

# Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival & Lexington CDI 3\*

## CDI 3\*/2\*/1\*/J/Y/U25/YH/Am

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*Hand-Crafted, Bespoke Saddles for Dressage, Show Jumping and Eventing.*

Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, Virginia

USEF Level 5 Dressage Competition - National Classes will be conducted at USEF Level 3 Standards

**May 14-17, 2026**

**Opening Date:** March 14, 2026

**Closing Date:** May 4, 2026

Entries must be received electronically.

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**Official Qualifying Competition for the 2026 FEI North American Youth Championships, 2026 USEF Children Dressage National Championship, 2026 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship, 2026 USEF Junior Dressage National Championship, 2026 USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship, 2026 USEF Brentina Cup Dressage National Championship, 2026 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships, 2026 USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship, 2026 Adequan®/USEF Para Dressage National Championships, 2026 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Dressage (Five-, Six-, and Seven-Year Olds)**

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**CDI CLASSES**  
**QUALIFER FOR THE USEF OPEN**  
**CDI Jog – Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

**Arrival Inspections must be completed prior to the jog – Arrival Inspections available from 9AM on Wednesday and Thursday until 2 hours prior to the jog.**

<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Class Fee</b>
500			Prix St. Georges ** ++ Prize money up to \$1200	\$165
	600		FEI Intermediate I ** ++ Prize money up to \$1200	\$165
		700	FEI Intermediate I Freestyle ** Prize money up to \$1800	\$165
501			FEI Intermediate A Prize money up to \$500	\$150
	601		FEI Intermediate 2**++ Prize money up to \$500	\$150
502			FEI Grand Prix for the Special or Freestyle**++ Prize money up to \$1500	\$185
	602		FEI Grand Prix Freestyle **++ Prize money up to \$2000	\$185
		702	FEI Grand Prix Special++ Prize money up to \$2000	\$185
503			FEI Junior Team Test ** ++	\$120
	603		FEI Junior Individual Test ++	\$120
		703	FEI Junior Freestyle ++	\$120
504			FEI Young Rider Team Test **++	\$120
	604		FEI Young Rider Individual Test ++	\$120
		704	FEI Young Rider Freestyle ++	\$120
505			FEI Intermediate II (16-25 Tour) ** ++	\$120
	605		FEI Grand Prix (16-25 Tour) ++	\$120
		705	FEI Grand Prix Freestyle (16-25 Tour) **	\$125
506			FEI Prix St. Georges for Amateur** ++ Prize money up to \$400	\$150
	606		FEI Intermediate I for Amateur** ++ Prize money up to \$400	\$150
		706	FEI Intermediate I Freestyle for Amateur** Prize money up to \$400	\$150
508			FEI Intermediate A for Amateur Prize money up to \$400	\$150
	608		FEI Intermediate B for Amateur Prize money up to \$400	\$150
		708	FEI Intermediate 2 for Amateur** Prize money up to \$400	\$150
	609		FEI Grand Prix for Amateur**	\$125
		709	FEI Grand Prix Special for Amateur	\$125
	610		FEI Preliminary Dressage Test for 5 Yr Olds++ %%	\$120
		710	FEI Dressage Test for 5 Yr Olds ++ %%	\$120
	611		FEI Preliminary Dressage Test for 6 Yr Olds++ %%	\$120
		711	FEI Dressage Test for 6 Yr Olds ++ %%	\$120
	612		FEI Preliminary Dressage Test for 7 Yr Olds++ %%	\$120
		712	FEI Dressage Test for 7 Yr Olds ++ %%	\$120

\*\* 2026 GAIG Q, Add \$20 Qualification Fee to Entry Fee

++ 2026 USEF and/or NAYC Qualifying

%% WBC/Markel/USEF Qualifying

**A copy of the actual Definite schedule will be available on the FEI website, [www.FEI.org](http://www.FEI.org). It is also available to any FEI competitor prior to the show from the show secretary. Portal entry will be open with the FEI approval of the Definite Schedule. Entries for the CDI should also remember to enter the competition itself with payment in addition to the FEI Portal, otherwise their entry in the FEI Portal will not be accepted.**

### **Qualification Specifications**

Classes 500-712 will be conducted under FEI regulations. All horses in these classes must have appropriate FEI Passports as needed. Classes 500, 600, 700, 501, 601, 502, 602, 702 are open classes. In the event these classes are over booked at Closing Date, horse/rider combinations will be accepted based on the following criteria, in this order:

- Any foreign horse/rider combination entered by their federation.
- Any horse/rider combination qualifying to compete for the US in a national or FEI championship.
- Horse/rider combinations that have previously represented their country in FEI championships and are entering at the same level as they competed in an FEI championship

Classes 506, 606, 706, 508, 608, 708, 609, 709 are restricted to FEI Amateurs as defined in the FEI regulations – Annex 3 – Amateurs.

**FEI Amateur Classes:** Athletes from 26 years. The Athlete must possess a valid Amateur's license granted by their NF. The Amateur's license must be renewed by the NF every year. The NFs are responsible for verifying all the data provided by the Athlete. An Amateur's license cannot be granted or can be suspended in the following cases:

- The Athlete participated in international non-Amateur Grand Prix Competitions in Grand Prix or Grand Prix Special with a result of 68% and over more than twice in the last year. The rider is not eligible to get an Amateur's license for five (5) years from the date when the second result was earned.
- The Athlete participated in FEI Senior Continental Championships on Grand Prix level, World Championships, World Cup Finals, Olympic Games in the discipline of Dressage within the last five (5) years.

Class 701, Intermediate I Musical Freestyle: Participation for riders entered in the Intermediate I freestyle is limited to but not compulsory for up to the 15 best combinations from the Intermediate I competition who declared for the freestyle and who earned a minimum of 60%. A rider may start only one horse in the Intermediate I Freestyle.

Class 602, Grand Prix Freestyle: Participation for riders entered in the Grand Prix Freestyle is compulsory for the 15 best rider/horse combination from Class 502 Grand Prix (CDI3\*) who opted for the grand Prix Freestyle as their 1st choice at the latest date of definite entries and who earned a minimum of 60%. A rider may start only one horse in the Grand Prix Freestyle.

On closing day, May 4, 2026, the entries will be placed in classes based on the above criteria until the classes are filled. All other entries will be wait listed. Entries received after the closing date will NOT be given preference over entries received by the closing date. Fees will be deposited when entries are received. Refunds will be given to those riders not accepted in the classes prior to the start of the competition.

**Starting Order:** A draw will be conducted each day to determine the order of starting for each class. The draw for Friday's CDI Classes will immediately follow the Veterinary Inspection on Thursday in the show office. The starting order for the Intermediate I Musical Freestyle, the Young Rider Musical Freestyle and the Junior Rider Musical Freestyle will be as follows: The rider/horse combinations are divided into groups of five with the group of riders placed 11-15 to start first and the best five in the last group. The starting order within these groups will be determined by draw. Draws on Friday and Saturday will be held in the show office at a time to be announced after the completion of the appropriate classed needed to determine draw groupings. A draw order cannot be changed. Once entered in a class, a rider may not withdraw, except as specified in the FEI rules. FEI rules provide for penalties for scratches without good cause.

## CDI Classes

1. Prize and eight ribbons per class.
2. **Prize Money** – Prize money for the CDI will be mailed to competitors within 30 days of the completion of the competition with proper tax identification. U.S. competitors will be required to complete IRS Form W9. Foreign competitors: the IRS requires sporting events to withhold 30% of prize money won in the US. Foreign competitors should apply for a U.S. Social Security number and will be asked to complete form 8283 or complete a W-8 Certificate of Foreign Status form. No prize money will be awarded without proper tax information. **Failure to file proper tax documentation with the show office by the completion of the show will result in forfeiture of prize money payment.**
3. Failure to appear for an award ceremony will entail elimination of a competitor from the class. If a horse cannot participate in the Awards Ceremony for safety reasons, permission to enter on foot or on another horse must be given by the OC/FEI Steward/Ground Jury prior to the ceremony. Please be on time for your awards ceremonies. Failure to present will result in loss of classification.
4. **Best Turn Out:** Several Awards for Best Turn Out of horse and handler at the FEI Horse Inspection.

## NATIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

### Divisions

O-Open; J Junior/Young, A-Adult Amateur

Q-2026 Great American/USDF Qualifying (proof of USEF/USDF membership/registration required for participants)

### Tentative Schedule

<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Divisions</b>
101	201	301	\$50	Training 1	OJA
102	202	302	\$50	Training 2	OJA & CBLM
103	203	303	\$50	Training 3	OJAQ
111	211	311	\$50	First 1	OJA
112	212	312	\$50	First 2	OJA & CBLM
113	213	313	\$50	First 3	OJAQ
121	221	321	\$50	Second 1	OJA
122	222	322	\$50	Second 2	OJA & CBLM
123	223	323	\$50	Second 3	OJAQ

131	231	331	\$55	Third 1	OJA
132	232	332	\$55	Third 2	OJA & CBLM
133	233	333	\$55	Third 3	OJAQ
141	241	341	\$55	Fourth 1	OJA
142	242	342	\$55	Fourth 2	OJA & CBLM
143	243	343	\$55	Fourth 3	OJAQ
150	250	350	\$65	Prix St George	OJAQ & CBLM
151	251	351	\$65	Intermediate 1	OJAQ & CBLM
152	252	352	\$65	Intermediate 2	OJAQ & CBLM
153	253	353	\$65	Grand Prix	OJAQ & CBLM
154	254	355	\$65	+USEF & FEI Young Horse TOC	O (ex 7 year old test)
155	255	355	\$65	+FEI Level or Equivalent Test of Choice	OQ (ex YH and Freestyles)
156	256	356	\$65	+#FEI Mus. Freestyle TOC	OQ & CBLM
157	257	357	\$65	+#Training-4th Mus Freestyle TOC	OQ & CBLM (No Q on Training)
158	258	358	\$45	%USDF Introductory A	OJA
159	259	359	\$45	%USDF Introductory B	OJA
160	260	360	\$45	%USDF Introductory C	OJA
161	261	361	\$50	USEF Eventing Test of Choice A	O
162	262	362	\$50	USEF Eventing Test of Choice B	O
163	263	363	\$45	Dressage Seat Equitation	OJA
164	264	364	\$45	3 Yr Old Fillies Materiale	O
165	265	365	\$45	3Yr Old Colts/Geld Materiale	O
166	266	366	\$45	4&5 Yr Old Mares Materiale	O
167	267	367	\$45	4&5 Yr Old Geld/Stallion Materiale	O
168	268	368	\$55	+USEF Test of Choice	OQ
169	269	369	\$55	+Pony Test of Choice	OQ
170	270	370	\$55	FEI 7 Year Old Test of Choice	O NOT a USEF Qualifying class
		380EF	\$80	USEF Four-Year Old Test	O, Markel/USEF Qualifying
	281EF		\$80	FEI Prix St George	OQ, CBLM, Markel Qualifying
		381EF	\$80	USEF Dev. Horse PSG	O, Markel/USEF Qualifying
	282EF		\$80	FEI Intermediate 2	OQ, CBLM, Markel Qualifying
		382EF	\$80	USEF Dev. Horse Grand Prix	O, Markel/USEF Qualifying
184EF			\$80	FEI Para Dressage GP Test A Test of Choice	O, USEF Qualifying
	284EF		\$80	FEI Para Dressage GP Test B Test of Choice	O, USEF Qualifying
		384EF	\$80	FEI Para Dressage GP Freestyle Test of Choice	O, USEF Qualifying
185			\$65	FEI Children Preliminary B Test	J*
	285EF		\$80	FEI Children Team Test	J*, USEF/NAYC Qualifying
		385EF	\$80	FEI Children Individual Test	J*, USEF/NAYC Qualifying
	286EF		\$80	FEI Pony Team Test	J^, USEF Qualifying
		386EF	\$80	FEI Pony Individual Test	J^, USEF Qualifying
187EF			\$80	FEI 5 Year Old Preliminary Test	O, Markel/USEF Qualifying
	287EF		\$80	FEI 5 Year old Final Test	O, Markel/USEF Qualifying
188EF			\$80	FEI 6 Year Old Preliminary Test	O, Markel/USEF Qualifying
	288EF		\$80	FEI 6 Year Old Final Test	O, Markel/USEF Qualifying
189EF			\$80	FEI 7 Year Old Preliminary Test	O, Markel/USEF Qualifying
	289EF		\$80	FEI 7 Year Old Final Test	O, Markel/USEF Qualifying
190EF			\$80	FEI Para Dressage Intermediate A TOC	O, USEF Qualifying
	290EF		\$80	FEI Para Dressage Intermediate B TOC	O, USEF Qualifying
		390EF	\$80	FEI Para Dressage Intermediate Freestyle TOC	O, USEF Qualifying

+ State level and test on entry form. (FEI 7 Year-Old Tests will not be ridden TOC classes)

# Music must be a MP3 digital file and must be presented to and sound checked with the announcer no later than 7:30am the day the freestyle is scheduled. MP3 files can be uploaded with the entry portal.

% No USEF/USDF memberships or Horse ID required for Intro Classes.

**DEFINITIONS/ELIGIBILITY:**

- **J - 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. Only riders ages 12-14 may ride FEI Children Tests.  
J^ Only riders ages 12-16 may ride FEI Pony Tests.
- J\*Only riders ages 12-14 may ride FEI Children Tests.
- **A - AA** - 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. Must hold current USEF Amateur card.
- **CBLM** - Colonel Bengt Ljungquist Memorial Championship qualifying class for 2026. Riders must be members of a participating organization at the time of the show to be eligible.
- **USEF Q** – Qualifying class for 2026 USEF National Championships
- **Q** - Qualifying class for 2026 GAIG/USDF Regional Dressage Championships. *Declare qualifying ride on entry form.* Class fee plus additional \$20 fee *must be paid prior to start of the class.*

**FEES:**

Office Fee (non-refundable)	\$50 (for each horse/rider combination)
Great American/USDF 2026 Qualifying fee	\$20 added to class fee
USEF fee (\$15 D&M + \$10 USEF)	\$25 per horse
FEI USEF Fee	\$35 (do not pay USEF Fee in addition)
CDI High Performance Fee	\$35
USDF Non-Member Fee (for each NM Rider/Owner)	\$55
USDF Affidavit Fee	\$5
Late Fee for any entries received after May 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$35
Non-Competing Horse Fee	\$50
Ground Fee (REQUIRED for non-stabled horses)	\$35/horse/show day – Not allowed for CDI
Change Fee (for any changes after May 10 <sup>th</sup> )	\$20 per horse/rider
NSF Check Charge or Chargeback Charge	\$50 per check or dispute, chargeback
Non CDI Barn Horse or Tack Stall (Wednesday-Sunday)	\$200 (NO bedding)
Non CDI Barn Horse or Tack Stall (Thursday – Sunday)	\$170 (NO bedding)
Non CDI Barn Horse or Tack Stall (Friday – Sunday)	\$140 (NO bedding)
Non CDI Horse Day Stall (One Day, NO nights)	\$70 (NO bedding)
CDI Barn Horse or Tack Stall (Wednesday-Sunday)	\$290 (NO bedding)
CDI Barn Horse or Tack Stall (Thursday-Sunday)	\$255 (NO bedding)

Non CDI Horses, who are ridden by an entered CDI rider, may stable in the CDI barn only with an accompanying CDI Horse and a current and valid FEI Passport, documentation of temperatures in the FEI Horse APP and all other CDI Horse requirements. They must pay CDI Stabling rates.

**Only online entries will be accepted. Provisional ride times will be posted on [www.midatlanticdressagefestival.com](http://www.midatlanticdressagefestival.com) and [www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com). Official ride times posted at 12 noon the day before show except CDI classes.**

**SHOW COMMITTEE:** The show committee reserves the right to cancel or split classes; limit class size; change arenas; limit the number of rides & number of horses per rider; and cancel or add judges. The show committee also reserves the right 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. Numbers must be worn at all times when horses are out of their stalls.

**USEF SAFE SPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENT:** **Reminder: All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org). If you are a USEF Competing Member 18 years of age or older you are required to complete the core Safe Sport Training when activating your membership. If you do not**

**complete the training, you are ineligible to participate in all USEF activities including competitions. TAKE the SAFE SPORT TRAINING at USEF.org by logging into your member dashboard.**

**ENTRIES:** Accepted on electronic time stamp. Post entries (received after closing date) will be accepted on a space available basis with late fee. Once the competition is filled a wait list will be established. Wait list will be maintained through May 13, 2026. Current 2026 entry form must be used for signature pages and waivers. Proof of memberships and horse registrations must be included with entry. If entry is incomplete, horse/rider combination may be placed on the wait list until required paperwork is received. Individuals utilizing the online entry system for this competition do so with the agreement that they have read the OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST and agree to follow all the class specifications, requirements and conditions in the OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST. All fees must be paid in US Dollars. Entry form also required if schooling only.

**ALL COMPETITORS MUST SUBMIT WITH THEIR ENTRY CURRENT PROOF (WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE FIRST DAY YOUR HORSE ENTERS THE COMPETITION GROUNDS) OF EQUINE INFLUENZA AND RHINOPNEUMONITIS VACCINATION FOR ALL HORSES 7 MONTHS OF AGE OR OLDER. A CURRENT COGGINS WITHIN 12 MONTHS MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED.** In addition, if you are traveling ACROSS STATE LINES, Federal Law requires that you have a health certificate within 30 days of traveling.

**EFFECTIVE 12/1/22: To be eligible to compete at Federation Licensed Competitions, coaches, trainers, and legal guardians signing as coaches or trainers on behalf of their minors must be Senior Active Members in good standing, Riders and owners are eligible for one (and ONLY one) Show Pass per year. Trainers and coaches are no longer eligible to participate under a Show Pass.**

**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 regional or 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. USEF Show Pass Fees (non-member fee) must be paid prior to the competition and are only allowed to be utilized once per year. 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. Entry form must be properly signed with original signatures; an adult (18 or older) must sign for JR riders and on trainer blank. All entries are taken on a first come, first served basis. **Only one horse-rider combination per entry.** Children, Pony Rider, Junior and Young Rider entries must include birth date on entry form. 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.

All Equine Canada competitors with a current Equine Canada membership must also have a complimentary USEF membership. If you Equine Canada membership is current for the show year, then the USEF membership will be No Charge. This rule change pertains to all Canadian riders & owners. Please see membership details at [usef.org](http://usef.org). You will also need a USDF membership, or a Non-Member Fee (\$55) will apply to each rider/owner.

**CDI ENTRY INFORMATION:** Coggins/vaccination records required for all CDI horses. Current FEI Passport required as noted above CDI class listing for all CDI horses. CDI entries must pay the FEI Drug Fee of \$35, the High Performance Fee, an office fee, and relevant class and stabling fees. Current FEI Horse and Rider registration required in addition to other memberships. Please enter the CDI via the USEF CDI Entry system in addition to a paper entry with valid payment information.

#### **NON-COMPETING HORSES:**

Must submit completed and signed Entry form to the Show Secretary, show proof of current Coggins and current Flu/Rhino vaccine record, and pay N/C Horse fee plus Office fee. Grounds or stabling fees are also required. USEF/USDF fees or Late fee NOT required.

**REFUNDS:** No refunds after closing date or after the start of the competition for any reason, including in the event of cancellation of classes due to severe weather, non-compliance with SafeSport eligibility, or other emergencies.

GAIG/USDF Q fees refunded if request received before start of class until end of competition (unless applied to other indebtedness); otherwise will be paid to USDF. Refunds will be made within 30 days after the competition less office fee.

**New for 2024:** DR126.2: New rules regarding equipment checking. TD is responsible for checking a minimum of 50% of the assembled bits and bridles of horses entered. This should be done primarily in the barns and during the check-in process near the show office. The TD may conduct some full equipment checks at the arena after the test has been completed.

**DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES AT ALL TIMES.** Owner will be fined – first offense \$50, second offense \$100 and a yellow card, third offense will result in the owner’s dismissal from show grounds. All pets must be leashed. Non-compliance may result in USEF penalties and eviction.

**Ponies:** If ponies are entered in FEI Pony Test(s) or Pony Divisions and in need of a USEF measurement card, an appointment for measuring MUST be made with show management prior to the show. We will tentatively measure ponies at 4pm on Thursday but other times may be arranged. There may be a fee of no more than \$50 per pony associated with measurement.

**AWARDS:** For the national classes, first Place prize & ribbons through 6<sup>th</sup> place. High Point Awards per division per day minimum. Daily High Points and Overall High Point Awards have been generously sponsored this year by The Horse of Course. Awards ceremonies for CDI classes only. Participation is mandatory 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place.

For CDI Prize Money distribution, please see the Definite Schedule, which is posted at FEI.org and [www.midatlanticdressagefestival.com](http://www.midatlanticdressagefestival.com).

**Show Pass Fee (\$85):** Effective 12-1-2022 any rider, handler, driver or owner are limited to one Show Pass purchase annually (December 1-November 31). USEF Show Pass will be available for purchase by exhibitors on-line “ONLY”. Competitions should not accept payment for show pass fees and therefore this fee should not appear on the entry blank. Individuals, including parents who are signing as trainer on behalf of a minor, who are participating as a trainer or coach are not eligible for a Show Pass and must obtain a Senior Competing membership to participate in a USEF-licensed competition.

#### **STABLING:**

All Stalls (including CDI Stalls) Permanent 12x10 sq. ft stalls with full sliding doors in center-aisle barns w/concrete walls. All stalls have mats. Arrival time is no earlier than 9:00 am on Wednesday. If needed earlier, please contact Bettina or Heather. Layover Policy: For Sunday night must coordinate through the VHC Stable office and pay separate fee. **Stabling will NOT be posted!** Please check in at the Stabling Office upon arrival to receive your stable assignments. You MUST include an emergency contact (for the rider) and phone # on your entry blank. “Stable With” list and stall order must be emailed to show secretary at least seven days before show. No initial bedding. Bedding and hay available for purchase from VHC Stable Office. Preorders of five bags or more of shavings can be made by contacting VHC at 540-464-2966 or [stableoffice@horsecenter.org](mailto:stableoffice@horsecenter.org) but delivery prior to arrival is not guaranteed. Exhibitors permitted to bring shavings for personal use, but no fine sawdust allowed. Each entry MUST include stabling or grounds fee. Security on competition grounds day/night from time of arrival until departure of horses. Participants are required to complete a stall ID card, listing contact information in the event of emergency. **The VHC does not allow anything hooked to or suspended from electrical conduit in the barns.** Non CDI Horses may stable in the CDI barn only with an accompanying CDI Horse and same rider and a current and valid FEI Passport, documentation of temperatures in the FEI Horse APP and all other CDI Horse requirements. They must pay CDI Stabling rates.

**Sharps containers** are located in each barn. Per USEF rules, 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. All medical waste (needles, syringes, etc.) must NOT be discarded in stalls, manure pits, garbage cans or on grounds. All medical supplies MUST be placed in appropriate Sharps containers located in each barn.

**Show office** final hours will be posted outside the office on Wednesday but these are anticipated hours: 9am-6pm Thursday, 7am – 6pm Friday, 7am—6pm Saturday, 7am—1 hour after show ends on Sunday.

**Freestyle entries** You MUST be qualified to ride your freestyle by earning the necessary required scores (i.e. min. 63% for Training-Fourth Levels and 60% for FEI levels) at the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level

from an USEF Recognized show with the exception of FEI Young Rider and Junior freestyles. Freestyles must be provided to show management digitally with your entry as an MP3 file. Sound checks will be performed Thursday and/or Friday evening and during available breaks as needed.

Participants and horses competing in **Para Dressage** classes at USDF recognized competitions are no longer be exempt from USDF memberships. Para Dressage competitors will now be required to have a USDF Group Membership, a USDF Participating Membership or a USDF Non-Member ID and pay the \$55 Non-Member fee per competition. Owners of horses competing in the Para Dressage classes will be required to have a USDF Participating Membership, a USDF Business Membership, a USDF Group Membership or a USDF Non-Member ID and pay the \$55 Non-Member fee per competition. The horses competing in Para Dressage classes will be required to have a USDF HID number or be USDF Lifetime registered.

**Times:** provisional times available at [www.midatlanticdressagefestival.com](http://www.midatlanticdressagefestival.com) and [www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com) and emailed to readable, valid email addresses. Official times will be posted at the show office by Noon the day before the start of the show. Numbers required all times when horse is outside of stall or not tied to a trailer. Entry required even if schooling only (schooling fee and appropriate stabling fee). Anyone not appearing for any of their dressage tests without prior notification to the show secretary will be “scratched” from their remaining classes. Those rides will be filled if possible.

## **MATERIALE CLASSES**

Judged under saddle as a group at walk, trot and canter according to criteria listed on the “USDF Materiale Class” score sheet. Horses must be at least 36 months of age to participate.

**ARENAS:** All dressage classes in 20 x 60 meter arenas, except Para Dressage Grades 1-3 and some eventing tests in the Eventing Dressage TOC, which will be held in a 20 x 40 meter arena. 1 inside coliseum ring, 2-3 indoor or outside rings surrounded by perimeter fencing. Indoor, covered and outside warmup areas/rings. Outside rings, Dee Dee Complex, East Arena complex and warmups have silica/textile mix on a bluestone base by Attwood Equestrian Surfaces. Coliseum competition arena and covered warmup have sand/clay mix footing. Lunging permitted only in designated areas – footing is a sand mix. All dressage competition arenas are enclosed in perimeter fencing.

**HOSPITALITY:** Food available on premises. Refreshments served Friday evening during our welcome party and educational event and Sunday morning will feature a donut and bagel truck that is free for all competitors and their friends and family. There will be a Competitor Hospitality Table set up near the awards table. Youth and their parents and/or trainers/coaches are invited to join us on Saturday for a pizza party and gathering. Thanks to our sponsors for their support!

**LODGING:** Go to <http://www.horsecenter.org/accommodations.asp> for local accommodations. Camper Hook-ups on grounds with electric/water/sewer. Reservations required. Rate is \$45+ tax/night/space. Must reserve directly by contacting the VHC Stable Office at 540-464-2966. **DO NOT make camper reservations on your entry form. No camping in stalls at this show!**

## **VENDORS**

Must submit application to Nancy Lowey. For vendor application go to [www.midatlanticdressagefestival.com](http://www.midatlanticdressagefestival.com). Outdoor spaces available for mobile units/trailers and indoor spaces available for all other vendors.

## **OTHER:**

- All emergency numbers will be posted in/outside the Secretary’s office and in the barns.
- Hand walking will be permitted in the Coliseum and the East Complex around the outside of the show rings each morning until 20 minutes prior to the start of each show day.
- Weather/Acts of God/Accidents or Emergency Policy: Management reserves the right to cancel any classes due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, Accidents or Emergencies. Every effort will be made to reschedule with priority given to CDI or USEF Program classes.
- Riders may substitute horses once they have entered only upon presentation of a Vet Certificate for the incapacitated horse, or a bill-of-sale, and only in classes in which the first horse was entered. The Secretary must be notified 24 hours before the class(es) take(s) place, and a new entry form must be completed.

- In accordance with GR1301.7-8: Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.
- *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.*
- 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)
- Under Virginia 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 exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. **CODE OF VIRGINIA TITLE 3.1. AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE AND FOOD, CHAPTER 27.5. EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT, Va. Code Ann. § 3.1-796.130 (1994)**
- **Hold Harmless Clause** The Equine Activity Liability laws of the State of Virginia, VA Code Ann. Sec 3.2-6200-6203 state among its statutory provisions that , "NOTICE: Intrinsic dangers in equine activity, include (i) the propensity of equines to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals; (iii) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions; (iv) collisions with other animals or objects; and (v) the potential of a participant acting in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within the participant's ability." No Participant nor any participant's parent, guardian, or representative shall have or make any claim against or recover from any equine activity sponsor, equine professional, or any other person for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting from any of the intrinsic dangers of equine activities. It is further understood that each owner, spectator, and other participants assume any and all risks of loss or injury and agrees to hold harmless, regardless of negligent acts or omissions The Virginia Horse Center, USDF, USEF, its instructors, officers, directors, agents, show management, show committee, and all other horse show personnel.
- **Golf Carts: Must be rented from VHC Stable Office: 540-464-2966, [www.stableoffice@horsecenter.org](mailto:www.stableoffice@horsecenter.org).**

**Directions to Virginia Horse Center:**

Exit I-81 onto I-64 West at Lexington, VA. Exit I-62 West at first exit (Lexington) and follow signs to the Virginia Horse Center. Located at 487 Maury River Road. Detailed directions on VHC and show websites.

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

**USEF SafeSport Requirements**

- The required SafeSport Training is on the U.S. Center for SafeSport website and is free for USEF members.
- All USEF Competing Members (18 and older) are required to complete SafeSport Training.
- The SafeSport Training requirement applies to all USEF Competing Senior Members even if competing in classes (such as USDF Intro or USEF Opportunity) where USEF membership is not required.

- Junior Members (under 18 years) are not required to complete SafeSport Training at this time.
- Any individual signing an entry blank as Trainer or Coach, must have completed the Safe Sport Training prior to the first day of competition.
- If SafeSport Training is not completed within 7 days of joining or renewing membership, and a completion certificate (for all three phases) presented to the show secretary on or before the first day of competition, the entry will NOT be allowed to compete.
- If SafeSport Training is not completed by USEF members and certificates provided to the show secretary on or before the first day of competition, there will be NO REFUNDS for entries. This applies to all USEF members (riders, owners, trainers or coaches) for any entry, including those classes where USEF membership is not required.
- Participants (riders, owners, trainers, coaches) who are NOT USEF members are not required to complete SafeSport Training.
- If SafeSport Training is overdue and certificates are not presented to the show secretary, or posted yet on the USEF website, the entry (horse and competitor) will be allowed to remain on the competition grounds but cannot compete.
- Competitions are required to check the USEF SafeSport Ineligibility list after entries are submitted and up to the first day of competition. Competitions that allow ineligible participants to compete are subject to penalties by USEF.

Reminder: All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).

#### **USEF Membership Statement (GR901.9)**

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee or agent at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) deadline; 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; and 7) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

**Sharps Containers** are located throughout the barns and one is also available in the show office. Please use them appropriately or fines will be assessed per USEF guidelines. In accordance with the 1989 Federal Waste Tracking Act, which restricts the disposal of medical waste, bio-hazardous medical waste containers will be provided in the stable area. All exhibitors and their agents are responsible for the proper disposal of this waste.

#### **Protective HEADGEAR RULE FOR DRESSAGE**

Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet, which is in compliance with the accepted testing standards published on the Federation's website. 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 Dressage tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until the headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear may be the same as or a coordinating color with the coat, and may include contrast coloring, accent, and crystal decoration.

### **Federation Entry Agreement**

I have read the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the “Federation”) Entry Agreement (GR906.4) as printed in the Prize List for [insert name here] (“Competition”) and agree to all of its provisions. I understand and agree that by entering this Competition, I am subject to Federation Rules, the Prize List, and local rules of the competition. I agree that the Competition and/or the Federation may use all photos and other likenesses of me and my horse taken from the Competition for non-commercial use and I waive any rights in connection with that use. I agree that any actions against the Federation must be brought in New York State.

The complete statement is as follows:

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

If not currently a USEF Active Competing member or Subscriber and competing only in classes that are exempt from membership requirements, I acknowledge and agree that I will be enrolled at no cost as a USEF Fan and my USEF Fan Account will continue to annually automatically renew unless and until USEF determines in its sole discretion to terminate my Fan account. Additionally, I acknowledge that the benefits of a USEF Fan are subject to change without notice. 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.



# United States Dressage Federation™

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR 3-6 YEAR OLD HORSES COMPETING IN MATERIALE AND/OR USEF/FEI YOUNG HORSE TESTS

	3 YEAR OLD	4 YEAR OLD	5 YEAR OLD	6 YEAR OLD
<b>ADEQUAN®/YEAR-END AWARDS*</b>				
<b>Materiale Horse of the Year Award</b> (min. 3 scores required)	X	X	X	
<b>USEF Four-Year-Old Award</b> (min. 4 scores required)^\n		X		
<b>FEI Five-Year-Old Award</b> (min. 4 scores required)^\n			X	
<b>FEI Six-Year-Old Award</b> (min. 4 scores required)^\n				X
<b>ProElite/BREEDERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**</b>				
<b>Materiale Championships</b> (min. 1 score required of 72% or higher)				
Three-Year-Old Championship	X			
Four-Year-Old Championship		X		
Five-Year-Old Championship			X	

### For Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards - at the time scores are earned

\* Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration Number (LHR)

\* Owner must have a USDF Participating (PM) or Business Membership (BM)

\* Rider must have a USDF PM

\*Competition year starts October 1 and ends September 30

### For ProElite/USDF Breeders Championship Series - to compete in the championships

\*\* Horse must have a USDF Horse Identification Number or LHR

\*\* Owner must have a USDF Group Membership, PM, BM or  
pay a non-member fee per competition

\*\* Rider must have a USDF PM

\*\*Competition year starts January 1 and ends September 30

^Scores earned in the USEF Four- and FEI Five- & Six-Year-Old tests are  
also eligible to be used towards a USDF Horse Performance Certificate

^^ Horses competing in the ProElite/USDF Breeders Championship  
Series Final Three- or Four-Year-Old Materiale Championships  
may also be eligible for the Prospect awards

Complete Award/Championship Requirements Listed in the current *USDF Member Guide*

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

This competition is recognized by USDF for 2026

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

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

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

**Exceptions:**

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

### Memberships Defined

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

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

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

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

**Horse Identification (HID) Number:** A one-time tracking number for horses (\$45). Scores earned by a horse with an HID number will be recorded but will NOT be counted towards Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID number is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$95. If a horse has a USDF LHR it does not need an HID number. An HID number is a one-time fee that does not need to be renewed.

**Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR):** A horse with an LHR (\$140) is eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse has an LHR it does not need an HID number. An LHR does not need to be renewed.

### How to Join USDF

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

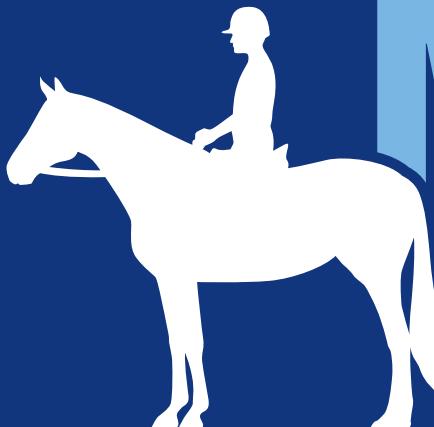
- On the USDF website: [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). You can submit the application online or download the form.
- In the show office at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions classified by USEF as Dressage Competitions, and Regular Competitions which are open to all breeds.
- By calling or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

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

USEF Competition Name:

USEF#:

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):



# MAAPP

## MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION

### LEARN ABOUT MAAP POLICIES



Safe Sport Training



Travel



One-On-One Interactions



Social Media & Electronic Communications



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

### REPORT MAAP POLICY VIOLATIONS



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

Text or WhatsApp Anonymously 2USEF(28733)



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## 2026 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 2026 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

### Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

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

#### Rider:

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

#### Horse:

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

#### Owner:

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

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

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

The minimum percentages are as follows:

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

FREESTYLE	OPEN/Jr/YR	AA
First Level	65%	65%
Second Level	65%	65%
Third Level	65%	65%
Fourth Level	65%	65%
Intermediate I	65%	65%
Grand Prix	65%	65%



**USDF**

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.

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## FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

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If not currently a USEF Active Competing member or Subscriber and competing only in classes that are exempt from membership requirements, I acknowledge and agree that I will be enrolled at no cost as a USEF Fan and my USEF Fan Account will continue to annually automatically renew unless and until USEF determines in its sole discretion to terminate my Fan account. Additionally, I acknowledge that the benefits of a USEF Fan are subject to change without notice. I acknowledge that I may opt out at any time by going to My USEF Dashboard or calling (859) 810-8733.

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

**RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VULTER/LONGEUR** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAINER** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER/AGENT** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**COACH** (if applicable)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



# WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian ("USEF") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and ("USEF Event" or "USEF Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

**A. RULES AND REGULATIONS:** I hereby agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), as amended from time to time.

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

## WARNING:

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

Under VA Code Ann. Sec 3.2-6200-6203, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

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

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

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

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

By signing below, I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), as amended from time to time. Further, by signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in USEF Events. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

**The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.**

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR  OWNER  TRAINER  OFFICIAL  STAFF  VOLUNTEER  COACH (IF APPLICABLE)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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