

**Important - Please Read Carefully**

***This section will save you Sooo much time \$\$ and aggravation!!!***

**Competitors are responsible for reproducing their own entry forms.** They are further responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers (USEF, USDF) for horse, owner, rider and trainer before the start of the competition. **Failure to do so may result in scores not being counted towards year-end awards. USEF / USDF membership and horse registration cards can be printed for riders and owners at all on one sheet at:**  
<http://www.eqverification.org/>

Tennessee and Mississippi and Georgia require a negative Coggins dated within 12 months of the show. *Tennessee and Georgia law requires competitors to bring original Coggins to the show grounds and must present it when picking up their competition packets.* (Copies of valid Coggins should also accompany entry.)

A **Junior** is eligible to compete until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 18. A **Young Rider** is eligible from the beginning of the calendar year they reach 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 21. However, FEI Junior Tests are open only to Juniors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18.. Dressage riders who are between the ages of 18-21 cannot compete in Adult Amateur classes in Dressage competitions, even if they are in possession of a USEF Adult Amateur membership card.

For USDF non-member (NM) owner/lessee and USDF non-member rider there will be a USDF non-member fee of \$20/competition that must be collected by the show secretary and submitted along with the USDF Report of Fees document. In addition, a \$5 affidavit fee must be collected if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card. (For persons applying for the first time for a non-member number the \$5. affidavit fee is not required.) Owners/lessees or riders exempt from the non-member number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF non-member fee.

**Exceptions:** 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 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 IntroductoryLevel, Pas de Deux, Opportunity Classes.

**Amateur (A)** classes are open to riders, from the beginning of the calendar year they reach age 22, who hold an USEF amateur card.

All entries must be signed on all applicable lines. The adult who assumes responsibility for the horse at the show signs as "Trainer." Juniors **MUST** have their parent or legal guardian sign for them, as well as signing their own signature. Juniors and Young Riders also need to fill in their birth date to qualify for (Y) classes.

No horse may compete in more than two successive levels at any one recognized show (i.e. Training and First are permissible, Training and Second are not). Only one rider per horse in any one class. Lateness will result in elimination.

**USEF requires all adult competitors to submit proof of USEF membership** or pay the \$30 non-member fee. Junior non-members pay a \$30 non-member fee. All USEF members (including riders, handlers, trainers, owners, agents, coaches or lessees) are required to present either their actual membership card or a facsimile to show the show secretary prior to competing. Each competitor is responsible for supplying show management with correct association numbers (USEF, USDF) for horse, owner, rider, coach (if applicable) and trainer, before the day of the competition. The scores of the competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national/local awards. **We strongly advise you to renew your USEF membership early and enclose a copy of your USEF membership card along with your entry to avoid possible penalties and confusion.**

**Only a complete entry will garner the office fee refund.**

**USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT**

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

**“EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CURRENT FEDERATION RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.”**

**Federation Entry Agreement Effective 12/1/09**

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor 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 the 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.

**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.

**Qualifying Classes** GAIG/USDF qualifying classes require both the rider and the horse be registered with the USEF and the USDF at the time the qualifying scores are earned. **COPIES OF USEF and USDF MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND USEF & USDF HORSE RECORDING CERTIFICATES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRIES.** The fee for GAIG/USDF qualifying is \$10 extra per class. Please refer to the back of this book for more complete information on the GAIG/USDF Championships.

Freestyle entrants must submit copy of 60% +ride in the highest test of the level or tes of any higher level. Submit music to announcer at least 4 hours before the ride and arrange a sound check

*Either the USDF HID# or a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration is required for all horses competing in the USEF/USDF recognized Dressage Competition or open (dressage or DSHB) class at a USEF/USDF recognized Regular or Local Competition. Horses competing only in breed restricted dressage or DSHB classes at Regular Competitions (i.e. all Arabian or all Morgan classes) or in USDF Introductory Level tests, Pas de Deux, IPEC or quadrille classes are exempt from this requirement. Also exempt are riders in lead line, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, and walk-trot and academy classes. Any horse participating in a GAIG/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Final, GAIG/USDF Regional Championship qualifying or championship class, or the USDF Horse of the Year award program must be lifetime registered with the USDF. All riders, handlers and owners must have USDF membership or nonmember ID number. All horses must be USEF Recorded, USDF Lifetime Registered or have Horse Identification Numbers for both USEF and USDF (except IBC).*

*Riders USDF membership may be either Participating or Group. Owner's USDF membership may be Participating, Group or Business: if Rider/Owner's USDF # is a Non-Member ID# then the USDF non-member fee must be paid. If the Non-Member ID card is not available then an Affidavit fee must be paid.*

Pursuant to USEF rule 1211.5 each barn has one sharps container per 50 horses. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agent up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharps disposable instruments.

**All Junior riders (18 and under) who qualify for the GAIG/USDF Regional Championships at any level are automatically qualified to compete in the 2009 U.S. Equestrian Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals** to be held at each of the nine GAIG/USDF Regional Championships in 2009. One semi-final class will be offered for Juniors age 13 and under, and a second semi-final class will be offered for Juniors age 14-18. Contact the U.S. Equestrian Dressage Dept. for more information @ (859) 258-2472.

**USDF / Dover Adult Amateur Medal Award:** Awarded to the Adult Amateur with the highest score, 60% or better, in a Second Level Test 3 USDF/Dover Adult Amateur Medal Class. To be eligible, a rider must be a USEF adult amateur and a USDF Group Member, Participating Member or Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Member. No additional memberships are required. Each winner will receive a custom pewter medal.

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 the competition.

**Minors who do not have a valid drivers license** which allows them to operate a motor 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 show grounds of recognized competitions.

*Children 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 drivers 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 child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardians and/or trainer(s) from the show grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Rule VI. Wheelchair is exempt from the definition of a motorized vehicle for purposes of this rule.*

Under NC, SC, GA, and TN law, an equine activity sponsor, or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. (See N.C. Gen. Stat § 99E-1-3, S.C. Code Ann. § 47-9-710-730, TN Code Ann. § 44-20-101-105 and GA Chapter 12 title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia annotated.

### **ENTRY DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

***www.eqverification.org = reprint human and horse cards for USEF/ USDF***

#### **All entries must have 3 signatures - Rider, Owner and Trainer.**

Legal Guardian must sign for riders under 18 yrs. Trainer blank must be signed by person over 18 who assumes responsibility for horse. (Parents who sign as trainer are exempt from membership requirements). See **www.usdf.org** and **www.equestrian.org** and/or USEF Rule Book for further details on entry requirements. Questions? Contact the show secretary.

- **Save Trees, Time and Postage!**
  1. Use the back side of your Coggins copies to copy all your Current USEF, USDF, GMO membership cards and Horse Registrations (you can reduce the size) to send in with your entries. All your information will be at hand when you want to get that entry done!
  2. Be sure to WAIVE all SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS for express mail to the Secretary. They will greatly slow receipt of your entry.

- **Checklist of copies to include with entries for recognized shows:**

**Current USEF membership (or n/ m fees) Rider, Owner and Trainer (coach, if applicable)**

**Current USDF membership (or non-member number) for rider and Owner. Riders USDF membership may be either Participating or Group. Owner USDF membership may be Participating Group or Business. If Rider/ Owner's USDF # is a Non-membr ID#, the USDF non-member fee must be paid.**

**USDF Horse ID**

**Current (1 Yr) negative Coggins**

**For Adult Amateur classes - USEF membership card must declare Amateur, or include \$30 amateur non-member declaration fee and form.**

**Juniors and Young Riders must include birthdates.**

**Foreign citizens without membership in USEF must include proof, in English, of membership in good standing of their own National Federation.**

**For GAIG/USDF Qualifying classes also include:**

**State "Qualifying" and include \$10 per Qualifying class**

**Copies of USEF and USDF Lifetime Horse Registrations (not HID#s)**

**Rider must have current Participating membership and Owner must have participating membership or business membership in USDF**

**Rider and Owner must be current members of USEF.**