

Opening Date: February 1, 2012

Closing Date: April 1, 2012

CTDS Bluebonnet Classic I and II

April 14-15, 2012

**12608 Harris Branch Parkway
Manor, TX 75032**

One Weekend...TWO Qualifying Shows!

Official Qualifying Competition for

**2012 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships
2012 Southwest Dressage Championships
2012 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders'
Championship Southern Series Qualifiers
2012 Dover/USDF Adult Amateur Medal Program**

USEF/USDF Show Recognition: #316837, 316838
Licensee: Central Texas Dressage Society, Inc.
Level 2 Competition
SWDC: Pending

<p>Show Manager/Secretary</p> <p><i>Jan Colley</i></p> <p>12900 Lost Ridge Circle Leander, TX 78641 512-565-1134 Colley256@gmail.com</p>	<p>Judges</p> <p>Sue Mandas, OH – “S” Arlene Rigdon, KS – “S”</p> <p>Technical Delegate Carolyn Vandenberg - TX</p>
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Official Show Videographer: Equine Productions
Equineproductions@yahoo.com

Official Show Photographer: Lisa Tannehill, <http://lisatannehillphotography.com>, 201-572-7561

L.O.P.E (Lonestar Outreach to Place Ex-racers) needs your help – Visit our website for a list of items needed. CTDS is sponsoring the collection drive and encourages everyone attending to help support this great group in their quest to help our four legged friends!

Dressage Classes: Please refer to the following Standard Dressage and Non-Standard Class list for classes that will offered at each show.

Sat Class	Sun Class	Class Description	Divisions Offered	Qualifying
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3	3A	Dressage Equitation 13 & Under	JR	N/A
4	4A	Dressage Equitation 14 – 18	JR/YR	N/A
5	5A	USDF Introductory Level Test A	Adult, JR/YR	N/A
6	6A	USDF Introductory Level Test B	Adult, JR/YR	N/A
7	7A	USDF Introductory Level Test C	Adult, JR/YR	N/A
11	11A	USEF First Level Test 1	O, AA, JR/YR	N/A
12	12A	USEF First Level Test 2	O, AA, JR/YR	N/A
13 (Q)	13A (Q)	USEF First Level Test 3	O, AA, JR/YR	Great American/USDF, SWDC
15 (Q)	15A (Q)	USDF First Level Freestyle	O	Great American/USDF, SWDC
21	21A	USEF Second Level Test 1	O, AA, JR/YR	N/A
22	22A	USEF Second Level Test 2	O, AA, JR/YR	N/A
23 (Q)	23A (Q)	USEF Second Level Test 3	O, AA, JR/YR	Great American/USDF, SWDC, Dover Medal AA
25 (Q)	25A (Q)	USDF Second Level Freestyle	O	Great American/USDF, SWDC
31	31A	USEF Third Level Test 1	O, AA, JR/YR	N/A
32	32A	USEF Third Level Test 2	O, AA, JR/YR	N/A
33 (Q)	33A (Q)	USEF Third Level Test 3	O, AA, JR/YR	Great American/USDF, SWDC
35 (Q)	35A (Q)	USDF Third Level Freestyle	O	Great American/USDF, SWDC
41	41A	USEF Fourth Level Test 1	O, AA, JR/YR	N/A
42	42A	USEF Fourth Level Test 2	O, AA, JR/YR	N/A
43 (Q)	43A (Q)	USEF Fourth Level Test 3	O, AA, JR/YR	Great American/USDF, SWDC
45 (Q)	45A (Q)	USDF Fourth Level Freestyle	O	Great American/USDF, SWDC
51	51A	USEF Training Level Test 1	O, AA, JR/YR	N/A
52	52A	USEF Training Level Test 2	O, AA, JR/YR	N/A
53 (Q)	53A (Q)	USEF Training Level Test 3	O, AA, JR/YR	Great American/USDF, SWDC
70 (Q)	70A (Q)	FEI Prix St Georges	O, AA, JR/YR	Great American/USDF, SWDC
71 (Q)	70A (Q)	FEI Intermediate I	O, AA, JR/YR	Great American/USDF, SWDC
72 (Q)	72A (Q)	FEI Intermediate I Freestyle	O, AA, JR/YR	Great American/USDF, SWDC
73 (Q)	73A (Q)	FEI Intermediate II	O, AA, JR/YR	Great American/USDF, SWDC
74 (Q)	74A (Q)	FEI Grand Prix B	O, AA, JR/YR	Great American/USDF, SWDC
75 (Q)	75A (Q)	FEI Grand Prix Freestyle	O, AA, JR/YR	Great American/USDF, SWDC
90	90A	USDF Pas De Deux (specify level)	O	N/A
91	91A	Para Equestrian TOC (specify test)	O	N/A
100	100A	USEF Training Level Test 1 Opportunity Class	O	N/A
101	101A	USEF Training Level Test 2 Opportunity Class	O	N/A
102	102A	USEF First Level Test 1 Opportunity Class	O	N/A
103	103A	USEF First Level Test 2 Opportunity Class	O	N/A

NOTE: Enter the designation "Q" after the class number if you intend on entering the GAIG/USDF Qualifiers and include the qualifying fee of \$10. If you are entering the SWDC qualifiers include the qualifying fee of \$8.

Sporhorse Classes:

Sat	Sun	
1-500	2-500	Fillies of Current Calendar Year (with or without dam, foal only judged)
1-510	2-510	Colts of Current Calendar Year (with or without dam, foal only judged)
1-502	2-502	Yearling Fillies
1-512	2-512	Yearling Colts/Geldings
1-503	2-503	2 Yr Old Fillies
1-513	2-513	2 Yr Old Colts/Geldings
1-504	2-504	3 Yr Old Fillies
1-514	2-514	3 Yr Old Colts/Geldings
1-511	2-511	Current Year Foal Qualifier Championship - 1st & 2nd place from classes 501 & 511 GAIG/USDFBC Qualifier
1-505	2-505	Filly Qualifier Championship - 1st & 2nd place from classes 502,503,504 GAIG/USDFBC Qualifier
1-515	2-515	Colt/Gelding Qualifier Championship - 1st & 2nd place from classes 512,513,514 GAIG/USDFBC Qualifier
1-601	2-601	4 Yr Old & Older Maiden/Yeld Mares (never bred or previously bred, but open as of 1/1/2010)
1-602	2-602	4 Yr Old & Older Brood Mares
1-605	2-605	Mare Qualifying Championship - 1st & 2nd place from classes 601,602 GAIG/USDFBC Qualifier
1-611	2-611	Four Yr Old & Older Stallions
1-615	2-615	Stallion Qualifying Championship – 1 st & 2 nd place from class 611 GAIG/USDFBC Qualifier
1-701	2-701	Produce of Dam (without dam, 2 or 3 get, entered under dam's name)
1-702	2-702	Get of Sire (without sire, 2 or 3 get, entered under sire's name)
1-703	2-703	Breeder's Group (horses of any sex or age, all bred by exhibitor & entered under exhibitor's name. Horses may be unrelated. Multiple ownership is permitted)
1-800	2-800	Materiale – specify age and sex

ATTENTION COMPETITORS

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers (USDF, United States Equestrian Federation) for horse, owner, rider, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition.

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

2012 USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

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

Classes: All standard dressage, individual and group in-hand classes will be offered Saturday and Sunday. **EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.**

Opportunity Classes: Horses and riders entered only in "Opportunity" classes are exempt from USEF and USDF membership requirements, and do not have to pay non-member fees. Riders/horses entered in "opportunity" classes may not cross enter into other recognized classes at the show. Participants must abide by all USEF regulations pertaining to attire, tack and equipment for the recognized show. Reference GR821 for additional information.

Entries: Submit all entry forms (one entry form per horse required for each show), copies of rider/owner/trainer/horse USEF/USDF cards, coggins, and payments to Show Secretary. All fees **MUST** accompany entries. No telephone entries accepted. **NEW! Online entries will be accepted for this show and can be entered at www.centexdressage.org. Payment is via PayPal and will incur an additional fee to cover the PayPal processing. Amount is determined by the total entry cost.** Late entries will be accepted if space available and accompanied by a \$25 post entry fee. Any changes after closing date will incur a \$10 change fee. Send separate check per show or pay via PayPal link on CTDS website for each show.

Checks are to be made **payable to CENTRAL TEXAS DRESSAGE SOCIETY.**

Fees:

Classes – Intro/Materiale/Equitation		Vet Charge – Pony Measurement ^(owner responsible)	
Opportunity	\$35	Sporthorse Individual Class	\$50
Classes – Training-4th	\$40	Sporthorse Group Class	\$30 per horse
Classes – FEI & Freestyle	\$45	Pas de Deux (per person)	\$25
USDF Non-Member	\$25	Quadrille (per person)	\$15
Great American Qualifying Fee	\$10	SWDC Qualifying Fees	\$8
Weekend Stall w/2 bags	\$120	Tack Stall (if available)	\$100
Schooling (if not showing)	\$40/day	Office Fee (per show)	\$20
Grounds Fee (if not stabling)	\$40/day	Late Fee (per show)	\$25
Extra Shavings/bag	\$8/bag	USEF Drug Fees	\$16 (\$8 drug/\$8 USEF)
RV Hookup/Day	\$40/day	USEF Non-Member	\$30
Early/Late Arrival	\$40/day	Returned Check Fee	\$25+ bank fees

Stabling: 12x12 permanent stalls with doors. Temporary 10x10 tent or panel stalls with doors erected inside barn may be used if needed. First bedding included. Stabling requests accepted and granted if possible. If not stabling, \$40/day grounds fee. All stallions must be stabled. Sharps containers will be provided in barn.

Arenas & Footing: Classes will be held in one covered (20x60) and one outdoor arena (20x60) both with sand footing. A large fenced warmup arena with sand footing adjacent to covered arena. A round pen with sand footing is available for lunging. Lunging only allowed in designated areas.

Conduct of Show: 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.

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 official posting of the scores from the last class of the show day during which the score was earned.

Coggins Tests: Negative Coggins within the past 12 MONTHS is required. **Failure to enclose a copy with entry or present it on the day of the show will result in elimination without return of fees.** Original Coggins must

be available for inspection during the show. Any horse that develops a communicable disease may be removed at management's discretion. Competition Management will assume no responsibility for the health of horses being stabled. Owners are warned they enter horses at their own risk. Horse name **MUST** match name on entry form.

Name of Horse: Horse name and Owner on the entry blank must match USEF and USDF documentation.

Horse Age: Any horse is considered to be 1 year old on the first day of January following the actual date of foaling. For under-saddle classes a horse must be at least 36 months of age at the time of the competition.

Adult Amateur: Competitor is eligible to compete from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22 and providing they hold a current USEF amateur card. **JR/YR:** Individuals are eligible as Juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Individuals are eligible 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 of 21. JR/YR classes encompass both classifications.

Opening Date: The earliest date (postmark) Competition Management will accept an Entry into its show. Entries received before the Opening Date will be returned.

Closing Date: The LAST date Competition Management **requires a postmark on** an Entry into its show. The show may refuse entries before the closing date if it fills the show. The show may accept entries after closing (post entries) with a late fee if the show has not filled.

Post Entries: Post entries will be allowed on a space available first come-first-served basis. Applicable show fees will apply including the late fee. No entry will be allowed after a class has begun.

Pony Height: Any animal that does not exceed 148 cm (58.268 in) (approximately 14.2 ¼ hands) without shoes, and 149 cm with shoes. **Any animal competing in classes limited to ponies must submit a copy of a USEF measurement certificate with its entry or management may require the pony to be measured at the competition. Please notify management prior to the closing date if you require a pony to be measured at the competition. Competitors are responsible for the fees for bringing the vet on site for measuring. If there are multiple ponies to measure, the cost will be split equally between those pony competitors.**

Freestyle: A photocopy of a test (60% highest test of level) verifying eligibility must accompany entry.

Official Ride Times: Tentative ride times will be mailed or emailed (if email address is provided) to competitors by the show secretary. Official ride times will also be posted at the show office by noon Friday. Changes may occur from those mailed. RIDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE to check ride times daily or risk elimination.

Coaching Policy: Coaches must stand outside fence of warm-up arenas.

Warm-up & Lunging: Warm-up available in large sand arena next to competition ring. Lunging in designated Round pen only.

Horse Show Office: Opens 12:00 pm Friday and one hour prior to starting ride each day. The Show Office telephone number is (512) 565-1134.

Freestyle Music: Provide to show office by Friday. Entry should include a description of horse/rider and theme/music.

Parking: All horse trailers must be parked in designated trailer parking. Limited RV parking is available and spots will be assigned by show office. Horses may not be tied to trees.

Dog Policy: All dogs must be confined or on a leash. Dogs are not allowed in barn aisles unless accompanied and on a leash. Loose dogs will be impounded and the owner will pay a \$200 fee.

Concessions: Available on grounds

Farrier/Vet: On call. Names and numbers will be posted at show office.

Entry Cancellation and Refund Policy: Before closing date – Full refund less office fee. On or After closing date – **No Refund**, with the exception of fees collected on behalf of USEF (drug fees) and USDF (qualifying fees), these fees will be mailed one month after the end of the competition for entries that were cancelled. Before the show, please

contact the show secretary if you are not coming. Once you are at the show, please notify the show office if you are scratching a class. Please do not be a 'NO SHOW'. This policy includes event cancellation due to severe weather or other emergency.

Hazardous Weather/Act of God/Accident Policy: Management reserves the right to cancel any class due to hazardous weather, Act of God or Accident. Every effort will be made to reschedule with priority given to Great American/USDF qualifying classes being offered. No refund for cancellations due to this policy.

Official Website: Information regarding this show is located at www.centexdressage.org. This is the official website for the competition and should be referred to for any updates and changes. Additional prize lists and entry forms can be downloaded from this site.

Directions: From San Antonio - I35N to Parmer Lane (exit #245) and turn EAST. Go 4.7 miles to Harris Branch Parkway. Turn left (north) and go approx 8/10 mile to Silver Hill Stables on left. From Dallas – I35N to Howard Lane and turn left. Go approximately 5.5 miles to Harris Branch Parkway. Turn right and go approx 4/10 mile to Silver Hill Stables. Use the main entrance. From Houston (Hwy 290), turn right on Parmer Lane (first light once you leave Manor, TX). Go to Harris Branch Parkway and turn right. Go approximately 8/10 miles to Silver Hill Stables on left.

Lodging: Springhill Suites by Marriott Austin North (I-35 and Parmer Lane). Phone: 512-833-8100. Mention CTDS Dressage Show when making reservation to receive show rate. Quality Inn & Suites – Manor, TX, (512) 272-9373

IMPORTANT QUALIFYING INFORMATION - COMPETITORS REMEMBER

Qualifying for Great American (\$10) or SWDC (\$8) is available for the highest test of each level. To enter: Check the appropriate box on the Entry form and add the appropriate fee to the class fee. These classes will be held concurrently with the classes at the highest level.

For Great American qualifying, **Rider and Owner MUST** be **USEF** senior, junior or life members **and MUST** be either **USDF** Participating or USDF Business members. The horse **MUST** be **Lifetime** registered with **USDF AND Life or Annual USEF** registered. **HID is NOT acceptable.** Horse owner on USDF/USEF registration must match Owner listed on entry form. If transfer of ownership has not been completed, scores earned will be not be eligible.

If a show is oversubscribed there will be a draw for entries that are allowed to compete. All entries in the same envelope are considered together. **PLACE ALL ENTRIES IN THE SAME MAILING ENVELOPE** to make sure that all of your horses or students are considered together. If you do not, some entries may be drawn and be "in" the show and some may not be selected.

COMPETITORS ALWAYS circle the division (open, AA, or JR/YR) you are entering on the entry form. Because SWDC allows for qualifying in more than one division; for SWDC you must enter the division you are attempting to qualify. **YOU MAY NOT ENTER AMATEUR CLASSES WITHOUT A USEF AMATEUR CARD.**

Dressage Ribbons and Awards: Prize awarded to 1st place winner in each class (except Quadrille and Pas de Deux). Ribbons awarded through 6th place for Intro through FEI levels. Ribbons, awards, and tests will be available after class has completed and has been pinned. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded EACH show to the horse/rider combination with the highest average score for Intro-Second levels and the highest score for Third-FEI levels. Opportunity and Freestyle scores are excluded. The top 2 scores will be averaged to determine the winner for Intro-Second. A minimum score of 58% must be attained in order to receive Champion or Reserve Champion awards.

Sporhorse Awards: Prize for first place and ribbons through sixth in each class except Great American Insurance Group/USDFBC championship classes. Awards and ribbons for Champion and Reserve will be awarded in all championship classes. Breed awards will be offered and information concerning same will be posted on web site; copies of registration papers must be submitted with entry for eligibility.

2012 USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program

The USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program is designed to specifically recognize and encourage adult amateurs riding at Second Level.

Awards

1. USDF/Dover Saddlery Medal Recipient

The eligible rider with the highest score of 60 percent or better in the designated Second Level Test Three class or applicable test of choice USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal class at a participating competition will receive a handcrafted USDF/Dover Saddlery pewter medal and neck ribbon. Winners will receive a \$20 Dover Saddlery gift certificate for the first three USDF/Dover Saddlery Medals they win during the competition season.

2. USDF/Dover Saddlery National Merit Award

A USDF/Dover Saddlery National Merit Award will be awarded to riders winning three USDF/Dover Saddlery Medals in the same competition year.

3. Year-End Awards

The USDF/Dover Saddlery Medal National Champion and Reserve Champion are determined from the average of the top three winning ride scores during the competition year. The champion receives a \$1000 Dover Saddlery gift certificate and the reserve champion receives a \$500 Dover Saddlery gift certificate.

Rider Eligibility

1. Rider must have a current USDF Participating or Group Membership and be a member in good standing of USDF when the scores are earned.
2. Rider must be an adult amateur in accordance with Article GR1306 of the USEF rules and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur at the time the scores are earned.

Owner & Horse Eligibility

Horse and owner must meet minimum competition eligibility requirements at the time scores are earned.

Additional Information

For additional information and an updated list of competitions offering the USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program, please visit: <http://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/adultmedalprogram.asp>.

2012 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. The Parent(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

Numbers: Numbers must be worn at all times when a horse is out of stall. Each horse/rider combination is considered a separate entry and must fill out a separate entry form and will be issued a different number.

Rule Enforcement: All rules will be enforced from the time a competitor arrives on the show grounds.

Prize Money: Prize money, if applicable, will be mailed within 30 days upon completion of the competition.

Signatures: Any and all handlers, assistant handlers, drivers, riders, trainers, owners, agents, lessees, parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, and coaches of horses (or riders) are required to sign an entry blank.

Sharps Container: Competition management is responsible for placing Sharps containers in convenient locations on Competition grounds and replacing them when full. Competition Management may fine any individual up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments. Competition management will place notice of this requirement either in its prize list or on a specific handout given to trainers on check in at the competition. See GR1210.4 for complete details and please make sure the

requirements for Sharps Containers are met at this competition.

USEF MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to participate as a rider, driver, owner, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Endurance and Vaulting Competitions, persons must be Members of the Federation as provided in GR202 or if not a member, must pay a registration fee as provided in GR207 (for exceptions see GR901.9). Exception: Applications for Federation Individual Membership and Horse Recordings submitted at Licensed Competitions:

- For Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 223, Section 1: Applications are considered effective on the date the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary provided the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary on that same day.
- Applications completed online at the competition are effective the date the application is submitted.
- A)** USEF MEMBERS: If an exhibitor does not submit the proper membership documentation to the competition and the competition cannot verify such information, (with the exception of Federation measurement cards) the exhibitor will be responsible to pay a \$30 nonmember fee which is nonrefundable.
- B)** USEF NON-MEMBERS: The amount of the non-member registration fee will be established annually by the Federation. Unless otherwise established, the fee will be \$30 and must be collected by all appropriate competitions and remitted to the Federation (for exceptions see GR901.9). Non-US citizens who are members in good standing of their National Federations are exempt from payment of the Non-Member fee.
- C)** Every person who has reached his/her 18th birthday and competes in classes for amateurs under federation rules must possess current amateur certification issued by the Federation. This certification must be available for inspection or the competitor must have lodged with the competition secretary, at least one hour prior to such class, an application for such certification provided by the Federation. Forms may be obtained from the Federation. Certification will be issued only on receipt of the application properly signed and is revocable at any time for cause. Any person who has not reached his/her 18th birthday is an amateur and does not require amateur certification.
- An amateur continues to be such until he/she has received a change in status from the Federation. Any amateur who wishes to be re-classified on the grounds that he/she has engaged or is planning on engaging in activities which would prevent him/her from continuing to remain an amateur must notify the Federation in writing.
- There is no fee for amateur certification for Senior Active or Life Members. An annual fee of \$30 will be charged for an amateur card or amateur certification for an individual who is not a member of The Federation or Equine Canada. Such certification will expire on November 30th.
- If a person violates or does not comply with the above, he/she will not be eligible to compete in amateur classes and will not be entitled to an award in such classes and will be deemed guilty of a violation within the meaning of Chapter 7 in the event he/she does compete.

This
competition
is recognized
by USDF
for 2012



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

Membership Requirements for USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Competitions: Owners and riders, including foreign riders and owners who are not residents of the US, wishing to participate in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition as a rider or owner/lessee, must have either a USDF Group Membership, Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF NM fee. (Note: USDF business members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their USDF BM.) Individuals cannot compete at a USEF licensed/USDF-recognized competition with a USDF Education Membership. Horses competing at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions must have either a USDF Horse Identification (HID) number or a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR). Proper credentials or verification certificates must be presented to the competition secretary. Riders and owners wishing to participate in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition, and not able to present the competition secretary with verification of a USDF membership or NM identification, and USDF LHR or USDF HID, must complete a USDF Competition Affidavit Form and pay the \$5 affidavit filing fee. A copy of a completed affidavit form from another competition may also be used for verification purposes for up to 60 days. (Exception: Affidavits cannot be used at Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships.)

Exceptions:

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

Memberships Defined

Participating Membership (PM): A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. The membership year is December 1 through November 30. PMs are available for 1-year (\$75), 5-years (\$300), or life (\$1,500). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for individuals who have not reached their 21st birthday by December 1 of the current membership year (\$60). A PM allows the member to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions and to

participate as a rider and/or owner/lessee for all Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals and the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship program.

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

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

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

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

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

Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR): A horse with an LHR (\$95) is eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete at Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals and Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse has an LHR it does not need an HID number. An LHR does not need to be renewed.

How to Join USDF

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

- On the USDF website: www.usdf.org. You can submit the application online or download the form and fax or mail it to the USDF office.
- In the show office at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions classified by USEF as Dressage Competitions, and Regular Competitions which are open to all breeds.

- By calling or writing the USDF office at (859) 971-2277, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511

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

Breed Show Guidelines:

Bridles

Bridles are mandatory on 2 year olds and older horses including mares accompanying foals. A bridle shall consist of a snaffle type bit with two reins, a headstall with a throatlatch. A nose band is optional. A split or single chain may be used instead of reins. All horses (whether competing or noncompeting) must wear bridle numbers at all times while being ridden, exercised or hand walked.

Foals

All foals must be under the control of a handler.

Handlers is any person who holds, walks, or trots a horse while it is being judged in the competition arena for any In-hand, Group, or Championship class. Handlers are permitted to have one or two assistants. One to run behind the horse, one to hold another horse, the handler will run. Neither the assistant handler, nor the assistant holding a horse, may trot the horse, unless the horse is not being judged but accompanying a mare or a foal that is being judged. There can be no switching of handlers in a class. Prior to entering the competition arena all Handlers and Assistant Handlers must have on file, in the Show Secretary's office, a Handler/Assistant Release Form and be wearing an appropriate wrist band. Handlers must be USEF members or pay the non-member fee.

Assistant Handler is any person, other than handler, who holds or walks a horse in the competition arena during a class, whether or not it is being judged. An Assistant handler is permitted only for call-backs after In-Hand or Group classes, for Championship and for handling non-competing mares and foals which accompany another entry in the competition arena. Assistant handlers may not show a horse at the trot, and if not Federation members, are exempted from the USEF non-member fee, but are otherwise subject to all rules regarding Handlers.

- Handlers and/or assistant may each carry only one whip or one standard lunging whip without attachments.
- Appropriate sports attire **MUST** be worn by the handler and assistant.
- Prior to entering the competition arena, all handlers and assistants of horses in the competition ring are required to have on file, in the Show Secretary's office, a Handler/Assistant Release form, and **MUST BE WEARING AN APPROPRIATE WRIST BAND**. The wristband will be put on each handler's and assistant's wrist by the Show Secretary.
- Handlers must be USEF members or pay a non-member fee. Assistant handlers are exempt from the nonmember fee.
- Handlers with multiple entries must resolve scheduling conflicts. The Show Committee reserves the right to keep the show on schedule. Each horse must have a separate handler, including noncompeting horses. If you are late for your class and the gate has closed, you will not be allowed in the ring

CLASS PROCEDURE – IN-HAND CLASSES

Horses will be individually judged on a triangle. The triangle measures approximately 30 meters on each side. Highest scoring horses may be asked to return to the ring for a lineup and re-evaluation. When called by the Ringmaster, present horse to the judge for conformation judging. Proceed when instructed by judge.

1. Stand horse for conformation judging at point of triangle.
2. Walk small triangle from left-to-right. Unless judge requests you to walk again, immediately begin your trot once you return to point of triangle.
3. Trot large triangle from left-to-right. Repeat only if judge requests additional trot.
4. Leave judging area promptly unless requested to do otherwise by the judge.

BREED CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Dressage Breeding Stock

To be shown in hand at the walk and trot on the triangle. To be scored 50% movement, 40% conformation, 10% general impression on the Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock score sheet. No fee for Championship Classes.

Dressage Sport Horse Prospects

To be shown in-hand at the walk and trot on the triangle. To be scored 60% movement, 30% conformation and 10% general impression on the Dressage Sport Horse Prospect score sheet. No fee for Championship Class.

Materiale Classes

Horses at least 36 months of age will be evaluated according to the criteria listed on the "USDF Materiale Score Sheet" and classes must be conducted according to the USDF "Procedures to Host USDF DSHB Materiale Classes". To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the arena. The 4 year old and 5 year old horses may be asked to lengthen the stride at the trot and canter.

Group Classes

To be shown in-hand and moved at the judge's discretion. To be scored 50% movement, 40% conformation, and 10% manners. Multiple ownership is permitted, but all owners must be listed on the entry form. All offspring entered in "Produce of Dam" and "Get of Sire" classes must be named on the entry form.

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 125 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership in excess of 33,000 members, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals.

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

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

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

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

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

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2012 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series



The USEF Rulebook Chapter Dressage, Subchapter DR-2, contains the Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) class rules. The rulebook is available on line at www.usef.org. All recent rule changes in the on-line rulebook are noted in RED.

A. Applying For and Scheduling Qualifier and Final Events

1. The USDFBC series is scheduled on a calendar year basis (January 1-December 31).
2. A series must have a minimum of three qualifying events in order to hold a series final. All shows in the series, including qualifier classes held in conjunction with the series final, are qualifying events.
3. The final event of each series is often the last USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competition holding DSHB classes scheduled in a particular geographical area of the United States as of October 1 of the year prior to the series final year. However, a series final must also be held in conjunction with a USDFBC qualifying event. Host sites of series finals will be designated on or about November 1 of the year prior to the series final year.
4. The official USDFBC host site application form for qualifiers and series finals will be available from the USDF office by June 15, prior to the start of the next competition year. USEF- licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions interested in hosting a final for a series must submit a completed USDFBC event application form and contract to the USDF office by October 1 of the year prior to the series final to request consideration for hosting the series final.
5. The series final must meet the minimum requirements for a series final: 1) minimum USEF Level 2 competition 2) Show manager and secretary must both be members of USEF at the time of championships and Show manager must be a USDF Participating (PM) or Group (GP) member at the time of the championships 3) all other requirements as stated in the USDFBC Finals Host Site Application.
6. All applications for a series final will be considered on a 'case by case' basis.
7. A series final will be considered "definite" when at least three qualifying events have registered with USDF to participate in the series for the year. If it meets the minimum requirements, a series final will be considered "tentative" until at least three events have registered for the series.
8. In case two or more qualified events in the same series wish to host the series final, the regional director(s) of the region(s) with qualifying events in the series, along with a Working Group appointed by the Sport Horse Committee, will select the host site of the series final, after consultation with the chair of the USDF Sport Horse Committee and the USDF Sport Horse Committee liaison. Priority for the final will be given to (1) the date of event, which must be after all qualifying events are normally scheduled, and ideally, between August 1 and October 1 of the series final year, (2) the most prestigious DSHB show, or USDF Regional Dressage Championships in the geographical area, (3) location and accessibility to competitors, (4) experience of the competition management with DSHB competitions and (5) history of rule compliance with USEF and USDF.
9. All USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions with DSHB classes scheduled prior to the series final in the same calendar year and geographical area are eligible to participate in their USDFBC series final. Dressage competitions with DSHB classes scheduled after the series final in their area are not eligible to participate in the USDFBC program, and will not be qualifying events or the next year's series final.
10. Only one USDFBC series, or part of a series, may be held in any particular geographical area in the same calendar year. The boundaries of a "geographical area" will be determined by USDF (in consultation with regional directors and the chair of the USDF Sport Horse

Committee), will include cluster(s) of DSHB shows, and may combine regions or cross regional boundaries. However, a maximum of two USDFBC series will be scheduled in the same USDF region in the same calendar year.

11. If a USDFBC series does not have at least three qualifying events recognized by USDF by June 1 of the series final year, the final will not be held.

B. Advertising and Promotion

1. In order to receive full promotional benefits from USDF, qualifying and final events must be approved at least six months prior to the competition.
2. Qualifiers and final events must be approved by USDF each year before advertising that they are participating as qualifying or final events in the USDFBC program.

C. Prizes

1. Prizes will be awarded during the finals competition award ceremonies.
2. Prizes and/or other awards may be withheld by USDF to series winners if the following information is not provided to USDF or show management by required deadlines: name of owner; name, age and sex of horse; and if known, the breed of horse, sire, dam, dam sire, and breeder.

D. Rules Regarding Contracts and Recognition

1. Qualifying and final events must be USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage competitions and all classes must be conducted under USEF rules.
2. USDFBC event application, contract and rules for the upcoming competition year will be available to show managers by July 1 of the year prior to each USDFBC competition year.
3. Rule changes and requirements will be fully approved and publicized by July 1 of the year prior to each USDFBC competition year.
4. Changes of rules, requirements, or contract obligations for competition management (and/or competitors, if applicable) are not permitted after August 1 of the year prior to the start of the USDFBC competition year, except when changed by the USEF and/or USDF Executive Board.
5. USDFBC rules and procedures must be listed in the official prize list for the event, and must be available sufficiently in advance to all potential competitors, or the event may be in violation of USEF rules.
6. For qualifying events whose dates fall after the closing date for their series final event, the results must be emailed or faxed to USDF within 24 hours of completion of the qualifying event. USDF will verify those horses who have qualified with the series final event secretary.

E. Horse Registration and Membership Requirements

1. All horses entered in any USDF Breeders' Championship Series qualifying class must have either a USDF Life Registration (LHR) or USDF Horse Identification Number (HID), and submit identification information. A copy of breed registry papers (if available) must be submitted directly to USDF. Any horse participating in the series final classes must have a LHR with USDF. The HID fee will apply toward the LHR fee.
2. Owner is not required to be a USDF member for qualifying events; however, owner must have a current USDF Participating Membership (PM) or Business Membership (BM) to compete at the series final class.
3. No USDF membership is required for the Handler.
4. Horses participating in USDFBC qualifying or final events are not required to be registered with any studbook, but "if a horse is registered with any breed organization, the name of the breed, sire, dam, dam sire and breeder must be given on the entry blank. For unregistered horses competing in DSHB classes, the information is strongly recommended, if available." (GR 907.1)
5. It is strongly recommended that horses not registered with a breed registry be listed as "unregistered".

6. It is the responsibility of the horse owner to ensure that their USDF membership and USDF horse registration are correct and current

F. Requirements for USDFBC Series Qualifying Events

1. Classes must be offered and judged according to USEF DR 209.
2. All divisions must offer Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand and Breeding Stock In-Hand classes.
3. A separate championship class must be held for all divisions even those that have only one class or one horse in the division. For example if there is only one class of mares, the top two mares from that class would then be shown in the championship class. If there is only one stallion in the one stallion class that stallion would then show again in the championship class.
4. Each qualifying event must offer a current year filly class, a separate current year colt/gelding class and a Current Year Foal Championship class. This Current Year Foal Championship class is a USDFBC series qualifying class. This class must be held and judged (i.e. re-evaluated at the walk and the trot) in accordance with USEF DR210.5. The current year foal championship class, at qualifying events, must be open to first and second place winners of Sport Horse Prospect In Hand classes for all foals of current calendar year, as listed below. First and second place (and third if desired) fillies and colts/geldings of current year will compete against each other in the same class. (Organizers have the option of including third placed winners in championship classes) No scores are given. Ties are not allowed.

Current Year Foal Championship:

Fillies of current calendar year

Colts/Geldings of current calendar year

The champion and reserve champion current year foals are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBC series final class. A third place foal in the championship class must be named as well.

5. Each qualifying event must offer a Filly Championship class and a Colt/Gelding Championship class. These classes are USDFBC series qualifying classes. These classes must be held and judged (i.e. re-evaluated at the walk and the trot) in accordance with USEF DR210.5. The filly and colt/gelding championship classes must be open to first and second placed winners of Sport Horse Prospect In Hand classes for all horses, as listed below. (Organizers have the option of including third placed winners in championship classes.) No scores are given. Ties are not allowed.

Filly Championship:

Yearling Fillies

Two-year old Fillies

Three-year old Fillies

Colt/gelding Championship:

Yearling Colts/Geldings

Two-year old Colts/Geldings

Three-year old Colts/Geldings

The champion and reserve champion filly and the champion and reserve champion colt/gelding are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBC series final class. A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well.

6. Each qualifying event must offer a Mare Championship class and a Stallion Championship class. These championship classes are USDFBC series qualifying classes. These classes must be held and judged (i.e. re-evaluated at the walk and the trot) in accordance with USEF DR210.5. Mare and Stallion Championship classes must be open to first and second placed winners of Breeding Stock In Hand classes for horses age four years old and over, as listed below. (Organizers have the option of including third placed Mare championship):

Mare Championship:

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

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

For details on determining breeding status for competition purposes, please refer to USEF Rule 203.16.

Stallion Championship:

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

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

The champion and reserve champion mare and the champion and reserve champion stallion are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBC series final class. A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well.

7. Age/sex eligibility is determined as follows:
 - a. Fillies, colts and geldings three years of age or under may show ONLY as sport horse prospects, not in breeding stock classes/categories.
 - b. Mares and stallions age four and over, may show ONLY in breeding stock classes/categories. Note: Two and three-year olds are ONLY eligible to compete in the filly or colt championships. They are NOT eligible for the mare or stallion championships.
 - c. Geldings of any age may NOT show in breeding stock classes/categories. Geldings age three and under may show ONLY in sport horse classes/categories.
8. Score sheets: Age group classes must be judged using the appropriate scoring categories and percentages. Sport horses MUST be evaluated on the (yellow) USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In Hand score sheets and breeding stock MUST be evaluated on the (pink) USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock score sheets.
9. Horses in all USDFBC Series qualifying classes must be evaluated according to USEF DR210.5.7. Each horse competing at a USDF Breeder Series Qualifying Show will have only ONE opportunity to qualify for the championship class appropriate to their age/sex category.
10. During the same or separate awards ceremonies, the current year foal champion and reserve, the filly champion and reserve, the colt/gelding champion and reserve, the mare champion and reserve, and the stallion champion and reserve, must be named USDFBC series qualifying champions and reserve champions for the show. A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well. NO ties allowed. Announcements must identify sponsors and horses' breeding information.
11. Each of the ten qualifying horses must be presented with a qualifier ribbon. These ribbons will be supplied to the show by USDF. Only the champion and reserve champion will receive the qualifier ribbons, even if they have previously qualified. The third place horse in the qualifier championship class will not receive a qualifier ribbon. The qualifier ribbons for champion and reserve champion are identical.
12. All champions and reserve champions will be eligible to compete in the finals. In the event that a champion and/or reserve have already qualified for the final, the third-placed horse from the pertinent qualifying class will be eligible to compete in the final. Competition management is required to have judges place qualifying classes to three places, with no ties. In addition, any other horse receiving a 77% or better in its age/sex class will be qualified and eligible to compete in the final.
13. A list of qualified horses is maintained, by series, on the USDF website.
14. Horses must qualify in the series in which they enter the final. Exception: Horses that have qualified for a series final which is either not scheduled or is cancelled may participate in the final of any other USDFBC series in the same calendar year, without having to re-qualify for that series final. Owners of horses that have qualified for a final which is not held, may enter another series final, but must indicate which series they qualified at on their entry form.
15. Horses may compete in qualifying events in any series, but if qualified for more than one series final, they may participate in only one final class.

16. If there is a change of ownership of the horse, the new owner(s) may choose to participate in the series final where they reside, regardless of where the horse qualified, provided that the new owner contacts the USDF office and initiates the change at least 30 days prior to the new Series Final date.

G. Conduct of Finals Classes at the Breeders Series Championship Final

1. At least two judges (see USEF DR 202) must officiate in each series final class. Each judge will evaluate each entry independently, and scribes must be provided for each judge. Winners will be determined by the average of all judges' scores. The highest scoring horses will be declared champions and the second highest will be declared reserve champions.
2. Ties in USDFBC Finals classes must remain unbroken.
3. There are five championship classes in the USDFBC Series Finals. Current year foal champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBC current year foal final class. Filly champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBC filly final class. Colt/gelding champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBC colt/gelding final class. Mare champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBC mare final class. Stallion champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBC stallion final class.
4. A grand champion and reserve grand champion current year foal, a grand champion and reserve grand champion filly, a grand champion and reserve grand champion colt/gelding, a grand champion and reserve grand champion mare, and a grand champion and reserve grand champion stallion will be named at each series final event. Grand champions will receive awards and prizes provided by USDF. Third through sixth placed horses in final classes will receive ribbons provided by USDF. After the final event, special certificates will be available from USDF via the website to owners of all horses that competed in USDFBC series final classes.
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.
6. Horses must be shown individually on the triangle at the walk and trot, and standing for conformation. Each horse must be evaluated in the same manner. Callbacks are permitted. If horses may be recalled, the prize list or program must state that this procedure will be used. (USEF DR 209.1.c)
7. Horses in the current year foal final class, filly final class and the colt/gelding final class MUST be evaluated using the (yellow) USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In Hand score sheets. Horses in the mare final class and the stallion final class MUST be evaluated using the (pink) USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock score sheets.
8. When USDFBC series qualifying classes are held at the same event as series final classes, management must collect USDF Lifetime Horse Registration and/or Participating or Business Memberships applications and fees for eligible entries that wish to participate in the series final classes and submit these applications and fees to the USDF office within 24 hours of the series final classes with competition results.
9. Series final events must agree to allow late entries in the series final classes for horses that qualified for the Series final event after the official closing date.

H. Conduct and Competition Standards for Qualifying and Final Events

Series Final events must meet the minimum requirements for a series final:

1. A minimum Level 2 competition and competition
2. Show manager and secretary must both be members of USEF at the time of championships and Show manager must be a USDF Participating (PM) or Group (GP) member at the time of the

championships all other requirements as stated in the USDFBC Finals Host Site Application.

3. DSHB competitions are not permitted to exclude horses from competing in an event that have previously qualified for a USDFBC series final. Such exclusion is not permitted by USEF rules, and results from the event may not be counted for USDF DSHB HOY awards.
4. Neither foals nor horses of any other age may be shown loose.
5. Note the following clarification on "stallion": No geldings may compete in the USDFBC classes for stallions even if they are gelded after qualifying for the finals and are breeding via frozen semen.

I. Licensed Officials

1. According to USEF DR 202.1 a competition with a Federation Licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding division must have a Federation licensed Dressage Sport Horse breeding judge and a Federation licensed dressage technical delegate. Guest Cards to judge DSHB classes are granted only to currently licensed foreign FEI Dressage Judges and approved foreign breeding experts (See USEF GR1011).
2. Shows must apply to USEF for guest cards at least 21 days prior to the competition.
3. Hunter Breeding judges or USEF judges with other licenses or in other disciplines are NOT permitted to judge DSHB classes.
4. It is recommended that the USEF Technical Delegate officiating at a USDF DSHBC Series Final have significant experience officiating as a TD at DSHB shows.

J. United States Equestrian Federation Rules

Please note that competition management, licensed officials and competitors must be aware of all USEF DSHB and applicable USEF General Rules. Be sure to check the on-line version of the rules for any clarifications or changes that may have occurred for the current competition year.



2012 Great American Insurance Group/ USDF Regional Dressage Championships

A single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), will be held in each of the nine USDF regions. In addition, Alaska and Hawaii may each hold state championships if an official request from a Group Member Organization (GMO) is received by April 1 of the prior year.

The Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF website at www.usdf.org. Please refer to the 2012 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

Rider:

- Must be a USDF Participating* Member (PM) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

Horse:

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

Owner:

- Must be a USDF member (PM* or Business Member (BM)) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

* PMs are USDF members who join USDF directly. USDF Group Members (GM) are ineligible. Final 9/11

Minimum Qualifying Scores

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

The minimum percentages are as follows:

	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>JR/YR</u>
Training Level (Test 3)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 3)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 3)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
FEI Junior (Team Test)	—	—	60%
FEI Young Rider (Team Test)	—	—	60%
Prix St. Georges	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	60%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%
FREESTYLE	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>JR/YR</u>
First Level	63%	—	—
Second Level	63%	—	—
Third Level	63%	—	—
Fourth Level	63%	—	—
Intermediate I	63%	—	—
Grand Prix	63%	—	—

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COMPETITION NAME _____ COMPETITION DATES _____

NAME OF HORSE		PREVIOUS NAME (IF ANY)		USEF#	USDF#	FOR SALE
BREED	SEX	HEIGHT	COLOR	COGGINS DATE (ENCLOSED COPY)		SIRE
						DAM
DAM'S SIRE		COUNTRY OF BIRTH	YEAR OF BIRTH	BREEDER	FEI/PASSPORT #	GROOM

OWNER _____
 USEF# _____ USDF# _____ LOCAL# _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/ST/ZIP/CTRY _____
 PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____
 OWNER CITIZENSHIP (IF NOT USA) _____
 TIN/SSN (REQUIRED FOR PRIZE MONEY) _____

RIDER/HANDLER _____
 USEF# _____ USDF# _____ FEI/LOCAL# _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/ST/ZIP/CTRY _____
 PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____
 RIDER CITIZENSHIP (IF NOT USA) _____
 JR/YOUNG RIDER BIRTHDAY _____ WILLING TO VOLUNTEER? _____
 RIDER STATUS (CIRCLE ONE): JR/YG AA OPEN

TRAINER _____
 USEF# _____ USDF# _____ LOCAL# _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/ST/ZIP/CTRY _____
 PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS _____

COACH _____
 USEF# _____ USDF# _____ LOCAL# _____

Please Fill Out Both Sides of This Form. Reverse side MUST be SIGNED.

CLASS No.	DIVISION	CLASS DESCRIPTION	QUAL Y/N	FEES

SUBTOTAL CLASS FEES AND QUALIFYING FEES		
USEF NON-MEMBER FEES	\$30 PER NON-MEMBER	
USDF NON MEMBER FEE	\$25 PER NON-MEMBER	
USDF AFFIDAVIT FEE	(\$5 IF REQUIRED)	
USEF Drugs & Medication Fee	\$16	
CDI HORSE FEES	\$8 USEF FEE + \$15 DRUG FEE = \$23.00	
IHP DISCIPLINE FEE	(\$35 IF REQUIRED)	
OFFICE FEE AND/OR BRIDLE # FEE		
STABLING FEES	___ STALL @ \$___/STALL	
TACK STALLS	___ STALL @ \$___/STALL	
BEDDING	___ BALES @ \$___/BALE	
LATE/CHANGE/BANK CHARGES FOR CC		
NON COMPETING HORSE FEE		
GROUNDS FEE OR OTHER FEES	_____	
OTHER	_____	
TOTAL FEES		

Stabling Information & Special Requests: Please list only ONE name (either individual or barn) for entire group (so we can get everyone together)

Group/Self	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Stalls							
Tack Stalls							

Stable Group: _____ Contact: _____

Warning: For Texas Shows under Texas law (chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedy Code), an equine professional is not liable for injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities.

Federation Entry Agreement

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, 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 **Houston Dressage Society (Competition)**. I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable - casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4

Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification

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

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

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

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaulteur, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm").

I AGREE to hold harmless and release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at the Competition. I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and, if applicable, EV114, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf. I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition.

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

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

Rider/Driver/Handler/Exhibitor Vaulteur/Longeur (mandatory)	Owner/Agent (mandatory)	Trainer (mandatory)	Coach (if applicable)
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Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature
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Print Name	Print Name	Print Name	Print Name
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Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulteur/Longeur is a minor) _____
 Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Emergency Name & Contact Phone No. _____
 Is Rider/Driver/Vaulteur a U.S. Citizen: ___ Yes ___ No

Credit Card Authorization

VISA Card # _____

MasterCard Sec Code# _____ Exp Date _____

Name on Card _____ Zip Code _____

Address _____