

*DEEP SOUTH DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING  
ASSOCIATION*

*NORTHWEST FLORIDA CLASSIC I #327303*

*June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

*Willow Bend South*

1856 Porter Road  
Cottdale, FL 32431  
(Covered Arena)



USEF / USDF Recognized #327303 Qualifying Event for 2009  
USDF Dover Adult Amateur Medal Program  
USDF Breeders Championship Southeast Series

**Postmarked by:** May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

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**Vet (on call):** Panhandle Veterinary, Chipley, Fl 32428, 850-638-4857

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 non-member 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. **EC 7/21/08 Effective 12/1/08**

**NO DOGS ALLOWED**

**General Information**

**USDF NUMBERS:**

Please note that as of Oct. 1, 2002, USDF will require all horses competing in USDF recognized competitions to have a Horse Identification Number (HID) for the purpose of tracking scores. The cost of this number is \$20 and is a one-time fee. If your horse is Lifetime Registered with USDF, that number is your HID. Competitors are urged to acquire this number prior to competition if possible. A form is available on the USDF website. HIDs may also be acquired at the competition if you are unable to secure your number beforehand. Not required for introductory classes only.

**USEF NUMBERS:**

USEF requires all competing horses to have an identification (ID) number. An agreement has been reached between USDF and USEF to share HID numbers; however, you must first acquire the number from USDF at a cost of \$20 before the number can be shared by USEF. Horses not fully registered with USDF or USEF will not be eligible to participate in the GAIG/USDF Regional Championships. Not required for introductory classes only.

**SHOW OFFICE:**

The show secretary's office will be open to competitors on Friday from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday at least one hour before the first class.

**CONCESSIONS:** Concession stand will be open Saturday & Sunday during show.

**USDF RIDER/OWNER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS:** In addition to the HID, riders and owners will also be required to have (human) tracking numbers. If you are a group or participating member, the number assigned to you by USDF should be used on your entry. If you are not a member of USDF, then you must acquire a non-member identification number (NID). The secretary at the competition will supply the appropriate form and you will need to fill it out when you check in. There is no charge for NIDs. Not required for introductory classes only. USDF non-member fee \$20.00 per show.

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-10 take exit 130 Cottondale/Panama City exit go 231 South to Alford Take County Road 276 west go 3½ miles turn Left onto Porter Road go ½ mile make right at WBS sign. Tel: 850-638-8352, or go to [www.mapquest](http://www.mapquest).

**STABLING:** 12x12 Permanent Stalls with door. Stall charts will be posted at the end of each barn. If you wish to be stabled with a group, please select ONE NAME for everyone in the group to use. Stabling limited **ONLY 30** Stalls.

**NUMBER OF CLASSES PER DAY:** Riders may enter a horse in no more than three dressage classes per day up through Fourth Level, and no more than two classes per day at FEI level. Dressage Equitation classes do not count towards this maximum number of classes.

**TESTS:**

This show will use the 2007 USEF and the current 2009 FEI tests and the 2007 USDF Introductory and Freestyle tests. USEF test sheets may be downloaded on the USEF website: [www.equestrian.org](http://www.equestrian.org). All of the USDF tests are available for download from our website for members: [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) or call USDF at (859)971-2277.

**CAMPER/RV HOOK-UPS:**

Camper and RV hook-ups are available (electricity & water) at \$25 per night (includes electricity, water, and showers).

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

**Holiday Inn**, Chipley, FL (850)638-3996, **Comfort Inn**, Chipley, FL (850)415-1111  
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**FREESTYLE REQUIREMENTS:**

In order to enter a freestyle class at any USEF level, a horse/rider combination must have achieved a score of 60% or above in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a USEF recognized show. A copy of the verifying test must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class. Freestyle tapes must be given to the show office at least two hours before the scheduled ride time.

**WALK-TROT CLASSES:**

Riders performing only USDF Introductory tests are exempt from the USEF non-member fee. (USEF Rule Book Article III, Section 3(5)). Also USDF ID numbers are NOT required for competitors or horses riding in introductory classes only.

**DRESSAGE EQUITATION CLASSES:**

For more information on the rules and requirements for Dressage Equitation Classes, please refer to DR132 of the USEF 2005 Rule Book.

<http://www.usef.org/documents/ruleBook/2005/07-DR.pdf>

**SHARP'S CONTAINER:**

A container to hold used syringes will be available at each barn. Please do not use garbage cans for this material.

**RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Disabled riders must have USEF Presidential Modification Dispensation letters in order to compete with special equipment or under special circumstances. These letters must accompany their entry forms.

**ARENAS:** Standard 20X60 meter arenas (covered and outdoor) will both be used for competition. A short arena (20X40 may be used for the Introductory tests. The footing in the competition and warm-up arenas is a sand clay mix. No one on foot is allowed in the warm-up area - coaching must be done from the side.

**REFUNDS:**

**No refunds after closing date.** Prior to closing date, a Doctor's or Veterinarian's Certificate is required. No refunds in the event of cancellation of classes due to severe weather or other emergency. Last minute cancellations and no-shows will be charged a \$15.00 cancellation fee.

**BRIDLE NUMBERS:**

Show management requires that every horse on the grounds wear a bridle number while the horse is out of his stall, in accordance with USEF rules.

**DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY:**

**Novice:** Open to horses which have not won three first place Ribbons at the entered level or above, at a dressage competition recognized by USEF. **Adult Amateur** entries must be registered as such with USEF and must enclose a copy of their current USEF membership card. Individuals are eligible to enter as a **Junior** until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Individuals are eligible to enter as **Young Riders** from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 21. Competitors shall compete as **Adults** from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22. (USEF Dressage DR. 1919.3.) Riders who are 16 and 17 years old may compete as either juniors or Young Riders. Horses under 36 months of age may not be ridden in any dressage under-saddle class.

**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. GR 1402.1.

**USEF GR301.5 states:**

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. 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 Rule 7. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. *BOD 1/16/05 Effective 12/1/05.*



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**FOREIGN COMPETITORS:**

Non-U.S. citizens (as defined by GR1401.9) and Foreign Competitors (as defined by GR807.4) must provide proof, in English, of current membership in good standing in their respective National Federation, or hold current membership in good standing with USEF.

**AWARDS:** Six ribbons will be awarded in each class. First place winners will receive a Trophy. High Point ribbons will also be given to the high-point winners in Intro through Fourth level and FEI.



The USDF/Dover Adult Amateur Medal will be offered for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Test 3 High Point. The USDF/Dover AA Medal is offered for the highest scoring Adult Amateur who is also a USDF member who obtains at least a 58% for more information check the USDF website [usdf.org](http://usdf.org).

**THE COMPETITION** committee reserves the right to limit entries, to add or divide classes, to add or substitute judges or make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications herein. Entries will be accepted on a first-come basis before the closing date.

**POST ENTRIES** for horses already entered in the show may be accepted if space is available upon payment of regular class fees plus an additional post-entry fee of \$10 per class.

**LATE ENTRY FEE:**

Entries must be postmarked before May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009. Entries received postmarked after the closing date will be charged a \$10 late fee.

**RETURNED CHECKS:**

A \$35 fee will be levied against any competitor whose check is returned.

**COGGINS:** A copy of a negative Coggins dated within 12 months must accompany entry form.

## ***Dressage Sport Horse Breeding In-Hand Classes – Saturday **ONLY** June 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 #327303***

### ***Young Horse / Dressage Sport Horse Prospect Classes***

(60% movement, 30% conformation, 10% general impression)

(Fee is \$40 per entry)

Class #	Class Description
A10	Fillies of 2009 (with or without dam)
A11	Fillies of 2008
A12	Fillies of 2007
A13	Fillies of 2006
A14	Colts/Geldings of 2009 (with or without dam)
A15	Colts/Geldings of 2008
A16	Colts/Geldings of 2007
A17	Colts/Geldings of 2006

### ***Mature Horse / Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock Classes***

(50% movement, 40% conformation, 10% general impression)

(Fee is \$40 per entry)

Class #	Class Description
A18	Mares * 4 years and older (maiden, yield)
A19	Broodmares* 4 years and older

\* Maiden = Never Bred

\* Yield = Previously Bred, but open Jan.1.2009. Donor mares bred by embryo transfer must show as a yield mare.

\* Broodmare = Bred or Nursing as of Jan.1.2009

A20	Stallions 4 years and older.
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### ***Championship Classes***

**(No fee for USDFBC Championship Classes)**

Class #	Class Description
A21*	Filly Championship (open to 1st and 2nd place from classes A10-A13) Champion & Reserve qualify for GAIG/USDFBC
A22*	Colt/Geldings Championship (open to 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> place from classes A14-A17) Champion & Reserve qualify for GAIG/USDFBC
A24*	Mare Championship (open to 1st and 2nd place from A18-A19) Champion & Reserve qualify for GAIG/USDFBC
A25*	Stallion Championship (open to 1st and 2nd place from class A20) Champion & Reserve qualify for GAIG/USDFBC

**\* Great American Ins. Group / USDF Breeders Championship Qualifier Class**

## **Under-Saddle Classes**

(Fee is \$40 per entry.)

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. To be judged 60% movement, 30% conformation, 10% general Impression including impulsion, balance and ride ability. Horses must be at least 36 months of age. Horses in under saddle classes are not required to have shown in individual in-hand classes. See Art. DR204.2d.

Class #	Class Description
A31	Fillies 3 years old under saddle
A32	Colts / Stallions / Geldings 3 years old under saddle
A33	Mares 4 year old and older under saddle
A34	Stallions / Geldings 4 year old and older under saddle

## **Materiale Classes**

(Fee is \$40 per entry.)

Horses will be evaluated according to the criteria listed on the USDF Materiale Class score sheet. Horses will be evaluated under saddle at the walk, trot and canter in both directions of the arena. No more than six horses will be asked to canter at a time. Four and five year old horses may be asked to lengthen the stride at the trot and canter. Horses must be at least 36 months of age to participate in Materiale classes. Show management reserves the right to not divide Materiale classes to allow one rider to ride more than one Horse.

Class #	Class Description
A35	Fillies 3 years old in Materiale
A36	Colts/Geldings 3 years old in Materiale
A37	Mares 4 and 5 years old in Materiale
A38	Stallions/ Geldings 4 and 5 years old in Materiale

## **Entry Specifics**

- **Make checks payable to: NWFLC of DSDCTA**

Mail entry to: Linda Lester  
813 Wagon Wheel Road  
Fort Walton Beach, Fl 32547, Tel: 850-862-6158 [emeraldcoastdressage@cox.net](mailto:emeraldcoastdressage@cox.net)

- **Packet Accuracy Policy:** Entry must include full payment, all signatures, stabling information, current Coggins, copies of current memberships.
- **Show packet** will not be released to you and you will not be allowed to compete unless all documentation is complete.
- Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by **full payment** of all fees and the **entry form properly executed and signed.**
- Show management reserves the right to combine, divide or cancel classes, substitute judges, or make any other changes as deemed appropriate at the time. Additional policies may apply at the discretion of management. Entries will be accepted on a "First Come, First Served" basis.
- **Refund Policy:** Refund in full prior to closing date less office fee. Cancellations must be in writing or email. No refunds /credits for any reason after closing date. No refunds / credits in the event of cancellation of classes due to severe weather or other emergency.
- **Handlers and Assistant Handlers MUST sign the entry form, or may do so day of show.** Lack of handler signature at time of entry will not preclude Packet Accuracy Refund.

***Fees (No Refunds after closing date)***

Introductory/Equitation/USDFBC	\$40 per class
USEF Training thru Fourth Level	\$40 (GAIG/USDF Qualifying \$50)
FEI Classes	\$45 (GAIG/USDF Qualifying \$55)
USDF Breeders Championship	No Fee
Non-Competing Horse Fee (companion horse)	\$20
Late Entry Fee	\$10
Change Fee – Entries changed after closing date will be accepted as space allows.	\$10
Last Minute Cancellation or No-shows Fee	\$15
Post Entries	\$10 per horse
Additional Shavings	\$8
Stall Fee (Friday/Sat/Sun) –Shavings included with each stall. Stalls available Noon Friday with required checkout by 9 AM Monday <b>(Limited Space 30 Stalls Available)</b>	\$100
Extra Nights	\$40
Haul in Trailer Fee	\$20 per horse
USEF Drugs/Medications Fee (\$7 Drug, \$8/USEF)	\$15
USEF Non-member Fee	\$30
USDF Non-member Fee	\$20
Camper Hook Up	\$25 per night
Office Fee	\$20 per horse
Return Check Fee	\$35

**Class List (Saturday Only)**

<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Test</u></b>	<b><u>Division</u></b>
IntroA/O	USDF Intro Level Test A	Open
IntroA/A/JYR	USDF Intro Level Test A	Am/Jr/YR
1N	USEF Training Level Test 1	Novice
10	USEF Training Level Test 1	Open
1A/JYR	USEF Training Level Test 1	Am/Jr/YR
3N	USEF Training Level Test 3	Novice
30	USEF Training Level Test 3	Open
3A/JYR	USEF Training Level Test 3	Am/Jr/YR
40SAT	USEF Training Level Test 4	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
4A/JYR/SAT	USEF Training Level Test 4	Am/Jr/YR & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
110	USEF First Level Test 1	Open
11A/JYR	USEF First Level Test 1	Am/Jr/YR
130	USEF First Level Test 3	Open
13A/JYR	USEF First Level Test 3	Am/Jr/YR
140/SAT	USEF First Level Test 4	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
14A/JYR/SAT	USEF First Level Test 4	Am/Jr/YR & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
210	USEF Second Level Test 1	Open
21A/JYR	USEF Second Level Test 1	Am/Jr/YR
23AD	USEF Second Level Test 3	AA Dover Medal
230	USEF Second Level Test 3	Open
23A/JYR	USEF Second Level Test 3	Am/Jr/YR
240/SAT	USEF Second Level Test 4	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
24A/JYR/SAT	USEF Second Level Test 4	Am/Jr/YR & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
310	USEF Third Level Test 1	Open
31A/JYR	USEF Third Level Test 1	Am/Jr/YR
330/SAT	USEF Third Level Test 3	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
33A/JYR/SAT	USEF Third Level Test 3	Am/Jr/YR & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
420	USEF Fourth Level Test 2	Open
42A/JYR	USEF Fourth Level Test 2	Am/Jr/YR
430/SAT	USEF Fourth Level Test 3	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
43A/JYR/SAT	USEF Fourth Level Test 3	Am/Jr/Yr & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
50Q	FEI Prix St. George	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
50A/JYR	FEI Prix St. George	Am/Jr/YR & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
70	FEI Intermediate I	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
8BO	FEI Grand Prix B	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
9FM	FEI Musical Freestyle	State test & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
9UM	USDF Musical Freestyle TOC	State Level & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
10 FJ	FEI Junior Team Test	GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
15DESAT	Dressage Equitation	Open

**Class List (Sunday Only)**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name of Test</u>	<u>Division</u>
IntroB/O	USDF Intro Level Test B	Open
IntroB/A/JYR	USDF Intro Level Test B	Am/Jr/YR
20	USEF Training Level Test 2	Open
2N	USEF Training Level Test 2	Novice
2A/JYR	USEF Training Level Test 2	Am/Jr/YR
40/SUN	USEF Training Level Test 4	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
4A/JYR/SUN	USEF Training Level Test 4	Am/Jr/YR & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
120	USEF First Level Test 2	Open
12A/JYR	USEF First Level Test 2	Am/Jr/YR
140/SUN	USEF First Level Test 4	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
14A/JYR/SUN	USEF First Level Test 4	Am/Jr/YR & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
220	USEF Second Level Test 2	Open
22A/JYR	USEF Second Level Test 2	Am/Jr/YR
240/SUN	USEF Second Level Test 4	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
24A/JYR/SUN	USEF Second Level Test 4	Am/Jr/YR & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
320	USEF Third Level Test 2	Open
32A/JYR	USEF Third Level Test 2	Am/Jr/YR
330/SUN	USEF Third Level Test 3	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
33A/JYR/SUN	USEF Third Level Test 3	Am /Jr/YR & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
410	USEF Fourth Level Test 1	Open
41A/JYR	USEF Fourth Level Test 1	Am/Jr/YR
430/SUN	USEF Fourth Level Test 3	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
43A/JYR/SUN	USEF Fourth Level Test 3	Am/Jr/Yr & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
50	FEI Prix St. George	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
5A/JYR	FEI Prix St. George	Am/Jr/YR & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
60	FEI Intermediate II	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
8B	FEI Grand Prix B	Open & GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
9UMSUN	USDF Musical Freestyle TOC	State Level
11FJ	FEI Junior Individual Test	GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING
12 PARA	Para-equestrian TOC	State Test
FEIYH	FEI Young Horse	State Test
USEFYH	USEF Young Horse	State Level
15DESUN	Dressage Equitation	Open

**Qualifying Classes:** Great American/USDF Qualifying classes are combined with your division class. No separate ribbons or prizes will be awarded for Great American/USDF Qualifying entries. Add a "Q" to the class number to indicate Qualifying and add a \$10.00 qualifying fee. **Copies of USEF membership and USDF participating cards for both rider and owner, and copies of USEF Lifetime or Annual Horse Recording and the USDF full Lifetime Horse Registration must be included with entry.**

USEF Competition Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USEF# \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**ATTENTION COMPETITORS**

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers (USDF, United States Equestrian Federation) 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.

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## ***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.

UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION

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## 2009 Great American Insurance Group USDF Breeders' Championship Series



The Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series (USDFBC) is a program designed to promote breeders and showcase quality sport horses. Each series will consist of at least three qualifying events in designated geographical areas of the United States, which will lead to a final event in each series. Exhibitors compete at qualifying events for the champion and reserve champion filly, colt/gelding, mare and stallion. These horses are then invited to compete in each of their respective classes, in the final event of that series, which is where the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Filly, Colt/Gelding, Mare, and Stallion will be determined.

For a list of events participating in the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series or the complete rules and guidelines, contact USDF at (859) 971-2277 or [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). The list of upcoming events is also included in the USDF Connection.

### Qualifying System

The USDFBC Series is scheduled on a calendar year basis (January 1-December 31).

A series must have a minimum of three qualifying events in order to hold a series final. All shows in the series, including qualifier classes held in conjunction with the final of the series, are qualifying events.

The final event of each series is normally the last USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed dressage competition holding DSHB classes *scheduled* in a particular geographical area of the United States as of July 1 of the year prior to the series final year. However, a series final may also be held at either a separate dressage or DSHB show which does not offer other DSHB classes, and is not a USDFBC qualifying event. Host sites of series finals will be designated on or about July 1.

If a USDFBC Series does not have at least three qualifying events registered with USDF by June 1 of the series final year, or at least 12 weeks before the date of the series final, the final will not be held for that series.

Horses may compete in qualifying events in any series, but if qualified for more than one series final, they may participate in only one final class. Horses must qualify in the series in which they enter the final. Exception: Horses that have qualified for a series final which is either not scheduled or is cancelled may participate in the final of any other USDFBC series in the same calendar year, without having to re-qualify for that series. Owners of horses that have qualified for a final which is not held, may enter another series final, but must indicate on their entry form which series they qualified at.

Series final events must allow late entries in the series final classes for horses that qualified for the series final event after the official closing date for the final event.

Each qualifying event must offer a Filly Championship class, a Colt/Gelding Championship class, a Mare Championship class and a Stallion Championship class. These classes are USDFBC qualifying classes. The champion and reserve champion in each of these four classes, from each series qualifying event, are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBC series final class. A third place horse in each series qualifying championship class must be named as well. If the champion, reserve or both have already qualified for the series final class, the third place horse will also be invited to compete in the series final class. In addition, any other horse receiving a 77% or better in its age/sex class will be eligible to compete in the final class (Effective: 2009 competition year). A list of qualified horses is maintained by series on the USDF Web site.

#### **Filly and Colt/Gelding Championship:**

The Filly and Colt/Gelding Championship classes at qualifying events must be open to first and second place winners of Sport Horse Prospect In Hand classes for all horses age three years old and under, as listed below. (Organizers have the option of including third placed winners in championship classes.)

##### **Filly championship:**

Fillies of current calendar year  
Yearling Fillies  
Two-year old Fillies  
Three-year old Fillies

##### **Colt/gelding championship:**

Colts/Geldings of current calendar year  
Yearling Colts/Geldings  
Two-year old Colts/Geldings  
Three-year old Colts/Geldings

#### **Mare and Stallion Championship:**

The Mare and Stallion Championship classes at qualifying events must be open to first and second place winners of Breeding Stock In Hand classes for horses age four years old and over, as listed below. (Organizers have the option of including third placed winners in championship classes.)

##### **Mare Championship:**

Mare classes may be divided by age, competition and/or breeding status, as in the following example:

- Four-year old and older maiden mares – never bred
- Four-year old and older yeld mares-never bred or not currently bred or nursing
- Four-year old and older broodmares – In foal or currently nursing-(mare only to be judged).

Per USEF DR203.16. “For competition purposes, a mare’s breeding status on January 1 will remain the same until December 31 of the same calendar year (i.e., a mare that is in foal or nursing will remain a broodmare for competition purposes after her foal is weaned, regardless of her actual breeding status, until December 31 of the same year. If she is not in foal on January 1 of the next calendar year, she will remain a Yeld mare, for competition purposes, throughout the next calendar year even if she is successfully re-bred during that year) Exception: During the calendar year in which an embryo-transfer recipient mare is due to foal, the embryo-transfer donor mare must compete according to her breeding status the year prior to being bred.” (Effective 4/1/08)

##### **Stallion Championship:**

Stallion classes may be divided by age, competition and/or breeding status, as in the following example:

- Four-year old and older stallions showing only in hand
- Four-year old and older stallions showing also under saddle

Age/sex eligibility is determined as follows:

- a. Fillies, colts and geldings three years of age or under may show ONLY as sport horse prospects, not in breeding stock classes/categories.

- b. Mares and stallions age four and over may show ONLY in breeding stock classes/categories.  
Note: Two and three-year olds are ONLY eligible to compete in the filly or colt championships. They are NOT eligible for the mare or stallion championships.
- c. Geldings of any age may NOT show in breeding stock classes/categories. Geldings age three and under may show ONLY in sport horse classes/categories.

No geldings may compete in the USDFBC classes for stallions even if they are gelded after qualifying for the finals and are breeding via frozen semen.

Horses and ponies of any origin may compete.

Horses participating in USDFBC qualifying or final events are not required to be registered with any studbook, but “if a horse is registered with any breed organization, the name of the breed, sire, dam, dam sire and breeder must be given on the entry blank. For unregistered horses competing in DSHB classes, the information is strongly recommended, if available.” (USEF GR 907.1)

The USDFBC championship classes must be offered and judged at each qualifying event according to USEF DR 209 and DR 210. These championships may not be awarded on the basis of previous scores.

The champion and reserve champion in each championship class at a qualifying event will be presented with a blue and white qualifier neck ribbon. Only the champion and reserve champion will receive the qualifier ribbon, even if they have previously qualified. A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well, but will not receive a qualifier ribbon.

### **Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying Events**

(These are minimum requirements)

Horse: USDF Horse Identification (HID) number

Owner: USDF non-member (NM) number and fee

Handler: Exempt

USEF Membership is not required, but non-member fees apply.

### **Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders’ Championship Series Final Events**

Four championship classes will be offered at a Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders’ Championship Series Final Event. These are: filly, colt/gelding, mare and stallion. All champions and reserve champions in each of the four championship classes from each qualifying competition are eligible to participate in the Great American/USDF Breeders’ Championship Series Final Event. A grand champion and reserve grand champion filly, colt/gelding, mare, and stallion will be named at each series final event.

At least two judges qualified to judge a Federation Licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding division (one of whom must be a licensed USEF DSHB judge) must officiate in each series final class. Each judge will evaluate each entry independently, and scribes must be provided for each judge. Winners will be determined by the average of all judges’ scores. The highest placed horse in each class will be declared grand champion and the second-highest placed horse will be declared reserve grand champion.

Horses must be shown individually on the triangle at the walk and trot and standing for conformation. Each horse must be evaluated in the same manner. DSHB sport horse prospects are evaluated on yellow

score sheets; DSHB breeding stock horses are evaluated on pink score sheets. Call backs are permitted.

Grand champions will receive an embroidered cooler, neck ribbon and plaque. Reserve grand champions will receive a leather lead, neck ribbon and plaque. Third through sixth-placed horses in the series final classes will receive ribbons. Certificates will be provided for all horses that compete in a series final class. Awards will be provided by USDF through the generous support of the series sponsors.

USDF reserves the right to change, alter, or retract any placings and/or prizes for up to 60 days after the last day of the championship if an error or violation is discovered, after which no changes will be made.

### **Membership/Registration Requirements for Final Events**

Horse: USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR)

Owner: USDF Participating Membership (PM) or USDF Business Membership (BM)

Handler: Exempt

USEF Membership is not required, but non-member fees apply.

Verification of USDF Participating or Business membership and Lifetime Horse Registration must be provided to management prior to the series final class.

Please note that when qualifying classes are held prior to the final classes at the series final event, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to apply for, or provide proof of, proper memberships and horse registrations to competition manager prior to the final class.



## 2009 Great American Insurance Group/ USDF Regional Dressage Championships

In 2009, a single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), licensed 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 GMO is received by April 1 of the prior year.

The 2009 Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF Web site at: <http://www.usdf.org/Programs/RegionalChampionships/index.asp>. Please refer to the 2009 USDF Directory for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

### **Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying & Championships:**

#### **Rider:**

- Must be a USDF Participating\* Member 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 at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships. Horse registration must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record. If a current lease recording is on file with USDF, the lessee is recognized as "owner" for all USDF membership requirements.
- Must be USEF (Annual or Lifetime) recorded at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships. Horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record.
- Horse does not have to be breed registered.

#### **Owner:**

- Must be a USDF member (Participating or Business) 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.

*\*Participating Members are USDF members who join USDF directly*

## 2009 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 Rider and FEI Young Rider classes have only one respective division. Freestyles have only Open divisions. The minimum percentages are as follows:

	<u>Open</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>Jr/YR</u>
Training Level (Test 4)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 4)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 4)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
FEI Junior Rider (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%
<b><u>Freestyle</u></b>			
First Level	65%	--	--
Second Level	65%	--	--
Third Level	65%	--	--
Fourth Level	63%	--	--
Intermediate I	63%	--	--
Grand Prix	63%	--	--

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

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**Membership Requirements for USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed Competitions:** Owners and riders, including foreign riders and owners who are not residents of the US, wishing to participate in a USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competitions as a rider or owner/lessee, must have either a USDF group membership (GM), intercollegiate/interscholastic membership (IM), participating membership (PM), or have a USDF non-member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF NM fee. (Note: USDF business members (BM) can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their BM.)

Horses competing at USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed shows 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 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 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 Regional Championships.)

Exceptions:

- Horses competing only in Individual Breed Classes (IBC) at DSHB competitions, 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, or 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 and academy classes. For foreign-owned horses competing in a CDI, USDF accepts copies of the horse identification pages from an FEI passport in lieu of a USDF HID or Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) number.
- 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 (\$62), 5-years (\$250), or life (\$1,000). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for members under 21 (as of December 1 of the current membership year) for \$35. A PM allows the member to compete at USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competitions and to participate as a rider and/or owner 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 USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competitions and participate in the USDF Rider Awards program.

**Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Membership (IM):** A membership issued to an individual by USDF when the member name and dues are submitted to USDF through an affiliate Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Member Organization (IMO). The membership year is December 1 through November 30. An IM allows the member to compete at USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed 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 (\$175) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

**Non-Member (NM) Identification Number:** For each USDF non-member owner/lessee and USDF non-member rider there will be a USDF non-member fee of \$20 and a USDF non-member 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 non-member number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF non-member fee. If all the owners of the horse are non-members, only one of the owners must pay the non-member fee. If the horse has at least one owner who is a current USDF member there is no non-member fee assessed. Competition management will be invoiced for all applicable USDF non-member fees not received with the USDF post competition paperwork, along with a report listing all USDF non-members. Competition management is then required to submit the non-member 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 Web site.

**Horse Identification (HID) Number:** A one-time tracking number for horses (\$20). Scores earned by a horse with an HID will be recorded, but will NOT be counted towards Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID 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 can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$65. If a horse has a USDF LHR it does not need an HID. An HID does not need to be renewed.

**Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR):** A horse with a LHR (\$85) is eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete at Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals and Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse has a LHR it does not need an HID. A LHR does not need to be renewed.

#### **How to Join USDF**

Applications for participating membership (PM), business membership (BM), non-member (NM) identification number, horse identification (HID) number, and lifetime horse registration (LHR) may be found in the following locations:

- On the USDF Web site: [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). You can submit the application online, print, fax or mail it.
- In the show office at USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed 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 received by the competition secretary.



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## Entry Checklist

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### **USDF**

#### **General Requirements for ALL Entries**

- Rider's Name
- Rider's Address
- Rider's Phone
- Foreign competitors in non-breed restricted competitions-membership in good standing from their NF or USEF membership
- Rider's USEF card/discipline (discipline fee not necessary for juniors) or USEF non-member fee
- Rider's USDF PM, GM, IM or NM card\*\*
- JR/YR - Birthday \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ (USEF DR 119.3 and .4 for age requirements for junior, young rider, adult, per dressage division rules, which differ from USEF general age rules.)
- Adult Amateur card
  
- Horse's USDF HID or lifetime registration\*
- Horse's coggins date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- Health certificate (if applicable)
- Owner's name
- Owner's USEF card / discipline or USEF non-member fee
- Owner's USDF PM, GM, BM, IM or NM card\*\*
- Trainer's name
- Trainer's USEF card / discipline or USEF non-member fee
- Coach's name (where applicable)
- Coach's USEF card / discipline (where applicable) or USEF non-member fee
- Handler's name
- Handler's USEF card/discipline or USEF non-member fee
- Test of choice- Test listed
- Freestyle-Level listed
- Freestyle-Copy of qualifying test included (USEF DR 128.9)

\* Either the USDF Horse Identification Number (HID) or a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) is required for all horses competing in any USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed Dressage Competition or open (dressage or DSHB) class at a USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed Regular or Local Competition. Horses competing only in Individual Breed Classes (IBC) at DSHB competitions, 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, or 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 and academy classes. For foreign-owned horses competing in a CDI, USDF accepts copies of the horse identification pages from an FEI passport in lieu of a USDF HID or Lifetime Registration number.

\*\* For each USDF non-member owner/lessee and USDF non-member rider there will be a USDF non-member fee of \$20 and a USDF non-member form per competition that must be collected by the show secretary and submitted to USDF along with the USDF Report of Fees document. Owners/lessees or riders exempt from the non-member number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF non-member fee. If all the owners of the horse are non-members, only one of the owners must pay the non-member fee. If the horse has at least one owner who is a current USDF member there is no non-member fee assessed. Competition management will be invoiced for all applicable USDF non-member fees not received with the USDF post competition paperwork, along with a report listing all USDF non-members. Competition management is then required to submit the non-member fees within 30 days to the USDF. For persons applying for the first time for a non-member number the \$5 affidavit fee is not required. Riders and owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF Horse Identification (HID) requirements are also exempt from the NM fees and requirements.

- Local qualifier
- Great American/USDF qualifier indicated

#### **Signatures**

- Rider's signature
- Parent's signature IF rider/handler under 18
- Trainer's signature
- Owner's signature
- Coach's signature (if applicable)
- Handler's signature

#### **Entries for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Qualifying and Championship Classes**

- Horse USDF Lifetime Registration
- Horse USEF Annual or Life Recording
- Rider USDF Participating Membership card
- Rider USEF active membership card
- Owner USDF PM or BM card
- Owner USEF active membership card
- Owner listed is USEF current owner or lessee of record

#### **Entries for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Final Championship Classes**

- Horse USDF Lifetime Registration
- Owner USDF Participating or Business Membership card
- No USDF requirements for handler

*Key: PM: Participating Member; GM: Group Member;  
IM: Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Member  
NM: Non-member; BM: Business Member*