



# 2022 USEF COMPETITION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(APPLIED FOR AT A LICENSED COMPETITION)

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) competition year begins on December 1. The effective date of membership is the date on which the application and correct dues are received by the USEF office. If you join at a competition, the effective date is the start date of the competition, provided the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary, and the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary during the period of the competition (Exception: Dressage Competition). To be eligible for USEF Awards including USEF Horse of the Year Program, you must be a USEF Active or Life Member (if applicable).

By submitting this application, you agree all information is correct and you agree to abide by all USEF rules and the policies contained in the Safe Sport Policy.

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION **REQUIRED**

TITLE:  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Miss  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_  
FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. CITIZEN?  YES  NO IF NO, WHAT COUNTRY? \_\_\_\_\_  
USEF MEMBER:  YES  NO MEMBER #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHECK HERE IF THIS IS A NEW ADDRESS

## 2. UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP

Competing members are those individuals who are eligible to participate in USEF Licensed Competitions as an owner, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, agent, coach, trainer, competition manager, or competition secretary or serving as a USEF committee member (Exceptions found in USEF Rule Book)

3-YEAR ACTIVE.....\$225  
*Active Membership is effective for 36 months from the start date.*  
 1-YEAR ACTIVE.....\$80  
*Active Membership is effective for 12 months from the start date.*  
 LIFE MEMBER (no expiration date).....\$2,500

## 3. DATE OF BIRTH **REQUIRED**

(MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. MEMBERSHIP CARD

I do not need a hard copy membership card and will access the online card.





## 5. DESIGNATIONS (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)

Owner  Rider  Breeder  Trainer  Coach  Licensed Official  
 Intercollegiate  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
USEF Recognized Affiliate Associations:  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD** (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH) Make Check Payable to: United States Equestrian Federation

CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ We also accept    

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**White** - Submit to USEF **Pink** - Members copy and proof of membership for next 45 days **Yellow** - Competition records

## COMPETITION SECRETARY **REQUIRED**

NAME OF COMPETITION \_\_\_\_\_  
COMPETITION BREED/DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
COMPETITION START DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
COMPETITION # \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT'S JOIN DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
COMP. SECRETARY (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_  
MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. BREED/DISCIPLINE AFFILIATION **REQUIRED**

Please designate a primary breed/discipline affiliation. Please designate the primary breed/discipline affiliation as (1). You may also select a secondary choice as (2). **EXAMPLE: Eventing 1 Para-Equestrian 2**

Andalusian/Lusitano \_\_\_\_\_ Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian \_\_\_\_\_ Carriage Driving \_\_\_\_\_  
Combined Driving \_\_\_\_\_ Connemara \_\_\_\_\_ Dressage \_\_\_\_\_ Driving \_\_\_\_\_ Endurance \_\_\_\_\_  
English Pleasure \_\_\_\_\_ Eventing \_\_\_\_\_ Friesian \_\_\_\_\_ Hackney \_\_\_\_\_ Hunter \_\_\_\_\_  
Jumper \_\_\_\_\_ Morgan \_\_\_\_\_ National Show Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Para-Equestrian \_\_\_\_\_  
Parade \_\_\_\_\_ Paso Fino \_\_\_\_\_ Reining \_\_\_\_\_ Roadster \_\_\_\_\_ Saddlebred \_\_\_\_\_  
Saddle Seat \_\_\_\_\_ Shetland \_\_\_\_\_ Vaulting \_\_\_\_\_ Welsh \_\_\_\_\_ Western \_\_\_\_\_  
Western Dressage \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. SAFE SPORT

By submitting this application, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to be bound by the Federation's Safe Sport Policy and US Center for Safe Sport's Code, which can be viewed at [usef.org](http://usef.org).

## 8. REQUIRED SIGNATURE **REQUIRED**

Every member is required to check the appropriate box denoting their status in the sport, and sign below (see status information on reverse side):

AMATEUR  PROFESSIONAL  JUNIOR \*Parent/Guardian please complete section below

Junior (individuals who have not yet reached their 18th birthday on 12/1/2021)  
By signing below, I (or parent/guardian if under 18 years of age) certify that the above status selected is appropriate per GR 1306 and have read and agree to be bound by the Forum Selection Clause, Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification (on the reverse side of this form).

(Sign in ink) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Incomplete Applications cannot be processed until all REQUIRED information is received. Membership fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.**

**NOTE: Members, please keep Pink copy for proof of membership for next 45 days**

## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

Diversity and inclusion are fundamental to US Equestrian's vision: To bring the joy of horse sports to as many people as possible. We recognize the need to achieve increased diversity and that our growth and success depends on the inclusion of all people. We are committed to providing access and opportunity for people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, veterans and active military personnel, people with disabilities, and those of all ages, religions, ancestries, and genders, gender identities, and economic status to harness the synergy of diverse talents.

## USEF NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Federation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), sex, gender identity, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

## INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETE PROGRAM

Members in Grades 5-12 are eligible to participate in the US Equestrian Lettering Program. For information visit [usef.org](http://usef.org).

## UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION MISSION STATEMENT

To provide access to and increase participation in Equestrian Sports at all levels by ensuring fairness, safety, and enjoyment.

## MEMBER PERKS

As a USEF member, you'll reap the rewards all year long with the Member Perks Free Enrollment Program featuring a special collection of companies that support equestrian sport. See current Member Perks list at [usef.org](http://usef.org).

## AUTO RENEWAL

For the convenience of our members, we now offer the ability to opt into automatic renewal for any memberships listed in your MYUSEF account. Visit [usef.org](http://usef.org) for details.

## PRIVACY INFORMATION

USEF reserves the right to share member data (including but not limited to membership numbers, horse ID numbers, horse recording numbers).

## AMATEUR/PROFESSIONAL STATUS

To compete in amateur classes or divisions at USEF Licensed Competitions, you are required to check the Amateur box in Section 8 and confirm that you have not engaged in any activities described in GR1306.4 (Amateur Rule) of the USEF Rule Book.

Please Note: Any individual who has signed as or acted as a Professional with the USEF is required to complete the amateur reclassification process in the USEF Rules prior to competing in any amateur classes or divisions (see GR1307.9).

## FORUM SELECTION CLAUSE

By submitting and signing this membership application, I hereby acknowledge and agree that any court action must be brought solely and exclusively in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York or in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, to the exclusion of the courts of any other jurisdiction.

Furthermore, I acknowledge and agree that if the Federation prevails in a lawsuit brought against it by me, or on behalf of my minor child or a minor over whom I am legal guardian, the Federation shall be entitled to recover its costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with such action. Such payment must be made within thirty (30) days following the court's order approving the amount of recovery.

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

### FEDERATION RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND INDEMNIFICATION. THIS SECTION WAIVES IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS. READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

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

**RULES AND REGULATIONS:** I hereby agree to be bound and abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of USEF as published in the USEF Rule Book and on the website at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), as amended from time to time.

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

**Equine Activity Liability Act WARNING:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY SIGNING IN THE REQUIRED SIGNATURE BOX ON PAGE ONE, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any USEF Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.