



Dressage on the First Coast

April 28 & 29, 2012

Jacksonville Equestrian Center
Jacksonville, Florida

Official Qualifying Competition for the FEI North American Junior & Young Riders' Championships and Collected Gaits Farm/USEF National Pony Rider, Junior, Young Rider and Brentina Cup Championships.

Official Qualifying Competition for the Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Program and USEF National Developing Horse Dressage Championship Prix St. George Division (sponsored by the Dutta Corp and PSI) and Grand Prix Division.

Great American/USDF Regional Qualifying Show

USDF/Dover Adult Amateur Medal Program

USEF Dressage Level 3 Competition

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TBD

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Farrier: TBD (On-Call)

For more information, the USEF/USDF approved prize list & Dressage on the First Coast required entry forms go to:

<http://www.DressageOnTheFirstCoast.com>

Saturday Class Listing

Sunday Class Listing

Class#	Class Description	Q	Division	Class#	Class Description	Q	Division
1	USEF Training Level Test 1		JR/YR/AA/Open	31	USEF Training Level Test 1		JR/YR/AA/Open
2	USEF Training Level Test 2		JR/YR/AA/Open	32	USEF Training Level Test 2		JR/YR/AA/Open
3	USEF Training Level Test 3*	Q	JR/YR/AA/Open	33	USEF Training Level Test 3*	Q	JR/YR/AA/Open
4	USEF First Level Test 1		JR/YR/AA/Open	34	USEF First Level Test 1		JR/YR/AA/Open
5	USEF First Level Test 2		JR/YR/AA/Open	35	USEF First Level Test 2		JR/YR/AA/Open
6	USEF First Level Test 3*	Q	JR/YR/AA/Open	36	USEF First Level Test 3*	Q	JR/YR/AA/Open
7	USEF Second Level Test 1		JR/YR/AA/Open	37	USEF Second Level Test 1		JR/YR/AA/Open
8	USEF Second Level Test 2		JR/YR/AA/Open	38	USEF Second Level Test 2		JR/YR/AA/Open
9	USEF Second Level Test 3*++ <i>Dover Medal Class</i>	Q	JR/YR/AA/Open	39	USEF Second Level Test 3*	Q	JR/YR/AA/Open
10	USEF Third Level Test 1		JR/YR/AA/Open	40	USEF Third Level Test 1		JR/YR/AA/Open
11	USEF Third Level Test 2		JR/YR/AA/Open	41	USEF Third Level Test 2		JR/YR/AA/Open
12	USEF Third Level Test 3*	Q	JR/YR/AA/Open	42	USEF Third Level Test 3*	Q	JR/YR/AA/Open
13	USEF Fourth Level Test 1		JR/YR/AA/Open	43	USEF Fourth Level Test 1		JR/YR/AA/Open
14	USEF Fourth Level Test 2		JR/YR/AA/Open	44	USEF Fourth Level Test 2		JR/YR/AA/Open
15	USEF Fourth Level Test 3*	Q	JR/YR/AA/Open	45	USEF Fourth Level Test 3*	Q	JR/YR/AA/Open
16	FEI Prix St. Georges*	Q	Open	46	FEI Prix St. George*	Q	Open
17	FEI Intermediaire 1*	Q	Open	47	FEI Intermediaire 1 *	Q	Open

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18	FEI Intermediaire II*	Q	Open	48	FEI Intermediaire II *	Q	Open
19	FEI Grand Prix*	Q	Open	49	FEI 5yr old Final Test ** (Markel/USEF Qualifying)		Open
20	FEI Jr. Team Test* (NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying)	Q	JR	50	FEI Grand Prix*	Q	Open
21	FEI YR Team Test* (NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying)	Q	YR	51	FEI Olympic Grand Prix Special		Open
22	USEF Test for 4yr olds** (Pls note: USEF test NOT FEI test) (Markel/USEF Qualifying)		Open	52	FEI Jr. Individual Test (NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying)		JR
23	FEI 6 yr old Final Test** (Markel/USEF Qualifying)		Open	53	USEF National Young Adult "Brentina Cup" Test (USEF Qualifying)		Young Adult
24	USDF Musical Freestyle* TOC***	Q	Open	54	FEI YR Individual Test (NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying)		YR
25	FEI Musical Freestyle* TOC***	Q	Open	55	FEI Junior Freestyle Test (NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying)		JR
26	USDF Pas de Deux TOC – Costume		Open	56	FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test (NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying)		YR
27	USDF Quadrille TOC - Costume		Open	57	USDF Musical Freestyle* TOC***	Q	Open
28	FEI Para Equestrian TOC		Open	58	FEI Musical Freestyle* TOC***	Q	Open
29	FEI Pony Team Test (USEF Qualifying)		Open	59	FEI Para Equestrian TOC		Open
30	Developing Horse Prix St. George Test (USEF Qualifying)		Open	60	FEI Pony Individual Test (USEF Qualifying)		Open
				61	USEF Developing Grand Prix Test (USEF Qualifying)		Open

* For scores to count towards qualifying for Great American/USDF Regional Championships, add \$10 USDF fee to class fee and indicate with a "Q" behind the class name on your entry form. The only tests that can be ridden as qualifying classes are: Training 3, First 3, Second 3, Third 3, Fourth 3, PSG, I-1, I-2, GP, First – Fourth Freestyles, I-1 & GP Freestyles, JR Team & YR Team and FEI Pony Team and Individual Tests.

** USEF/FEI tests for 4, 5 and 6 yr olds, Developing Young Horse, and Brentina Cup may only be ridden in designated classes.

*** Mail in copy of the highest test of that level or higher level with score of at least 60% at USEF show. Adequate sound system provided. Music on CD required.

++ USDF/Dover Adult Amateur Medal Program

Show Management reserves the right to split, cancel, or combine classes depending on entries.

Rules: EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULEBOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.

Awards: Ribbons first – sixth. High Point Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons for Training thru Fourth Division and FEI (excludes Freestyles, Pas de Deux, Quadrille, and FEI 4, 5 & 6 YO & Developing Horse classes). JR/YR//AA and Open riders will be pinned separately within each class assuming more than three total competitors are in the class and that there are more than one Open or more than one JR/YR/AA within the class. If Champion High Point Awards are offered, competitor and horse must be present on show grounds to accept award. Only Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be mailed. No awards will be mailed (if offered). In the case that one horse/rider combination earns the two highest scores at any level, only the Championship will be awarded to that horse/rider combination. Reserve Championship will be passed to horse/rider earning the third highest score at any level.

Entries: Training Level through Fourth Level

FEI, Developing Horse, Brentina Cup & Freestyles

Great American/USDF Qualifying (add to regular class fee)

Office Fee

Drug/USEF Fee (new fee effective 12/1/2011)

USEF Senior & Junior Non-Member Fee

USDF Non-Members

\$40 per class

\$55 per class

\$10 per Qualifying class

\$30 per horse/rider combo

\$16 per horse (D&M = \$8, USEF = \$8)

\$30 per non-member rider, owner or trainer

\$25 per non-member rider or owner

Incomplete Entry Fee (required, fully refundable if 100% complete)	\$10 per entry
Any requested & honored class add., change of time/rider w/in a class (only at the discretion of the Show Management, scheduling conflicts exempt)	\$10 per change
Stabling (Friday 1pm through Sunday 8pm)	\$105 (includes 2 bags of shavings)
Tack Stall (Friday 1pm through Sunday 8pm)	\$95 (NO shavings)

CLOSING DATE IS APRIL 5th, 2012.

Late entries accepted at discretion of the Show Mgt. \$30 post entry fee

Make checks payable to: NFDA – Dressage on the First Coast

Mail to: NFDA
c/o Dibbie Dunnam
104 S.E. 138 Avenue, Micanopy, FL 32667

\$50.00 SERVICE CHARGE ON ALL RETURNED CHECKS.

Entries will **NOT** be accepted without full payment of all fees and without using the Dressage on the First Coast Entry Form. To download a Dressage on the First Coast entry form visit www.dressageonthefirstcoast.com. Please **DO NOT** use the **Dressage Omnibus Entry Form**. Management retains the right to refuse any entry, use substitute judges and combine or split classes as entries warrant. Include copies of all USEF and USDF cards (horse, rider, owner, and trainer) and Coggins, to be retained by show management. **\$10 refund** will be distributed with packet for fully complete and correct entries as required on the Dressage on the First Coast Entry Form. Sorry, NFDA does not accept credit cards.

Refunds: Full refunds before closing date, minus office fee. Notification must be made in writing to secretary, either by mail or email by the rider, owner, or trainer only. **NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON AFTER THE CLOSING DATE, INCLUDING USEF ART. 311.**

Times: Tentative ride times will be available on **April 23rd** online at www.dressageonthefirstcoast.com and by phone **April 25th** from the Show Secretary at (352) 466-3538. All ride times (including pre-printed show program) are to be considered tentative until each morning of the show. **Consult posted times at the Show Office each day on grounds for up-to-date times!** Riders competing more than two (2) horses will be required to sign a waiver allowing shorter times between rides than those specified by USEF if such is necessary to accommodate show schedule.

Stabling: Stalls available for \$105 for the weekend (*includes 2 bags of shavings*). 280 12' x 12' and 149 12' x 10' permanent stalls with sliding doors, electricity and nearby water faucets. Nails and screws are prohibited from use in the stalls. Cable ties, duct tape, over stall hangers, pushpins, and small staples are permitted. Removal of the mentioned items are the responsibility of the competitors. All horses on grounds must be stabled. Two bags of shavings provided for all horse stalls (\$16 value) (*excludes tack stalls*). Additional shavings may be purchased on the show grounds for \$8 per bag. No shavings may be brought in from off-site. **No horses will be accepted for stabling or schooling until 1:00pm Friday, April 27th.** All horses must depart by 8:00pm on Sunday, April 29th. Thursday or Sunday overnight accommodations may be arranged by calling the Jacksonville Equestrian Center directly at (904) 573-4895. Parking allowed around the barn for unloading and loading purposes only. All vehicles and trailers must be moved to designated locations. Illegally parked vehicles will be towed at owners' expense.

Head Gear: DR120.5 At any time while mounted on the competition grounds, all riders under age 18, all riders while on horses competing in national level tests, all riders competing in Para-Equestrian tests, and all riders while on non-competing horses, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. When a horse is competing in both national and FEI levels or tests (e.g. Fourth Level and PSG), the rider must wear protective headgear at all times when mounted on that horse on the competition grounds and during all tests. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Any other exhibitor may wear protective headgear at any level of competition without penalty from the judge. 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. Unless jackets are waived, while in the competition ring, exhibitors wearing protective headgear must wear a short, dark jacket, dark tail coat (only permitted for tests above Fourth Level), or Armed Services or police uniform (if eligible), dark hatcovers (where applicable) and must otherwise conform to DR120 (see GR801). *BOD 1/23/11 Effective 3/1/11*

Arenas/Footing: One indoor arena, other arenas and warm up outdoors – special sand mixture or turf/rubber footing. All arenas 20m X 60m. Quality freestyle sound system.

Rules / Whips: All USEF rules apply; FEI rules will supersede USEF rules where applicable.

Accommodations: Sponsoring Hotel – Best Western Inn & Suites: \$89.90/night including hot breakfast, 4 miles, 525 Chaffee Pt. Blvd. (904) 265-7759; **Holiday Inn Express:** \$99, 4 miles, Chaffee Point Rd. (904) 652-2780; **Hampton Inn:** 4 miles, 548 Chaffee Point Rd., (904) 783-8277; **Comfort Suites:** approx. 10 miles, (904) 224-5500; **LaQuinta Inn:** 15 miles, 8555 Blanding Blvd., (800) 531-5900, pets o.k. **Ask for horse show rates at applicable hotels – not all have reduced rates.** RV hookups available directly through the Equestrian Center. Reserve w/ credit card by calling (904) 573-4895.

Golf Carts: Available directly through the Equestrian Center. Reserve w/ credit card by calling (904) 573-4895

Directions: Available at www.dressageonthefirstcoast.com .

Motorized Vehicle Statement: 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 recognized 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. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include the exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Rule 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

Other: Food concession on the grounds. Veterinarian on call and Farrier on call – numbers to be posted at Show Office. Photographer on grounds – sign up directly with photographer in vending area (not at the Show Office).

Dogs: All dogs must be on leashes at all times with a maximum leash length of 6 feet. No dogs are allowed in the Indoor Arena (City of Jacksonville Ordinance).

Vet/Farrier: The on-call veterinarian and farrier contact numbers will be posted at the show office.

Notice: The Northeast Florida Dressage Association, the Jacksonville Equestrian Center, SMG, the City of Jacksonville, their officials, owners, employees, agents, and guests will not be held responsible for accidents or loss which may occur to an exhibitor, spectators, guest, rider, groom, other employee, animal or equipment at the competition. All exhibitors, spectators, guests, grooms, or other employees are subject to the rules and regulations of NFDA and the Jacksonville Equestrian Center.

Northeast Florida Dressage Association, a tax-exempt, not-for-profit, IRS 501 (c) 3 organization.



For Stabling requirements, consult the prize list.
Only One competing horse can be listed.

Check Here to Confirm Complete Entry Form:

Comp. Entire Entry Form _____
 Supplied ALL USEF/USDF # _____
 Supplied Copies of USEF/USDF cards _____
 Provided ALL Mand. Signatures _____
 Completed Stabling Box _____
 Enclosed CORRECT Payment _____
 Enclosed current Coggins Test Copy _____
 Mailed by Closing Date: 4/5/2012 _____

Name of Horse	Sex: M, G, S	Arrival Time	FRI	SAT	SUN
Tack Stalls					

If you desire to be stabled with a group, please specify group name. ALL HORSES IN A GROUP MUST USE THE SAME GROUP NAME.
GROUP NAME: _____

WARNING: UNDER FLORIDA LAW AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO, OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary 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 \$30 nonmember registration 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 4-11 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) 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.

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 show management, show committee and members, officers, directors, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability or damage from or because of, or in connection with, participation in this competition or related activities.

Federation Entry Agreement Effective 12/1/09

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultler or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of the Competition. I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the Competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action

taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, 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.

Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition to the following:

I AGREE that "the Federation" and "Competition" as used herein includes the Licensee and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and Federation affiliates.

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaultler, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm").

I AGREE to hold harmless and release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at the Competition. I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and if applicable, EV114, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard

against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf. I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition.

I AGREE that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the Federation on the official USEF accident/injury report form.

I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching, and abilities to safely compete in this competition.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank.

Rider/Handler/Longeur (Mand.)	Owner/Agent (Mandatory)	Trainer (Mandatory)
Signature:	Signature:	Signature:
Print Name:	Print Name:	Print Name:

Coach (if applicable) Signature: _____ Print Coach Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (required if rider is a minor): _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Is Rider/Handler/Longeur a U. S. Citizen? Yes No

Emergency Contact #: _____

Emergency Contact #: _____



USEF Competition Name: Dressage on the First Coast - Spring 2012

USEF#: 323224

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):


Training - FEI Levels, Developing Horse, Freestyles, Pas de Deux, Quadrille, NAJYRC Qualifying Competition



USEF Member To Do List:

Mow the fields.  Haul the hay.  Paint the barn — and the

house.  Re-order supplements  and office supplies.

 **OfficeMax** Get new tires and a full service check.  Make sure

we're covered  on the road and in the ring.  Get ready

for  the big competition. Win! Rent a  car and drive to

the coast. Take a vacation.  Relax!  You don't

have to bet the farm to check off this season's most important tasks. For details on

how you can save big  with USEF MemberPerks,  visit usef.org

or call one of our Customer Care agents at 859.258.2472.

USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary 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 \$30 nonmember registration 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) 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.

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 Competitor & Member Guide* or the USDF website at www.usdf.org.



This
competition
is recognized
by USDF
for 2012

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, Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF NM fee. (Note: USDF business members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their USDF BM.) Individuals cannot compete at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition with a USDF Education 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, Quadrille, FEI ParaEquestrian classes, 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 (\$75), 5-years (\$300), or life (\$1,500). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for individuals who have not reached their 21st birthday by December 1 of the current membership year (\$60). A PM allows the member to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions and to participate as a rider and/or owner/lessee for all Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals 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 (\$200) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

Education Membership (EM): A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. This online education only membership expires 12 months after the date joined. This membership type does NOT allow an individual to compete at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition.

Non-Member (NM) Identification Number: For each USDF NM owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a USDF NM fee of \$25 and a USDF NM form 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 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 member 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 (\$25). Scores earned by a horse with an HID number will be recorded, but will NOT be counted towards Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID number is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes or Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$70. 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 (\$95) is eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete at Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals and Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse has an LHR it does not need an HID number. An LHR does not need to be renewed.

How to Join USDF

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

- On the USDF website: www.usdf.org. You can submit the application online or download the form 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.

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of 125 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership in excess of 30,000 members, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals.

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

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

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

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

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

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ATTENTION COMPETITORS

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

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

2012 USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program

The USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program is designed to specifically recognize and encourage adult amateurs riding at Second Level.

Awards

1. USDF/Dover Saddlery Medal Recipient

The eligible rider with the highest score of 60 percent or better in the designated Second Level Test Three class or applicable test of choice USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal class at a participating competition will receive a handcrafted USDF/Dover Saddlery pewter medal and neck ribbon. Winners will receive a \$20 Dover Saddlery gift certificate for the first three USDF/Dover Saddlery Medals they win during the competition season.

2. USDF/Dover Saddlery National Merit Award

A USDF/Dover Saddlery National Merit Award will be awarded to riders winning three USDF/Dover Saddlery Medals in the same competition year.

3. Year-End Awards

The USDF/Dover Saddlery Medal National Champion and Reserve Champion are determined from the average of the top three winning ride scores during the competition year. The champion receives a \$1000 Dover Saddlery gift certificate and the reserve champion receives a \$500 Dover Saddlery gift certificate.

Rider Eligibility

1. Rider must have a current USDF Participating or Group Membership and be a member in good standing of USDF when the scores are earned.
2. Rider must be an adult amateur in accordance with Article GR1306 of the USEF rules and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur at the time the scores are earned.

Owner & Horse Eligibility

1. Horse and owner must meet minimum competition eligibility requirements at the time scores are earned.

Additional Information

For additional information and an updated list of competitions offering the USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program, please visit

<http://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/adultmedalprogram.asp>.



2012 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. Please refer to the 2012 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

Rider:

- Must be a USDF Participating* Member (PM) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

Horse:

- Must be USDF Lifetime Registered (LTR) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be USEF (Annual or Lifetime) recorded at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- USDF horse registration and USEF horse/recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record.
- A horse is not required to have breed registry papers.

Owner:

- Must be a USDF member (PM* or Business Member (BM)) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

* 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 levels through Grand Prix, in three divisions: open, adult amateur and junior/young rider. FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider classes have only one respective division. Freestyles have only open divisions.

The minimum percentages are as follows:

	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
Training Level (Test 3)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 3)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 3)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
FEI Junior (Team Test)	—	—	60%
FEI Young Rider (Team Test)	—	—	60%
Prix St. Georges	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	60%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%

FREESTYLE	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
First Level	63%	—	—
Second Level	63%	—	—
Third Level	63%	—	—
Fourth Level	63%	—	—
Intermediate I	63%	—	—
Grand Prix	63%	—	—