

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region 4  
Dressage Championships



Qualifier for the 2014 US Dressage Finals  
presented by Adequan

**Important: please see the "General Regulations and Entry Specification Section" for additional policies that this show subscribes to and follows.**

**Official Prizelist for  
Great American Insurance Group  
United States Dressage Federation  
Region Four Dressage Championships**

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the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.  
**September 4-7, 2014**

North Iowa Fairgrounds, Mason City, IA  
USEF, USDF, and CSDEA Recognized  
USEF/USDF No. 273447  
Level Four

USDF/Dover Adult Medal Program  
Great American/USDF Regional Qualifier for 2015

Opening Date: 7/1 Entries Received by Date: 8/11

Qualification year for Championship  
classes 09/17/2013 – 08/11/2014

Please review all  
Great American / USDF Regional Championship  
rules and eligibility requirements.

**Remember - copies of all  
memberships/registrations are required with  
entry for Regional Championships.**

**Manager:** Mr. Lloyd Landkamer  
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**Secretaries:** Debbie Landon / Peggy Warren

**Judges:** Joan Darnell 'S', Natalie Lamping 'S',  
Janet Hannon 'S', Anne Cizadlo 'R', Debbie Riehl-  
Rodriguez 'S', Kathleen Barbosa 'S'

**Technical delegates:**  
Elisabeth Williams 'R', Lisa Rogers 'R'

**Veterinarian (on grounds):**  
Dr. Gene Fjeld (641) 590-2970

**Farrier (on grounds):**  
Mr. Rob Talley (612) 840-8086

**On-line entries:**  
On-line entries at [www.dressageshowinfo.com](http://www.dressageshowinfo.com)  
beginning opening date of competition.

**For mailed entries:**  
Draw checks in US Funds and mail entries to:  
**Lloyd Landkamer 9000 Brandywine Road,  
Hamel, MN 55340**

**No entries will be accepted without funds.**  
If entry is received without funds, it will not be  
processed until funds are received. If entry is  
received and payment arrives later, it will be  
considered a late entry regardless of receipt  
date.

**Licensee:** Solland Inc. Lloyd Landkamer

**On-line entries at [www.dressageshowinfo.com](http://www.dressageshowinfo.com) beginning opening  
date of competition.**

**Office Charge for entries:** \$50 per horse/rider combination

**Entry Information Requirement:** Competitors are responsible to include  
a copy of all memberships for horse, owner, rider, and trainer listed on  
entry form. If in freestyle class - a copy of the qualifying test must also be  
included in the entry. A \$5 look-up fee for missing information may apply.

**Late Entries:** \$75 if received after the received by date.

**Post Entries:** Will be taken as scheduling permits - Class fee plus \$10.00  
– requests must be made by 3PM the day prior to the requested ride.

**Faxed Entries:** \$5 per entry fee

**Rider/Handler/Horse Change:** \$25 for either rider or horse change after  
entries submitted.

**Time Change within a class:** \$10 per change if possible (request by 3  
PM the day prior)

**Non-competing horses:** \$100 per show for horses not competing. Must  
fill out entry forms for number and pay office fees.

**Stabling/Tack Stall Fees:** (3 PM Wed - 7 PM Sun) - No initial bedding  
All stabling is assigned on first come, first served basis. If requested barn is  
filled, you will be shifted to the next stabling area and difference in fees  
refunded.

Tack stalls offered at half price if signing up for the Progressive Barn Party. See  
details under "Progressive Barn Party".

Davidson: \$170 for weekend

Draft and Curren: \$140 for weekend

Other barns- \$130 for weekend

\$50/day for early arrivals (horses arriving prior Wed)

\$75 for daily stabling (3 PM – 5PM next day) – no barn choice

Permanent and Temporary 10'x10' stalls with doors

**Bedding:** \$9 per bag order on entry form or at show office.

**Refunds:** All fees of cancelled entries refunded less office fee prior to  
closing date if submitted in writing either by fax or email. No refunds after  
received by date.

**No Shows and Scratches:** All "No Shows" that have not contacted the  
show office prior to their first ride will be considered a scratch for the rest  
of the show and time slots may be filled.

**Qualifying Classes:** Please indicate that the class is to count for  
qualifying by placing a **Q** after the class number. Qualifying will not  
require a separate ride. An exhibitor riding in the Open, Adult Amateur, or  
Junior/Young rider classes will pay an additional \$10 USDF fee to have  
this score entered in the Great American/USDF qualifying class at that  
level.

**Confirmation/Times:** Confirmation of entry will be e-mailed. All e-mail  
addresses must be clearly printed. Ride times and show updates will be  
posted at [DressageShowInfo.com](http://DressageShowInfo.com). Entries taken on a first come, first  
served basis. Entries may close early for non-championship classes if  
time limits for judges are filled. Remaining entries received before  
received date will be placed on a wait list.

**Awards for Open Show:** Divisions (Jr/Yg, AA, Open) may be run  
concurrently as one class. Divisions will be pinned separately. Riders  
must clearly specify division choice. When no designation is made, riders  
will automatically be entered as open. Riders may enter only one division  
per class. Ribbons to sixth place. No awards for qualifying class.

# Great American/USDF Region 4 Championships

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**Progressive Barn Party – Friday night.** Tack stalls will be offered at half price for anyone (individual or barn) who will host and supply a competitor party at their tack stall. Everyone is welcome to sample and visit. Then go onto the next tack stall party. This is a great way to meet new friends, promote your farm and training or showcase your breeding stallion. All people hosting the progressive party will be listed in the program and on the stall map. Special awards for the most outstanding tack stall parties.

**Awards for Regional Championship classes:** A tentative schedule for the Awards Ceremonies will be printed in the “Show Program” and the official schedule will be posted in the show secretary’s office by noon on the day prior to the beginning of the competition. Classes placed Champion and Reserve through eighth place for each level and listed division. Riders placing in the Great American/USDF Regional Championship classes must be present, mounted and in full riding attire for award ceremonies (eight place for all Championship classes). Failure, without prior permission of the competition manager, in consultation with the Technical Delegate, the Awards coordinator, and the USDF representative, to be present and properly attired will eliminate the official placing and score and the next highest score will move up in placing. Prize money for Great American/USDF Regional Championships will be paid directly by the USDF office to the recorded horse owner within thirty (30) days of the end of the championship. Champions will receive an embroidered jacket and a \$50 gift certificate from SmartPak, a trophy, \$278 in prize money, and a neck sash; Reserve Champions will receive an embroidered saddle pad, \$185 in prize money, and a neck sash.

**Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals** awards will include medals and other prizes supplied by USDF. Champion and Reserve are eligible to compete in the National Finals. ***Must include birth date on entry.***

**Arenas:** Outdoor arenas have all-weather sand footing. Warmup rings are of same footing. All tests in standard arena, unless entries warrant - then some tests may be held in a small arena. Full schooling schedule will be posted in show office.

**Directions:** I-35 to Mason City - Clear Lake Exit. Take Hwy 122 East. Go approximately 6 miles on Hwy 122 East to second stop light. Turn left onto Eisenhower and use the west Eisenhower gates. You can see the fairgrounds from the stop light.

**Accommodations:** Comfort Inn (641) 423-4444, Days Inn (641) 424-0210, Holiday Inn (641) 423-1640, Hanford Inn (641) 424-9494, Best Western (641) 357-5253, Super 8 (641) 423-8855. **Camping:** \$25 per night.

**Other:** Current Coggins (within 12 months) on all horses. Health certificate (30-day) needed on all out of state horses. Horses not entered in the show may not be brought onto the show grounds without prior arrangement.

## Special Notes:

- **Thursday night Welcome picnic.** Casual, come take a break.
- **Saturday night** – Progressive barn party hosted by fellow competitors.
- **Night Security** and hourly night check provided – contact Amy Struzzreri at brookesedge@aol.com or 845-220-7206.
- **Photography** by Carolyn Bunch at [www.carolynnbunchphotography.com](http://www.carolynnbunchphotography.com)
- **Advertisements and sponsorships** contact Lloyd Landkamer at DressageShowInfo@aol.com for sponsor packages and ad rates.
- **Workers/Volunteers:** Due to the popularity of the show and the low number of volunteers usually working, we ask the each competitor take a moment and fill out the volunteer form so we can count on you to make this Championship very special for everyone. You can specify working prior to the show (setting up), during the show (scribing, running, tabulation), or after the show (tear down and clean up) **Earn Dressage Dollars** - as a reward for all your hard work as a volunteer at this show, you are eligible to receive “**Dressage Dollars**” to be used at future dressage show events hosted by this organizer. Just check the entry form “volunteer box” that you are willing to help or drop an e-mail to [DressageShowInfo@aol.com](mailto:DressageShowInfo@aol.com).
- **Vendors:** Please contact North Iowa Fairgrounds directly concerning vendor space and fees. 641-423-3811.

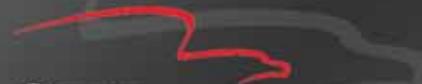
**Warning: Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who participates in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities.**

**Official prize list and updates will be posted at [dressageshowinfo.com](http://dressageshowinfo.com).**

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## Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region Four Championships

Thu #	Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	Class Name (* GAIG/USDF Qualifying)	Divisions	Fee	Q
1	101	201	301	USEF Training Level Test One	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	
2	102	202	302	USEF Training Level Test Two	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	
3	103	203	303	USEF Training Level Test Three*	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	\$55
4	104	204	304	USEF First Level Test One	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	
5	105	205	305	USEF First Level Test Two	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	
6	106	206	306	USEF First Level Test Three*	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	\$55
7	107	207	307	USEF Second Level Test One	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	
8	108	208	308	USEF Second Level Test Two	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	
9	109	<b>209</b>	309	USEF Second Level Test Three* <i>(Dover Medal - Sat)</i>	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	\$55
10	110	210	310	USEF Third Level Test One	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	
11	111	211	311	USEF Third Level Test Two	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	
12	112	212	312	USEF Third Level Test Three*	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	\$55
13	113	213	313	USEF Fourth Level Test One	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	
14	114	214	314	USEF Fourth Level Test Two	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	
15	115	215	315	USEF Fourth Level Test Three*	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$45	\$55
15	116	216	316	FEI Prix St George*	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$65	\$75
17	117	217	317	FEI Intermediare I*	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$65	\$75
18	118	218	318	FEI Intermediare II* qualifier for 2015	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$65	\$75
19	119	219	319	FEI Grand Prix*	JR-YR / AA / Open	\$65	\$75
				<b>Championship Classes</b>			
				<i>Open Division</i>			
	430			Great American/USDF Training Level Championship*	Open	\$90	\$100
		433		Great American/USDF First Level Championship*	Open	\$90	\$100
			438	Great American Second Level Championship*	Open	\$90	\$100
	431			Great American/USDF Third Level Championship*	Open	\$90	\$100
		434		Great American/USDF Fourth Level Championship*	Open	\$90	\$100
			439	Great American/USDF PSG Championship*	Open	\$90	\$100
	432			Great American/USDF I1 Championship*	Open	\$90	\$100
		435		Great American/USDF I B Championship	Open	\$90	
			440	Great American/USDF Grand Prix Championship*	Open	\$90	\$100
		436		Great American/USDF Freestyle Championship* (state level performed – class placed by level)	Open	\$90	\$100

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Fri #	Sat #	Sun #	Class Name (* GAIG/USDF Qualifying)	Divisions	Fee	Q
			<b>Adult Amateur Division</b>			
		535	Great American/USDF Training Level Championship*	AA	\$90	\$100
	532		Great American/USDF First Level Championship*	AA	\$90	\$100
530			Great American Second Level Championship*	AA	\$90	\$100
		536	Great American/USDF Third Level Championship*	AA	\$90	\$100
	533		Great American/USDF Fourth Level Championship*	AA	\$90	\$100
531			Great American/USDF PSG Championship*	AA	\$90	\$100
		537	Great American/USDF I1 Championship*	AA	\$90	\$100
	534		Great American/USDF I B Championship	AA	\$90	
		538	Great American/USDF Grand Prix Championship*	AA	\$90	\$100
			<b>Junior / Young Rider Division</b>			
630			Great American/USDF Training Level Championship*	JR-YR	\$90	\$100
	633		Great American/USDF First Level Championship*	JR-YR	\$90	\$100
		638	Great American Second Level Championship*	JR-YR	\$90	\$100
	634		Great American/USDF Third Level Championship*	JR-YR	\$90	\$100
		639	Great American/USDF Fourth Level Championship*	JR-YR	\$90	\$100
	635		Great American/USDF PSG Championship*	JR-YR	\$90	\$100
		640	Great American/USDF I1 Championship*	JR-YR	\$90	\$100
	636		Great American/USDF I B Championship	JR-YR	\$90	
		641	Great American/USDF Grand Prix Championship*	JR-YR	\$90	\$100
631			Great American/USDF FEI YR Championship*	JR-YR	\$90	\$100
632			Great American/USDF FEI JR Championship*	JR-YR	\$90	\$100
	637		USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals 13 and Under	JR	\$50	
		642	USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals 14-18	JR	\$50	
Have a great season next year!						

# US Dressage Finals



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## and USDF Dressage in the Bluegrass

Nov. 6-9, 2014  
Kentucky Horse Park

Qualify at one of the nine 2014 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships. Training Level through Grand Prix; adult amateur and open divisions.

[usdressagefinals.com](http://usdressagefinals.com)



## A. MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFYING AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Rider:

- Must have a USDF Participating\* Membership (PM) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must have a USEF membership (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

### Horse:

- Must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must have a USEF (Annual or Lifetime) Membership 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 have a USDF membership (PM\* or Business Member (BM)) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must have a USEF membership (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.

## B. QUALIFYING CLASS AND CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

1. Horse/rider combinations which have won a USEF/USDF Regional Championship may no longer compete in a USEF/USDF Regional Championship competition, in that division, at that or a lower level (Grand Prix Level excepted) if they received the minimum qualifying score or higher for that division and level in the championship test per USEF DR127.5.
2. A horse may not be entered in more than one USEF/USDF Regional Championship at a particular level in the same calendar year.
3. USDF will presume qualified horse/rider combinations will compete in the region in which the rider resides as determined by the address associated with the rider's membership information on file as of July 1. Riders are NOT required to be a resident of the region to compete in that region's championship. Riders, who wish to compete at Regional Championships in a region other than their region of residence, must submit a Change of Region Form, at no cost if done prior to July 1. Change of Region Forms may be accepted from July 2 up to August 1, with a late fee of \$100; from August 2, up to the closing date of the championship region the rider is declaring for, with a late fee of \$300. **No changes to region may be made after the closing date of the region in which a rider wishes to enter, for any reason.** In addition, all persons living outside of the United States must declare a region by the deadline of July 1 of the current competition year.
4. A rider may not compete in more than one Regional Championship competition in the same calendar year.
5. In the event a competitor is unable to produce copies of the USDF membership or lifetime horse registration documents required to enter a qualifying class, a USDF membership/registration affidavit with appropriate fee may be completed and filed with the competition secretary. The affidavit and

appropriate fee must be submitted to USDF by the competition secretary with the competition results. Copies of the required memberships and registrations MUST be included with championship entry. Affidavits will not be accepted for USEF or USDF membership or horse recording verification purposes for entry in championship classes.

6. USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals: All junior riders through age 18 who have qualified at any level for the Regional Championships (excluding freestyle) are automatically eligible to compete in the Semi-Final classes of the USEF/USDF Dressage Seat Medal Program. Additionally, any rider that earns a score of 70% or higher during the DSM qualifying period from August 1 through July 30 will be qualified to participate in the USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals. One Semi-Final class will be offered for juniors, ages 13 and under, and a second Semi-Final class for riders 14 through 18 at each Great American/USDF Regional Championship. A regional champion and reserve champion for each age group will be named in each USDF region. For more details on this program and the Semi-Finals, see the USEF Rule Book, DR133 or visit the dressage page of the USEF website at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).
7. 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)

## E. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. All Regional Championship competitions are considered Level 4. Please refer to USEF Dressage Level Requirements for specifics.
2. Each entry must designate the division being entered (open, adult amateur or junior/young rider) and must meet minimum percentage requirements for the championship division entered.
3. Cross-entering open/adult amateur divisions is NOT permitted at the same or at adjacent levels except at a level that does not offer an adult amateur division.
4. If a rider intends to enter a Regional Championship as an adult amateur, the rider must be an adult by the current USEF definition (DR 119.3) and a current amateur by the USEF definition. (USEF GR1306, 1307)
5. If a rider intends to enter a championship as a junior/young rider, the rider must be a junior/young rider by the current USEF definition and his birth date must be on file with USDF by July 1 of the championship year.
6. Photocopies of USDF/USEF membership cards and horse recording and registration certificates must accompany championship entry (USDF PM for rider, USDF PM or BM for owner, etc.).
7. Whips may not be carried in championship tests (Exception: Competitors riding sidesaddle may carry a whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, in USEF/USDF Championships.) An adjustable-length whip may not be carried by a mounted rider.
8. All championship tests must be ridden from memory. (USEF DR122.1)
9. The gate at "A" must be closed for every USEF/USDF championship ride. (USEF DR126.1.f.5)
10. At no time during a USEF/USDF Regional Championship competition may any horse entered in that championship competition be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the championship competition on that horse (exception:

grooms riding on loose rein). Further, any horse entered in a championship competition, even entered at two levels, must be ridden by the same rider throughout competition. (USEF DR127.6) (NOTE: This applies throughout the entire competition, even after a horse has completed its championship classes.)

11. In the event of a tie (equality of total points) for champion and/or reserve champion in USEF/USDF championships classes, the collective marks will determine first, second, and/or third or all three places; (i.e. when a tie for first place is broken by collective marks, tied competitors will receive first and second places, etc.). If collective marks are equal, the tie will remain unbroken (i.e. two first places will be awarded next third place, etc.). Ties (equality of total points) after second place will be broken by collective marks. Ties (equality of total points and collective marks) occurring in third through eighth places will remain unbroken. In the case of a tie (equality of total points and collective marks) for champion, prize money designated for champion and reserve champion will be combined and divided equally between the two competitors.
12. Hors de Concours entries are not permitted in USEF/USDF championship classes. (USEF DR119.5)
13. In a USEF/USDF championship class, the horse/rider combination must obtain the necessary minimum percentage score to be named champion or reserve champion. (USEF DR123.6) If the highest placed horse/rider combination receives less than the minimum percentage, no Championship awards or prize money will be issued, however an awards ceremony will be held for the entire class. In lieu of a champion and/or reserve neck sash, a first and/or second place ribbon will be awarded.
14. In USEF/USDF championship classes, a steward must be appointed to check the saddlery, bits and spurs, on both sides of each horse immediately after it has completed its test and has left the arena. Any discrepancy to the saddlery rules will result in immediate elimination. (USEF DR126.1.i.6)
15. A Registered (R) Dressage Technical Delegate (TD), who is a current Participating Member of USDF, is required to officiate at USEF/USDF championships. TDs for competitions offering qualifying and/or championship classes must investigate incidents of non-compliance and report violations to USEF. "R" Dressage TDs hired to officiate Regional Championship classes must be selected from outside the region. This applies only to the primary competition TD, who is the person responsible for filing the TD report for the competition with USEF. (See Section H.3. c, and USEF GR1018.3 and DR127.3)
16. Entries in USEF/USDF dressage championship classes are limited to competitors who have met the qualifications, membership, horse recording and registration requirements, and deadlines outlined in USEF DR127 and published by USDF. Competitors who are properly qualified, whose completed entries are received by the closing date for a particular Regional Championship, and who have complied with all championship rules may not be denied entry into the Regional Championship classes for which they have qualified. Only one class per division and/or level may be held to determine USEF/USDF regional champions. (USEF GR 915.2)
17. USEF/USDF championships classes may not be split. (USEF DR126.1a.4)
18. Championship classes for juniors and young riders and Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals classes must only be held on weekends, including Friday. Juniors and young riders'

entries (horse/rider combinations) are limited to entry in only two championship classes, excluding freestyle.

19. Except for freestyles, championship classes at consecutive levels, for the same division, may not be held on the same day.

## General regulations, policies and entry specifications

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 showgrounds. This includes conduct, correct saddlery and equipment, and attire.

**Liability** – Horses by their inherent nature present a risk. This show, the management, the USEF Licensee, and the facility will not be responsible for any loss or damage or injury to horses exhibited, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed, or in any way injured. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned to any person, whomsoever, by any horse owned or exhibited by said exhibitor and shall indemnify the show, the management, the show committee and volunteers, the USEF Licensee, the USEF and USDF, or any member thereof, against all claims and demands, of any nature or kind, that may grow out of any injury occasioned by any horses owned or exhibited by them, or arise from the negligence of the person in charge of any such horse. All horses exhibited in this show participate entirely at the owner's risk. **Neither the Organizing Committee, show volunteers and staff, the facility or its owners, any host GMO, USEF or USDF or their members will be responsible for any damage, injury, or loss to persons, horses, or property of exhibitors or spectators. All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.**

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.

Exhibitors should exercise extreme caution before medicating their horses and should be aware of the US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION rules governing drugs and medications. Any questions about the use of certain medications and regarding Rule IV should be directed to the **USEF drugs and medication program, 3780 Ridge Mill Drive, Hilliard, Ohio 43026-9231 – Phone: (800) 633-2472**

A trainer is defined as any adult who has responsibility for the horse on the competition grounds and must sign the entry form.

**Hazardous Weather/Accident/Acts of God, and Emergency 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 any Championship or qualifying classes being offered. No refunds for cancellations due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, accidents, or emergencies. Please see specific shows if there are any additional conditions to this policy.

**Food and concessions** will be available on the show grounds during normal show hours. Any changes to this policy will be posted.

**Numbers must be worn at all times when a horse is being exercised or ridden.**

**Warning: Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who participates in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities. Please be aware of the laws specific to the show location.**

**Show Management reserves the right to vary or add officials and refuse any entry for a cause; to disqualify any exhibitor and/or his or her horse for cause; to cause an exhibitor to forfeit his or her ribbons and winnings for cause; to return any entry and/or stall fee before or during the show for cause; all without being liable for damage or compensation. Show management reserves the right to make any changes deemed necessary for the safe and efficient conduct of this competition.**

**Important notice to all affected parties:** Third parties may come upon the property or enter the facilities where any herein described or listed event will occur; provided, that this is a license to enter the premises, for the purpose of observing or participating in the event, but not otherwise, and such license to any individual is subject to revocation by the owner, lessee or organizer, and entry for any purpose other than granted herein, shall be deemed criminal trespass and subject to appropriate legal proceedings.

**Attention Competitors:** Each competitor is responsible for supplying the show management with the correct and required association numbers of USDF and/or USEF for the horse, owner, rider, coaches, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not count towards national awards. The proof of these numbers must be in the form of either their actual membership/registration cards or a facsimile of them. Proof of membership must be included with entry form. Please provide the USEF/USDF Master Verification ([www.eqverification.org](http://www.eqverification.org)) although membership cards or photocopies of cards are still acceptable. Failure to provide proof of USEF and/or USDF membership will result in competitor being charged non-member fees. Members that are unable to produce the USDF memberships cards/registrations or a facsimile will be asked to sign an affidavit and pay an affidavit fee. All entries are taken on a first come, first served basis. Some shows return late arriving entries after the show is filled, and some shows place entries on a wait list on a as-received basis. Please check each show for any additional policies. Send in the entries as soon as possible to assure entry to the show. **Only one horse-rider combination per entry form per show.**

**Motorized Vehicles:** 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(s), legal guardian(s), 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 sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include 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 Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

**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.

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

**Health Papers:** Riders should be aware that Interstate Health Papers are required to be in your vehicle when attending shows not within their home state. Some states also require health papers when transporting between facilities within the same state. Please contact your state veterinarian office for further information.

**No Shows:** All "No Shows" that have not contacted the show office will be considered a scratch for the rest of the show and time slots may be filled. Exhibitors enter with this understanding and agreement.

**Sharps Disposal:** 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. Containers are located at the end of each barn aisle and within center aisles when center aisles are present within the barns.

**Freestyle Entry:** In order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 60% in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a USEF Recognized Competition. A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class. Does not apply to competitors in NAJYRC qualifiers.

**DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON SHOW GROUNDS** (including in stable areas). Owner may be fined. All pets must be leashed or otherwise contained. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dog owners failing to comply with this rule may be subject to penalty under Chapters 6 and 7, as well as issuance or warning cards. GR1301.6 Also, please dispose of all dog waste in proper containers.

**FEI Ponies:** If ponies are entered in FEI Pony Test(s) and in need of a USEF measurement card, an appointment for measuring MUST be made with show management prior to the show.

#### **MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING CLASSES**

Riders must be current USDF Participating members & USEF members (Junior, Senior or Life) in good standing. Horses must be USDF registered and USEF recorded. Horses with only an HID are not eligible. Owners must be current USDF Participating or Business members & USEF members (Junior, Senior or Life) in good standing.

**For current Great American/USDF Championship requirements, go to [www.usdf.org/competitions/competitions-championships/regionals/index.asp](http://www.usdf.org/competitions/competitions-championships/regionals/index.asp).**

#### **USEF and USDF Fees for all shows**

<b>USDF Affidavit</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>USDF Horse ID</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>USDF Non Member</b>	<b>\$25.00 (for each NM rider &amp; owner)</b>
<b>USEF Show Pass</b>	<b>\$30.00 (for each NM rider, owner, trainer, coach)</b>
<b>USEF Fee for National:</b>	<b>\$16.00 (D &amp; M \$8.00, USEF \$8.00) per USEF Horse</b>
<b>USEF Fee for CDI:</b>	<b>\$28.00 ( D &amp; M \$20.00, USEF \$8.00) per CDI Horse</b>

**GAIG/USDF QUAL** - Qualifying class for GAIG/USDF Regional Dressage Championships. Declare qualifying ride on entry form. Class fee plus additional \$10 fee must be paid prior to start of the class.

**Markel/USEF QUAL** – Qualifying class for Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Program

**NAJYRC and USEF QUAL** - Qualifying class for FEI NAJYRC and USEF National Junior and Young Rider Championships

**USEF QUAL** – Qualifying class for USEF National Championships

**Classes** may not necessarily be run in the order listed in the prize lists.

**Arena Sizes:** Standard arena is 20m x 60m. Small arena is 20m x 40m. Shows may elect to run some classes in a small arena if necessary provided the test is designed for a small arena.

**Opportunity Classes:** Any Opportunity Classes offered must include "Opportunity" in the class name. These classes must follow all USEF Dressage Division rules and applicable USEF General Rules, including dress and saddlery.

- Opportunity Classes are for entry level riders and these classes must be judged by USEF licensed judges or FEI Dressage judges.
- If entered in opportunity classes restricted to amateurs, riders are required to have an amateur status with USEF or pay the \$30 non-member amateur card fee.
- The prize list must state whether or not horses and/or riders/drivers/handlers entered in Opportunity Classes can cross enter into the rated/recognized classes at the same competition. If cross entry is allowed, all applicable fees and membership requirements will apply.
- Opportunity Classes cannot be used as qualifying classes for the Great American/USDF Regional Championships.
- Freestyles or Test of choice classes may not be offered as Opportunity classes.
- Riders and Owners entered only in these classes are exempt from both USDF and USEF membership requirements and are not required to pay a non-member fee **but are required to list the Federation membership number if the participant is a member.**
- Horses entered only in these classes:
  - **Are** exempt from the Federation fee, including the Equine Drugs and Medication fee.
  - **Are not** required to have either a USEF or USDF Horse Identification (HID) or Recording Number but are to list the HID or Recording number if the horse has been assigned this number.
- Horses entered only in these classes are still subject to and must comply with the Drugs and Medication rules and are subject to drug testing.

**Adult Amateur Classes** - Participants must possess a current USEF Amateur Card and qualify under the USEF Amateur rules. Any non-member that wishes to participate in the Adult Amateur designated classes must purchase a USEF non-member amateur card for \$30 from USEF. Open to Adult Amateurs only; riders must compete as adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22.

**Pony/JR/YR** - Open to Juniors and Young Riders only; any rider is eligible until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. Only riders ages 14-18 may ride FEI JR Tests. Only riders age 16-21 may ride FEI YR Tests. Only riders ages 12-16 may ride FEI Pony Tests. Must include birth date on entry form.

**Announcements:** Class announcements and ride time announcements are a courtesy to the exhibitor and not all shows provide the capability of public address announcements. Exhibitors are responsible for presenting themselves to the ring at their designated time and accept the full responsibility for doing so. Competitions offering public announcements will make every effort to maintain a working PA system, but it is stressed that it is still the exhibitors responsibility to be on time. No protest will be upheld, nor any ride time changed, on the basis of a PA breakdown or missed announcement. Ring stewards will also make every effort to keep people informed and entering the ring in a timely fashion. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the correct show time and their scheduled performance time irregardless of PA announcements or ring stewards. No protest will be upheld, nor ride time changed due to failure of the exhibitor to meeting their responsibilities.

**Helmets:** From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds, including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, mounted participants in exhibition classes and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para-Equestrian tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding 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. DR120.6

### **U.S. Equestrian Federation, Inc. 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 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.

### **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**

To be eligible, a rider must meet the following criteria:

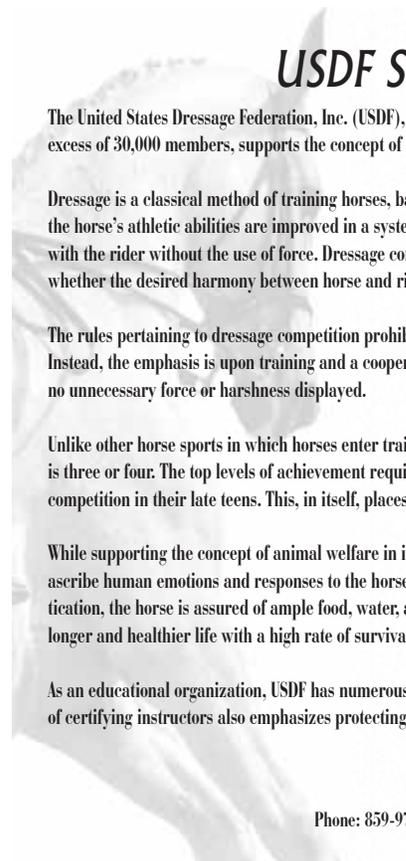
1. Rider must be a current USDF Participating Member or Group Member at the time of the competition.
2. Rider must be an adult amateur in accordance with Article GR1306 of the USEF rules and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur as of the competition date.

#### **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>.

**COMPORMTANT:** Exhibitors are notified that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the Judges or Officials on the part of the owner, rider, trainer, family member, or groom may disqualify the horse and will forfeit all entry and other fees.

**Show Schedule and Ride Time Conflicts:** It is the responsibility of the rider to inform the management of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving the schedule.



## *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.

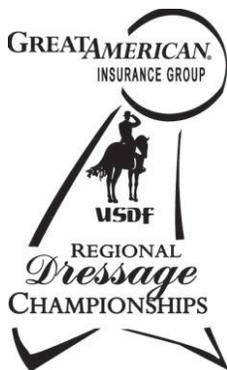
As an educational organization, USDF has numerous programs, which teach people how to pursue the accepted, humane training methods. A program of certifying instructors also emphasizes protecting the horse's welfare in pursuit of dressage training.

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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.



## 2014 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 2014 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

### Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

#### Rider:

- Must have a USDF Participating\* Membership (PM) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must have a USEF membership (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

#### Horse:

- Must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LTR) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must have a USEF (Annual or Lifetime) Membership 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 have a USDF membership (PM\* or Business Member (BM)) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must have a USEF membership (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. Effective January 1, 2014, for the Intermediate II level, a rider can use either Intermediate II or Intermediate B scores to qualify, HOWEVER the test to be ridden at Regionals and Finals will be the Intermediate B test.

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/B	60%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%
<b>FREESTYLE</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>JR/YR</b>
First Level	63%	—	—
Second Level	63%	—	—
Third Level	63%	—	—
Fourth Level	63%	—	—
Intermediate I	63%	—	—
Grand Prix	63%	—	—



## **US Dressage Finals Eligibility**

The US Dressage Finals is an Invitational competition using the USEF/USDF Regional Championship program to qualify. Qualifying takes place at each of the nine Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, based on either 1) Placing in a Regional Championship Class or 2) Wild Card Eligibility. Either must be achieved at a Regional Championship in a class and eligible division offered at the US Dressage Finals.

### **I. Qualification Based on Placing in a Regional Championship Class:**

Champion and Reserve Champion horse/rider combinations for each level and eligible division from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited, provided the following three requirements are met: US Citizenship; Declaration of Intent completed by the deadline; and earning an eligible placing in a Regional Championship class.

*Note: Since Freestyle classes at Regional Championships are not split by division, the top two Open horse/rider combinations and the top two Adult Amateur horse/rider combinations for each level from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited. In addition, to be eligible for the Adult Amateur division in the Freestyles at the US Dressage Finals, competitors must check the AA box on the Regional Championship entry form, and must provide proof of Adult Amateur status prior to competing in their Regional Championship classes.*

- 1) **United States Citizenship Requirement:** To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen.
- 2) **Declaration Requirement:** The horse/rider combination must declare their intention to participate **by completing the Declaration of Intent form by midnight on the day prior to the first day of their Regional Championship competition (including any open class day before the start of championship classes).** There is no fee to declare, but horse/rider combinations must declare at the level(s) and eligible division(s) they intend to compete in at the US Dressage Finals. Go to [www.usdressagefinals.com](http://www.usdressagefinals.com) to declare.
- 3) **Placing in a Regional Championship Class:** Eligibility to enter US Dressage Finals classes is based on a horse/rider combination's placing in a Regional Championship class. Champions and Reserve Champions in eligible classes will be automatically invited, as long as their Declaration of Intent has been **received** by the deadline. *Note: In order to be named Champion and Reserve Champion in a Regional Championship class, a horse/rider combination must have achieved a score of 55% or higher.*

In the event that the Champion and/or Reserve Champion declines the invitation, or are ineligible to compete in the US Dressage Finals, the horse/rider combination that has the next highest placing in the class will be invited, providing they:

1. have achieved the pre-requisite score of 55% or higher;
2. completed the Declaration of Intent for that particular level and division by the deadline; and
3. are a US citizen.

If that combination declines the invitation, the same process will be followed down through the fifth placing horse/rider combination *that has declared* for that Finals level and division.

No invitations will be issued beyond the fifth placing declared horse/rider combination except as may be eligible through the Wild Card invitations described below.

## **II. Qualification Based on Wild Card Eligibility:**

Horse/rider combinations who are not otherwise qualified to compete in the US Dressage Finals based on their Regional Championship placing (see above) may be invited to participate in a Finals class by earning a Wild Card score achieved at one of the nine Regional Championships, provided the following two requirements are met: US Citizenship and earning an eligible Wild Card score in a Regional Championship class.

- 1) **United States Citizenship Requirement:** To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen.
- 2) **Eligible Wild Card Score:** Eligibility to enter US Dressage Finals classes is based on a Wild Card score earned in a Regional Championship class. For all levels and divisions from Training through Grand Prix, a horse/rider combination that competes in a Regional Championship class and achieves a score at or above the score listed below for that level and division may compete in the **same** level and division at the US Dressage Finals.

***Note: Horse/rider combinations are not required to have filed a "Declaration of Intent" in order to receive a Wild Card invitation.***

	<b><u>OPEN:</u></b>	<b><u>AA:</u></b>
Training:	72%	68%
First:	72%	68%
Second:	68%	65%
Third:	68%	65%
Fourth:	68%	65%
Prix St. Georges:	68%	65%
Intermediate I:	66%	64%
Intermediate B:	66%	64%
Grand Prix:	66%	64%
All Freestyles	66%	66%

## **III. Invitations:**

Invitations and notifications will be emailed to eligible/qualified horse/rider combinations immediately after each Regional Championship. There will be three categories of emails: (1) Invitation emails will be sent to the first and

second placed declared combinations; (2) Invitation emails will be sent to combinations eligible for a Wild Card; and, (3) Notification emails will be sent to 3-5<sup>th</sup> of those horse/rider combinations who have declared, notifying them that they are on the reserve/alternate list and reminding them to check the website for any status changes that would make them eligible for an invitation.

In the event that an invited horse/rider combination scratches, invitations may be issued up to the start of the competition.

*Note: Competitors do not need to receive an actual invitation to nominate themselves for the US Dressage Finals. The entry system will have their eligibility status and they can nominate prior to receiving an email invitation.*

#### **IV. Nomination Requirement:**

Nomination, including payment of the nomination fee, is **required** for participation in US Dressage Finals classes, **whether qualifying through placing in a Regional Championship class or by Wild Card Eligibility**. The nomination deadline is midnight, 96 hours after the last championship day in the regional championship show in which the horse/rider combination competed. Each US Dressage Finals horse/rider combination is required to complete the nomination (preliminary entry) process. The Nomination fee paid will be applied to the total amount due at Closing Date.

#### **V. Entry Requirements**

Completed entries for the US Dressage Finals **must be received** by the closing date, October 23, 2014, midnight Eastern Time.

<b>US Dressage Finals Deadlines</b>		
<b>Regional Championship</b>	<b>Declaration</b>	<b>Nomination</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 01, 2014</b>	<b>Thursday, October 09, 2014</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 08, 2014</b>	<b>Thursday, October 16, 2014</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 15, 2014</b>	<b>Thursday, October 23, 2014</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Thursday, September 04, 2014</b>	<b>Thursday, September 11, 2014</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 17, 2014</b>	<b>Thursday, September 25, 2014</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 17, 2014</b>	<b>Thursday, September 25, 2014</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 24, 2014</b>	<b>Thursday, October 02, 2014</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 17, 2014</b>	<b>Thursday, September 25, 2014</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 08, 2014</b>	<b>Thursday, October 16, 2014</b>
<p><i>Above deadlines are midnight in the time zone of the specific Regional Championship</i></p> <p><b>Entry Closing Date is October 23, 2014 midnight Eastern Time</b></p>		

For evolving event and competitor information, [usdressagefinals.com](http://usdressagefinals.com) will be your source.

**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).



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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, 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 Para-Equestrian 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](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.

USEF Competition Name:

USEF#:

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):



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COMPETITION NAME \_\_\_\_\_ COMPETITION DATES \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF HORSE				PREVIOUS NAME (IF ANY)		USEF#	USDF#	FOR SALE
BREED	SEX	HEIGHT	COLOR	COGGINS DATE (ENCLOSED COPY)		SIRE	DAM	
DAM'S SIRE		COUNTRY OF BIRTH	YEAR OF BIRTH	BREEDER		FEI/PASSPORT #	GROOM	

**RIDER/HANDLER** \_\_\_\_\_

USEF# \_\_\_\_\_ USDF# \_\_\_\_\_ FEI/LOCAL# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ JR/YOUNG RIDER BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

RIDER STATUS (CIRCLE ONE): JR/YG      AA      OPEN

**OWNER** \_\_\_\_\_

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please Fill Out Both Sides of This Form. Reverse side MUST be SIGNED.

CLASS No.	DIVISION	CLASS DESCRIPTION	QUAL Y/N	FEES

SUBTOTAL CLASS FEES AND QUALIFYING FEES		
USEF Show Pass FEES \$30 PER NON-MEMBER		
USDF NON MEMBER FEE \$25 PER NON-MEMBER		
OFFICE FEE AND/OR BRIDLE # FEE		
USEF HORSE FEES \$8 USEF FEE + \$8 DRUG FEE = \$16.00		
CDI HORSE FEES \$8 USEF FEE + \$ 20 DRUG FEE = \$28.00		
IHP DISCIPLINE FEE (\$35 IF REQUIRED)		
STABLING FEES _____ STALL @ \$_____/STALL		
TACK STALLS _____ STALL @ \$_____/STALL		
BEDDING _____ BALES @ \$_____/BALE		
NON COMPETING HORSE FEE		
SPONSORSHIP		
GROUNDS FEE OR OTHER FEES _____		
OTHER _____		
LATE/CHANGE/BANK CHARGES FOR CC		
<b>TOTAL FEES</b>		

**Stabling Information & Special Requests:** *Please list only ONE name (either individual or barn) for entire group (so we can get everyone together)*

Group/Self	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Stalls							
Tack Stalls							

Stable Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Federation Entry Agreement Effective**

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of 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, vaultor, 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.

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. Copied from USEF website 11/14/2013

OWNER'S/AGENT'S SIGNATURE (MANDATORY)	RIDER/HANDLER SIGNATURE (MANDATORY)	TRAINER'S SIGNATURE (MANDATORY)	COACH'S SIGNATURE (IF APPLICABLE)
PRINT NAME	PRINT NAME	PRINT NAME	PRINT NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IF RIDER/DRIVER/TRAINER/HANDLER/VALTER/LONGEUR IS UNDER 18	PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

RIDER EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION	
NAME OF CONTACT/RELATIONSHIP:	PHONE:

FILL OUT ONLY IF THE COMPETITION YOU ENTER ON THIS ENTRY FORM OFFERS CERTAIN USE OF CHARGE CARDS!! (Check in the prize list or individual competition requirements)			
<input type="checkbox"/> VISA	<input type="checkbox"/> AMEX	CARD NO. _____	EXP DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	NAME ON CARD: _____	CVV # _____
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