

STANDARD SHOW RULES



Management may deny entry to any competitor if the competitor has outstanding debt to the sponsoring organization.

1) DEFINITIONS:

ENTRY: Each horse/rider combination is a unique entry and will be assigned a number.

JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER CLASSES: An individual is eligible to compete as a Young Rider (YR) from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of 21, and as a Junior (Jr) if they have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1 of the current competition year.

ADULT/AMATEUR CLASSES: An individual is eligible to compete as an Adult/ Amateur from the beginning of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of 22 and has a current USEF Amateur Card. (GR1306 and GR1307)

DRESSAGE EQUITATION CLASSES: To be conducted in accordance with USEF Rule DR133.1.

MUSICAL FREESTYLE: The rider is to create and execute, from memory, an original ride which shows the horse to its best advantage. Creativity and artistic presentation as well as technical execution will be considered. Riders must supply their own music, in cassette or CD form, to the show secretary at least 2 hours before the class begins. (Bring two copies) (See USEF or USDF rules for specific rules and current time restrictions) Ridden in a standard arena. See #7 under USEF Rules for eligibility requirements. Please provide an electronic format emailed to the show secretary before the competition. Riders are responsible for arranging music check with the announcer or be present at a posted music check time.

COACH: Adult or adults who receive remuneration for having or sharing the responsibility for instructing, teaching, schooling, or advising a rider in equestrian skills. (GR108)

TRAINER: Any adult (cannot be a minor) who has the responsibility for the care, training, custody or performance of a horse while on the show grounds. (GR147)

USDF QUADRILLE: A team of four riders. Arena: 20 x 40 meters. Music optional. Matching bandages are permitted. Riding coats are optional. You may wear matching polo shirts, etc. Boots and hats are required. Score sheets and guidelines are available from the USDF office. Please specify level and team on entry form.

OPENING DATE: The earliest date Competition Management will accept an Entry into its Show. Entries received before the Opening Date may be returned.

CLOSING DATE: The last date Competition Management will accept an Entry into its show. The show may refuse Entries before the Closing Date if it fills the show. The Show may accept Entries for some period after the Closing Date but may charge a late fee.

2) ENTRIES: All horses brought on the show ground must complete an entry form and be issued a number. ENTRIES must be POSTMARKED or RECEIVED by the CLOSING DATE to be accepted (check individual show). Entries must be filled out in their entirety. Management reserves the right to charge a fee up to \$25 or return entries which are incomplete or inaccurate. Entries in Junior/Young Rider and Adult Amateur Classes, if offered, must meet the definition. Adult Amateur entries must include proof of a current USEF Amateur Card with the entry. If the entry form does not designate a Junior/Young Rider or Adult Amateur status or, in the case of Adult Amateur, if the entry does not show proof of a current USEF Amateur Card the rider will be entered in the Open Class. Entry preference may be given to competitors at 3rd Level and above. Each class will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. If classes are oversubscribed, a WAITING LIST will be maintained. NO PHONE entries, however some shows may allow FAXED ENTRIES.

INCOMPLETE OR INACCURATE ENTRIES: Copies of all registrations and membership cards must be provided with each entry. If copies are not provided, online searches will be performed by the show secretary and a \$10 Internet search fee will be assessed. All signatures must be present. Competitors may be assessed a fee up to \$25 for missing signatures or information. Bridle numbers will not be awarded until this fee is paid. **Please SEE GR845. Beginning December 1, 2015, all horses over age 7 months entering the grounds of a Federation-licensed competition must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Competition management may request that proof of vaccination or waiver be provided as specified in GR845. No refund will be given for any rule violation.** After the Closing Date, changes in a horse or rider may be considered a cancellation of the entry. If the Show is filled with a waiting list, new entries will go to the bottom of the waiting list. Any post entry fees will apply.

POST ENTRIES will be allowed on a space-available, first-come-first-served basis. No entries will be allowed after a class has begun. Applicable show fees will apply.

3) OFFICIAL RIDE TIMES: It is the rider's responsibility to inform the Management of any time conflicts at least 24 hours before the scheduled ride. A move can sometimes be made if there is a scratched time slot opening. Classes may

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be scheduled out of order. It is the competitor's responsibility to verify his/her official ride time which will be posted at the competition office. Failure to enter the arena at the specified time will result in elimination.

4) SCRATCHES: Competitors who do not inform the show office of a class scratch are considered "No Show." Management may consider any "No Show" scratched for the balance of the day and rides may be assigned to other competitors.

5) CONDUCT OF SHOW: Provided the appropriate official notification is made, 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 refuse entries in accordance with USEF Rules GR914.1 and GR915. Management reserves the right to limit the number of times per day a rider may show and/or the number of times per day a horse/rider combination may show. Management reserves the right to move a ride from the test of choice class if that test is being offered that day in another class. Divisions will be pinned separately.

6) FEES: The following fees apply to every Participating Competition.

USEF Fee \$16.00 (\$8 D/M + \$8 fee) USDF Non-member Fee \$25.00

USEF Show Pass (Non-member) Fee \$30.00 USDF Affidavit Fee \$5.00

USDF/GAIG Qualifying Fee \$10.00

USDF NON-MEMBERS: For each USDF non-member (NM) owner/lessee, and USDF non-member rider there will be a USDF non-member fee of \$25 per competition. An individual with a USDF NM identification number is not eligible for any USDF membership benefits. You may not apply for a USDF NM number online, but once a USDF NM number has been assigned, a USDF NM card can be obtained from the USDF Web site. Exception: Riders and owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the USDF non-member ID requirements. Some exempt classes include USDF Introductory Level, Pas de Deux, Quadrille classes; or leadline exhibitions, walk-trot, opportunity and academy classes.

7) SCORES: It is the Competitor's responsibility 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 that competition day.

8) TESTS: The current USEF, USDF and FEI Tests will be used. Scored tests will be given only to riders or their agents and only after the results are finalized and the class is placed.

9) TEST OF CHOICE: Show management may move a rider from a test of choice class to a scheduled class if that level test is offered that day. As an exception to rule 24 below, Test of Choice class placing will be determined by division, ranking scores by percentage, regardless of which test is ridden within each class.

10) SADDLERY: Saddlery will be checked in accordance with USEF Rule DR121.9 and at the discretion of the Technical Delegate. Horses must have a number on at all times except while in a stall. If three numbers are provided, it is strongly recommended by show management that horses wear two numbers (on each side of the bridle, saddle pad or each rider boot) while being ridden. The additional number is for the halter.

11) PRIZE MONEY: Prize money, if awarded, will be mailed to the owner or lessee of record within 30 days of the show. See individual Prize Lists for prize money policy.

12) MINOR EXHIBITORS: Parents or guardians of minor exhibitors shall hold the Competition Management harmless for injury to such minor. No minor's entry will be accepted unless it is signed by a parent or guardian. The signature of instructors, agent or other unrelated persons will not be acceptable except as specified in GR908.2.

13) RETURNED CHECKS: Checks returned by the bank will be handled according to the following procedure: A 10% penalty (minimum \$25.00) will be assessed for each returned check.

14) JUDGES: It is the purpose of the management to run the horse show at the highest possible level of sportsmanship. The management uses the utmost care to select judges with broad experience and knowledge. The judges' decisions in the show ring are their own responsibility. Management accepts no responsibility for those decisions and can not attempt to influence the judges scoring in any way. Any competitor who has questions or concerns about their score is encouraged to speak with the Technical Delegate who will schedule an appointment with the judge for a discussion of the score. It is strictly prohibited for anyone to approach a judge for the purpose of discussing the scores at a competition. Refer to USEF GR1304.13 in the USEF Rules Section.

15) PROTESTS: Any exhibitor or other qualified person lodging a protest must first deposit \$200.00 with the secretary of the show, which sum will be forfeited to the Horse Show if not sustained. All protests must be filed in writing, signed by

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the protester, and filed with the Show Secretary within 48 hours of the occurrence of the alleged violation. See USEF Rule GR603 for more information about protests.

16) LUNGEING: Lungeing is not allowed in the competition and warm-up arenas. Use designated lungeing areas only.

17) USDF/USEF GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE GROUP (GAIG) REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES: GAIG/USDF Qualifying classes are open ONLY to horses that have been lifetime recorded with USDF and either lifetime or annual recorded with USEF, ridden and owned by Junior, Senior, Affiliate or Life Members of USEF and USDF Participating Members. Owners may be Business Members. Copies of all Membership Cards must accompany entry or a \$10 Internet search fee will be charged.

18) STALLIONS: All stallions must be attended or stabled at all times.

19) TECHNICAL DELEGATE: The technical delegate is available at all times for clarification of rules or to answer any questions and can arrange an appointment with a judge. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges in any way, or who by act influence shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an exhibitor, shall forfeit all paid fees and be excluded from further competitions. No one shall approach a judge regarding a decision unless first obtaining the permission of the technical delegate.

20) DIVISIONS: O=Open, A=Adult Amateur, J=Junior, Y=Young Rider, Q=GAIG/USDF Qualifying. Please refer to the Standard Show Rules Definitions section for further clarification of the Junior and Young Rider Divisions.

21) COACHES: Coaches must sign USEF entry blanks. Coaches must also stand outside the warm up area while warming up riders, for safety reasons.

22) FACILITIES: Facilities are multi-use and show management is not responsible for, or in control of, other activities at the facility.

23) DOVER MEDAL CLASS: To be eligible, a rider must meet the following criteria: 1. Rider must be a current USDF group or participating member as of the show date. 2. Rider must be showing at Second Level. 3. Rider must be an amateur in accordance with USEF Rules GR1306 and GR1307 and be registered with USEF as an adult amateur as of the show date. The eligible rider with the highest score of 60% or better in the designated Second Level Test 3 class will receive the Dover medal and neck ribbon. Winners will receive a \$20 Dover Saddlery Gift Certificate for each of the first three USDF/Dover Adult Medals they win during the 2017 competition. Riders who win three USDF/Dover Adult Amateur medals in the same competition year will receive the USDF/Dover National Merit Award. All riders who qualify for a USDF/Dover National Merit award will be eligible to compete for the USDF/Dover Adult Medal National Championship. For more information about the Dover Program, visit www.usdf.org.

24) TIES: Class placings (except Test of Choice), including ties in prize money classes, if offered, are specified in the USEF Rule Book. DR123.3. "In all competitions the winner is the competitor having the highest total points, the second placed competitor is the one with the next highest total points and so on. In case of equality of points the competitor with the highest marks received under General Impressions shall be declared the winner. When the scores for General Impressions are equal the horses must remain tied." DR123.8. "When the total of the scores for General Impressions is equal, ties in classes which involve prize money shall remain tied for the purpose of dividing prize money."

25) UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and management reserves the right to bar any person acting in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interests of the sport. GR702 will apply. Participants (including family members, competitors, paid staff, and volunteers) should note GR 702.1.e "Any act committed or remark made in connection with the competition considered offensive and/or made with the intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the licensed officials, approaching a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the show committee or steward/technical delegate, inspecting a judge's card without the judge's permission, or public verbal abuse of competition officials."

26) ARRIVAL DAYS: Competitors are reminded that all USEF and local rules are in effect upon entering the show grounds. This includes the arrival day. In the interest of safety, please keep pedestrian traffic to a minimum around warm-up and competition arenas. Dogs are not permitted inside the arena gates at anytime. Please be sure to give horses a wide berth for safety reasons.

27) OPPORTUNITY CLASSES: Opportunity classes are intended to introduce competitors to showing at USEF/USDF licensed shows without incurring additional membership fees. Competitors showing only in opportunity classes are exempt from USDF and USEF membership and horse fees. These classes do not count toward high point or year-end awards. They will be pinned in two divisions, Junior and all other. Opportunity classes are for entry level riders (GR821.2e2).

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Please refer to the USEF website for more information on these classes at <http://www.usef.org/documents/disciplines/dressage/OpportunityClassFAQ.pdf>.

DISEASE OUTBREAK RULE

In the face of a disease outbreak, the show committee reserves the right to follow the AVMA (American Veterinary Medicine Association) and or the AAEP (American Association of Equine Practitioners) recommendations as to what testing would be necessary to consider a horse free from the disease in question. They also reserve the right to require written proof that said testing has been performed within the recommended period of time. If the competitor does not adhere to the requirements the show committee can refuse entrance to the show.

Some diseases are “Reportable Diseases”, meaning they must be reported to the State of Arizona Department of Agriculture. These diseases are subject to quarantine rules of the state. An example of one such disease is Vesicular Stomatitis. In the case of reportable diseases a health certificate is required from an accredited veterinarian with proper statement regarding said disease to accompany the horse.

Since this rule could apply to any number of diseases, and it would be impossible to list them all here, the show committee will post the testing/health certificate requirements on the sponsor web page if there is a current disease outbreak in the area.

EQUINE HEALTH

Licensed shows operate under USEF guidelines. These guidelines recommend that you keep your horse as healthy as possible when competing; i.e. current vaccinations against diseases prevalent in your area and current Coggins test. Additionally a health certificate is required if you travel across state lines to compete.

We remind you that stalls at the show facilities are not disinfected between horses. The venues clean and remove shavings and manure only. You have the option of cleaning the stall before putting the horse in the stall. A detergent, such as Tide, and water mix is recommended by the USEF. Rocal also works well on wood and Clorox on hard surfaces.

If your horse becomes ill while at the show, please report it to the show committee even if you choose not to have it seen by a veterinarian. The show committee reserves the right to ask you to remove the horse from the premises. If that is not possible, the committee may ask you to isolate the horse in a designated stall. Please try to avoid contact with other horses in case the disease might be contagious. If your horse is sick and you have decided to leave the premises, you are required to notify the show committee. Also, be considerate of other horses at your home barn and let them know that your horse may have contracted a communicable disease.

We are all interested in keeping our horses as healthy as possible, so please don't bring a sick horse, or one recently recovered to the show. Thank you for your cooperation.

ATTENTION COMPETITORS

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with the following association numbers before the day(s) of the competition.

- United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) for horse, owner, rider, trainer and/or coach
- United States Dressage Federation (USDF) for horse, owner and rider.

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