



UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION

Membership Information

USDF PARTICIPATING MEMBERSHIP (PM)

- Applications for PMs may be submitted at competitions.
- Application for PM at a competition will allow the rider or owner to participate in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship Qualifying classes and eligibility for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards. It will also allow them to participate in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Final or in other open classes.
- Having a USDF Group Membership (GM) does not make a person eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship Qualifying Classes, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals, or to qualify for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards.
- Business Memberships (BM) satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.
- An individual cannot compete with a USDF Education Membership (e-Membership).

USDF NON-MEMBER (NM) IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

- The purpose of this number is to create a record for each person participating in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition. The NM identification number is a permanent number that will remain with the individual even if he/she later applies for membership.
- A USDF NM identification number is required for all NM owners and riders competing in any USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage competition or open (dressage or DSHB) class at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Regular or Local competition. (See exceptions on page 2)
- For each USDF NM owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a USDF NM fee 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. In addition, a \$5 affidavit fee must be collected if the person cannot provide verification of their USDF NM number. (For persons applying for the first time for a NM number the \$5 affidavit fee is not required.) Owners/lessees or riders exempt from the NM number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF NM fee. If all the owners of the horse 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. Competitors can apply for a USDF NM identification number on the USDF Web site at www.usdf.org or at a competition. Once a USDF NM number has been assigned, a USDF NM card can be obtained from the USDF Web site. This online printout should be presented to the show secretary and the USDF NM number should be used on every competition entry form.
- Individuals with a USDF PM or GM do not need to apply for a NM identification number or pay the NM fee. Business members can own horses, but cannot compete as riders with their USDF BM. If riding, a business member will need a PM, GM, or NM identification number.
- Having a NM identification number does not make a person eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship Qualifying classes, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals, or for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards.

USDF HORSE IDENTIFICATION (HID) NUMBER AND LIFETIME HORSE REGISTRATION (LHR)

- A USDF HID number or a USDF LHR is required for all horses competing in any USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competition or open (dressage or DSHB) class at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Regular or Local competition.
- USDF accepts copies of the horse identification pages from an FEI passport of a foreign-owned horse competing in a CDI class, in lieu of a USDF HID or LHR number. Identification information must be submitted to USDF along with results. In lieu of pages from the FEI passport, the HID application can be completed, including passport number; however, no fee will be assessed. A certificate will not be sent to the individuals unless the fee of \$10 is paid.
- USDF HID numbers or USDF LHR may be applied for at any USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition open to all breeds of horses. The individual must complete the application and pay the appropriate fee to the competition secretary, who will then send it in with competition results. The cost of the HID number can be applied toward that horse's future upgrade to a USDF LHR.
- Horses competing for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, in Great American Insurance Group /USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals, or Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship Qualifying and Championship classes are required to have a USDF LHR at the time the scores are earned.

- Having the HID number only allows a horse to compete. It does not make the horse eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship Qualifying and Championship classes, or Great American Insurance Group /USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals.
- A USDF HID number or USDF LHR satisfies USEF Horse Identification requirements for dressage competition. Please visit the USEF Web site at www.usef.org for further details.

EXCEPTIONS

The following are exceptions to the above requirements:

- Exceptions to HID/LHR requirement: 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, or Opportunity classes, are exempt from this requirement. Also exempt are horses ridden in leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot and academy classes. For foreign-owned horses competing in a CDI, USDF accepts copies of the horse identification pages from an FEI passport in lieu of a USDF HID or Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) number.
- Riders and owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the USDF NM identification number and NM fee requirements. Also exempt are Handlers of horses competing in DSHB In-Hand or Group classes.

COMPETITION AFFIDAVIT FORM

- This form will allow the member who has forgotten verification of his or her current USDF membership, NM identification card, or USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) or USDF Horse Identification (HID) number to compete. Affidavits are not necessary if the competitor is applying at the show.
- The cost is \$5 per form. A rider or owner may submit BOTH a membership affidavit and a horse registration affidavit on the same form for one \$5 fee. If the owner and rider are different, two separate affidavit forms must be completed and the cost is then \$10, \$5 for each form completed.
- If a competition is a multi-day show with more than one recognition number, competitors need only fill out one affidavit.
- Copies of USDF membership cards and official online verifications showing the temporary transaction ID, LHRs, and HIDs can be printed from USDF's Web site, www.usdf.org. Competitors do not have to complete an affidavit if they are in possession of these credentials, or if they have a copy of a USDF affidavit from another competition, or a copy of a USDF application completed at a previous competition. Please refer to the "Proof of Acceptable Membership at Shows" included in this packet.
- \$5 per rider, per owner, per competition must be collected if a NM cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card (for first time applicants, the \$5 affidavit fee is not required). NMs must pay the \$5 affidavit fee in addition to the NM fee at every competition if they are unable to provide verification of their USDF NM number. Riders exempt from the USDF NM requirements are also exempt from the USDF NM fees.

FORMS

- Forms may be printed from the competition flash drive or downloaded from the USDF Web site at www.usdf.org. When printing the forms, please keep in mind that you must make three copies of each; one for your records, one for the applicant, and one to submit to USDF. Competitions should have enough USDF Horse Registration, Participating Membership/Business Membership, and Non-Member/Competition Affidavit forms available for their competitors.
- A copy of applications submitted at competitions can be used for up to 60 days as verification of USDF membership and/or horse registration.
- Only the competition forms from the flash drive and USDF Web site may be used for application at competitions.

Competition Management: Do not allow anyone to receive his/her competition packet until you have seen proper credentials or have required the competitor to apply for the proper credentials. Non-compliance could result in fines or may affect recognition for your future competitions.