

# CENTRAL STATES DRESSAGE & EVENTING ASSOCIATION'S

## DRESSAGE FESTIVAL

## WINDRIDGE TEAM CHALLENGE, GREAT AMERICAN CSDEA CHAMPIONSHIPS, & FESTIVAL UNDER THE STARS SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2013

LEVEL TWO COMPETITION
WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, LAKE ELMO, MN
USEF/USDF # 716, CSDEA and AQHA RECOGNIZED

OPENING DATE: August 1 CLOSING DATE: August 31 (postmark)

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**CORPORATE SPONSORS:** Windridge Agency Inc, Great American Insurance Co. and

Saddlefitter.com

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

**SATURDAY:** Single entries welcome, \*OR\* you may be part of the TEAM CHALLENGE. Teams must consist of three horse/rider combinations. No horse or rider can ride twice for the same team; no combination can compete on two teams; no more than two FEI combinations per team; no more than one professional rider per team. Team riders may compete at any level. Single team members are also allowed to ride at different levels. The lowest single score of the team will be dropped. The remaining scores will be handicapped according to the scale listed below the class listing, and averaged to obtain a team score. Scratches or eliminations for any reason will be considered a zero score and counted as either the low drop score for the team, or handicapped and computed into the team average score if more than one scratch/elimination occurs on a team.

**SUNDAY CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Open to all riders, with one qualifying score from any USEF-recognized show from the current show season (10/01/12-9/01/13) as follows: Youth Training\*: 58% or higher; Training & First Level- 60% or higher; Second thru Fourth Level- 58% or higher, FEI- 56% or higher. Copy of qualifying test must be submitted with entry, and must not be from an Opportunity class. The highest test at each level will be your test for the "Championship" class. As many classes as possible will be co-judged (two judges). Classes may be combined or split depending on entries. Tests must be ridden from memory and whips are allowed. Championship classes are to test the rider's skill and the horse's training, therefore ONLY THE QUALIFIED RIDER MAY RIDE THE QUALIFIED HORSE ON CHAMPIONSHIP DAY (except for a groom on a long rein). Note: Rides from prior year CSDEA Festival do not fall within the current show season. **Musical Freestyle:** First level and above, please designate level on entry. Please submit a qualifying freestyle test copy with entry. Qualifying score requirements same as above. \*Youth Training Championship: Riders under 15 years of age at 01/01/13 may compete in their own Youth Training Championship.

## 20th Annual Festival Under the Stars

Everyone is invited to join us for a wonderful evening of dressage under the stars (under lights, actually, as we can't guarantee the stars....) beginning at **7:00 PM on Saturday.** We'll have an evening of exhibition rides, quadrilles, and musical freestyles! Here's your chance to be in the spotlight! Start planning your ride now!

#### **Exhibition rides include (but are not limited to):**

Pas de Deux, Pas de Trois, Costumed Rides, Quadrille, Vaulting, or that unconventional Musical Freestyle you've always want to do! Join others in your barn and create an entertaining performance.

Use your imagination, and help make dressage a spectator sport at the Festival!

There is no entry fee for exhibition rides.

Contact Diane Westby for application 763-577-0001 / 1-800-859-6365 / <u>barngenie@gmail.com</u>

**Entries:** Saturday second level and below are \$35 per ride. Third-Fourth-FEI-Freestyles are \$40 per ride. Saturday Quadrille riders are \$10 per rider. GAIG/USDF Qualifying Classes please add \$10 to class entry fee. Each Team also pays \$30 for Team Sponsorship, please provide team name on each entry. Sponsor money goes into a "pay back pot"; winning team will get 60%, second place 25%, third place 15%. Sunday championship entry fee is \$48 per ride for all levels; Sunday Quadrille rides are \$20 per rider. Pas de Deux riders are \$25 per rider. Classes may be combined or split depending on entries.

\$20 Office Fee per entry (incl. \$1 admission). \$20 Late entry or change of horse and/or rider after closing date. Post entries accepted if scheduling allows with a \$5 post-entry fee per class. Please draw checks to "CSDEA" and mail entries to Show Secretary. Sorry, no credit cards. Entries will not be accepted without payment. All applicable memberships or non-member fees required for riders, owners, horses, trainers, etc and applicable ID numbers for USDF/USEF must be included on entry. Horses not entered in the competition not allowed on grounds. COGGINS: Negative coggins required in the horse's SHOW NAME from current calendar year (2013). Please include copy with entry. REFUNDS: Full refund minus office fee prior to Closing Date. After closing date – no refunds for any reason.

**STABLING:** Stabling is mandatory (no jump-outs). Permanent 10x10 stalls with doors, on show grounds. Original bedding (1 bag) provided; additional may be ordered on entry for \$8 per bag, available on show grounds while supplies last. Indoor Stalls are \$75 for weekend, \$45 per day or overnight (6pm-6pm). Stalls on the exterior of the barn are \$60 for the weekend or \$30 per day or overnight, and may be assigned according to stall availability. Indicate stallions on entry form. Tack stalls \$75. Please plan your arrival – stabling will be available **AFTER 3PM** on the day before the show.

**FOOTING:** Main performance arenas are sand, standard size. If necessary, a third grass or sand ring of standard size may be used. Warm up areas are sand and grass. **Other information:** Many vendors will be on grounds. Food is available on grounds. **All dogs must be leashed.** 

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Best Value Inn, 651-275-0980 Red Roof Inn, (651) 738-7160, Woodbury, Stillwater Inn, (651) 430-1300; Super 8 Stillwater (651) 430-3990. Country Inn & Suites 651-430-2699

**DIRECTIONS:** Take I-694 to MN Hwy 5 exit and go east. Washington County Fair Grounds are about one mile east of Lake Elmo on the south side of Highway 5. **Show office phone: 651-770-8482** 

TIMES: Unofficial ride times will be posted 72 hours before the show at <a href="www.csdea.org">www.csdea.org</a>. Check show program at the grounds for official ride times.

**AWARDS:** Saturday: *Windridge Inc.* will award a trophy to each member of the winning team. Sunday: *Great American Insurance Co.* will provide an award for each Championship and Freestyle Class where a minimum score of 57% is achieved by the winning rider. A custom Dressage Saddle valued at \$2000 will be awarded to

the highest scoring individual CHAMPIONSHIP rider (Freestyle, Quadrille, Pas de Deux ride scores are not included) on Sunday, courtesy of *Thornhill Enterprises* and *Saddlefitter.com* (score handicapping is shown following class list). Ribbons through sixth place awarded for all classes. *In order to honor our sponsors, presence at the Awards Ceremony is mandatory for all Championship class winners. We request you be in formal attire and mounted or forfeit first/second place award. Awards presentation will be at morning & afternoon breaks, lunch, and at the end of the day.* 

# CLASSES MAY BE SEPARATED BY DIVISION AT MANAGEMENT DISCRETION PROVIDING SEPARATED DIVISIONS ALL HAVE AT LEAST 3 ENTRIES.

### SATURDAY TEAM CHALLENGE

#### **SUNDAY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Number	. Class .	Number	Class .
101	TRAINING 2 JR/YR	201	TRAINING 3 YOUTH (UNDER 15)
102	TRAINING 2 AA		CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
103	TRAINING 3 JR/YR (Q)	202	TRAINING 3 JR/YR CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
104	TRAINING 3 AA (Q)	203	TRAINING 3 AA CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
105	FIRST 2 JR/YR	204	FIRST 3 JR/YR CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
106	FIRST 2 AA	205	FIRST 3 AA CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
107	FIRST 3 JR/YR (Q)	206	SECOND 3 AA CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
108	FIRST 3 AA (Q)	207	SECOND 3 JR/YR CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
109	SECOND 2 AA	208	TRAINING 3 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
110	SECOND 2 JR/YR	209	FIRST 3 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
111	SECOND 3 AA (Q)	210	SECOND 3 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
112	SECOND 3 JR/YR (Q)	211	THIRD 3 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
113	TRAINING 2 OPEN	212	THIRD 3 JR/YR/AA CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
114	TRAINING 3 OPEN (Q)	213	FOURTH 3 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
115	FIRST 2 OPEN	214	FOURTH 3 JR/YR/AA CHAMPIONSHIP
116	FIRST 3 OPEN (Q)		(Q)
117	SECOND 2 OPEN	215	FEI PRIX ST. GEORGES
118	SECOND 3 OPEN (Q)		CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
119	THIRD 1 OPEN	216	FEI INTERMEDIARE/GRAND PRIX
120	THIRD 1 JR/YR/AA		CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
121	THIRD 3 OPEN (Q)	217	FREESTYLE FIRST LEVEL & ABOVE
122	THIRD 3 JR/YR/AA (Q)		CHAMPIONSHIP (Q)
123	FOURTH 1 JR/YR/AA	218	PAS DE DEUX (SPECIFY LEVEL)
124	FOURTH 1 OPEN	219	QUADRILLE CHAMPIONSHIPS
125	FOURTH 3 JR/YR/AA (Q)		(SPECIFY TEAM & TEST)
126	FOURTH 3 OPEN (Q)	220	FEI PARA CHAMPIONSHIP (SPECIFY
127	FEI TEST OF CHOICE		LEVEL) (Q)
128	FEI TEST OF CHOICE (Q)		
129	PAS DE DEUX TOC (specify	Point Ha	indicap System for Team Challenge and
	level)		Thornhill Saddle Award:
130	QUADRILLE TOC (specify		Training level % + 0 points
	team and test)		First level % + 1 points
131	FEI PARA TOC (Q) (specify		Second level % + 2 points
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			Fourth level % + 4 points
			FEI levels % + 5 points
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## (Q) – GREAT AMERICAN / USDF REGIONAL QUALIFYING

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



This competition is recognized by USDF for 2013

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

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

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

#### **Exceptions:**

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

#### **Memberships Defined**

Participating Membership (PM): A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. The membership year is December 1 through November 30. PMs are available for 1-year (\$75), 5-years (\$300), or life (\$1,500). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for individuals who have not reached their 21st birthday by December 1 of the current membership year (\$60). A PM allows the member to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions and to participate as a rider and/or owner/lessee for all Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals and the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship program.

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

Business Membership (BM): A membership that runs December 1 through November 30 and is issued to a business or organization directly by USDF. The USDF BM (\$200) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

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

Non-Member (NM) Identification Number: For each USDF NM owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a USDF NM fee of \$25 and a USDF NM form per competition that must be collected by the show secretary and submitted to USDF along with the USDF Report of Fees document and the \$5 affidavit fee if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card. Owners/lessees or riders exempt from the NM number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF NM fee. If there are multiple owners of a horse and all are NMs, only one of the owners must pay the NM fee. If the horse has at least one owner who is a current USDF member there is no NM fee assessed. Competition management will be invoiced for all applicable USDF NM fees not received with the USDF post competition paperwork, along with a report listing all USDF NMs. Competition management is then required to submit the NM fees within 30 days to the USDF. An individual with a USDF NM identification number is not eligible for any USDF membership benefits. Once a USDF NM number has been assigned, a USDF NM card can be obtained from the USDF website.

Horse Identification (HID) Number: A one-time tracking number for horses (\$25). Scores earned by a horse with an HID number will be recorded, but will NOT be counted towards Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID number is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes or Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$70. If a horse has a USDF LHR it does not need an HID number. An HID number is a one-time fee that does not need to be renewed.

Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR): A horse with an LHR (\$95) is eligible for Adequan<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.



## 2013 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 <a href="www.usdf.org">www.usdf.org</a>. Please refer to the 2013 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

#### Membership/Registration Requirements for qualifying and Championships

#### Rider:

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

#### Horse:

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

#### Owner:

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

#### **Minimum Qualifying Scores**

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

#### The minimum percentages are as follows:

	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
Training Level (Test 3)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 3)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 3)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
FEI Junior (Team Test)	_	_	60%
FEI Young Rider (Team Test)	_	_	60%
Prix St. Georges	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	60%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%
FREESTYLE	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
First Level	63%	_	_
Second Level	63%	_	_
Third Level	63%	_	_
Fourth Level	63%	_	_
Intermediate I	63%	_	_
Grand Prix	63%		
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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 rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

#### Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

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

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

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, 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.

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

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

Owner's/Agent's Signature (Mandatory)	RIDER/HANDLER SIGNATURE (MANDATORY)	Trainer's Signatui (Mandatory)	RE COACH'S SIGNATURE  (IF APPLICABLE)
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## ATTENTION COMPETITORS

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

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

## **USDF** Statement on Animal Welfare

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### **USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT**

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$30 nonmember registration fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.













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#### FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Irainer, 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 o
(Competition). I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition.
will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harm
less the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I an
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 agains
the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

#### Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

- I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition to the following:
- I AGREE that the "Federation" and "Competition" as used herein includes the Licensee and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and Federation affiliates.
- I **AGREE** that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, 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, 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 en courages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition.
- I **AGREE** that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the Federation on the official USEF accident/injury report form.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank and all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand. BOD 1/23/11 Effective 12/1/11

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/	OWNER/AGENT	
VAULTER/LONGEUR (mandatory)	(mandatory)	
Signature:	Signature:	
Print Name:	Print Name:	
TRAINER	COACH	
(mandatory)	(if applicable)	
Signature:	Signature:	
Print Name:	Print Name:	
Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Ride	er/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor)	
Print Parent//Guardian Name:		
Emergency Contact Phone No		
s Rider/Driver/Vaulter a U.S. Citizen: Yes No		

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.