

# Harmony in the Park I & II Hoosier Horse Park, Edinburgh, IN Saturday, May 19 & Sunday, May 20, 2012 2 Shows - 1 Weekend

USEF/USDF# Show I: 323376. Show II: 323377 Opening date: March 16 Closing date: April 22 (postmarked) **USDF Dressage Level 3 Competition** 



### **OFFICIAL QUALIFYING COMPETITION**

Great American/USDF Regional Qualifier **USDF/Dover AA Medal Program** FEI North American Junior and Young Riders' Championships Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF National Junior, Young Rider & Brentina Cup Championships Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Program USEF National Developing Horse Dressage Championship (sponsored by the Dutta Corp and PSI)

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Fees: Funds need to be drawn only on US Banks in US Funds. See class list for class fees.

- \$95 Stabling fee (Fridav– Sundav)
- \$25 Office fee (per show, non-refundable) \$55 Stabling fee (one day showing/one night) \$10 Great American/USDF qualifying fee
- \$55 Tack stall (may be limited)
- \$7 Shavings per bag
- \$30 Haul-in fee per day for non-stabled horses
- \$10 Late Fee per show (postmarked or incomplete after closing date) \$40 Non-competing horse fee (plus stall or haul-in fee & office fees per show)

### Important: please see the "General Regulations and Entry Specification Section" in the beginning of this Omnibus for additional policies that this show subscribes to and follows.

\$50 Returned check fee

\$10 Change Fee plus regular class fee

Entries: Entries must be legible. When the competition is filled, a waiting list will be established. Entry Forms and additional information may be downloaded from: www.HarmonyInTheParkDressageShow.com. Entries are not considered complete and will not be processed unless a check for the full entry amount made payable to Harmony in the Park is included. Checks will be cashed as they are received. This show DOES NOT ACCEPT PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD.

\*\*\*\*This is considered two shows. Please fill out an entry for each show. \*\*\*\* Draw checks and mail entries to: Harmony in the Park c/o Show Secretary, 13046 West Road, Zionsville, IN 46077

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 www.HarmonyInTheParkDressageShow.com. It is the responsibility of the rider to inform show management of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving ride times. Classes may not be run in the order listed below.

Coggins and Health Certificates: Include a current coggins copy in the horse's show name within 12 months of show date. Health certificate required for out of state horses.

Entry Changes: May be accepted if scheduling permits with a \$10 change fee plus regular class fee and must be made by Noon the day prior to start of the class. A NO SHOW WILL BE CONSIDERED A SCRATCH FOR THE REST OF WEEKEND.

Late Entries: Entries postmarked after closing date, include \$10 late fee per show. Entry is considered late if incomplete after closing date.

**Refunds:** Refunds minus the full office fee(s) on or before closing date with request in writing. No refunds for any reason after the closing date.

Arenas/Footing: Two 20m x 60m sand and fiber competition arenas. Sand warm-up ring. Separate lunge area. Show may elect to run some classes in small arena.

Freestyles & Music: Music must be on CD only. It must be clearly labeled with entry name, number and music directions and delivered to the announcer at least 3 hours prior to the start of the class and picked up following the class. Unclaimed music will not be returned.

**Pony Classes:** Arrangements will be made for official pony measurement if pony classes have participants.

Awards: Divisions (Jr/YR, 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. 1<sup>st</sup> place award (in classes of 3 or more) and ribbons to sixth place for each class. No ribbons for Qualifying classes. Championships and reserves awarded for the highest percentage at each USDF/USEF/FEI level in each division. Overall High Percentage for each division will be awarded for each show. Entries that contain all correct information and payment for both shows will be entered into a drawing for the Perfect Entry Award donated by the show secretary. Breed awards - see show website for awards offered and requirements - registration papers and other requirements must be sent with entries.

Stabling: 10x10 permanent stalls with full doors. Special requests will be considered but not guaranteed. Bedding available on grounds and may be pre-purchased on entry form. Initial bedding not included. Stalls available Friday 1pm through Sunday 7pm. Stabling assignments will be posted on www.HarmonyInTheParkDressageShow.com. Smoking is not permitted in barn area.

# Harmony in the Park I & II

Accommodations: Ask for group rate at Comfort Inn, Edinburgh (6 mi) 812-526-9899, must be booked at least 30 days before the show. Edinburgh hotels (6 miles): Red Roof Inn 812-526-9747; Hampton Inn 812-526-5100; Hilton Garden Inn 812-526-8600; Best Western 812-526-9883, Holiday Inn Express 812-654-0232. Franklin hotels (13 miles): Super 8 317-738-0888; Howard Johnson Express 317-738-4448; Quality Inn 317-346-6444. Camping at Hoosier Horse Park 812-526-5929.

**Directions:** I-65 to exit 76B (US-31). Take US-31 north 3 miles to 800S, turn left (west) towards Camp Atterbury. 4 miles to Schoolhouse road. Turn right and go 1/2 mile to Hoosier Horse Park, 7105 S. Kerns St., Edinburgh, IN 46124.

**Other:** All dog/pets must be on a leash no longer than 6' and attached to a responsible person. A \$50.00 fine may be imposed if this policy is violated. Food vendor(s) on grounds. Parking will be in designated areas only both for trailers and vehicles. Noncompliant vehicles will be towed at owner's expense.

**Opportunity Classes:** These classes do not require any memberships for the horse, rider, or owner. USEF drug fees do not apply. Riders may cross enter into other classes, but then all applicable memberships and USEF drug fees will apply. See USEF Rule GR821. Office Fee does apply to both shows even if only entering Opportunity Classes.

**Qualifying Classes:** Please indicate that the class is to count for qualifying by placing a  $\mathbf{Q}$  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.

Saturday	Sunday	Cost	Class Name	Divisions
1	101	\$30	USDF Intro A	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
2	102	\$30	USDF Intro B	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
3	103	\$30	USDF Intro C	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
4	104	\$30	Training Level Test 1	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
5	105	\$30	Training Level Test 2	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
6*	106*	\$30	Training Level Test 3	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
7	107	\$35	First Level Test 1	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
8	108	\$35	First Level Test 2	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
9*	109*	\$35	First Level Test 3	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
10	110	\$35	Second Level Test 1	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
11	111	\$35	Second Level Test 2	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
12*/**	112*/**	\$35	Second Level Test 3	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
13	113	\$40	Third Level Test 1	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
14	114	\$40	Third Level Test 2	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
15*	115*	\$40	Third Level Test 3	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
16	116	\$40	Fourth Level Test 1	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
17	117	\$40	Fourth Level Test 2	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
18*	118*	\$40	Fourth Level Test 3	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
19*	119*	\$45	Prix St Georges	OPEN
20*	120*	\$45	Intermediare I	OPEN
21*	121*	\$45	Intermediare II	OPEN
22*	122*	\$45	Grand Prix	OPEN
23*	123*	\$45	FEI Freestyle (specify test)	OPEN
24*	124*	\$45	USDF Freestyle (specify test)	OPEN
25	125	\$35	Para Equestrian TOC (specify test)	
26	126	\$45	Para Equestian Freestyle	
27		\$55	FEI Pony Team	USEF Qualifying
	128	\$55	FEI Pony Individual	USEF Qualifying
	129	\$55	FEI Pony Freestyle	
30*		\$55	FEI Young Rider Team	NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying
	131	\$55	FEI Young Rider Individual	NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying
	132	\$55	FEI Young Rider Freestyle	NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying
33*		\$55	FEI Junior Rider Team	NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying
	134	\$55	FEI Junior Rider Individual	NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying
	135	\$55	FEI Junior Rider Freestyle	NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying
	136	\$55	Young Horse Test TOC (4/5/6 Year Old – specify test)	Markel/USEF Qualifying
	137	\$55	USEF Brentina Cup Test	USEF Qualifying
	138	\$55	USEF Developing Prix St. Georges Test	USEF Qualifying
	139	\$55	USEF Developing Grand Prix Test	USEF Qualifying
40	140	\$30	Dressage Equitation	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
41	141	\$30	Training Level Test 1 Opportunity	JR-YG/AA/OPEN
42		\$30	Training Level Test 2 Opportunity JR-YG/AA/OPEN	
	143	\$30	Training Level Test 3 Opportunity	JR-YG/AA/OPEN

\*Indicates Great American/USDF Qualifying class. Place a Q after the class number and add \$10. \*\*Classes 12 & 112 will be the USDF/Dover AA Medal Qualifier

# 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 horse. All horses 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, 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) 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.

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 rue 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. Non-compliance may result in USEF penalties.

**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.

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

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

**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.

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.

**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.

**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.

Arena Sizes: Standard arena is 20m x 60m. Small arena is 20m x 40m.

## 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, Vaulter 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.



# 2012 Great American Insurance Group/ USDF Regional Dressage Championships

A single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), will be held in each of the nine USDF regions. In addition, Alaska and Hawaii may each hold state championships if an official request from a Group Member Organization (GMO) is received by April 1 of the prior year.

The Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF website at www.usdf.org. Please refer to the 2012 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

# Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

# **Rider:**

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

# Horse:

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

# **Owner:**

- Must be a USDF member (PM\* or Business Member (BM)) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- \* PMs are USDF members who join USDF directly. USDF Group Members (GM) are ineligible.

## **Minimum Qualifying Scores**

One set of nationally-standardized qualifying scores has been established for all USEF/USDF Regional Championships, for levels through Grand Prix, in three divisions: open, adult amateur and junior/young rider. FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider classes have only one respective division. Freestyles have only open divisions.

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

The minimum percentages are as follows:

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

# **USDF Statement on Animal Welfare**

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 125 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership in excess of 33,000 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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<u>USDF Membership Benefits:</u> USDF is dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For details on member benefits, including educational programs, awards, and other opportunities, refer to the USDF Competitor & Member Guide or the USDF website at www.usdf.org.



### 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 USEFlicensed/USDF-recognized competition with a USDF Education Membership.

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

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

Exceptions:

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

#### Memberships Defined

Participating Membership (PM): A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. The membership year is December 1 through November 30. PMs are available for 1-year (\$75), 5-years (\$300), or life (\$1,500). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for individuals who have not reached their 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<sup>®</sup>/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<sup>®</sup>/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID number is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes 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<sup>®</sup>/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete at Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals and Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse has an LHR it does not need an HID number. An LHR does not need to be renewed.

#### How to Join USDF

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

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

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



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

IAGREE 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.

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