



OVCTA Spring Dressage Show

@ Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds, Glenmoore, PA

2026 USDF/USEF Level 2 Dressage Competition

Official Qualifying Competitions for:

2026 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships

2026 Colonel Bengt Ljungquist Memorial Championships

Sunday, May 24th, 2026

2026 GAIG USDF Qualifier

License# 49005699

Competition# 339324

Judge:

Marilyn Payne (S NJ)

Technical Delegate:

Lisa Leana (R VA)

Opens: 4/1/26 Closes: 5/15/26
Online and paper entries see page 9

Or visit Ovcta.org

Recipient must have TIP number from Jockey Club



**Thoroughbred
Incentive Program**

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Licensee Oley Valley Combined Training Assoc.

Farrier On Call

To be posted at Secretary's Office

Veterinarian On Call

Stillmeadow Equine Veterinary Service

610-686-6006

EMT on Site

Karen Boland Hughes

Show Photographer

Victoria Morano

Competition Fees

USDF HID Fee	\$45.
USDF Non-Member Fee: <i>(if applicable) for each NM rider, owner</i>	\$55.
USDF Affidavit Fee: <i>(If Applicable) Should a USDF member not be able to provide any other proof of membership</i>	\$5.
Late Fee: (for any entry RECEIVED after the closing date)	\$35.
Entry Change Fee: <i>before closing date:</i> <i>after closing date:</i>	\$15./\$25.
Non – Negotiable Check Fee: <i>if applicable</i>	\$35.
USEF Fee: (\$8.00 USEF Fee + \$15 Drug Fee)	\$23/horse
Office Fee per entry:	\$55.
Opportunity and USDF Introductory Classes: <i>(these classes are exempt from all horse ID and membership requirements}</i>	\$45./test
Training thru Fourth Level:	\$50./test
Dressage Seat Equitation:	\$50./test
FEI Classes:	\$65./test
Musical Freestyles:	\$70./test
Materiale Classes:	\$50./class
GAIG Qualifying Classes:	\$20./class additional

Class List

100: Opportunity Training Level Test 1

101: Opportunity Training Level Test 2

102: Opportunity First Level Test 1

103: Opportunity First Level Test 2

Opportunity classes. Horses entered in ONLY Opportunity classes are exempt from \$23 USEF.

No USEF/USDF memberships or horse IDs are required for Opportunity classes if entered only in Intro and/or fee.

USDF INTRODUCTORY:

104: Introductory Test A

105: Introductory Test B

106: Introductory Test C

TRAINING LEVEL:

1: Training Level Test 1

2: Training Level Test 2 (BLM)

3: Training Level Test 3 - (GAIG/USDF-Q; Open)

FIRST LEVEL:

4: First Level Test 1

5: First Level Test 2 (BLM)

6: First Level Test 3 - (GAIG/USDF-Q; Open)

SECOND LEVEL:

7: Second Level Test 1

8: Second Level Test 2 (BLM)

9: Second Level Test 3 (GAIG/USDF- Q; Open)

THIRD LEVEL:

10: Third Level Test 1

11: Third Level Test 2 (BLM)

12: Third Level Test 3 - (GAIG/USDF-Q; Open)

FOURTH LEVEL:

13: Fourth Level Test 1

14: Fourth Level Test 2 (BLM)

15: Fourth Level Test 3 - (GAIG/USDF-Q; Open)

16: USEF Training – Fourth Level Test of Choice Class - Open/GAIG/USDF Q; Open Appropriate tests may be ridden as a second Qualifying opportunity each day for GAIG/USDF Regional Champi-onships: only one Qualifying score can be earned per competition. Please specify test and Open or Qualifying on entry.

MUSICAL FREESTYLE:

17: Musical Freestyle Training Level - BLM

18: Musical Freestyle TOC First - Fourth - Open/BLM/GAIG/USDF Q; Open

19: Musical Freestyle TOC FEI - Open/BLM/GAIG/USDF Q; Open

FEI:

20: Prix St. Georges – Open/BLM/GAIG/USDF Q

21: FEI Intermediate TOC: A or B

23: FEI: Intermediate 1 - Open/BLM/GAIG/USDF Q

24: FEI TOC: Intermediate 2; Grande Prix (or the equivalent to) – Open/BLM/GAIG/USDF Q

Materiale:

24: Three - year Old Fillies

25: Three - year Old Colts and Geldings

26: Four and Five - year old Mares

27: Four and Five - year old Stallions and Geldings

28: Dressage Seat Equitation: Open; JR/YR; Adult

Amateur

Notes: Freestyle requirements on page 7



USDF

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	VISA	<input type="checkbox"/>	AMEX	CARD NO. _____ - _____ - _____ - _____	EXP DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	NAME ON CARD: _____	CVV # _____
BILLING ADDRESS _____				ZIP CODE _____	



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, Vaulteur 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/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

TRAINER (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

OWNER/AGENT (mandatory)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

COACH (if applicable)

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

WARNING:

**CAUTION: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.
UNDER PA STATUTE 4 P.S. §§ 601-607, YOU ASSUME THE RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO PENNSYLVANIA LAW.**

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)

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. _____ 08.18.25

Awards

◆ Ribbons 1st Thru 6th place.

DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY:

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- JR/YR:** Individuals are eligible to enter as Juniors 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 the age 21. Competitors shall compete as Adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22. (DR19.3) Riders who are 16 and 17 may compete as either Juniors or Young Riders. Date of Birth must be noted in designated spot on entry form.
- AQHA Approved:** American Quarter Horse Association requires horses to be AQHA registered and have an AQHA Lifetime Dressage Competition license and riders to have current membership with AQHA. Nomination form at [www.aqha.com/forms/pdf/AQHA Dressage Nomination.pdf](http://www.aqha.com/forms/pdf/AQHA%20Dressage%20Nomination.pdf) Additionally all USDF/USEF requirements must also be met.
- The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP)** is offering a High Point Award to the highest placing thoroughbred at the competition. For more information, visit www.tjctip.com .
- USDF horse Numbers:** USDF requires all competing horses to have a Horse Identification Number (HID) for the purpose of tracking scores. A HID can be obtained from USDF online for a fee of \$45. If your horse is Lifetime Registered that number is your horse HID. Competitors are strongly urged to acquire this number prior to the competition at www.usdf.org
- USEF HORSE NUMBERS:** USEF requires all competing horses to have an identification number (ID). USEF and USDF have reached an agreement to share HID/ID numbers. Horses must be fully registered with both the USEF and USDF to be eligible to participate in the GAIG/USDF-Q classes.

USEF FEES AND REQUIREMENTS: **USEF membership information** for EACH Rider, Owner, Trainer, Horse, Coach ~ if applicable, **is required on your entry form.** If an exhibitor does not submit the proper membership documentation to the competition and the competition can not verify such information, (with the exception of Federation measurement cards), the exhibitor will be responsible to pay a \$ 55. non member fee which is non refundable. (GR 1309, 2.b)

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For USEF Non- Members: A Show Pass is required - Effective 12-1-2022 any rider, handler, driver, or owner are limited to one show pass purchase annually(12/1-11/30). USEF Show Pass will be available for purchase by exhibitors on-line only. Competitions should not accept payment for show pass fees and therefore this fee should not appear on the entry blank. Individuals, including parents who are signing as trainer on behalf of a minor, who are participating as a trainer or coach are not eligible for a Show Pass and must obtain senior competing membership to participate in a USEF-licensed competition.

USEF HORSE ANNUAL OR LIFETIME REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR QUALIFYING CLASSES.

The USEF Horse ID or Horse Recording number is required on your entry form. If you do not have a Horse ID, you may apply for one before the competition www.usef.org , provide your USDF Horse HID number as proof for Horse ID (GR 1101)

USDF FEES AND REQUIREMENTS:

- ¶ The **USDF membership information** for EACH Rider, Owner, Horse is **required on your entry form**.
- ¶ For each USDF non-member (NM) owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a fee of \$55 collected by the competition. In addition an Affidavit form and \$5 affidavit fee will be used for any USDF member not able to provide any other proof of membership.
- ¶ The USDF Horse ID (HID) or Lifetime Registration is required on your entry form. If you do not have a HID or Lifetime Registration number, you will be required to fill out either a HID form or Lifetime form and pay appropriate fees. If you have a HID or Lifetime Registration and cannot provide proof, you will be required to fill out an affidavit and pay an additional \$5 fee to USDF before you are allowed to compete. **USDF Horse Lifetime Registration is required for Qualifying Classes.**
- ¶ **Para-Equestrians** - please note that beginning in the 2016 competition year, which began on October 1st, 2015, participants and horses competing in Para-Equestrian classes at USDF recognized competitions will no longer be exempt from USDF memberships. Para-Equestrian competitors will now be required to have a USDF Group Membership, a USDF Participating Membership or a USDF Non-Member ID and pay the \$55 Non-Member fee per competition. Owners of horses competing in the Para-Equestrian classes will be required to have a USDF Participating Membership, a USDF Business Membership, a USDF Group Membership or a USDF Non-Member ID and pay the \$55 Non-Member fee per competition. The horses competing in Para-Equestrian classes will be required to have a USDF HID number or be USDF Lifetime registered.

Entries must include:

- ¶ **LIMITING THREE HORSES PER COMPETITOR.**
- ¶ **This is a one arena show.** Run Time potentially 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
- ¶ **2026 USEF/USDF Region One Entry form only.** FILL OUT ENTRY IN ITS ENTIRETY.
- ¶ Management reserves the right to return entries that are incomplete or inaccurate
- ¶ \$55.00 **Office Fee** per entry.
- ¶ \$23.00 **USEF Federation Fee** per entry. (Includes \$15 for Drugs and Medication Fee and \$8 Federation fee)
- ¶ **Class Fees**
- ¶ **Entry** must include **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER** in the space provided.
- ¶ **On-Line Entries** visit **Ovcta.org**. Individuals utilizing the online entry system for this competition do so with the agreement that they have read the OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST and agree to follow all the class specifications, requirements and conditions in the OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST.
- ¶ **Accepting Paper entries also. No credit cards.** Make checks payable to: **OVCTA** - One Check Per Rider/Horse Entry Form (for example – if entering two horses, two checks are required.) Please mail entries to Doreen Garland, 812 Gutherie Rd. West Chester, Pa. 19380. Checks returned for insufficient funds will incur a \$35 fee. The entry will be placed on waiting list until another form of payment is secured. No exhibitor is permitted to show until all fees are paid. Competitors will be subject to USEF Non –negotiable funds Rule (GR 1508.1)
- ¶ Entries must be **RECEIVED BY CLOSING DATE. No telephone, e- mail, dropped off, or faxed entries will be accepted.**
- ¶ **Incomplete entries** will be placed on wait list until all documents are received.
- ¶ **USEF Vaccination Record Required** with entry dated within 6 months of the show date. USEF - GR845
- ¶ **Negative Coggins** dated within one year of the show date. **Horse name on the entry blank must match coggins report and USEF / USDF documentation.** USEF GR 907.3
- ¶ Copies of USEF and USDF **Membership cards** for Rider, Owner, Trainer, Horse, and Coach (if applicable) or USEF/USDF non member fees.
- ¶ A copy of Qualifying Test for Musical Freestyle.
- ¶ Include a **LEGIBLE** e-mail address on entry form. This will be used to send confirmations as well as ride times.
- ¶ **REFUNDS: Prior to closing date** - Cancellations to those entries entered and confirmations sent prior to closing date will be refunded **minus** office fee. **After Closing Date: NO REFUNDS will be given to CANCELLATIONS (including overpayments) FOR ANY REASON.**

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Entries must include: continued

|| **Waitlist:** Only complete entries will be placed on the waitlist, Entrants will be notified ASAP to be placed on waitlist

Entrants Accept Waitlist: Entry will be processed into system. If not pulled to filled scratch, entry will be returned (minus office fee post show). If competitor decides to pull themselves off the wait list entry will be returned minus office fee post show. Will remain on waitlist thru show day. *If competitor declines waitlist: entry will not be processed*

|| **POST ENTRIES:** (aka late entries) Accepted if space available. A \$35.00 additional fee per post entry is required.

|| Management reserves the right to cancel any classes due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, accident, or emergency. Every effort will be given to re-schedule with priority given to Qualifying classes. No REFUNDS for cancellations due to hazardous weather, Acts of GOD, accidents or emergencies.

Other important information

Freestyle Prerequisite Requirements: Effective December 1, 2019, the Freestyle prerequisites listed in USEF Rule DR129.9 are changing as follows: DR 129.9: "Except for USEF/USDF Championship classes and for FEI Pony Riders, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider and FEI Para-Equestrian Freestyles, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of **63% for Training through Fourth levels and 60% for FEI levels in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a USEF/USDF licensed Dressage Competition**, Federation Li-censed or FEI recognized Dressage Competition, or "open" Dressage class (i.e. open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility, or copy of the USDF score verification, must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class".

Freestyle Music: Three options of submitting music:

1. Upload a MP3 file to a share and send a link to: jhenness@verizon.net must be sent 48 hours before show - Preferred by management
2. Bring owner iPad or mobile device that has a headphone jack submitted to secretary at time of registration
3. CD - two copies - submitted to secretary at time of registration

ATTENTION FREESTYLE COMPETITORS



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™ Freestyle Competitor Reminders

- The format for the music should be listed in the prize list. If not check with competition management.
- Submit your music clearly labeled with your name, horse's name, bridle number, and freestyle level.
- Make sure to bring a backup in the format requested.
- Be present for your sound check.
- Know the rules for the level you are riding. This includes forbidden and allowed movements for your level.

Questions?

Contact: MusicalFreestyle@usdf.org

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|| **USEF HORSE ANNUAL OR LIFETIME REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR QUALIFYING CLASSES.** || **The USEF Horse ID or Horse Recording number is required on your entry form.** If you do not have a Horse ID, you may apply for one before the competition www.usef.org , provide your USDF Horse HID number as proof for Horse ID (GR 1101)

USDF FEES AND REQUIREMENTS:

- ▮ The **USDF membership information** for EACH Rider, Owner, Horse is **required on your entry form**.
- ▮ For each USDF non-member (NM) owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a fee of \$55 collected by the competition. In addition an Affidavit form and \$5 affidavit fee will be used for any USDF member not able to provide any other proof of membership.
- ▮ The USDF Horse ID (HID) or Lifetime Registration is required on your entry form. If you do not have a HID or Lifetime Registration number, you will be required to fill out either a HID form or Lifetime form and pay appropriate fees. If you have a HID or Lifetime Registration and cannot provide proof, you will be required to fill out an affidavit and pay an additional \$5 fee to USDF before you are allowed to compete. **USDF Horse Lifetime Registration is required for Qualifying Classes.**
- ▮ **Para-Equestrians** - please note that beginning in the 2016 competition year, which began on October 1st, 2015, participants and horses competing in Para-Equestrian classes at USDF recognized competitions will no longer be exempt from USDF memberships. Para-Equestrian competitors will now be required to have a USDF Group Membership, a USDF Participating Membership or a USDF Non-Member ID and pay the \$55 Non-Member fee per competition. Owners of horses competing in the Para-Equestrian classes will be required to have a USDF Participating Membership, a USDF Business Membership, a USDF Group Membership or a USDF Non-Member ID and pay the \$55 Non-Member fee per competition. The horses competing in Para-Equestrian classes will be required to have a USDF HID number or be USDF Lifetime registered.

Entries must include:

- ▮ **LIMITING THREE HORSES PER COMPETITOR.**
- ▮ **This is a one arena show.** Run Time potentially 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
- ▮ **2025 USEF/USDF Region One Entry form only.** FILL OUT ENTRY IN ITS ENTIRETY.
- ▮ Management reserves the right to return entries that are incomplete or inaccurate
- ▮ \$55.00 **Office Fee** per entry.
- ▮ \$23.00 **USEF Federation Fee** per entry. (Includes \$15 for Drugs and Medication Fee and \$8 Federation fee)
- ▮ **Class Fees**
- ▮ **Entry** must include **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER** in the space provided.
- ▮ **On-Line Entries** are processed through thepegasusapp.com Individuals utilizing the online entry system for this competition do so with the agreement that they have read the OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST and agree to follow all the class specifications, requirements and conditions in the OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST.
- ▮ **Accepting Paper entries also. No credit cards.** Make checks payable to: **OVCTA** - One Check Per Rider/Horse Entry Form (for example – if entering two horses, two checks are required.) Please mail entries to Doreen Garland, 812 Guthrie Rd. West Chester, Pa. 19380. Checks returned for insufficient funds will incur a \$35 fee. The entry will be placed on waiting list until another form of payment is secured. No exhibitor is permitted to show until all fees are paid. Competitors will be subject to USEF Non-negotiable funds Rule (GR 1508.1)
- ▮ Entries must be **RECEIVED BY CLOSING DATE. No telephone, e-mail, dropped off, or faxed entries will be accepted.**
- ▮ **Incomplete entries** will be placed on wait list until all documents are received.
- ▮ **USEF Vaccination Record Required** with entry dated within 6 months of the show date. USEF - GR845
- ▮ **Negative Coggins** dated with in one year of the show date. **Horse name on the entry blank must match coggins report and USEF / USDF documentation.** USEF GR 907.3
- ▮ Copies of USEF and USDF **Membership cards** for Rider, Owner, Trainer, Horse, and Coach (if applicable) or USEF/USDF non member fees.
- ▮ A copy of Qualifying Test for Musical Freestyle.
- ▮ Include a **LEGIBLE** e-mail address on entry form. This will be used to send confirmations as well as ride times.
- ▮ **REFUNDS: Prior to closing date** - Cancellations to those entries entered and confirmations sent prior to closing date will be refunded **minus** office fee. **After Closing Date: NO REFUNDS will be given to CANCELLATIONS (including overpayments) FOR ANY REASON.**

Entries must include continued

▯ **Waitlist: Only complete entries will be placed on the waitlist**

Entrants will be notified ASAP to be placed on waitlist

Entrants Accept Waitlist: Entry will be processed into system. If not pulled to filled scratch, entry will be returned (minus office fee post show). If competitor decides to pull themselves off the wait list entry will be returned minus office fee post show. Will remain on waitlist thru show day. If competitor declines waitlist: entry will not be processed

▯ **POST ENTRIES:** (aka late entries) Accepted if space available. A \$35.00 additional fee per post entry is required.

▯ Management reserves the right to cancel any classes due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, accident, or emergency. Every effort will be given to re-schedule with priority given to Qualifying classes. No REFUNDS for cancellations due to hazardous weather, Acts of GOD, accidents or emergencies.

Arena Footing and Arenas:

▯ Competition arenas are set in Outdoor, fenced arenas and are Standard Dressage Arenas (20 x 60 m) with sand footing. **All tests ridden in fenced Outdoor Arenas.**

▯ Warm Up – Sand footing in a **Fenced, Outdoor arena.**

▯ **NO WARM UP or LUNGING in PARKING AREA.**

▯ Lunging is permitted in **ONLY** the designated fenced, outdoor arena near the competition rings.

Times & Office hours :

▯ The show office will be open at 6:30 am on show day.

▯ Show could run from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

▯ Phone number during the show 610 -416-3839 (show secretary) or 610-247-3269 (show Manager)

▯ Provisional Ride Times will be posted at **www.ovcta.org** and Fox Village Dressage by 5pm Sunday the week prior to the competition date.

▯ Official ride times will be posted at 12 noon Saturday the day before the show. Classes may be scheduled out of order.

▯ Dressage classes must be run in their entirety.

▯ Failure to enter the arena at your specified time will result in elimination.

Scores: It is the responsibility of the competitor to verify the accuracy of all scores. Scoring errors must be reported to the Show Secretary within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of the show day.

Foreign Competitors: Non-US citizens and Foreign Competitors must provide proof, in English, of current membership in good standing in their respective National Federation, or hold a current membership in good standing with USEF.

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 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, or agent at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) 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) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes

Other Important Notes:

|| **LIMITING THREE HORSES PER COMPETITOR**

|| **This is a one arena show.** Run Time potentially 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

|| Specify on entry form OPEN/AA/Jr/YR. Classes may be split if entries warrant. Adult Amateurs **MUST** include a copy of their current USEF Membership card proving AA status.

|| Please specify if *Qualifying Ride* on entry form. Enclose additional \$15 fee plus class fee. Rider must have a USDF Participating Membership and Owners must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership for qualifying rides.

|| **Freestyle Music: Three options of submitting music**

1. Upload a MP3 file to a share and send a link to **Joel: jhennes@verizon.net** /must be sent 48 hours before show - Preferred by management

2. Bring owner Ipad or mobile device that has a headphone jack or Bluetooth - submitted to secretary at time of registration

3. CD - two copies - submitted to secretary at time of registration

|| **No – Shows:** If competitor fails to notify the competition secretary of their intention to scratch a test (ie: is a no show), competition management reserves the right to fill all of that competitors subsequent ride times. USEF Rule 126.1(3)b

|| **Test Versions:** Current Editions of USDF Intro, USEF Training – Fourth Level and any FEI and Para tests will be used.

|| **Horse Substitutions:** Riders may substitute horses once they have entered only upon presentation of a vet certificate for the incapacitated horse, or a bill of sale, and **ONLY** in the classes in which the first horse was entered. The secretary **MUST** be notified at least 24 hours prior to the class(es) taking place **AND** a **NEW** entry form must be completed prior to the day of the show including an **office fee**.

|| **Class and Judge Changes:** Management reserves the right to split, combine, delete, or add classes. Management also reserves the right to add or substitute judges or make any changes required by circumstances.

|| **Waiting List:** A wait list will be established if necessary and entries will be accepted on a first-come, first serve basis.

|| **Stabling:** None Available.

|| **Food:** A limited amount of snacks and drinks will be available at the show for sale. There is no other source of people food/drink available on the grounds.

|| **Sharps containers:** A sharps container will be located at the secretary stand. **Competition Management may fine any individual, including trainers, exhibitors, owner, or their agents, up to \$100 for im-proper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.**

|| **DOGS: NO DOGS PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS. Please leave your dogs at home.**

|| **Damages to Third Parties:** All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents, or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events.

|| There is water available on the show grounds.

|| Please bring a muck tub for cleanup around your trailer and take manure home with you.

|| A show photographer **may** be available.

Warning: Under Pennsylvania law an equine professional and equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.arning: Under Pennsylvania

Motorized Vehicle Statement

(In accordance with GR1301.7)

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. 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.

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 the 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.

Hold Harmless Clause:

Understanding that horse sports may be hazardous and dangerous, even leading to permanent injury or death, each owner, rider, spectator, and other participant assumes any and all risk of loss, injury or damage and agrees to hold harmless, regardless of negligent acts or omissions, the show management, show committee, judges and officials, the Oley Valley Combined Training Association, their officers, agents, volunteers, employees, the host property and property owners.

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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, or agent at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) 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) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes

USEFReminder:

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

CONDUCT OF SHOW: All standard USEF Rules will apply. Please refer to Standard Rules listed in Omnibus or your USEF Rulebook. Show Management reserves the right to limit entries, add or divide classes, to add or substitute judges, to cancel awards and prizes and/or make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications listed herein. Show Management reserves the right to cancel classes insufficiently filled and to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry for cause deemed sufficient by Show Management.

Protective Headgear : From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds, including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, mounted participants in exhibition classes and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para-Equestrian tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. (GR120.6)

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
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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.



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

Revised 2026 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship Program Rules

The Regional Championship program rules published herein are effective for the 2026 Regional Championship year, unless otherwise stated. The program rules and qualifying criteria published herein are subject to additions or revisions.

While every effort has been taken to avoid mistakes in this publication, the United States Dressage Federation Inc. assumes no liability to anyone for errors or omissions. USEF rules supersede all other rules when qualifying for this championship program.

USEF rules are subject to change at any time. Changes and corrections subsequent to this publication are published in the USDF Connection and on the USDF website.

Refer to the United States Equestrian Federation's website for official rule changes and the most up-to-date version of their rulebook.



A single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and 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 Group Member Organization (GMO) is received by April 1 of the prior year.

The 2026 Regional Championships will be sponsored by the Great American Insurance Group (Great American), as the title sponsor. The official title of the Regional Championships shall be:

GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE GROUP/UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION
REGION (#) DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
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A Regional Championship is a Level 4 Competition. In each region, USEF/USDF Regional Championship classes must be offered at each level through Grand Prix, in three divisions: open, adult amateur (AA), and junior/young rider (Jr/YR). Freestyle classes at First, Second, Third, Fourth, Intermediate I, and Grand Prix levels must also be offered in the open/junior/young rider division and adult amateur division. The official prize lists for all of the Championships will be available on the USDF website no later than May 1st.

For the remainder of this document USEF/USDF championship classes will be considered the same as Great American/USDF championship classes.

A. 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 **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.

B. QUALIFYING CLASS AND CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

1. Having won a USEF/USDF Regional Championships three times (in any region over their lifetime), a horse/rider combination may no longer compete in USEF/USDF Regional Championship competition at that or a lower level (Grand Prix excepted), if they received the minimum qualifying score or higher for that division and level in the championship test per USEF DR127.5.
2. A horse may not be entered in more than one USEF/USDF Regional Championship at a particular level in the same calendar year.
3. USDF will presume qualified horse/rider combinations will compete in the region in which the rider resides as determined by the address associated with the rider's membership information on file as of July 1. Riders are NOT required to be a resident of the region to compete in that region's championship. Riders who wish to compete at Regional Championships in a region other than their region of residence, must submit a Change of Region Form. This form must be submitted with a \$40 fee prior to July 1. Change of Region Forms may be accepted from July 2 up to August 1, with a fee of \$100; from August 2, up to the closing date of the championship region the rider is declaring for, with a fee of \$300. **No changes of region may be made after the closing date of the region in which a rider wishes to enter, for any reason.** In addition, all persons living outside of the United States, who intend to compete in a Regional Championship, must submit a Change of Region form and applicable fee to USDF to declare a region.
4. A rider may not compete in more than one Regional Championship competition in the same calendar year.
5. In the event a competitor is unable to produce copies of the USDF membership or lifetime horse registration documents required to enter a qualifying class, a USDF competition affidavit with appropriate fee may be completed and filed with the competition secretary. The affidavit and appropriate fee must be submitted to USDF by the competition secretary. Copies of the required memberships and registrations MUST be included with the championship entry. Affidavits will not be accepted for USEF or USDF membership or horse recording verification purposes for entry in championship classes.
6. 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)

C. QUALIFYING SYSTEM

1. There is currently one qualifying system with nationally-standardized minimum percentages (see Section D for qualifying percentages).
2. Prior to competing in a Great American/USDF qualifying class, a horse/rider combination must be eligible according to the USDF/USEF membership and registration requirements for qualifying.
3. To qualify for a Regional Championship, horse/rider combinations must earn a total of two qualifying scores (each score must be the average of all judges officiating in a designated Great American/USDF qualifying class), at two different USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage Competitions, from two different judges, or combination of judges. In addition, the same judge may not have officiated in classes from which qualifying scores are earned, unless the following conditions are met: A panel of judges will be considered as a different judging entity if 50% or more of that panel is changed (e.g. a panel of two judges must have one new person, a panel of three judges must have two new people and a panel of five judges must have three new people; exception, CDI panels exempt from this requirement. Scores earned where CDI panels officiate are eligible to be used for qualifying if there are no changes to the judging panel in two separate CDI competitions where both scores are earned).
4. To qualify, eligible riders must enter an official Great American/USDF qualifying class at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage Competition. The Great American/USDF qualifying class will be the highest or single test of the level and the class must be designated as Great American/USDF qualifying in the prize list.
5. To qualify at freestyle, riders must earn a total of two freestyle qualifying scores at the level at which they wish to qualify, earned in designated Great American/USDF qualifying classes, at two different USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage Competitions from two different judges or combinations of judges as described in Section C.3. ***All FEI Pony Rider tests are equivalent to Second Level; all FEI Junior Rider Tests are equivalent to Third Level; all FEI Young Rider Tests are equivalent to Prix St. Georges; and the USEF Brentina Cup (Young Adult) Test and FEI Young Rider Grand Prix 16-25 Test are equivalent to Intermediate II. For purposes of freestyle qualification, all are considered equivalent to the highest test of that level and may be used to enter a freestyle at that level or a level below. Young Horse and FEI Children Tests cannot be used for freestyle qualification at any level.***
6. Junior and Young Rider Team Test Equivalencies:
 - Junior Riders may ride the Junior Team Test as a qualifier for Third Level. However, they will ride the Third Level test, not the Junior Team Test, at the championships.
 - Young Riders may ride the Young Rider Team Test as a qualifier for Prix St. Georges. However, they will ride the Prix St. Georges test, not the Young Rider Team Test, at the championships.
7. Horse/rider combinations may enter more than one qualifying test, and qualifying freestyle, at each level per day as Great American/USDF qualifying. (USEF DR 127.4)
8. Eligible competitors must be given the option to enter the class as "USDF qualifying" for a maximum additional fee of \$20 which must be paid to the show secretary prior to riding in the class.

9. USEF/USDF qualifying and/or championship classes must be designated as such in the prize list and the results. (USEF DR127.4). The \$20 qualifying fee will be sent to USDF from the show secretary along with the Report of Fees. All qualifying rides must be marked as such in the results. Once qualifying fees are received by USDF they will not be refunded to competitors for any reason. All regional championship qualifying fees paid to show management must be submitted to the USDF, including fees from riders that scratched, were eliminated, excused or did not show up for the class. Exceptions: Competition Refund policy must clearly state that these fees will be refunded to the competitor; or fees are reapplied to cover indebtedness to the competition not paid by the competitor.
10. Separate ribbons or trophies are not awarded for Great American/USDF qualifying entries.
11. Any and all eligible horse/rider combinations who achieve the minimum qualifying score in a Great American/USDF qualifying class will receive one qualifying score toward their two score requirement to be eligible to enter a Regional Championship if all other conditions are met.
12. FEI classes at CDI/CDI-Y/CDI-J/CDI-P or USEF High Performance qualifying competitions must be designated as Great American/USDF qualifying in the prize list in order for classes to be counted as qualifying by USDF. Prior to riding in the class, riders must pay the qualifying class fee to the competition secretary.
13. USDF will presume qualified horse/rider combinations will compete in the region in which the rider resides as determined by the address associated with the rider's membership information on file as of July 1. Riders are NOT required to be a resident of the region to compete in that region's championship. Riders, who wish to compete at Regional Championships in a region other than their region of residence, must submit a Change of Region Form. This form must be submitted with a \$40 fee prior to July 1. Change of Region Forms may be accepted from July 2 up to August 1, with a fee of \$100; from August 2, up to the closing date of the championship region the rider is declaring for, with a fee of \$300. **No changes of region may be made after the closing date of the region in which a rider wishes to enter, for any reason.** In addition, all persons living outside of the United States, who intend to compete in a Regional Championship, must submit a Change of Region form and applicable fee to USDF to declare a region.
14. There is no limit on the number of horses on which a rider may qualify.
15. Qualification is based on horse/rider combination. If a new rider wishes to compete with the horse at the championships, she/he must requalify. (USEF DR127.9)
16. One whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash may be carried in all qualifying classes (including NAYC) unless such use is otherwise prohibited by FEI or Federation rules or selection procedures for the classes. (USEF DR120.7) An adjustable-length whip may not be carried by a mounted rider.
17. Tests may be read in qualifying classes except in FEI level classes and freestyle classes.
18. Qualifying seasons vary for each region. The season during which scores may be earned to qualify for a particular Regional Championship starts the day after the closing date of that region's 2025 championship and ends on the closing date of that region's 2026 championship. Horse/rider combinations may earn qualifying scores in another region but only at shows within the current qualifying year of the region in which that show is held.
19. The closing date of each Regional Championship will be the fourth Monday prior to the start of the Regional Championship competition. Competitions will count for only one calendar year's championship. The qualifying year of each competition is based upon the location of where that show is held, not the region the rider wishes to compete in.
20. USDF will maintain a database of qualified horse/rider combinations and will post a provisional list for each level and division on the USDF website. USDF will verify eligibility of championship class entries with the championship's secretary prior to each championship's competition. Post entries may be submitted by qualified horse/rider combinations in championship classes if post entries for championship classes are allowed in the prize list of the competition.

D. 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.

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%

E. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. All Regional Championship competitions are considered Level 4. Please refer to USEF Dressage Level Requirements for specifics. (USEF DR126.4)
2. Each entry must designate the division being entered (open, adult amateur or junior/young rider) and must meet minimum percentage requirements for the championship division entered.
3. Cross entering open and junior/young rider divisions or open and adult amateur divisions for a horse/rider combination is permitted at adjacent levels. It is not permitted at the same level. Exception: freestyle.
4. If a rider intends to enter a Regional Championship as an adult amateur, the rider must be an adult by the current USEF definition (DR 119.3) and a current amateur by the USEF definition. (USEF GR1306, 1307)
5. If a rider intends to enter a championship as a junior/young rider, the rider must be a junior/young rider by the current USEF definition and her/his birth date must be on file with USDF by July 1 of the championship year.
6. Verification of USDF/USEF membership cards and horse recording and registration certificates must accompany championship entry (USDF PM for rider, USDF PM or BM for owner, etc.)
7. Under penalty of elimination, whips may not be carried in championship tests (Exception: Competitors riding sidesaddle may carry a whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, in USEF/USDF Championships.) An adjustable-length whip may not be carried by a mounted rider.
8. Under penalty of elimination, all championship tests must be ridden from memory. (USEF DR122.1)
9. The gate at "A" may be left open for every USEF/USDF championship ride. Decisions to either close the gate or leave it open must be consistent for all championship classes. Each Regional Championship competition management must publish in its official prize list if the gate will be closed in championship classes. (USEF DR126.2.f.5)
10. Under penalty of disqualification from all championship classes for the horse/rider combination, within 24 hours prior and at no time during a USEF/USDF Regional Championship competition may any horse entered in that Championship competition be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the Championship competition on that horse (exception: grooms riding on loose rein). Further, any horse entered in a championship competition, even entered at two levels, must be ridden by the same rider throughout competition. (USEF DR127.6) (NOTE: This applies throughout the entire competition, even after a horse has completed its championship classes.)
11. In the event of a tie (equality of total points) for champion and/or reserve champion in USEF/USDF championship classes, the collective marks after coefficients have been applied will determine first, second, and/or third or all three places; (i.e. when a tie for first place is broken by collective marks, tied competitors will receive first and second places, etc.). If collective marks are equal, the tie will remain unbroken (i.e. two first places will be awarded next third place, etc.). For ties in freestyle classes refer to USEF DR129.5 which states the highest score shall be declared the winner of the class. In the case of a tie, the higher artistic score shall determine the winner. Should the artistic mark be the same, the higher mark for harmony will decide. If still tied the higher mark for choreography will decide. Ties (equality of total points and total collective marks after coefficients have been applied) after second place will be broken by collective marks. Ties (equality of total points and total collective marks after coefficients have been applied) occurring in third through eight places will remain unbroken. In the case of a tie (equality of total points and total collective marks after coefficients have been applied) for champion, prize money designated for champion and reserve champion will be combined and divided equally between the two competitors.
12. Hors de Concours entries are not permitted in USEF/USDF championship classes. (USEF DR119.5)
13. In a USEF/USDF championship class, the horse/rider combination must obtain the necessary minimum percentage score to be named champion or reserve champion. (USEF DR123.7) If the highest placed horse/rider combination receives less than the minimum percentage, no championship awards or prize money will be issued, however an awards ceremony will be held for the entire class. In lieu of a champion and/or reserve neck sash, a first and/or second place ribbon will be awarded.
14. In USEF/USDF championship classes, a steward must be appointed to check the saddlery, bits and spurs, on both sides of each horse immediately after it has completed its test and has left the arena. Any discrepancy to the saddlery rules will result in immediate elimination. (USEF DR126.2.i.6)
15. A Registered (R) Dressage Technical Delegate (TD), who is a current Participating Member of USDF, is required to officiate at USEF/USDF championships. TDs for competitions offering qualifying and/or championship classes must investigate incidents of non-compliance and report violations to USEF. "R" Dressage TDs hired to officiate Regional Championship classes must be selected from outside the region. This applies only to the primary competition TD, who is the person responsible for filing the TD report for the competition with USEF. (See section H.3.c, and USEF GR1018.3 and DR127.3) **A minimum of two Technical Delegates are required to officiate at a regional championship competition effective for the 2026 championships. Show management may request that USDF grant an exception to this rule due to an anticipated small size of championships. One or more "r" or "R" or TD(s) may be hired to assist the primary TD, preferably from within the region.**

16. Entries in USEF/USDF dressage championship classes are limited to competitors who have met the qualifications, membership, horse recording and registration requirements, and deadlines outlined in USEF DR127 and published by USDF. Competitors who are properly qualified, whose completed entries are received by the closing date for a particular Regional Championship, and who have complied with all championship rules may not be denied entry into the Regional Championship classes for which they have qualified. Only one class per division and/or level may be held to determine USEF/USDF regional champions. (USEF DR127.7)
17. USEF/USDF championships classes may not be split. (USEF DR126.2a.4)
18. Championship classes for juniors and young riders must only be held on Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday. Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals classes must be held on Saturday or Sunday.
19. Except for freestyles, championship classes at consecutive levels, for the same division, may not be held on the same day.
20. Ribbons and prizes can be distributed prior to arrival at the awards ceremony. Award ceremony attendance is not mandatory. Riders should let show management know if they plan not to attend.
21. All horses competing in Regional Championships classes must be stabled on the competition grounds and must remain on the grounds for the duration of their participation in the event, from the time of arrival until the horse has finished competing in all classes. If the horse has been found to have left the grounds, and returned, it would be eliminated from championship classes, but not in non-championship classes. (USEF DR127.8)
22. For USEF/USDF freestyle championship classes, the competitor must provide the show with music for the freestyle. Acceptable formats/methods must be specified in the prize list. Formats must include CDs and/or digital files (MP3 and/or WAV.). Only one freestyle music per CD or digital file. All music must be submitted in the time frame specified in the prize list. Video files (MP4 or .mov) will not be accepted. Digital files must be sent and received electronically or on a thumb drive. Music should not be played via a competitor's cell phone, iPad, or any other personal mobile device. The competitor is required to bring a back-up copy (thumb drive or CD) with them to the competition. See also H.7.
23. The test ridden for national level USEF/USDF championship classes will be the highest test of the level.
24. Great American/USDF Regional Championship competitions will be required to hold USEF/NAYC Junior/Young Rider Qualifying Classes in the non-championship portion of the show. These classes are listed below.

- FEI Junior Team Test
- FEI Junior Individual Test
- FEI Junior Freestyle Test
- FEI Young Rider Team Test
- FEI Young Rider Individual Test
- FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test
- **FEI Intermediate II Test (effective 1/5/2026)**
- **FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test (effective 1/5/2026)**
- **FEI Children's Team Test (effective 1/5/2026)**
- **FEI Children's Individual Test (effective 1/5/2026)**

F. ADDITIONAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Competition managers of USEF Dressage Competitions which hold USEF/USDF qualifying and/or championship classes are responsible to USEF for knowing and complying with all USEF rules and USDF guidelines regarding qualifying and/or championship classes. Please refer to USEF Dressage Level requirements. (USEF DR127.3)
2. A host GMO officer or CEO of the competition licensee, and the competition manager, must sign an agreement with USDF which includes the organizer's agreement to abide by USEF and USDF rules and regulations, and releases USDF from liability, financial or otherwise, during or in connection with the event.
3. Once an application to hold a USEF/USDF regional dressage championship has been submitted, no changes to date, facility, licensee, manager, or secretary may be made without prior notification and written consent of USDF with consultation with the respective Regional Director, when appropriate.
Exception: The addition or subtraction of a co-manager or co-secretary to the existing manager/secretary submitted on the application does not require USDF approval, however USDF must be notified of the addition.

Any changes, including additions or subtractions of a co-manager or co-secretary submitted to USDF after May 1st of the year the competition will be held will incur a fee of \$250.

In addition, USDF reserves the right to select an alternate host site and management if the facility, date, licensee, manager, or secretary named in the original host site application is changed without written permission from USDF.

4. Mounted awards ceremonies must be scheduled for each championship class.
5. A tentative schedule for the awards ceremonies must be printed in the Show Program.
6. The confirmed schedule for the awards ceremonies must be posted in the show secretary's office by noon on the day prior to the beginning of the competition. If the posted awards schedule is changed, all affected competitors must be notified.
7. Riders placing in Great American/USDF Regional Championship classes must be present, mounted and in full riding attire for awards ceremonies if they elect to participate. For safety reasons competitors may decline to participate in the victory round. Unmounted awards ceremonies may be held if weather or other calamity prevents mounted awards ceremonies. Riders must be in full riding attire.

8. Specific requirements in prize-giving ceremonies must be announced in the prize list. It is recommended that saddlery for ceremonies be the same as in the competition, but that white or dark colored leg bandages or boots are allowed. Whips may be carried in prize giving ceremonies. Rosettes should be placed on the horses' bridles prior to the ceremony. The judge at "C" should be invited to participate in the prize-giving. Competition management is responsible for the safe conduct of ceremonies and must excuse any horse that threatens the safety of participants. (USEF DR123.13)
10. Date applications may not use the name or title of a championship that has not been assigned to that licensed competition for the competition year named in the application. The fees are waived when a competition changes its name to include the title of a regional or national championship or when the name reverts back to its original name. Using the name or title of a championship that has not been assigned to that licensed competition during the same competition year is a violation of USEF rules. (GR706.1.p)
11. Copies of documents submitted by competitors to verify USEF and USDF membership and horse recording must be available to the TD in the competition office. (USEF DR127.2)
12. Management must post the USDF Statement on Animal Welfare on the competition grounds.
13. USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals: All junior riders through age 18 who have qualified at any level for the Regional Championships (excluding freestyle) are automatically eligible to compete in the Semi-Final classes of the USEF/USDF Dressage Seat Medal Program. Additionally, any rider that earns a score of 70% or higher, from an eligible Dressage Seat Equitation class, during the DSM qualifying period will be qualified to participate in the USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals. The DSM qualifying period runs from January 1, 2026 through the end of the qualifying period for the regional championship that will host the DSM Semi-Finals the rider plans to attend. One Semi-Final class will be offered for juniors, ages 13 and under, and a second Semi-Final class for riders 14 through 18 at each Great American/USDF Regional Championship. A rider is eligible for the 13 and under Semi-Final class until the end of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of 13 (DR 133.2 (f)). A rider is eligible for the 14 through 18 Semi-Final class from the beginning of the calendar year in which he/she reaches 14 until the end of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of 18 (DR 133.2 (f)). A regional champion and reserve champion for each age group will be named in each USDF region. For more details on this program and the Semi-Finals, see the USEF Rulebook, DR133 or visit the dressage page of the USEF website.
14. USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program: All adult amateurs who have qualified at any level for the Regional Championships (excluding freestyle) are automatically eligible to compete in the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Finals class presented by Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply. Additionally, any adult amateur rider who earns a score of 70% or higher from an eligible Dressage Seat Equitation class, during the applicable regional championship qualifying period, will be qualified to participate in the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final presented by Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply.

G. FACILITIES

1. Please refer to USEF GR1216 and USEF Dressage Level Requirements for facility requirements.

H. PERSONNEL

1. Management must provide a sufficient number of trained and experienced personnel to manage the event.
2. Level 4 requires that a veterinarian and farrier be present on the grounds during competition. In the year after a competition has hosted a USEF/USDF Regional Championship, a veterinarian will be required to be present only if 200 or more horses competed the year prior to hosting the championships. (USEF GR1211.4) The official veterinarian shall be a licensed graduate of an accredited veterinary school in good standing in his/her state of practice, be familiar with the current USEF Equine Drugs and Medications Rules and have experience in equine veterinary practice. (USEF GR1204.1)
3. Management must contract a sufficient number of officials and pay all their expenses, as agreed upon in their contracts.
 - a. Two judges (at least one of whom must be an "S" or FEI dressage judge) must officiate in each championship class at Second Level and above. It is recommended that three judges officiate in FEI level championship classes. For Training and First level, two "R" judges may be used provided at least one of those judges resides outside the region.
 - b. 50% of judges hired to officiate in Regional Championship classes must have permanent residence outside the region.
 - c. "R" Dressage TD(s) hired to officiate Regional Championship classes must be selected from outside the region and must be a USDF PM. This applies only to the primary competition TD, who is the person responsible for filing the TD report for the competition with USEF. One or more "r" TD(s) can be hired to assist the primary TD, preferably from within the region. **A minimum of two Technical Delegates are required to officiate at a regional championship competition effective for the 2026 championships. Show management may request that USDF grant an exception to this rule due to an anticipated small size of championships. One or more "r" or "R" TD(s) may be hired to assist the primary TD, preferably from within the region.**
 - d. It is required that the judge at 'C' have the USEF Freestyle designation for the regional championship freestyle classes.
4. Two people should be assigned to score each championship test, unless e-scribing and e-scoring is used. Results must be posted promptly.
5. A professional photographer must be retained, at the expense of competition management, to photograph the awards ceremonies and champions.
6. Both the competition manager and competition secretary must be USEF Active or Life Members. The manager and secretary must have a USDF PM or GM at time of application and championship.
7. Announcer and/or show management must have two methods to play music for freestyle classes (i.e. computers and/or CD players). A backup method must be available for each music type accepted. The equipment supplied (i.e. computers and/or CD

players) must be compatible with and able to connect to the sound system used at the competition. If the competition can accept other forms of music (besides .WAV or .MP3), it must be stated in the prize list.

8. Soundchecks must be completed for all those in Regional Championship Freestyle classes. Neither show management nor announcer is responsible for the music if the competitor or representative is not present at the soundcheck. Soundcheck times must be available in the show office at check-in. Organizers are required to provide at least two soundcheck opportunities.

I. USDF RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Produce the Official Prize List for all 2026 Regional Championships as part of a Regional Championship prize list page for the Great American/USDF Regional Championship Program. This will be published on the USDF website by May 1. Printed copies are available upon request from USDF.
2. On behalf of Great American Insurance Group, USDF will provide:
 - a. Grant money to each championship. Grant money will be paid to the organizer of a Regional Championship. Half of the grant money will be paid before the competition. The remaining half will be paid post-competition, once all results have been submitted, banners and other materials have been returned, and all provisions of the contract have been met.
 - b. The first and second place prizes for all USEF/USDF championship classes.
 - c. USEF/USDF championship ribbons for each level and each division to eighth place.
3. USDF may send a representative to each championship. The USDF representative can and should advise management on Regional Championship requirements and report on infractions. However, enforcement of championship requirements is solely within the role and obligations of competition management. The USDF representative will also be available to provide information about USDF and its programs and policies.
4. USDF will publish complete results for each championship in USDF Connection and on the website.
5. 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.

J. PRIZE MONEY AND RECOGNITION

1. The qualifying fee will be \$20 per class entered. \$10 from each qualifying fee will be deposited into a prize money fund. Prize money is accumulated during the USEF competition year (December 1 - November 30). All prize money allocated from qualifying fees will be divided equally among all USDF regions and all Regional Championships classes, with 60% of the amount per class to go to the champion; the remaining 40% will go to the reserve champion.
2. Prize Money for the nine Great American/USDF Regional Championships will be paid directly by the USDF office to the recorded horse owner within 30 days of the last day of each championship. The amount of prize money to be awarded to each champion and reserve champion in all levels and divisions (open, AA and Jr/YR) of the Regional Championships will be announced by February.
3. The horse/rider combination must obtain the necessary minimum percentage score to be named champion or reserve champion and receive prize money and other prizes. (DR123.7)
4. Ribbons through eight placings and prizes will be provided.

K. POSSIBLE SANCTIONS FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW USDF CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM RULES

1. Withholding all or part of grant money;
2. USDF penalties;
3. USEF penalties for rule violations; and/or
4. Ineligibility of organizer to host future USDF Championships.
5. Fineable sanctions and action taken will be published in *USDF Connection* and on the USDF website.

USEF Competition Name: OVCTA Spring Show

USEF#: 339324

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):

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USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of individual members and over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States, 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.

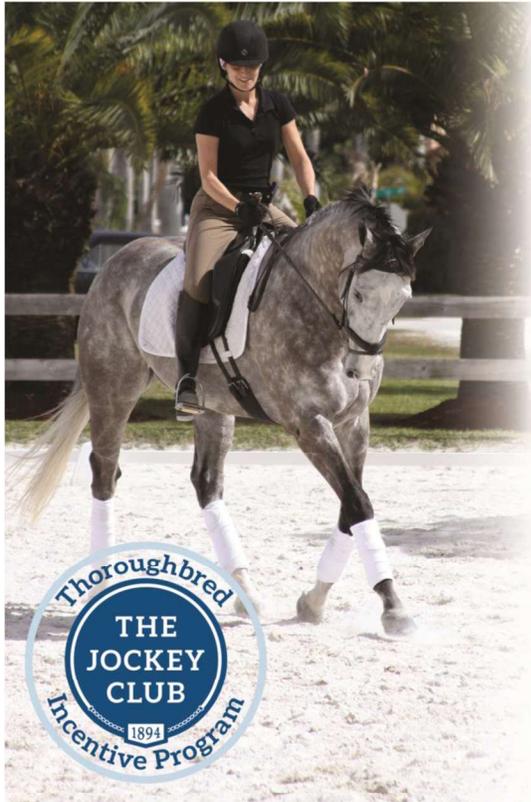
The rules pertaining to dressage competition prohibit the use of artificial appliances, training aids, and drugs, which would force the horse to submit. Instead, the emphasis is upon training and a cooperative partnership with the rider. Major competitions are carefully monitored to assure that there 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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Directions to Ludwigs Corner

Horse Show Grounds:

The horse show grounds are located just north of the intersection of Routes 100 & 401, in the heart of northern Chester County, about one hour from Philadelphia, Wilmington and Elkton.

GPS Address: 5 Nantmeal Road Glenmoore, PA 19343

FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE – Downingtown Exit Take Route 100 North for approximately 4 miles, cross Route 401. The showgrounds are 0.3m further up on your left.

FROM ROUTE 30 Bypass coming from Coatesville/Lancaster: Take Route 30 Bypass towards Downingtown, exit onto 113 towards Lionville to Route 100 North past the Turnpike, continue on 100 through the light at route 401, to the showgrounds just up on your left.

FROM ROUTE 202 coming from King of Prussia/Malvern/West Chester Exit at 401, take 401 West to Route 100 at Ludwig's Corner. Turn right onto 100. The showgrounds are 0.3 mile up on your left.

FROM Pottstown/Reading Take Route 100 (Pottstown Pike) South into Glenmoore/Chester Springs. The show-grounds will be on your right 0.3 mile before the intersection of routes 100 & 401.

Map of show grounds

