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SATURDAY SUNDAY

EARLY MORNING Intro, Training Level

LATE MORNING First-Fourth Level, Dressage Suitability Classes USE

**EARLY AFTERNOON** FEI Level Tests

**AFTERNOON** USDF and FEI Level Freestyles, DSE

**FEI Level Tests** 

USDF and FEI Level Freestyles

First-Fourth Level, Dressage Suitability Classes

Intro, Training Level

#### **DIVISION & CLASS INFORMATION**

**ADULT AMATEUR DIVISION (AA).** Individuals possessing current amateur certification are only eligible as Adult Amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22. Only active United Stated Equestrian Federation members may obtain amateur status (EXCEPTION: Equine Canada members in possession of current EC membership may sign for USEF Amateur status on a show-by-show basis at no cost). Participants must possess current USEF Amateur status and qualify under the USEF Amateur rules. If opportunity classes at Dressage Competitions are restricted to amateurs, riders are required to have an amateur status with USEF.

JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER DIVISION (JR/YR). Riders are eligible to compete in these classes until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.

**OPEN DIVISION (0).** Individuals competing in these classes have no restrictions based on horse or rider.

**PONY CLASS.** Open to all breeds that possess an official USEF Pony Measurement Card and meet the following requirements: an animal that does not exceed 148cm (14.23 hh) without shoes, and 149cm (14.27 hh) with shoes. The pony can be of any sex (mare, stallion or gelding). Measurement will be required for pony specific classes and/or divisions when ponies do not have a current, valid measurement card. Measurement will be yearly beginning from the age of three (36 months) until the pony has reached the age of eight years. Animals three through seven years old will be issued an annual Temporary Certificate of Measurement and must be re-measured annually until the age of eight years.

Animals eight years and older will be issued Standard Certificates of Measurement which will not need to be renewed. Measurement must be done on USEF Combined Driving and Dressage Pony Measurement form. Individual responsible for presenting the pony for measurement must be 18 years old or older. Animals submitted measurement or re-measurement must show no evidence of lameness and must be jogged for soundness prior to the measurement. Animals showing evidence of lameness are not eligible for measurement or re-measurement.

**OPPORTUNITY CLASSES.** These classes are unrated, grass roots level classes at specified shows with no FEI recognized classes. They are for entry level participants and may be offered to encourage participation in Federation Licensed Competitions. They do not count towards Horse of the Year Awards, and the results from Opportunity Classes may not be used by any entity for a national awards program. Only with permission of the respective recognized affiliate organization may results from Opportunity Classes be used for regional awards. Horses, riders, owners, trainers, and coaches participating **only** in Opportunity classes are exempt from Federation and affiliate organization membership and Horse Identification (HID) requirements and non-member/Show Pass fees but are required to list the Federation membership number if the participant is a member.

**QUALIFYING CLASSES.** Great American/USDF qualifying classes are held on both days of the show at the highest test of the level and at FEI, (except Freestyle). There is an additional class fee for riding in qualifying class. These additional fees are sent directly to USDF. All qualifying scores earned by riders which meet the minimum membership and qualifying score requirements may count as qualifying for the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships regardless of placing. Competitors must provide proof of USDF participating membership for the rider, USDF participating or business membership for the owner and USDF lifetime registration for the horse. Be sure to carry rider membership and horse recording cards to the show.

**USDF FREESTYLE CLASSES.** Training through Fourth Level, Competitors to execute from memory an original performance to music; this class is judged both on technical execution and artistic impression.

**EFFECTIVE December 1, 2019**: the Freestyle pre-requisites listed in USEF Rule DR129.9 have changed as follows — DR129.9 "Except for USEF/USDF Championship classes and for FEI Pony Riders, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider and FEI Para-Equestrian Freestyles, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 63% for Training through Fourth levels and 60% for FEI levels in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a USEF/USDF licensed Dressage Competition, Federation Licensed or FEI recognized Dressage competition, or "open" Dressage class (i.e., open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility or copy of the USDF score verification, must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class."

**CLASSES PER DAY.** Horses are limited to a maximum of three (3) Dressage rides a day at Fourth Level and below (including Rider Tests) or two (2) Dressage rides per day above Fourth Level. Horses competing at both Fourth Level and Prix St. George or their equivalents are limited to two (2) Dressage rides per day. Dressage Seat Equitation, Quadrille, Pas de Deux, Materiale and Exhibition classes are excluded from the maximum limit of rides per day, and horses in these classes may compete at any level for which they are otherwise eligible during the same competition.

CONSECUTIVE LEVELS. Horse may enter no more than two (2) consecutive levels, Freestyle levels included, at any one competition.

AWARDS FOR USEF CLASSES. Ribbons to sixth place for each class. Divisions (JR-YR, AA, Open) may be run concurrently as one class. Divisions will be

pinned separately. Riders must clearly specify division choice. When no designation is made, riders will automatically be entered as Open. Riders may enter only one division per class; any additional prizes will be posted at the Show Office. Prizes awarded only with competition.

#### **ENTRY INFORMATION**

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY.** All horses present at this show participate entirely at the horse-owner's risk. All Owners, Agents, and/or Participants understand and agree that every horse entered, or which they bring to the National Equestrian Center, will be subject to the rules of the National Equestrian Center and its Show Management. However, the National Equestrian Center and its Show Management in no case shall be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to any person, horse or property on the show grounds, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the United States Equestrian Federation, the United States Dressage Federation, any additional recognizing organizations and the National Equestrian Center, its Show Management, directors, managers, employees, contractors, agents and volunteers for any loss or accident to exhibitors' horse, horses, person, persons or property which may occur.

All Owners and Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage incurred by them, their agents, employees, guests or animals to stalls, buildings and/or other properties on the show grounds and shall be billed accordingly. All bills for veterinary, farrier services, shavings and feed shall be due and payable during the show. Show Management reserves the right to deduct any unpaid balances due for property damage or bills for veterinary, farrier services, shavings and feed from premium, stake or prize money or refunds due to the exhibitor. Any exhibitor not meeting obligations to the official veterinarian, farrier, shavings or feed supplier will be termed an undesirable exhibitor, and entries from that exhibitor may not be accepted at subsequent shows.

By entering a United States Equestrian Federation Licensed Competition and signing the associated entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaulter or Longueur and on behalf of one's self, principals, representatives, employees and agents, you agree that you are subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of the competition. You agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition, and you 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. Additionally, you represent that you are eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse you enter is eligible as entered. You 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, cablecasts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of you and your horse(s) 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. You 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.

RESERVED RIGHTS OF SHOW MANAGEMENT. To Change Prize List: Show Management reserves the right to make changes to the Prize List as deemed necessary by the Show Management. Under USEF GR904. If the prize list must be changed after it has been distributed to potential exhibitors, the following procedures will be followed. Notification of specific changes to a prize list will be made to the Federation and to exhibitors via email or mail as well as being posted on a competition's website. This will serve as notification for the requirements of this rule. In the cases where electronic communication is not available, then notification must be made as specified under this rule. 1) If errors are discovered or changes made up to 10 days prior to the closing of entries, notify potential exhibitors in writing of the specific changes; 2) if errors are discovered or changes made after that date, notify exhibitors on receipt of entries, and in writing when they arrive at the competition of the specific changes as being posted on a competition's website. This will serve as notification for the requirements of this rule. In the cases where electronic communication is not available, then notification must be made as specified under this rule. 3) If classes are omitted or premiums decreased, notify only affected exhibitors 5 days prior to the competition in writing, by email or by wire; thereafter these classes cannot be reinstated. In this instance, entry fee refunds must be given in all cases. (For Jumper Division, see JP108.2); 4) If classes are added or premiums increased, unless required under division rules, notify potential exhibitors in writing, by e-mail or by wire at least 5 days prior to the competition. Post entries must be accepted in such classes without a post entry penalty fee. 5) If the change in (3) or (4) adds a new division or section or alters a division's or section's rating, permission therefore must be obtained from the Federation at least 30 days prior to adoption...BOD 1/14/12 Effective 12/1/12. EC 2/19/

To Vary, Add or Reject for Cause: Show Management reserves the right to vary or add officials and refuse any entry for a cause; to disqualify any exhibitor and/or his or her horse for cause; to cause an exhibitor to forfeit his or her ribbons and winnings for cause; to return any entry and/or stall fee before or during the show for cause – all without being liable for damage or compensation. Show Management reserves the right to make any changes deemed necessary for the safe and efficient conduct of this competition.

<u>To Cancel Classes</u>: Show Management reserves the right to cancel any classes due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, accident or emergency. Every effort will be made to reschedule with priority given to any offered Championship or qualifying classes. No refunds will apply.

To Interpret Questions and Conditions: Show Management reserves the right to interpret questions and conditions in regard to and arising out of

any incident in the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these rules and regulations shall be decided by Show Management, and its decisions will be final.

ENTRY PROCEDURES. Only one horse/rider combination per entry form. Exhibitors may enter by mail, hand-delivery or on-line entry service. On-line entries are accepted at <a href="www.horseshowoffice.com">www.horseshowoffice.com</a>. When entering online, payment options include e-check and Paypal. Convenience/Services fees will apply. No credit cards accepted EXCEPT when processed through the Paypal option. Mailed entries must be sent no-signature required to the National Equestrian Center – ATTN: NEC AUTUMN AT THE ARCH – 6880 Lake St Louis Blvd, Lake St Louis, MO 63367. Payment in full by check or money order, including a \$15 off-line entry fee per entry - must be included with mailed and hand-delivered entries and made payable to the National Equestrian Center. Post-mark closing for off-line entries is October 1, 2023.

A TRAINER is defined as any adult who has responsibility for the horse on the competition grounds and must sign the entry form.

**ENTRY ACCEPTANCE:** Entries will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis and must include all fees, membership and horse registration proofs, horse health documents, signatures, and payment in full. Only U.S. Funds will be accepted. **Entries without payment and/or requiring signature may be rejected and/or subject to incomplete entry fees**. Bridle numbers will not be issued without full payment and completed entries, including signatures, identification numbers, negative current COGGINS, proof of vaccination, etc.

Three (3) year old horses entered in the show must provide proof of age with entry.

COGGINS REQUIREMENTS / HEALTH CERTIFICATE LAWS: Equines residing in Missouri must be accompanied by a current negative COGGINS for EIA conducted within (12) twelve months of the competition dates. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and Entry Permit are not required for Missouri equines. Equines entering Missouri must be accompanied by a current negative COGGINS test for EIA conducted within (12) twelve months of the competition dates and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian within (15) days of entry into the State. The state of Missouri also requires an Entry Permit which is issued by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health.

Permits may be obtained by calling (573) 751.4359. For more information visit: http://mda.mo.gov/animals/health/speciesentering.php

\* Note: Current health certificates and negative COGGINS reports accompanying out-of-state horses must comply with the requirements of Missouri State as well as the state in which the horse resides (e.g., KY horses must have a negative COGGINS report within six months). Competitors must present health certificates for their out-of-state horses to the Show Secretary in order to pick up show packets. Out-of- state horses without a current health certificate will forfeit entry in the show and must leave the show grounds immediately.

RHINO/FLU VACCINE REQUIREMENT: USEF GR845 Equine Vaccination Rule: 1) At Federation licensed competitions, horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhino pneumonitis) vaccinations within six (6) months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian; 2) In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration. 3) In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine; and date of vaccine administration. 4) In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested. 5) Competition Management may not amend or enhance vaccination requirements without prior approval of the Veterinary Committee. BOD 1/17/15 Effective12/1/15.

MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION. Competitors are responsible to provide valid membership numbers on the entry form for all horse, owner, rider, coach and trainer names listed on the entry form. Exhibitors may be asked to provide copies of membership cards/documents if memberships cannot be verified by Show Management for any reason. All hardcopy entries must include copies of all memberships for horse, owner, rider, coach and trainer listed on entry form. USDF does not require membership or non-member fees to be paid by coaches and/or trainers. If proof of Amateur Status is not submitted with the entry form, the Rider will be placed in the Open division. If Rider requests to change to Adult Amateur after the closing date, change fees will apply. Exhibitors failing to provide proof of USEF and/or USDF membership cards/registrations at the time of entry will be charged non-member fees plus affidavit fees as apply.

**ENTERING NON-COMPETING HORSE.** Non-competing horses will be accepted upon payment of all non-compete fees, stabling fees, and office fees plus receipt of a completed entry form, including signatures, and current horse health documents.

**ENTERING NON-U.S. CITIZENS.** Non-U.S. Citizens and Foreign Competitors must provide proof in English of current membership in good standing in their respective National Federation or hold current membership in good standing with the USEF.

FREESTYLE SOUND CHECKS. The schedule for sound checks will be posted at the show beginning Friday, October 20, 2023.

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**POST ENTRIES**. Entries will be accepted after closing to fill scratches, up to the start of competition and if scheduling permits. No late entry fee will apply but a post-entry fee will be required in addition to the normal class fee. To be eligible for a post-entry, a horse/rider combination must a) be eligible for the class, b) must have previously entered in competition as a competing or non-competing horse, c) register with the Show Secretary and put name on waiting list. Post entries in classes will only be accepted to fill scratches in allotted time slots that are available ("allotted" time slots are determined by the Official Schedule posted at the Show Office). Exceptions will be made when two or more competitors meet the same criteria and are deemed equal in priority status. Exceptions may also be made when conditions are created by weather or other natural disasters.

ENTRY CANCELLATION/WITHDRAW: Entries may be cancelled and withdrawn only in writing prior to or on the closing date. Cancellations made prior to or on the closing date will receive refunds of 33% class fees, all stabling fees and other non-class fees less the office fee(s). Further refund consideration due to extreme veterinary or medical emergency situations will be at the sole discretion of the Show Management. Original veterinary/medical doctor's certificate must be furnished to the secretary within ten (10) days of cancellation. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER CLOSING DATE. This includes classes cancelled due to accidents, severe weather, Acts of God or other emergency conditions. Late entry fees are non-refundable. Refunds will be mailed to competitors approximately 3-4 weeks after the show.

#### **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 member-ship 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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#### **ATTENTION COMPETITORS**

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct applicable numbers (USDF and USEF) 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.

### ATTENTION FREESTYLE COMPETITORS



# United States Dressage Federation\* Freestyle Competitor Reminders

- Submit two CDs of your music clearly labeled with your name, horse's name, bridle number, and freestyle level.
- Be present for your sound check.
- Know the rules for the level you are riding. This includes forbidden and allowed movements for your level.

#### Questions? Contact freestyle@usdf.org

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#### <u>USEF SHOW PASS FAQS – EFFECTIVE 12/1/2022</u>

### Q. Currently riders competing in Academy, Walk-Trot, and Opportunity classes are exempt from USEF membership. Will these exemptions remain in place in 2023?

A. Yes, any classes or sections that are currently exempt from membership will continue to be exempt.

### Q. Will the online show pass system at USEF communicate with show management software systems?

A. Yes, the USEF Show Pass information will be available live, in real time through the USEF API to show management software.

### Q. Will the USEF API indicate whether someone is ineligible for a Show Pass if they have already paid for one for that year?

A. Yes, the USEF API will return information that the person is ineligible.

#### Q. Are riders, owners, and trainers all eligible for one Show Pass per competition year?

A. No. While riders and owners are eligible for one Show Pass, trainers and coaches are no longer eligible to participate under a Show Pass and must be an Active USEF member.

### Q. Are parents that sign as the trainer or coach for their minor child exempt from membership and/or show pass?

A. No, anyone that signs an entry blank or acts as a trainer or coach must be an Active USEF member and is not eligible for a Show Pass.

### Q. Are foreign competitors (citizens of other nations) with proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation required to pay a Show Pass?

A. No, non-US citizens who are members in good standing of their National Federations with proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation are exempt from payment of the Federation Show Pass fee.





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### United States Dressage Federation™

### Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program

The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program recognizes adult amateurs competing in equitation and promotes correct seat, position, and use of the aids in dressage. An Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class presented by Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply will be held in

conjunction with each of the nine USDF Regional Dressage Championship competitions, providing adult amateurs with additional opportunity for recognition. Ribbons awarded through 8<sup>th</sup> Place and gift certificates awarded to top three riders

Adult amateurs wishing to qualify to compete in an Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final may do so by meeting the following requirements.

#### **Qualifying Requirements**

To be eligible for the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class, rider must have

a) Earned a score of 70% or higher in any dressage seat equitation class (except walk/trot) at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage competition within the qualifying period of the applicable regional championship.

#### or

b) Qualified to compete in any regional dressage championship class (excluding freestyles).

#### **Membership Requirements**

- Rider must have a USDF Participating Membership at the time the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Rider must be an adult amateur, in accordance with GR1306 of the USEF rules, and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur when the score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Owner must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.
- Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class.

The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program rules and information can be found on the USDF website.

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#### WEEKEND CLASSES: USDF/USEF

Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current Federation Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance herewith. If entering a GAIG/USDF Qualifying class, review membership and horse registration requirements prior to entering. Classes marked with an '\*' are optional USDF Qualifying Tests; All tests above Intro will be ridden in a 20m x 60m Dressage arena.

SAT	SUN	INTRODUCTORY CLASSES	DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	ADD QUALIFYING
201	301	USDF Introductory Test A	JR-YR/AA	\$40.00	
202	302	USDF Introductory Test B	JR-YR/AA	\$40.00	
203	303	USDF Introductory Test C	JR-YR/AA	\$40.00	
SAT	SUN	TRAINING LEVEL CLASSES	DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	ADD QUALIFYING
204	304	Training Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA/OPEN	\$45.00	
205	305	Training Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$45.00	
206	306	Training Level Test 3* *	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$45.00	+\$15.00*
SAT	SUN	FIRST LEVEL CLASSES	DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	ADD QUALIFYING
207	307	First Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$45.00	
208	308	First Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$45.00	
209	309	First Level Test 3 *+	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$45.00	+\$15.00*
SAT	SUN	SECOND LEVEL CLASSES	DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	ADD QUALIFYING
210	310	Second Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$45.00	
211	311	Second Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$45.00	_
212	312	Second Level Test 3 *+	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$45.00	+\$15.00*
SAT	SUN	THIRD LEVEL CLASSES	DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	ADD QUALIFYING
213	313	Third Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$50.00	
214	314	Third Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$50.00	
215	315	Third Level Test 3 * +	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$50.00	+\$15.00*
SAT	SUN	FOURTH LEVEL CLASSES	DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	ADD QUALIFYING
216	316	Fourth Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$50.00	
217	317	Fourth Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$50.00	
218	318	Fourth Level Test 3 * +	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$50.00	+\$15.00*
SAT	SUN	OPPORTUNITY CLASSES	DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	ADD QUALIFYING
219		Training Level Test 3 Opportunity	JR-YR/AA	\$45.00	7.55 Q 57.111 THE
	320	First Level Test 3 Opportunity	JR-YR/AA	\$45.00	
SAT	SUN	FEI CLASSES	DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	ADD QUALIFYING
221	321	FEI Prix St George*	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$60.00	+\$15.00*
222	322	FEI Intermediate I*	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$60.00	+\$15.00*
223	323	FEI Intermediate II*	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$60.00	+\$15.00*
224	324	FEI Grand Prix*	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$60.00	+\$15.00*
SAT	SUN	TEST OF CHOICE CLASSES (NON-FREESTYLE/YH)	DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	ADD QUALIFYING
230	330	USEF Test of Choice (identify test) *	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$55.00	+\$15.00*
231	331	FEI Test of Choice (identify test) +	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$55.00	+\$15.00*
SAT	SUN	FREESTYLE CLASSES (IDENTIFY CHOICE)	DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	ADD QUALIFYING
240	340	USEF Freestyle Training Level	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$60.00	
241	341	USEF Freestyle Test of Choice Levels 1-4*	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$60.00	+\$15.00*
242	342	FEI Freestyle Test of Choice*	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$60.00	+\$15.00*
SAT	SUN	EQUITATION/MATERIALE CLASSES	DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	
501	601	Dressage Seat Equitation	JR-YR/AA /OPEN	\$45.00	
510	610	USDF Materiale 3-5 yr olds Colts, Geldings & Stallions		\$45.00	
511	611	USDF Materiale 3-5 yr olds Fillies and Mares		\$45.00	
512	612	USDF Dressage Sport Horse Under Saddle		\$45.00	
513	613	USEF Young Horse 4 Years Olds (USEF Qualifying)		\$45.00	
SAT	SUN	FEI YOUNG HORSE CLASSES	DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	
520		FEI YH 5-year-old Test Preliminary	JR/AA/Open	\$60.00	
521		FEI YH 6-year-old Test Preliminary	JR/AA/Open	\$60.00	-
522	620	FEI YH 7-year-old Test Preliminary FEI YH 5-year-old Test Final (USEF Qualifying)	JR/AA/Open	\$60.00	-
	620	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	JR/AA/Open	\$60.00	-
	621 622	FEI YH 6-year-old Test Final (USEF Qualifying) FEI YH 7-year-old Test Final (USEF Qualifying)	JR/AA/Open	\$60.00 \$60.00	-
SAT	SUN	FEI PARA EQUESTRIAN CLASSES – ALL USEF QUALIFYING	JR/AA/Open DIVISIONS OFFERED	CLASS FEE	
525		FEI Para Grand Prix Test A Test of Choice	JR/AA/Open	\$60.00	
526		FEI Para Grand Prix Test B Test of Choice	JR/AA/Open	\$60.00	
	627	FEI Para Grand Prix Freestyle Test of Choice	JR/AA/Open	\$60.00	
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2023 FEES & PRIC	CING – AUTU	IMN AT THE ARCH
For individual class fees, ple	ase see the week	end classes listing in this p
Great American / USDF Qualifying Fee (add'l to class fee)	\$15.00	Non-Competing Hors
USEF Drug/Medication Fee (D&M \$15 / USEF \$8)	\$23.00	Early Arrival / Late De
USEF Show Pass (must be purchased through USEF)	N/A	Term Tack Stall (Frida
USDF Non-Member Fee (per Rider/Owner)	\$35.00	Term Horse Stall (Fric
USDF Affidavit Fee (as required)	\$5.00	*Shavings not includ
USDF HID (Horse Identification Number)	\$35.00	Additional Shavings (
Show Office Fee (per entry, includes both days)	\$60.00	Pre-Bedding Service (
Incomplete Entry Fee (per entry)	\$20.00	Outside Shavings Viol
Late Mailed Entry Fee (postmarked 10.01.2023 or later)	\$50.00	Veterinary Exception
Post Entry Fee (add'l to class fee)	\$20.00	Returned Check/Decl
Change after Closing Fee (per completed change)	\$25.00	Off-line / Mailed / Ha

end classes listing in this prize list	
Non-Competing Horse Fee (per show day)	\$55.00
Early Arrival / Late Departure Stall Fee (per day)	\$50.00
Term Tack Stall (Friday 9:30a to Sun 11:59p)	\$100.00
Term Horse Stall (Friday 9:30a to Sun 11:59p) *	\$125.00
*Shavings not included and min. (2) bags required	\$24.00
Additional Shavings (per bag, tax included)	\$12.00
Pre-Bedding Service (per stall)	\$25.00
Outside Shavings Violation with Clean Out Fee	\$100.00
Veterinary Exception for Alternate Bedding	\$35.00
Returned Check/Declined Card NSF Fee	\$50.00
Off-line / Mailed / Hand-Delivered Entry Fee	\$15.00







# OPPORTUNITIES FOR 3-6 YEAR OLD HORSES COMPETING IN MATERIALE AND/OR USEF/FEI YOUNG HORSE TESTS

	3 YEAR	4 YEAR	5 YEAR	6 YEAR
	OLD	OLD	OLD	OLD
ADEQUAN®/YEAR-END AWARDS*				
Materiale Horse of the Year Award	Х	Х	Х	
(min. 3 scores required)	^	^	^	
USEF Four-Year-Old Award		Х		
(min. 4 scores required)^		^		
FEI Five-Year-Old Award			Х	
(min. 4 scores required)^			^	
FEI Six-Year-Old Award				x
(min. 4 scores required)^				^
BREEDERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**				
Materiale Championships				
(min. 1 score required of 72% or higher)				
Three-Year-Old Championship	Х			
Four-Year-Old Championship		Χ		
Five-Year-Old Championship			Х	

#### For Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards - at the time scores are earned

- \* Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration Number (LHR)
- \* Owner must have a USDF Participating (PM) or Business Membership (BM)

  \* Rider must have a USDF PM
  - \*Competition year starts October 1 and ends September 30

- \*\* Horse must have a USDF Horse Identification Number or LHR
  - \*\* Owner must have a USDF PM, BM or non-member number
    - \*\* Rider must have a USDF PM
  - \*\*Competition year starts January 1 and ends December 30

^Scores earned in the USEF Four- and FEI Five- & Six-Year-Old tests are also eligible to be used towards a USDF Horse Performance Certificate

Complete Award/Championship Requirements Listed in the current USDF Member Guide





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#### **FACILITY INFORMATION**

ARENAS & FOOTING. The West Competition Arena (120' x 240') and its associated warm-up area (100' x 200') are comprised of GGT Footing™; the East Competition Arena (140' x 225') and its associated warm-up area (60' x 80') are comprised of HG Eureka Sugar Sand; the Outdoor Competition Arenas (each 240' x 120') and their associated warm-up area (240' x 300') are comprised of blended all-weather limestone screenings and sand footing. An indoor lunging arena is composed of blended river sand footing over a chat-base. All competition arenas with warm-ups will be closed nightly for maintenance at 7:00p or following the conclusion of competition, whichever is the later time. A lighted lunging arena will be available overnight.

**STABLING.** NEC has up to 400 stalls available for use during this competition. All stalls are permanent 10' x 10' wooden box stalls with provided roller sliding doors located under permanent roof with floor screenings. Shavings are <u>not</u> included in the stall rental price, and bedding must be purchased exclusively from the Facility. Each horse-occupied stall must maintain at least two (2) bags of shavings on the floor at all times. EVERY HORSE MUST BE STALLED; no tie-outs/jump-outs are permitted. Violations may be subject to fines. Exhibitors may not re-locate to unassigned stalls. All stabling changes must be processed by Show Management. Stabling is by the term, not the day. Move-in begins 9:30am the day prior to the first show. Stalls must be vacated by 11:59p the last day of the show. Horses arriving early or departing late must pay associated fees. Requests to be stabled near specific Exhibitors must be made at the time of entry, and no stabling requests can be guaranteed. Exhibitors will be responsible for all damage to stalls. Do not dissemble walls or use screws, hooks, nails, or staples inside or outside stalls. Exhibitors should inspect stalls for damage and safety and report pre-existing damage to Show Management prior to use.

**STABLE AISLE OBSTRUCTION**. All aisles in the barns must remain free from obstruction and maintain clear passage for foot traffic and facility equipment. Bales of hay, feed, tack trunks, saddle/bridle racks, chairs, tables, floral décor and/or other accoutrements should be placed in a tack stall, not stall rows. Any set up erected along end caps may not extend more than two and one half feet into the center aisle.

**EARLY ARRIVAL/LATE DEPARTURES.** Exhibitors may have access to stabling beginning 9:30a on Friday, October 20, 2023 and must vacate the Facility by 11:59p Sunday, October 22, 2023. When animals, humans, tack, equipment, feed, supplies and/or other possessions occupy assigned stalls prior to the access date/time, Exhibitors will be responsible for early arrival stall fees; When animals, humans, tack, equipment, feed, supplies and/or other possessions occupy assigned stalls after the vacate date/time, Exhibitors will be responsible for late departure stall fees.

**AFTER-HOURS ARRIVALS**. Exhibitors who plan to arrive the National Equestrian Center after 7:00p on should notify Show Management of an intended after-hours arrival so that the Facility may unlock assigned stalls and, if applicable, R.V. pads. Exhibitors who do not coordinate after-hours arrival may not have access to their stalls and other amenities. Please contact the Facility directly with any questions about after-hours arrivals at (636) 561-8080 or info@necstl.com.

**NO DISASSEMBLING STALLS.** The Facility prohibits Exhibitors from disassembling or dismantling stalls. Violations will be subject to a \$100.00 fine, and the Exhibitor will be responsible for the cost of any repair and/or re-assembly.

**AVAILABLE PRE-BEDDING.** To better organize horse arrivals, NEC is offering pre-bedding service for horse stalls with shavings as ordered at the time of entry. Participants will be able to bring horses into bedded stalls immediately upon arrival.

**BEDDING/SHAVINGS**. No outside bedding or shavings are allowed. All shavings must be purchased through Show Management in advance or during the show. Exhibitors with horses unable to use pine shavings for veterinary reasons must receive advance permission for alternate bedding. A veterinary letter may be required, and applicable clean-out fees will apply. Shavings will be delivered to stalls only after Show Management has received a secured method of payment. All shavings must be ordered by 2:30p to be delivered the same day. Once shavings are delivered, they cannot be returned for a refund.

WASH RACKS/SHOWERS. Wash racks and Showers with hot and cold running water are available in every stabling barn.

**PARKING.** Trailer parking is available behind the Barns in designated areas only. Do not park in R.V. Parking unless renting an R.V. Pad Hook-up. **The front parking lot** nearest the lobby is **car-parking only**. No trailers are allowed. Do not park in fire lanes, in front of dumpsters, manure pits or in other marked No Parking Zones. Violations may result in fines, and vehicles may be towed at Owner's expense.

**R.V. PAD RENTALS.** 30 Amp R.V. Pads with electrical and water hook-ups are available on-site. Availability cannot be guaranteed without a reservation. Reservations can be made on-line at <a href="https://thenationalequestriancenter.com/reservations/rv-pads-2/">https://thenationalequestriancenter.com/reservations/rv-pads-2/</a>. Payment is required at the time of reservation and full refund less convenience fees is available with (48) hours advance cancellation. Contact the Services office at the National Equestrian Center at (636) 561-8080 directly for assistance. No dumping of Grey/Black water. Violations will incur significant fines and legal action. Mobile dump service is available with advance request.

**GOLF CART RENTALS**. (2) and (4) passenger Golf Carts are available for rent in limited numbers from the National Equestrian Center with (15) days advance notice. Exhibitors wishing to rent carts should contact the National Equestrian Center at (636) 561-8080 directly or email info@necstl.com with a request. No outside rentals are allowed.

**VENDORS**. Both indoor and outdoor vendor space is available at the National Equestrian Center. Vendors should contact directly the National Equestrian Center at (636) 561-8080 or email info@necstl.com for a vendor application.

**CONCESSIONS**. Full-meal hot and cold food and beverage service is available on-site at the National Equestrian Center's Café. Please no outside food or beverage in the concession seating area or in grand-stands surrounding the competition arenas.

#### RULES, POLICIES & GENERAL INFORMATION

US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION rules are in force from the moment show management allows access to the show grounds. This includes conduct, correct saddlery and equipment, and attire.

**CURRENT RULE CHANGES.** The rules governing these events may have changed in the USEF Rulebook. It is the competitor's responsibility to check the current USEF Rule Book for any changes. Current rules can be found at the US Equestrian website, www.usef.org

**REQUIRED SafeSport:** Effective 12/1/18, ALL riders 18 years of age and older must complete the SafeSport curriculum within 30 days activating their USEF membership in order to be eligible to compete at a USEF recognized show, including the NEC April at the Arch I & II Shows. USEF Members can access the SafeSport modules from the USEF member dashboard at <a href="https://www.usef.org">www.usef.org</a>.

Reminder: All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Cod, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at <a href="https://www.usef.org">www.usef.org</a>.

MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING CLASSES. Riders must be current USDF Participating members and USEF members (Junior Active, Senior Active or Life) in good standing. Horses must be USDF Lifetime registered and USEF Annual or Lifetime recorded. Horses with only a HID are NOT eligible. Owners must be current USDF Participating or Business members and USEF members (Junior Active, Senior Active or Life) in good standing. For current Great American/USDF Championship requirements, go to <a href="https://www.usdf.org/competitions/competitions-championships/regionals/index.asp">www.usdf.org/competitions/competitions-championships/regionals/index.asp</a>

**PARA-EQUESTRIAN USDF MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.** Para-Equestrian competitors and their horses are no longer exempt from USDF memberships and now must have a USDF Participating membership or a USDF Group membership else a Non-Member fee will apply. All Para-Equestrian competitor's horse(s) will need a life or HID USDF membership.

**PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENTS.** From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse on the competition grounds – including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses and those competing in all classes and 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 be immediately prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet that 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.

**EXTREME CAUTION MEDICATING HORSES**. Exhibitors should exercise extreme caution before medicating their horses and should be aware of the US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION rules governing drugs and medications. Any questions about the use of certain medications and regarding Rule IV should be directed to the USEF Drugs and Medication Program, 3780 Ridge Mill Drive, Hilliard, Ohio 43026-9231 – Phone: (800) 633-2472.

**NO DRIVERS UNDER AGE 16.** 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), legal guardian(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 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.

**SCHEDULING OF CLASSES/RIDE TIME CONFLICTS.** Classes will be scheduled to accommodate the judges, riders and management. They may not be run in the order listed in the Prize Lists. It is the responsibility of the Rider to inform Show Management of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving the schedule. Any ride-time changes need to be requested in the Show Office by 3:00p the day prior to competition.

**SCRATCHES.** Exhibitors have the responsibility of informing the Show Office of their intention to "scratch". Scratches before the closing date shall be called a cancellation/withdraw and may be made for any reason. See ENTRY CANCELLATION/WITHDRAW for refund information. Scratches made after the closing date are liable for all unpaid bills/fees and will be charged accordingly. To scratch, please email the Show Secretary at info@necstl.com . All scratches must be in writing.

**RIDE-TIME NO SHOWS.** All "No-Shows" that have not contacted the Show Office will be considered scratched for the rest of the show and time slots may be filled by other riders. Exhibitors understand and agree to this policy at the time of entry.

**PONY MEASUREMENT/FEI PONIES**. If ponies are entered in FEI Pony Test(s) and in need of a USEF measurement card, an appointment for measuring must be made with Show Management one week prior to the beginning of the show.

BRIDLE NUMBERS. Bridle numbers must be worn on the bridle/halter at all times a horse is being exercised or ridden.

**LUNGING IN DESIGNATED ARENAS ONLY.** No lunging is permitted in arenas with GGT™ Footing or in main competition arenas. Lunging is welcome in the indoor lunging arena in Barn 5 and on the outdoor lunging pads.

**DOGS ON PREMISES.** Friendly dogs are welcome at the National Equestrian Center. Dogs must be on a held leash at all times, attached to a responsible adult. Loose dogs may be detained, and their Owner fined \$100.00.

**NO SMOKING/VAPING FACILITY.** The National Equestrian Center has become a non-smoking/non-vaping facility under St. Charles County and Lake St. Louis city ordinances. No smoking is permitted within its buildings, barns and structures and nowhere within 15' of an building entrance. Violations may result in \$100.00 fines and removal from the property. Your understanding is much appreciated.

**SHARPS DISPOSAL.** Competition Management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors or their agents up to \$100.00 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments. Containers are located at the end of each barn aisle and within center aisles.

WARNING UNDER MISSOURI LAW and the EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT. Each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities. An equine-activity sponsor, an equine professional, a livestock activity sponsor, a livestock auction market or any employee thereof is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in equine or livestock activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine or livestock activities pursuant the revised statues of MISSOURI. V.A.M.S. 537.325 (2017).

**NEAREST EQUINE SURGICAL CENTER**: MID-RIVERS EQUINE CENTER is (8) miles from the National Equestrian Center at 404 Stable Ln, Wentzville, MO 63385 - phone (636) 332-5373.

EQUINE VETERINARY SERVICE: HOMESTEAD VETERINARY HOSPITAL - phone (636) 451-4655 homesteadvet.net

#### **IN AN EMERGENCY -- DIAL 911**

**DISASTER PLAN**: will be posted at the show office, in all barns and in the show program. This plan will detail emergency operations at the show for most situations. Please take a moment to read the plan so you will be prepared in case of an emergency.

Neither the Organizing Committee, show volunteers and staff, the facility or its owners, any host GMO, USEF or USDF or their members will be responsible for any damage, injury, or loss to persons, horses, or property of exhibitors or spectators. All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.

**PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY:** Per <u>USEF Rule DR123.13</u>, "Participation in prize-giving (awards) ceremonies by placed rider/horse combinations may be mandatory and failure to participate may result in loss of prizes and prize money at the discretion of Competition Management. Specific requirements and penalties for failure to participate in prize-giving ceremonies must be announced in the prize list." Thank You.

#### **USEF MOTORIZED VEHICLE STATEMENT**

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/legal guardian 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 penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

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#### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO NEC.**

From the East: From I-270 and Hwy 40/61 (I-64) take Hwy 40/61 west to the Lake St. Louis Blvd exit. Turn left at the top of the ramp continue approx. 1 mile to National Equestrian Center.

From the West: I-70 east to Hwy. 40/61 (I-64) east. Go approximately 3 miles to the Lake St. Louis Blvd. exit. Turn left at the top of the ramp continue approx. 1 mile to National Equestrian Center.



<u>USDF Membership Benefits:</u> 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 Member Guide* or the USDF website at www.usdf.org.

This competition is recognized by USDF for 2023

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 (GM), Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF Non-Member (NM) fee. (Note: USDF Business Members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their USDF Business 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 or quadrille, 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 (\$90), 5-years (\$360), or life (\$1,800). 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 (\$72). 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 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 and the USDF Regional Schooling Show 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 (\$240) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

Non-Member (NM) Identification Number: For each USDF 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 and submitted to USDF, along with the USDF Report of Fees document and the \$5 affidavit fee and Competition Affidavit Form 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 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. 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 (\$35). 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. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$80. 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 (\$115) is eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete in 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.
- 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.



#### 2024 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 <a href="www.usdf.org">www.usdf.org</a>. Please refer to the 2024 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

#### Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

All memberships and registrations/recordings must be correct and current at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

#### Rider:

- Must have a USDF Participating\* Membership (PM).
- Must have a USEF membership (Active or Life).

#### Horse:

- Must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR).
- Must have a USEF (Annual or Lifetime) Horse Recording.
- USDF horse registration and USEF horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s). A horse is not required to have breed registry papers.

#### Owner:

- Must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Active or Life Membership or Annual or Life Recorded Farm/Business). If the horse has more than one owner, at least one owner must have both active USEF membership and active USDF Participating or Business Membership and must be the owner of record with USEF and USDF.
   For a business or farm to be the valid owner under this requirement, it must be listed as an owner of the horse with both USEF and USDF.
- \* PMs are USDF members who join USDF directly. USDF Group Members (GM) are ineligible.

**Minimum Qualifying Scores:** One set of nationally-standardized qualifying scores has been established for all USEF/USDF Regional Championships, for Training Level 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.

The minimum percentages are as follows:

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	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
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	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	62%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%
FREESTYLE	OPEN/Jr/YR	AA	
First Level	65%	65%	
Second Level	65%	65%	
Third Level	65%	65%	
Fourth Level	65%	65%	
Intermediate I	65%	65%	
Grand Prix	65%	65%	







#### INVITING YOU TO ENJOY THESE SPECIAL AUTUMN AT THE ARCH AWARDS

to be awarded to recipients after competition Saturday only at the Exhibitor's Social Gathering

### The "Neigh" Sayer Prize

to be awarded by our Officials to the loudest, calling-out-iest horse in the house. Enjoy a basket of mouth-stuffing cookies & carrots from all of us!

### The "Best Buckaroo" Award

to be awarded by our Stewards and/or Judges for the most impressive "buck-off" performance appearing in the warm up or the ring during show hours. Though given by the horse, a \$15 gas card will go to the rider as a "fuel you, too."

### The "If Only this were Golf" Prize

to be awarded by our Secretary to the lowest scoring completed test of the day. This time you really can take a frown and turn it upside down for the win after all. Enjoy a \$15.00 gift card to Starbucks. Caffeinate, regroup and be back for more.

### The "Dapper Dame" Award

to be awarded by our Officials to the finest coiffed, most tastefully attired, matchy-matchy horse and rider pair gracing the stage and entering the court where the only element to outshine their appearance may (or may not be) their actual performance. Catwalk your way with fashion confidence to the Tack Trunk with a \$20.00 gift certificate us and our valued sponsor, The Tack Trunk.





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 and Archway Invitationals I&II ("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"):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time.

B. 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.

- C. 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.
- D. 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, judg-es/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.
- E. 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 below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) 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.

The parties agree that this agreement may be electronically signed. The parties agree that the electronic signatures appearing on this agreement are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

☐ RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR ☐ OWNER ☐ TRAINER	OFFICIAL STAFF VOLUNTEER COACH (IF APPLICABLE)
Signature:	Date:
Print Name:	
$Parent/Guardian\ Signature:\ (Required\ if\ Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur\ is\ a\ minor)$	Date:
Print Parent//Guardian Name:	Emergency Contact Phone No.

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COMPETITION NAME COMPETITION DATES

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I hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless USDF, its instructors, officers, directors, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability or damage arising from or because of, or in connection with, participation in this competition or related activities. I also hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the competition licensee, show management, competition staff, show committee and members, officers, directors, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability or damage arising from or because of, or in connection with, participation in this competition or related activities.

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#### 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, Vaulter 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 Archway Inivtationals I&II (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.

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE** that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time, as well as 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.

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR (mandatory)	OWNER/AGENT (mandatory)		
Signature:	Signature:		
Print Name:	Print Name:		
TRAINER (mandatory)	COACH (if appicable)		
Signature:	Signature:		
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Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeu			
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Is Rider/Driver/Vaulter a ILS Citizen Yes No			

#### RELEASE, WAIVER, HOLD HARMLESS & INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

The undersigned client/organizer/manager/official/contractor/agent/exhibitor/volunteer/parent/spectator/visitor/guest or other participant (each being a "Participant"), on his/her own behalf and as the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of a minor Participant, for good and valuable consideration, which includes, but is not limited to, the right to be on or in and to utilize the facilities located at the property commonly known as The National Equestrian Center ("NEC") and to participate in or be a spectator of events being held at such property, agrees to the following terms and conditions of this Release, Waiver, Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement ("Agreement"):

- A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: Participant hereby agrees to be bound and abide by the rules, regulations, and policies NEC has published in the NEC Facility License Agreement and/or on NEC's website at www.necstl.com, as amended from time to time.
- ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK: Participant understands and accepts that equine activities and/or livestock activities may include but in no way is limited to: (i) the propensity of an equine or livestock to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or death to persons on or around them (e.g. jump, run, kick, buck, bolt, spin, rear up, strike, bite, etc.); (ii) the unpredictability of an equine's or livestock's reaction to sounds (e.g. machinery, equipment, vehicles, doors, snow and ice falling, rain, wind, thunder, hail striking the roof, voices, animals, fireworks, guns, motors, etc.), sudden movement or unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals (e.g. loose or contained dogs, cats, wild and domestic animals, birds, etc.), or other things (e.g. jumps, poles, cones, flowers, mini-bikes, water, etc., and training devices such as whips, bats, etc.); (iii) certain hazards such as surface and sub-surface conditions; (iv) collisions with other equines, livestock or objects; and (v) the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to Participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over an animal, or not acting within his or her ability. Participant also understands and agrees that "Equine Activities" and "Livestock Activities" are defined in this Agreement to include not only those activities identified above and also defined in Section 537.325.1 of Missouri Revised Statutes (the "Missouri Equine and Livestock Activity Limited Liability Act" or "Act"), but also, even if not so included, riding one's own or another's equine, competing, training, exercising, petting, leading, feeding, watering, bathing, watching, or transporting equines and/or livestock, or assisting with any of these activities, as well as auditing equine related clinics, and/or boarding and/or stalling Participant's equine at NEC, whether for a limited or extended period of time, and otherwise interacting with or merely being in the vicinity of equines and/or other livestock. Participant understands (i) the injuries, death, loss and property damage that may result from the risk of engaging in Other Equine Activities and/or Other Livestock Activities, stalling Participant's equine or livestock at the Facility, and/or just being near an equine and/or livestock; (ii) that equines and livestock are powerful and have the potential to be dangerous, even without warning, and that the risks listed in this Agreement are just a sampling and Participant is not relying on the Released Parties defined below to list all possible equine and/or livestock related risks. Furthermore, Participant knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily acknowledges the inherent risks associated with the sport of equestrian and knows that horseback riding and related equestrian/livestock activities are inherently dangerous, and that participation in any event being held at NEC 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 Participant's 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 NEC's owners, managers, staff, volunteers, event organizers, and agents; 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. **WARNING:** UNDER MISSOURI LAW, an equine and/or livestock activity sponsor, an equine and/or livestock professional, a livestock auction market or an employee thereof is not liable for any injury to or the death of a Participant in Equine or Livestock Activities resulting from the inherent risks of Equine or Livestock Activities pursuant to the REVISED STATUTES OF MISSOURI. V.A.M.S. 537.325 (2017).

- C. ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER: Participant recognizes, agrees and accepts for themselves and their minor child (if applicable) that the aforementioned Risks of engaging in Equine Activities and/or Livestock Activities (as well as merely being near a horse, mule, pony, or other equines or livestock (collectively "equine") may be caused in whole or in part or may result directly or indirectly while mounted or unmounted from the negligence of Participant's own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in NEC Events, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and Participant hereby voluntarily and knowingly assumes all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses that Participant incurs as a result of their participation in any NEC Event; furthermore Participant recognizes, agrees and accepts that Lake Saint Louis Exposition Park, LLC dba National Equestrian Center in Lake Saint Louis and its owners, directors, managers, agents, contractors, and employees (collectively, the "Released Parties") shall not be liable for any damages, liabilities, losses, or expenses. Participant therefore agrees, on his/her own behalf or on behalf of their minor Participant that they understand and agree to assume the Risks and dangers inherent in Equine Activities and/or Livestock Activities, agrees to inspect and remain responsible for the condition and proper adjustment of Participant's minor's tack and equipment, agrees to at all times to be responsible for Participant's minor child(ren)'s safety, to remain financially responsible for Participant's or Participant's equine's medical expenses and lost value, and waives Participant's rights to recover from any of the Released Participant's roll of the Released Participant's or damages arising from medical expenses and lost value, and waives Participant's rights to recover from any of the Released Participant's or damages arising from participant or on beservation of any Equine Activit
- D. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY: Participant hereby releases, waives and covenants not to sue, and further agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Released Parties 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 Participant's participation or the participantion of Participant's minor Participant in NEC Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties. Participant agrees to reimburse Released Parties for the Released Parties' attorney's fees and costs incurred to defend against any such claims.
- E. 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.
- F. GOVERNING LAW AND TIME LIMITATION. The parties agree that this Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and all disputes relating to the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement will be resolved exclusively by the State Court in St. Charles County, Missouri. The Parties submit to this jurisdiction and venue for these purposes. Participant agrees that any claims for Loss of any kind by Participant against the Released Parties, must be brought within one (1) year of the date they accrue and any claim for personal property Loss, including but not limited to the loss value of the equine, is limited to \$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars).
- G. ATTORNEY'S FEES. Participant agrees to reimburse Released Parties for any and all attorney's fees and costs incurred in enforcing the terms of the Agreement and/or in defending or prosecuting any claims for causes of action involving or in any way relating to Participant.
- H. PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION. Participant certifies that they have read this entire Agreement and understands all of its terms and conditions and knows it contains an assumption of Risk, release and waiver from liability as well as hold harmless and indemnification obligations and agrees, and intends on their own behalf, and on behalf of their minor Participant, spouse, heirs, agents, representatives, relatives, successors, and assigns, to be bound by all of the terms and conditions contained herein. 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.

Date:			
Participant or Parent/Legal Guardian of Minor Participants named to th	e right ⇒	Printed Name of Minor Participant	
Printed Name		Minor Participant's Date of Birth	
Address		Address (if different from Parent/Legal Guardian)	
Phone	Email	Phone	Email