)</small>		
Bedding ( ___ bales at ___ /bale)		
Haul-in Fees		
Camper Fees		
Office Fee		
<b>USEF Fees</b>	USEF Fees (per horse) \$8 USEF + \$15 USEF Drug = \$23 or \$8 USEF + \$25 CDI Drug = \$33	
	IHP Discipline Dues (\$35 per CDI entry, if applicable)	
USDF Non-member Fee (\$55 per non-member excl. walk/trot)		
Post Entry/Other		
<b>Total</b> <i>Most fees are nonrefundable. See refund policy in prize list for details.</i>		

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

### USDF Hold-Harmless Clause

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



## 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.

If not currently a USEF Active Competing member or Subscriber, I acknowledge that I will be enrolled for no cost as a USEF Fan and my USEF Fan Account will continue to annually automatically renew in USEF's sole discretion. Additionally, I acknowledge that the benefits of a USEF Fan are subject to change without notice. USEF may in its sole discretion, at any time, terminate my USEF Fan status.

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

**Rider/Handler (mandatory)**

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

**Owner/Agent (mandatory)**

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

**Trainer (mandatory)**

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

**Coach (if applicable)**

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

**Parent/Guardian (if applicable)**

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



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

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

### WARNING:

**Under Massachusetts law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 2D of chapter 128 of the General Laws.**

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, that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time, as well as all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If, 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. \_\_\_\_\_

USEF Competition Name:

USEF#:

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):



# MAAPP

## MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION

### LEARN ABOUT MAAP POLICIES



Safe Sport Training



Local Travel



One-On-One Interactions



Social Media & Electronic Communications



Read about these & more at [usef.org/MAAPP](https://usef.org/MAAPP)

### REPORT MAAP POLICY VIOLATIONS



[usef.org/safe-sport/reporting](https://usef.org/safe-sport/reporting)

859-225-6915 or Text Anonymously 855-682-8733





**USDF Membership Benefits:** USDF is dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For details on member benefits, including educational programs, awards, and other opportunities, refer to the *USDF Member Guide* or the USDF website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).

**This  
competition  
is recognized  
by USDF  
for 2025**

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

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

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

**Exceptions:**

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

**Memberships Defined**

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

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

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

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

**Horse Identification (HID) Number:** A one-time tracking number for horses (\$45). Scores earned by a horse with an HID number will be recorded but will NOT be counted towards Adequan<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 \$95. If a horse has a USDF LHR it does not need an HID number. An HID number is a one-time fee that does not need to be renewed.

**Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR):** A horse with an LHR (\$140) is eligible for Adequan<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.
- 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.



## 2025 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships

A single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), will be held in each of the nine USDF regions. In addition, Alaska and Hawaii may each hold state championships if an official request from a Group Member Organization (GMO) is received by April 1 of the prior year. The Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). Please refer to the 2025 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

### Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

*All memberships and registrations/recordings must be correct and current at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.*

Rider:

- Must have a USDF Participating\* Membership (PM).
- Must have a USEF membership (Active or Life).

Horse:

- Must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR).
- Must have a USEF (Annual or Lifetime) Horse Recording.
- USDF horse registration and USEF horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s). A horse is not required to have breed registry papers.
- Horses must be entered in qualifying and championship classes under their official recorded names and ownership as specified in USEF GR1102.3, and transfers of ownership or lease registrations must be completed in compliance with USEF rules GR1105 and GR1108 prior to the competition in order for the horse to compete under the name of the new owner or lessee. (USEF DR127.2)

Owner:

- Must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Active or Life Membership or Annual or Life Recorded Farm/Business). If the horse has more than one owner, at least one owner must have both active USEF membership and active USDF Participating or Business Membership and must be the owner of record with USEF and USDF. For a business or farm to be the valid owner under this requirement, it must be listed as an owner of the horse with both USEF and USDF.

\* PMs are USDF members who join USDF directly. USDF Group Members (GM) are ineligible.

**Minimum Qualifying Scores:** One set of nationally-standardized qualifying scores has been established for all USEF/USDF Regional Championships, for Training Level through Grand Prix, in three divisions: open, adult amateur and junior/young rider.

The minimum percentages are as follows:

	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
Training Level (Test 3)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 3)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 3)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Prix St. Georges	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	62%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%
<b>FREESTYLE</b>	<b>OPEN/Jr/YR</b>	<b>AA</b>	
First Level	65%	65%	
Second Level	65%	65%	
Third Level	65%	65%	
Fourth Level	65%	65%	
Intermediate I	65%	65%	
Grand Prix	65%	65%	



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## Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program

The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program recognizes adult amateurs competing in equitation and promotes correct seat, position, and use of the aids in dressage. An Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class presented by Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply will be held in conjunction with each of the nine USDF Regional Dressage Championship competitions, providing adult amateurs with additional opportunity for recognition. Ribbons awarded through 8<sup>th</sup> Place and gift certificates awarded to top four riders

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

### Qualifying Requirements

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

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

### Membership Requirements

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

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

# *USDF Statement on Animal Welfare*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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