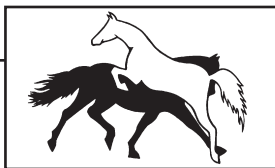


MARCH 2, 2026

OPENING DATE FOR ENTRIES
DRESSAGE LEVEL 3



APRIL 3, 2026

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES
USEF/USDF #325139

Saturday and Sunday, April 25 & 26, 2026

**MYSTIC VALLEY HUNT CLUB
MYSTIC VALLEY DRESSAGE**

645 Long Cove Road, Gales Ferry, CT 06335

OFFICIAL QUALIFYING COMPETITION FOR:

2026 GAIG/USDF Regional Championship

2026 FEI North American Youth Championships

2026 USEF Children Dressage National Championship

2026 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship

2026 USEF Junior Dressage National Championship

2026 USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship

2026 USEF Brentina Cup Dressage National Championship

**2026 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National
Championships**

2026 USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship

2026 Adequan®/USEF Para Dressage National Championships

2026 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in

Dressage (Five-, Six-, and Seven-Year Olds)

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Levels: Intro Level through Grand Prix, Young Horse, Dressage Seat Equitation, Para-Equestrian and Freestyles.

Awards: Prize and six ribbons in each class. High Score Prizes: Training – Third and Fourth – GP. High Score Prizes excluding Freestyles, Dressage Equitation, Intro Level, USEF TOC Classes, and Young Horse Tests. There will be no mandatory prize-giving (awards) ceremonies.

Fees:

USDF Non-Member	\$55
USEF Drug Fee (\$15 Drug/Meds & \$10 USEF Fee)	\$25/horse
Office Fee (Non-Refundable) mailed or emailed entry	\$50/entry
Non-competing Horse Fee plus office fee	\$50
Post Entry Surcharge	\$50
(Applies to all entries RECEIVED after the closing date.)	
Class Change, if granted by show secretary	\$30/class
Non-negotiable check or declined credit card	\$35
Permanent and Temporary Stabling	\$300
Haul-in fee	NC
Shavings	\$10/bag
Hay	\$16/bale

All entries **MUST** submit a negative Coggins dated within 12 months of show, proof of EIV and EHV vaccinations dated within six months of the show, a drug fee, and non-refundable office fee. Applicable USEF and USDF numbers for rider, owner, trainer and horse will be found in USEF and USDF databases. Please include USDF non-member fee if applicable. All entries must have three signatures including emergency info. Checks payable to **Mystic Valley Hunt Club, Inc. (MVHC, Inc.)** or fill out Credit Card info on the entry form. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Entries can be mailed, emailed or online via **HorseShowOffice.com**. Post entries will be accepted to fill scratches with a \$50 post entry fee. Completed entries will be processed in the order they are received. Confirmations will be sent by email. Refunds will be given for cancellations received in writing, or email on or before the closing date less office fee. **Unconditionally, no refunds after closing date or for 'acts of god' which require management to cancel classes or day(s) of competition.** Any unused USEF or USDF fees will be refunded after any indebtedness is settled.

Times: Times will be on the website, www.horseshowoffice.com, at least one week prior to the competition and posted at the show by noon on Friday. Please email or upload music. Music must be in MP3 or WAV formats. Once music is received, sound check time will be given upon arrival at secretary's office.

Stabling: A very limited number of permanent stalls (10x12) with doors for \$300 per stall. Temporary stalls (10x10) with doors available for \$300 per stall. No initial bedding. Please note your stabling group on your entry. **No refunds on stabling after closing.** NO stall cleaning deposit required. Tack stalls are available. May arrive Friday noon, depart Sunday 7 PM, and not be charged extra day. Earlier arrivals and later departures must get permission from management and \$50/night fee.

Accommodations:

Mystic Marriot Groton, CT (closest) 860-446-2600 (with pool, spa and Starbucks)
Horse Show Hotel: Comfort Inn, Mystic, CT 860-572-8531
Flagship Inn & Suites, Groton, CT 860-405-1111 (allows dogs)
Red Roof Inn, New London, CT 860-444-0001 (allows dogs)
Quality Inn, Groton, CT 860-445-8141
Holiday Inn Express Groton, CT 860-445-0220
Contact us if you need others.

Directions: From I-95 take Exit 88, turn North onto Route 117. Cross over Route 184, staying straight. Take 1st left onto Gales Ferry Road. Farm is 1 1/5 miles on left.

Footing All arenas standard size (60 m x 20 m). Ring will be changed to Small (40 m x 20 m) for Para classes and Intro Classes if entries warrant. 3 sand arenas, 3 sand warm-ups, enclosed sand lunging area.

Entertainment Food on the grounds beginning at 7 AM.

Other: Management reserves the right to combine, divide or cancel any class. Farrier on grounds Chip Rankin. Veterinarian Dr. David Anderson 860-639-6927 on call with contact information posted. All dogs must be leashed. EMT on the grounds. Come have fun!

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Mystic Valley Dressage Class List

Sat	Sun	Class Name	Division	Fee	Q (see below)
11	21	USDF Intro Test A	O/AA/JrYR	\$45	
12	22	USDF Intro Test B	O/AA/JrYR	\$45	
13	23	USDF Intro Test C	O/AA/JrYR	\$45	
101	201	USEF Training Level Test 1	O/AA/JrYR	\$55	
102	202	USEF Training Level Test 2	O/AA/JrYR	\$55	
103	203	USEF Training Level Test 3	O/AA/JrYR	\$55	\$20
111	211	USEF First Level Test 1	O/AA/JrYR	\$55	
112	212	USEF First Level Test 2	O/AA/JrYR	\$55	
113	213	USEF First Level Test 3	O/AA/JrYR	\$55	\$20
121	221	USEF Second Level Test 1	O/AA/JrYR	\$55	
122	222	USEF Second Level Test 2	O/AA/JrYR	\$55	
123	223	USEF Second Level Test 3	O/AA/JrYR	\$55	\$20
131	231	USEF Third Level Test 1	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	
132	232	USEF Third Level Test 2	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	
133		USEF Third Level Test 3	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	\$20
	233	USEF Third Level Test 3 - Stakes	O/AA/JrYR	\$90	\$20
141	241	USEF Fourth Level Test 1	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	
142	242	USEF Fourth Level Test 2	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	
143	243	USEF Fourth Level Test 3	O/AA/JrYR	\$65	\$20
150	250	FEI Test of Choice*	O/AA/JrYR	\$80	\$20
151		FEI Prix St George – Stakes Class	O/AA/JrYR	\$105	\$20
	251	FEI Prix St. George	O/AA/JrYR	\$80	\$20
152	252	FEI Intermediate I	O/AA/JrYR	\$80	\$20
154	254	FEI Grand Prix	O/AA/JrYR	\$80	\$20
156EF		FEI Pony Rider Team – USEF Q	USEF Q	\$60	
	256EF	FEI Pony Rider Individual – USEF Q	USEF Q	\$60	
157EF		FEI Junior Team – USEF/NAYC Q	USEF/NAYC Q	\$60	\$20
	257EF	FEI Junior Individual – USEF/NAYC Q	USEF/NAYC Q	\$60	
158EF		FEI Young Rider Team – USEF/NAYC Q	USEF/NAYC Q	\$60	\$20
	258EF	FEI Young Rider Individual – USEF/NAYC Q	USEF/NAYC Q	\$60	
159EF		FEI Children’s Team – USEF/NAYC Q	USEF/NAYC Q	\$60	
	259EF	FEI Children’s Individual – USEF/NAYC Q	USEF/NAYC Q	\$60	
160EF		FEI Prix St George – Markel/USEF Q	Markel/USEF Q	\$80	\$20
	260EF	FEI Intermediate I – USEF Q	USEF Q	\$80	\$20
161EF		FEI Intermediate II – Markel/USEF/NAYC Q	Markel/USEF/NAYC Q	\$80	\$20
	261EF	FEI Grand Prix (16-25) – USEF/NAYC Q	USEF/NAYC Q	\$80	
	262EF	USEF Developing PSG – Markel/USEF Q	Markel/USEF Q	\$80	
	263EF	USEF Developing GP – Markel/USEF Q	Markel/USEF Q	\$80	
165EF		FEI 5 YO Preliminary Test – WBC/Markel/USEF Q	WBC/Markel/USEF Q	\$80	
166EF		FEI 6 YO Preliminary Test – WBC/Markel/USEF Q	WBC/Markel/USEF Q	\$80	
167EF		FEI 7 YO Preliminary Test – WBC/Markel/USEF Q	WBC/Markel/USEF Q	\$80	
	264EF	USEF 4 YO Test – Markel/USEF Q	Markel/USEF Q	\$80	

	265EF	FEI 5 YO Final Test – WBC/Markel/USEF Q	WBC/Markel/USEF Q	\$80	
	266EF	FEI 6 YO Final Test – WBC/Markel/USEF Q	WBC/Markel/USEF Q	\$80	
	267EF	FEI 7 YO Final Test – WBC/Markel/USEF Q	WBC/Markel/USEF Q	\$80	
	169EF	FEI Para Intermediate Test A TOC – USEF Q	USEF Q	\$80	
	170EF	FEI Para Grand Prix Test A TOC – USEF Q	USEF Q	\$80	
	269EF	FEI Para Intermediate B TOC – USEF Q	USEF Q	\$80	
	270EF	FEI Para Grand Prix Test B TOC – USEF Q	USEF Q	\$80	
171	271	Dressage Seat Equitation****	O/AA/JrYR	\$40	
180	280	USEF Test of Choice*	O/AA/JrYR	\$60	\$20
	290	USDF Freestyle TOC***	Open	\$80	\$20
	291	FEI Freestyle TOC*	Open	\$80	\$20
	292EF	FEI Junior Freestyle – NAYC Q	NAYC Q	\$60	
	293EF	FEI Young Rider Freestyle – NAYC Q	NAYC Q	\$60	
	294EF	FEI Para Grand Prix Freestyle TOC-USEF Q	USEF Q	\$80	
181		Young Horse TOC**	Open	\$80	
	295EF	FEI Para Intermediate Freestyle TOC – USEF Q	USEF Q	\$80	

Note: Open classes will be split for JrYR/AA if entries warrant.

Q Column is for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship qualifying

* GAIG/USDF Qualifier if applicable

** USEF 4yo test, FEI 5yo, and 6yo Preliminary or Final tests are ridden. If 7 YO test required, sep class will be created.

*** Class will be split if entries warrant. Note: Training Level is not a GAIG/USDF Qualifier.

****This class is a qualifier for the Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals and USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program.

Show Name _____ Show Dates _____ (hereafter "Competition")

Connecticut Clause

Each person engaged in recreational equestrian activities shall assume the risk and legal responsibility for any injury to his person or property arising out of the hazards inherent in equestrian sports, unless the injury was proximately caused by the negligence of the person providing the horse or horses to the individual engaged in recreational equestrian activities or the failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure or activity by the person providing the horse or horses or his agents or employees.

USDF Hold-Harmless Clause

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 management, 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

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of _____ (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 GR907.4.

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

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

Rider/Handler (mandatory)
Signature _____ Print Name _____

Owner/Agent (mandatory)
Signature _____ Print Name _____

Trainer (mandatory)
Signature _____ Print Name _____

Coach (if applicable)
Signature _____ Print Name _____

Parent/Guardian (if applicable)
Signature _____ Print Name _____



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

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

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

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

EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING:

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

Under the laws of most States, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Print Name: _____

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

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

USEF Competition Name:

USEF#:

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):

Dressage Level 3



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Excerpts from USEF Rule Book

“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.”

Sharps Containers Requirement – GR1210.4

Competition management shall place a minimum of one sharps container per each competition, whether or not stabling is provided. Additionally, at least one sharps container per fifty occupied stalls for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. It is competition management’s responsibility to replace such containers when full and dispose of them properly. 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. Competition management will place a notice of this requirement either in its prize list or on a specific handout given to trainers on check in at the competition. If local law has different requirements, local law will prevail. Competitions failing to comply with placing the required number of containers on the show grounds will be considered in violation of the rules and may be subject to penalty as determined by the CEO or his designee and/or the Hearing Committee.

Membership Statement – GR901.9

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A non-member 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 \$45 Show Pass 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 (exception: Friesian performance FR218) 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.

Motorized Vehicle Statement – GR1301.7 and GR1301.8

Minors who do not have a valid driver’s license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver’s license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver’s license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed “unsafe use” if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

Pony Measurement Statement – DR 135

For Pony measurement, the owner or agent must notify competition management and/or competition secretary, and request a measurement within five days of the start of the competition. A \$100 fee will be incurred to cover the measurement session and scheduling and cost of the veterinarian.

Headgear Rule – GR801

All competitors must follow the rules regarding Headgear, which can be found in GR801.

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

**This
competition
is recognized
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for 2026**

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

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

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

Exceptions:

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

Memberships Defined

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

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

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

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

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

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

How to Join USDF

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

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

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



2026 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships

A single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), will be held in each of the nine USDF regions. In addition, Alaska and Hawaii may each hold state championships if an official request from a Group Member Organization (GMO) is received by April 1 of the prior year. The Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF website at www.usdf.org. Please refer to the 2026 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

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

Rider:

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

Horse:

- Must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR).
- Must have a USEF (Annual or Lifetime) Horse Recording.
- USDF horse registration and USEF horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s).

A horse is not required to have breed registry papers.

- Horses must be entered in qualifying and championship classes under their official recorded names and ownership as specified in USEF GR1102.3, and transfers of ownership or lease registrations must be completed in compliance with USEF rules GR1105 and GR1108 prior to the competition in order for the horse to compete under the name of the new owner or lessee. (USEF DR127.2)

Owner:

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

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

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

The minimum percentages are as follows:

	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
Training Level (Test 3)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 3)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 3)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Prix St. Georges	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	62%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%
FREESTYLE	OPEN/Jr/YR	AA	
First Level	65%	65%	
Second Level	65%	65%	
Third Level	65%	65%	
Fourth Level	65%	65%	
Intermediate I	65%	65%	
Grand Prix	65%	65%	



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Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program

The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program recognizes adult amateurs competing in equitation and promotes correct seat, position, and use of the aids in dressage. An Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class presented by Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply will be held in conjunction with each of the nine USDF Regional Dressage Championship competitions, providing adult amateurs with additional opportunity for recognition. Ribbons awarded through 8th Place and gift certificates awarded to top four riders

Adult amateurs wishing to qualify to compete in an Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final may do so by meeting the following requirements.

Qualifying Requirements

To be eligible for the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class, rider must have

- a) Earned a score of 70% or higher in any dressage seat equitation class (except walk/trot) at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage competition within the qualifying period of the applicable regional championship.

or

- b) Qualified to compete in any regional dressage championship class (excluding freestyles).

Membership Requirements

- Rider must have a USDF Participating Membership at the time the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Rider must be an adult amateur, in accordance with GR1306 of the USEF rules, and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur when the score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Owner must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.

The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program rules and information can be found on the USDF [website](#).



USDF Horse Welfare Statement

As those engaged in equestrian sport, we are committed to ensuring our horses receive the best possible care to the best of our ability. We acknowledge that we are the caretakers of our horses and as such we are committed to always, without exception, treating our horses with dignity, fairness, kindness, and understanding.

We realize that horses, whether in a herd or as an individual, will communicate contentment, fear, pain and confusion in the only way they can, which often takes the form of physical reactions that can be misinterpreted and misunderstood.

Therefore, we believe it is our obligation to seek to understand our horses with the goal of providing care and training methods that are never the manifestation of anger, frustration or cruelty. We are committed to these principles at all times, whether on or off the show grounds.

We are committed to humane treatment and application of these principles on behalf of all animals including but not limited to horses, donkeys, mules, companion animals, and pets. Lack of humane treatment, whether the result of actions taken, or by care withheld, will not be tolerated.

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