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Competitors are responsible for familiarizing themselves with and being in compliance with all current USEF, USDF and ODS rules. The current U.S. Equestrian Federation rule book may be ordered from Amazon.com, or downloaded from www.usef.org. The USDF Member Guide is mailed to USDF members upon renewal and may be downloaded from the USDF website, www.usdf.org.

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This show is licensed by the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF), recognized by U.S. Dressage Federation (USDF) and approved by the Oregon Dressage Society (ODS). May also be recognized by other organizations.

General Information about Entering

a USEF-Licensed/USDF - Recognized/ ODS Approved, Dressage Show

- A completed entry is required for every horse brought onto the show grounds. Horses not entered in the show may not be brought onto the show grounds without prior permission of show management.
- In the Dressage division, each horse/rider combination is considered a separate entry, and is issued a separate number. Therefore, a completed entry form is required for *each horse/rider combination* for each show.
- *An entry is not complete* without full payment, proper signatures, and proof of all required memberships and horse enrollments. No entry is valid without full payment; competitions have the right to refuse entries that are in any way incomplete.
- Be sure to use the current year USEF/USDF/ODS-Licensed Show Entry Form for all shows listed in this section. Read each prize list carefully to ensure that the show does not have its own required form (such as for the USDF Region 6 Championship Show). Photocopy the master entry form at the back of this *Prize list*, or download the appropriate form from the ODS website <http://oregondressage.com/entryforms.html>
- It is customary to mail entry forms to the show's secretary unless prize list instructs you to mail the entry to a different person.
- Separate signatures are required for Rider, Owner and Trainer. If it's all the same person, three signatures are still required.
- Entries will be processed in postmark order unless otherwise stated. When all ride times have been filled, *even if before closing date*, remaining entries will be placed on a waiting list.
- Unless specified differently within an individual prize list, ties regarding entries received at any time on the same day will be broken by lot; said drawing will be held at 4PM on the first Sunday following the published close of entries at the office of the competition secretary. Any potential entrant has the right to be present in person or by representative at the drawing of lots.
- Phoned, faxed or hand-delivered entries will not be accepted unless otherwise stated.
- Early entries — entries postmarked before the published opening date — may be penalized at the discretion of show management.

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EVERY CLASS OFFERED AT ANY SHOW LISTED IN THIS SECTION WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT FEDERATION RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.

General Rules and Regulations

All questions not covered in these rules and regulations shall be decided by the show management whose decision shall be final.

Every horse entered for competition will comply with the rules of the horse show management, but management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold this horse show and the officials and employees of the show blameless for any loss or accident to his horse, employees, equipment, which may occur from sickness, fire or otherwise.

The management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify any riders or exhibitors, prohibit entries and cancel award prizes without claims for damages; to cancel or combine unfilled classes, or to reschedule classes after due notice to exhibitors; to change rings or rotate judges.

Exhibitors are notified that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the judges or officials, on the part of the owner, manager, rider, or groom shall disqualify the horse, and the owner shall forfeit his entry fee and other fees.

Show management reserves to itself the power to prohibit any person from attending or showing a horse in the ring and to remove any groom or horse from the show without being liable for compensation.

In accordance with the 1989 Federal Waste Tracking Act, which restricts the disposal of medical waste, bio-hazardous medical waste containers will be provided in the stable area. All exhibitors and their agents are responsible for the proper disposal of this waste.

No person will be allowed in the show ring during the time of judging except the exhibitor and those having official or requested duties to perform.

It is the tradition of the show that riders be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and the horses properly presented. Management may in its discretion bar any person from entering the ring if not suitable presented to appear before an audience.

General Rules for Riders

Competitors are allowed in and around the competition arena only during their scheduled ride times and during the posted schooling hours.

If a mathematical error on the scoresheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of that competition day.

Classes may be scheduled out of order, it is the competitor's responsibility to find out their ride times, and to immediately notify show management of any time conflicts that may have escaped the scheduler's notice.

Failure to enter the competition arena at the assigned time will result in elimination.

Helpful Hints for Easy Entries:

- Planning to attend several shows this year? Partially fill out the correct master entry form with the basic information about you and your horse – no signatures! – and make several copies. Store masters and copies with your show files. THEN, for each show, finish filling in show name/ date/location, class numbers/names, fees, and all required signatures.
- Note that USEF no longer accepts affidavits of membership. You must provide proof of membership for every show or pay the show-pass fee. No alternatives. No exceptions.

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Class splits and rider divisions

Classes at these recognized shows may be split by division — Open, Junior, Young Rider, Adult Amateur, or any combination — at the discretion of show management. Be sure to indicate rider's division on entry, or you will be put into the Open section by default. Eligibility for the various divisions is specified in the *U.S. Equestrian Rule Book*, which is available online at www.usef.org. See rule DR119.3 for Juniors and Young Riders; GR105 and 106 for Amateur.

- Riders are **Juniors (JR)** until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 18. *They must provide their birthdate on the entry form as proof of age.*
- Riders are **Young Riders (YR)** from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 21. *They also must provide their birthdate on the entry form as proof of age.*
- For the shows in this section, adults are **Amateurs (Am or AA)** only if the USEF has certified them as such. Please be aware that, per the adult amateur definition in the Dressage rules, riders cannot compete as an adult amateurs until they are no longer eligible to compete as Young Riders. USEF members who apply for amateur certification will find the word amateur printed on their membership cards. *A photocopy of this card is required as proof of eligibility for Amateur classes.*
- **Adult riders who are not members of USEF** may NO LONGER apply for a USEF Non-Member Amateur Certificate. This was a recent USEF rule change.
- Riders who don't fit any of the above categories must compete in the **Open** division.

Entry rules for horses

- A horse must be 36 months of age (from foaling date) to compete under saddle in the Dressage division. It must be at least 6 years old (January 1 of foaling year to January 1 of competition year) to compete above Fourth Level, and 7 years old to compete at Grand Prix.
- A horse may be entered in a class only once. It may compete in a maximum of three tests per day at Fourth Level and below, or two tests above Fourth Level. Freestyles and Dressage Rider Tests are included in these counts; equitation and material classes are not.
- A horse may be entered in no more than two consecutive levels at any one competition. (*Exception: Pas de Deux.*) Note that Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 are no longer consecutive levels.

Documentation that must be included with your entry

Some show offices don't have photocopiers, and some show secretaries will return your entry as incomplete if you don't include proof of required memberships. That said, yes, it is perfectly legal to apply for any of these memberships at the show. However, it is far preferable to do it :

- 1) well in advance of the show and
- 2) on-line, so that you can print out proof of application or temporary membership cards.

Always send photocopies of the following documents with your entry, or as soon thereafter as possible; it will help you avoid long lines when you check in at the show.

WARNING: Membership in ODS does include a Group Membership in USDF, but there is always a delay until that USDF membership is processed and takes effect. If your ODS membership has not yet been processed, or you (or the horse's owner) wait to join ODS at a show, you will also need to complete the USDF affidavit form and submit the \$5 affidavit filing fee; scores may be applied to applicable USDF awards if the correct memberships have been applied for.

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Helpful Hints for Easy Entries:

- After you renew your memberships for the current year, go to www.eqverification.org. Follow the instructions to print out proof of USEF and USDF memberships/registrations for you and your horse, all on one page. There's room to paste your current year ODS membership card and a copy of your trainer's USEF Competing Membership card at the bottom. Make several copies of this sheet to submit with your entries. The show secretaries will love you!
- ODS e-mails membership IDs to the e-mail address on record, so if you did not receive your membership ID, please contact the office or go to www.usdf.org/card, input your name and click *submit*; then click on the underlined link "GMO" for your online ODS card.

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Documentation that must be included with your entry (continued)

Documentation for the Rider/Handler

USEF: Copy of current individual Junior, Senior or Life Competing membership card. Card must also say **amateur** to be eligible for Adult Amateur division. *USEF non-members* and riders/handlers who cannot prove membership pay \$45 Show Pass fee.

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship Qualifying Classes require proof that rider is a USEF Junior, Senior, or Life member. Non-members may not compete in these Qualifying classes.

Exempt from USEF membership requirement and non-member fees: riders competing only in USDF Introductory (walk/trot), Pas de Deux and Quadrille tests and USEF Opportunity classes; assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding in-hand classes.

See also the USEF Rule Book regarding non-US citizens who are members in good standing of their own national federation.

USDF: Copy of current membership card or Non-Member ID.

For each USDF Non-Member (NM) owner/lessee and USDF NM rider, there will be a USDF NM fee of \$35 per competition that must be collected by the show secretary. In addition, a \$5 affidavit fee must be collected if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card.

Exception: Riders/handlers competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the USDF non-member ID requirements and fees. These classes include Individual Breed Classes (IBC) at DSHB competitions; breed-restricted dressage or DSHB classes at Regular Competitions (e.g. all-Arabian, all-Friesian, or all-Morgan classes); USDF Introductory Level, Pas de Deux, or Quadrille classes; USEF Opportunity classes; or lead line, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot and academy classes. Also exempt are Handlers and Assistant Handlers of horses competing in DSHB In-Hand or Group classes.

Note: when you join ODS, you automatically become a Group member of USDF.

You will receive a different membership card and different membership number in each organization.

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship Qualifying Classes require proof that the rider is a USDF *Participating* member. A Group membership is not sufficient.

ODS: Copy of current membership ID, online transaction receipt or proof of membership as downloaded from the ODS or USDF website.

ODS does not charge a non-member fee, but non-member riders' scores will not count toward ODS championship qualifications

Documentation for the Owner

USEF: copy of current individual Junior, Senior, or Life Competing membership card. If the horse is owned by a Farm or Business, send copies of USEF Farm/Business recording certificate and one owner's active membership card.

USEF non-members and owners who cannot prove membership pay \$45.00 Show Pass fee.

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship Qualifying Classes require proof that owner is a USEF Junior, Senior, or Life member. Non-members may not compete in these Qualifying classes.

USDF: copy of current membership card or Non-Member ID.

For each USDF Non-Member (NM) owner/lessee and USDF NM rider, there will be a USDF NM fee of \$35 per competition that must be collected by the show secretary. In addition, a \$5 affidavit fee must be collected if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card.

Exception: owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the USDF non-member ID requirements and fees. These classes include Individual Breed Classes (IBC) at DSHB competitions; breed restricted dressage or DSHB classes at Regular Competitions (e.g. all-Arabian, all-Friesian or all-Morgan classes); USDF Introductory

ODS: There is no membership requirement for owners of dressage horses.

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Documentation that must be included with your entry (continued)

Documentation for the Horse

USEF: A USEF Horse ID is not required, but if your horse has a USEF Horse ID or annual or lifetime registration, you must provide that number.

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship Qualifying Classes require proof that the horse has current annual or lifetime recording with USEF (Horse ID number not sufficient).

USDF: All horses competing in a USEF/USDF/ODS-recognized show must have at least a USDF Horse ID number unless only competing in classes on the HID exception list. Exempted classes include Individual Breed Classes (IBC) at DSHB competitions; breed restricted dressage or DSHB classes at Regular Competitions (e.g. all-Arabian, all-Friesian, or all-Morgan classes); USDF Introductory Level, Pas de Deux, or Quadrille classes; USEF Opportunity classes; or lead line, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot and academy classes. USEF Horse ID cannot be substituted.

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship Qualifying Classes require proof that the horse is *USDF lifetime registered* (Horse ID number not sufficient).

ODS: There is no horse registration program. However, several shows offer breed awards. It's always a good idea to include a copy of your horses' breed registration papers with your entry.

Documentation for the Trainer

Trainer means the adult who is responsible for the horse while it is on the show grounds. In the case of a minor, the parent or another adult must assume the responsibilities of "trainer." Therefore, every horse does indeed have a trainer, and that person must sign the entry and provide the following:

USEF: copy of current individual Senior or Life Competing membership card. *USEF non-members* and trainers who can not prove membership pay \$45 Show Pass fee.

Exempt from this requirement: parent signing as responsible party for a minor child's horse.

USDF/ODS: no membership requirement for Trainer.

Documentation for the Coach

A *coach* is a person who receives remuneration for "instructing, teaching, schooling or advising" the rider. If that person won't be coaching you on the show grounds, don't list him/her on the entry. Coaches must sign the entries of all riders they will be coaching at the show, and provide:

USEF: copy of current individual Senior or Life Competing membership card. *USEF non-members* and coaches who can not prove membership pay \$45.00 Show Pass fee.

USDF/ODS: no membership requirement for Coach.

What is a Qualifying Ride?

When we talk about "capital Q" Qualifying rides, Qualifying fees, and memberships required for Qualifying classes, we're talking about the GAIG/USDF Regional Championship Show, sponsored by the Great American Insurance Group (GAIG).

If your goal is to ride in the ODS Championship Show

It is up to you to keep track of your qualifying scores, which can be earned at any tests of the level. You don't have to declare anything at the qualifying show; just be an ODS member at the time you earn the scores. Qualifying score requirements for the ODS Championships can be found in this prize list. Qualifying scores, "Q" classes, earned for Regional Championships can also be used for the ODS Championships.

If your goal is to Qualify for the GAIG/USDF Regional Championship Show

You must indicate on your entry form if you want your score in that class to be considered as a Qualifying Score. You can determine whether you have achieved the necessary scores to enter a regional championship by accessing a list of horse/rider combinations who have earned two "qualifying scores by going to the USDF web site. Qualifying score requirements for the GAIG/USDF Regional Championship Show can be found in this prize list.

To learn more about the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region 6 Championship Show, visit the Dressage Northwest website, www.dressagenorthwest.org.

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VACCINATION POLICY

see USEF GR845 for full text

Exhibitors are reminded of USEF's new vaccination policy, effective 12/1/15. Competition Management reserves the right to review vaccination documentation. Non-compliant entries may be quarantined or denied permission to unload, and will not be allowed to compete nor to mingle with other horses.

No refunds will be given if right to compete is denied because the Vaccination Record is missing or incomplete. Whether the horse is vaccinated by a veterinarian or by an owner or agent, or is exempt for medical or age reasons, documentation is required; see GR845 for details.

Download the form from <https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/drugs-medications> and bring the appropriate, completed, and signed document(s) with you to the competition.

HELMETS (DR120)

DR120.6. From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds, including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, mounted participants in exhibition classes and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para-Equestrian tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Unless jackets are waived, while in the competition ring, exhibitors wearing protective headgear must wear a short, dark jacket, dark tailcoat (only permitted for tests above Fourth Level), or Armed Services or police uniform (if eligible), dark hat covers (where applicable) and must otherwise conform to DR120 (see GR801).

USEF Motorized Vehicle Statement

Minors who do not have a valid drivers' 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. 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 license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the minor committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the minor, parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition.

Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals are exempt from this rule.

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 \$45 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) lead line; 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.

ATTENTION, COMPETITORS

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers (USEF, USDF, ODS, etc.) for horse, owner, rider, trainer and coach before the day(s) of the competition.

The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national or state year-end awards.

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USDF RIDER AWARDS

The following explanations are condensed. Please read the *USDF Member Guide* for a complete and detailed explanation of all awards. The *USDF Member Guide* is mailed to USDF Members upon renewal; it is also available on the USDF website. If you did not receive your copy of the *USDF Member Guide*, contact USDF at (859) 971-2277.

General Requirements:

Riders must be members of USDF (Group, Participating or Life) at the time their scores are received.

ODS membership includes a USDF *Group* membership. A USDF *Participating* membership costs an additional \$90. Not all awards programs are open to all USDF members; *it is the rider's responsibility to know which USDF membership level is required for the program in which he or she wishes to participate.*

For rider awards, scores are cumulative and need not be earned in one year, and any number of horses may be used. Only scores from USEF/USDF licensed competitions, riding current USEF or FEI tests, will be counted. If two or more judges score one ride, the average of their scores will count as one. Riders must submit application and fee to USDF online using the official Rider Performance Award Application (available at www.usdf.org) after all of the required scores have been earned.

RIDER PERFORMANCE AWARD:

may be earned at each of Training, First and/or Second Levels. Requires four scores of 60% or higher at the respective level from at least two different competitions, from four different judges and four different rides. Patch and certificate are awarded when final scores are reported.

BRONZE MEDAL:

requires six scores of 60% or higher; from two different judges for two different rides at each of three levels: First, Second, and Third (two scores at each level) or equivalent FEI test. Certificate on completion; medal presented at Annual Convention.

SILVER MEDAL:

requires four scores of 60% or higher; from two different judges for two different rides at each of Fourth Level and Prix St. Georges (or equivalent FEI tests). Certificate on completion; medal presented at Annual Convention.

GOLD MEDAL:

requires four scores of 60% or higher, from two different judges for two different rides at Intermediate I, A, B and/or II and at Grand Prix (two scores at each level). Certificate on completion; USDF Gold Medal presented at Annual Convention.

MUSICAL FREESTYLE BARS:

May only be awarded after the corresponding medal has been awarded and may be earned in the same year.

Awarded at Bronze, Silver and Gold Levels; see website or *Member Guide* for details. Certificate on completion; bar presented at Annual Convention.

ADEQUAN®/USDF JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER AWARDS:

First through sixth place recognized at each level for Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth and Prix St. Georges in the yearbook issue of USDF Connection. First through third place at each level for Intermediate I, Intermediate II and Grand Prix will be recognized in the yearbook issue of USDF Connection and third through fifth place at each level for Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth and Prix St. Georges will receive a commemorative stall plaque. Third place at each level for Intermediate I, Intermediate II and Grand Prix will receive a commemorative stall plaque.

ADEQUAN®/USDF VINTAGE CUP AWARDS:

Rider must be 50 years of age or older when scores are earned; horse and rider are considered a pair for each level. Awarded at each level, Training through Grand Prix; see website or *Member Guide* for details. Certificates available online; award presented at Annual Convention.

MASTERS CHALLENGE AWARDS:

Rider must be 60 years of age or older when scores are earned; any number of horses may be used. See website or *Member Guide* for details. Certificate on completion; award presented at Annual Convention.

There are many more Adequan®/USDF awards categories. See the website or the USDF Member Guide to learn about award programs for Adult Amateurs, Dressage Horse of the Year, Musical Freestyle Challenge, Breeder of the Year, and more!



Oregon Dressage Society

Horse / Rider Awards

Award Description :

- A small brass engraved plate will be awarded to each ODS member in good standing who earns a score of 60% or better in a ODS approved, USEF/USDF licensed shows in a single show season.
- Plates are engraved with the horse's name, level of competition and number of 60% or better scores in that show season.
- Plates will be awarded for :
 - a. Training Level and above
 - b. Dressage Rider Tests (DRT) Training, First and Second Levels
 - c. FEI Jr/YR tests.
 - d. Freestyle, Quadrille and Pas de Deux
- A personalized wall plaque is available for purchase for mounting the Plates

Eligibility Requirements:

- Awards must be earned at USDF/USDF Licensed and ODS approved competitions during the current membership year.
- Scores from ODS League shows, Practice shows and Opportunity class do not count.
- Riders must be a current member of ODS in good standing at the time the score was earned in order to be eligible to receive ODS awards. The rider need not be the owner of the horse.
- Duplicate plates are available for owners of award winning horses if all other participation and eligibility requirements are met.

Award Program Participation

- Participation in the ODS Licensed show program is optional. A fee of \$10 per award plate is applicable to participants in order to cover the cost of the program.
- Application Forms for award plates may be made at any time up to 30 days after the scores are posted on the ODS web site. Applications submitted after 30 days will be assessed a \$5.00 processing fee
- It is the responsibility of the rider to review the scores and notify ODS of any errors or omissions. The application form shall include either verification that posted information is correct or alternatively, the opportunity to provide any necessary corrections. Correction of errors on award plates will be made only at the expense of the applicant.
- The application form and fee are to be submitted to the address stipulated on the form

Excalibur Freestyle Award

- A plaque or trophy is awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest average of their three highest scores earned for USDF First Level through 4th level or FEI Musical Freestyles earned at USDF/USEF
- Earned scores need not all be at the same level
- The winner is to be determined from scores reported to USDF

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Opportunity Classes

Opportunity classes are intended by USEF to allow entry-level riders to 'test the waters' of recognized competition. There are no USEF membership or horse recording requirements, nor Show Pass/non-member fees, for Opportunity classes. USDF has agreed to follow USEF's lead and waive their affiliate non-member fees and horse registration requirements.

- Horses entered only in Opportunity classes are exempt from the USEF Equine Drugs and Medication fee, but are still subject to and must comply with the USEF Drugs and Medication rules and are subject to drug testing.
- Horses entered only in Opportunity classes are not required to have a Horse Identification (HID) or Recording Number but must list the USEF or USDF HID or Recording number(s) if the horse has been assigned one.
- Riders, owners, trainers, and coaches participating only in Opportunity classes are exempt from USEF membership requirements and non-member fees, but are required to list the Federation membership number if the participant is a member.

Please note that:

- Entry in Opportunity classes is not limited to non-members. However, Dressage Opportunity Classes are for entry level riders [GR821.2e2]. Experienced riders who just want to give a green horse some show experience without incurring membership/ recording fees are directed to Introductory tests, rather than Opportunity classes.
- Membership fees are only waived for the Opportunity classes; people and horses entered in 'regular' classes (if management allows cross-entry) are subject to the usual horse recording and membership requirements.
- Results for Opportunity classes are reported, but they do not count toward any awards, nor qualify for any championships – not even if membership requirements are met. They are practice classes.

The above information is provided as a courtesy; please read USEF General Rule 821 for full details.

A separate entry blank is not required for Opportunity classes. All that is required by the USEF is to list "Opportunity" in the class title. In addition, if it is an existing USEF class, then the specs do not need to be specified in the prize list. Otherwise, the specifications would need to be listed for any unrecognized USEF class.

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership of nearly 30,000 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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OREGON DRESSAGE SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

ODS has offered an annual Championship Show since 1981. This show is traditionally the largest annual fundraiser for our organization and is a showcase of the best ODS horses and riders.

QUALIFYING RULES

General

- Rider must be a **current ODS member** in good standing at time scores are earned.
- Each horse entered must be ridden by the same rider throughout the competition
- Additionally, at no time during the Championship competition may an entered horse be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered on that horse (with the exception of a groom walking on a loose rein).
- Attach photocopies of the front cover of the qualifying tests to the entry form

Qualifying

- **The qualifying season is September 1st of the previous year to August 25th of the current year**
- Qualifying scores must be earned by a **horse/rider combination**, they cannot be earned separately.
- Only scores received at ODS approved USEF/USDF Licensed shows may be used.
- Only scores received using current USDF / USEF / FEI approved dressage tests count.
- Championship scores will be calculated by averaging the percentages earned in the two tests ridden.
- Scores from the following dressage tests do not count for the ODS Championship Show

Dressage equitation

Opportunity classes

Dressage suitability

Lead line classes

Rider tests

Scores earned at ODS approved League

USDF Introductory Level

shows and practice shows

Championship Show Classes

- Classes will be run under USEF/USDF Championship Rules
- Championship classes must be ridden from memory
- Whips are **not** allowed
- *We will not be closing competition arena gates during tests, nor raking centerlines between riders.*

Tests

- Tests selected for championship classes are at the discretion of show management.
- Training–Fourth Levels will ride the two highest tests of the level.
- FEI Championship classes will be judged by two judges.
- Horse/rider combinations may enter two levels, but may only ride in one division (Open, Adult Amateur, or Junior/Young Rider).
- Horse/rider combinations winning Championship Show classes may not compete at that level in future championship classes (except FEI).

Minimum Qualifying Scores:

- Entries must have earned two qualifying scores; per level, per division and from two different judges at two separate competitions.
- Qualifying scores may be earned at any test from the level.
- The minimum percentages are as follows:

Level	Jr/YR	Adult Amateur	Open	Number of Judges
USEF Training Level	2 / 60%	2 / 60%	2 / 62%	Two
USEF First Level	2 / 60%	2 / 60%	2 / 60%	Two
USEF Second Level	2 / 58%	2 / 58%	2 / 60%	Two
USEF Third Level	2 / 55%	2 / 56%	2 / 58%	Two
USEF Fourth Level	2 / 55%	2 / 56%	2 / 58%	Two
FEI Prix St. Georges	2 / 55%	2 / 55%	2 / 58%	Two
FEI Intermediate	2 / 55%	2 / 55%	2 / 56%	Two
FEI Grand Prix	2 / 55%	2 / 55%	2 / 56%	Two
USDF/FEI Freestyle	2 / 58%	2 / 58%	2 / 58%	---
USDF Pas de Deux	2 / 58%	2 / 58%	2 / 58%	---
USDF Quadrille	2 / 58%	2 / 58%	2 / 58%	---