**Great American Insurance Group/United States Dressage Federation**  
**Region 9 Dressage Championships**

**Licensed by United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.**  
Featuring over $25,000 in Prize Money from USDF  
*USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final Class* presented by Big Dee’s Tack and Vet Supply  
Dressage Level 4 Competition

**Final Prize List** *(updated 9/24/2020)*

*Due to the current COVID-19 environment, items in this prize list are subject to change.*  
*Please refer back to the prize list for any updates.*

**Southwest Dressage Championships**  
**Houston Dressage Society Autumn Classic**

The official prize list of the Great American/USDF Region 9 Dressage Championship appears in the USDF Regional Championship Official Prize List webpage and may be obtained after June 15, 2020, from the USDF website or by calling USDF at 859-271-2277.

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**Opening Date August 10, 2020**  
**Received By Closing Date September 7, 2020**  
(Both mailed and online due.)

**October 1-4, 2020**

USEF/USDF Recognition # 320519  
SWDC Recognized

**Qualifier for the 2020 US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan**

*Hosted by licensee Houston Dressage Society at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center*

2501 South Mason Road, Katy, TX 77450

**USDF and SWDC Qualifying Seasons September 10, 2019-September 7, 2020**

Official Qualifying Competition for the 2021 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships and the 2021 Southwest Dressage Championships

**Judges:**
- Joan Darnell *“S”* (Olympia, WA)
- Dolly Hannon *“S”* (Arvada, CO)
- Jodi Lees *“S”* (Campobello, SC)
- Scott Peterson *“S”* (Penn Yan, NY)
- Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez *“S”* (Arvada, CO)
- Dolly Babcock *“S”* (Dripping Springs, TX)
- Kathy Rowse *“S”* (Suffolk, VA)
- David Schmutz *“S”* (Glendale, CA)
- Creeley Routson *“S”* (Walnut Creek, CA)
- Dinah Babcock *“S”* (Dripping Springs, TX) *(9/12/20)*
- Carter Bass *“S”* (Ruckersville, VA) *(9/12/20)*

*Freestyle Designation

**Technical Delegates:**
- Sally Davenport *“R”* Scituate, MA
- Carolyn VandenBerg *“R”* Canyon Lake, TX *(9/12/20)*
- Joyce Hardesty *“R”* Kansas City, MO

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For more information and prize list updates, go to  
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Due to COVID-19, the Houston Dressage Society show committee plans to implement social distancing policies at the shows and ShowSecretary.com plans to operate under a CLOSED SHOW OFFICE to help protect exhibitors, staff, and officials.

**General**
- Social Distancing (six feet between individuals) will be followed and you are asked to not congregate in the aisleways.
- Staff, officials’ volunteers, and exhibitors are expected to wear face masks or face coverings at all times when not mounted (staff will patrol the barn area to remind people to stay 6 feet apart and wear masks).
- Signage is posted throughout the grounds regarding social distancing, hand washing, and other safety guidelines.
- Anyone who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, has tested positive for COVID-19 within last two weeks, or *has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks cannot enter the competition grounds. *Exception: Healthcare personnel who have treated patients using appropriate medical grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties are exempted from this restriction.
- Everyone entering the showgrounds will be required to sign waivers from both Houston Dressage Society and the Great Southwest Equestrian Center.
- Everyone including staff, officials, volunteers and exhibitors will have their temperatures taken upon arrival each morning.
- Anyone with a temperature of 99.4° F or higher may not enter the facility.
- Participants and their support crew are required to self-monitor their temperature once daily prior to entering the competition grounds. Support crew is limited to TWO people per horse in addition to the rider. Exception: Para riders may bring those needed for their safety and support.
- All participants, including licensed officials and volunteers, must provide emergency contact information and execute an updated Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement required by USEF, as a condition of participation. Competitors are encouraged to not spend extra time at the Great Southwest Equestrian center outside of their ride times and time to properly attend to their horses.
- Competitors may not report to their warmup area more than one hour before their ride time.
- Spectators will not be permitted.

The Competition Organizer has the authority under GR 702.1 and GR914 to remove from the facility any person who does not comply with the regulations and requirements in effect at the competition.

**Show Office**
- All entries must be perfect. No office visits will be permitted. Text, phone, and email will be used to communicate with Show Office. Packets will be placed in your stall before the start of the show.
- Scratches and rider/horse changes will be communicated via text, email and/or phone with the show office and issues that need staff or official’s attention will be initiated by a phone call. Office and show officials’ numbers will be posted throughout the facility (Secretary phone number and email is printed on your stall cards).
- Stalling charts will be created using as much space as possible between different rider groups/barns.
- Music for freestyle rides should be placed in a box by the scoreboard by 5:30 pm/ soundcheck at 6 pm (label CD!).

**Food Service**
- Water will be provided by HDS throughout the facility for exhibitors, staff and volunteers.
- Life is Good is open with limited snacks and drinks and the grill is closed.

**Competition Schedules, Score Sheets and Awards**
- Ride Schedules and results will not be posted on the scoreboard area but will only be available online at www.showsecretary.com
- There will be no awards office at this show (Details on how to obtain ribbons will be communicated at a later date).
- Copies of the score sheets will be made available to view and print by the exhibitor at a later date via email or text (those desiring a printed copy of their test can leave a SASE in a box by the scoreboard area).

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Prize money for Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each Championship Class for all levels and divisions. Ribbons will be awarded for First through Eighth place for all levels and divisions in accordance with USEF/USDF rules.

**Prize Money Policy**

Prize money for the Great American/USDF Regional Championships will be paid directly by the USDF office to the recorded horse owner within thirty (30) days of the last day of each championship. Champions in each region and division will receive $475 in prize money. Reserve champions in each region and division will receive $317 in prize money.”
2021 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 www.usdf.org. Please refer to the 2021 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 current and correct 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 (Junior Active, Senior 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 (Junior Active, Senior Active, Life, or Recorded Farm (with Active Farm Owner)). 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. Freestyles have only open divisions.

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A. MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFYING AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

Horse:
- Must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR).
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- 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, 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.
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B. QUALIFYING CLASS AND CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

1. Having won a USEF/USDF Regional Championships three times (in any region over their lifetime), a horse/rider combination may no longer compete in USEF/USDF Regional Championship competition at that or a lower level (Grand Prix excepted), if they received the minimum qualifying score or higher for that division and level in the championship test per USEF DR127.5.

2. A horse may not be entered in more than one USEF/USDF Regional Championship at a particular level in the same calendar year.

3. USDF will presume qualified horse/rider combinations will compete in the region in which the rider resides as determined by the address associated with the rider’s membership information on file as of July 1. Riders are NOT required to be a resident of the region to compete in that region’s championship. Riders, who wish to compete at Regional Championships in a region other than their region of residence, must submit a Change of Region Form.

This form must be submitted with a $25 fee prior to July-August 1. Change of Region Forms may be accepted from August 2 to August 1, with a fee of $100. From August 2, up to the closing date of the championship region the rider is declaring for, with a fee of $300. No changes of region may be made after the closing date of the region in which a rider wishes to enter, for any reason. In addition, all persons living outside of the United States, who intend to compete in a Regional Championship, must submit a Change of Region form and applicable fee to USDF to declare a region.

4. A rider may not compete in more than one Regional Championship competition in the same calendar year.

5. In the event a competitor is unable to produce copies of the USDF membership or lifetime horse registration documents required to enter a qualifying class, a USDF competition affidavit with appropriate fee may be completed and filed with the competition secretary. The affidavit and appropriate fee must be submitted to USDF by the competition secretary. Copies of the required memberships and registrations MUST be included with the championship entry. Affidavits will not be accepted for USEF or USDF membership or horse recording verification purposes for entry in championship classes.

6. Horses must be entered in qualifying and championship classes under their official recorded names and ownership as specified in USEF GR1102.3, and transfers of ownership or lease registrations must be completed in compliance with USEF rules GR1105 and GR1108 prior to the competition in order for the horse to compete under the name of the new owner or lessee. (USEF DR127.2)

E. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. All Regional Championship competitions are considered Level 4. Please refer to USEF Dressage Level Requirements for specifics.

2. Each entry must designate the division being entered (open, adult amateur or junior/young rider) and must meet minimum percentage requirements for the championship division entered.

3. Cross entering open and junior/young rider divisions or open and adult amateur divisions for a horse/rider combination is permitted at adjacent levels. It is not permitted at the same level. Exception: freestyle or equivalent FEI Junior or FEI Young Rider levels.

4. If a rider intends to enter a Regional Championship as an adult amateur, the rider must be an adult by the current USEF definition (DR 119.3) and a current amateur by the USEF definition. (USEF GR1306, 1307)
5. If a rider intends to enter a championship as a junior/young rider, the rider must be a junior/young rider by the current USEF definition and her/his birth date must be on file with USDF by July 1 of the championship year.
6. Photocopies of USDF/USEF membership cards and horse recording and registration certificates must accompany championship entry (USDF PM for rider, USDF PM or BM for owner, etc.).
7. Under penalty of elimination, whips may not be carried in championship tests (Exception: Competitors riding sidesaddle may carry a whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm), including lash, in USEF/USDF Championships.) An adjustable-length whip may not be carried by a mounted rider.
8. Under penalty of elimination, all championship tests must be ridden from memory. (USEF DR122.1)
9. The gate at “A” must be closed for every USEF/USDF championship ride. (USEF DR126.1.f.5)
10. Under penalty of disqualification from all championship classes for the horse/rider combination, within 24 hours prior and at no time during a USEF/USDF Regional Championship competition may any horse entered in that Championship competition be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the Championship competition on that horse (exception: grooms riding on loose rein).
    Further, any horse entered in a championship competition, even entered at two levels, must be ridden by the same rider throughout competition. (USEF DR127.6) (NOTE: This applies throughout the entire competition, even after a horse has completed its championship classes.)
11. In the event of a tie (equality of total points) for champion and/or reserve champion in USEF/USDF championship classes, the collective marks will determine first, second, and/or third or all three places; (i.e. when a tie for first place is broken by collective marks, tied competitors will receive first and second places, etc.). If collective marks are equal, the tie will remain unbroken (i.e. two first places will be awarded next third place, etc.). For ties in freestyle classes refer to USEF DR129.5 which states the highest score shall be declared the winner of the class. In the case of a tie, the higher artistic score shall determine the winner. Ties (equality of total points) after second place will be broken by collective marks. Ties (equality of total points and collective marks or artistic scores) occurring in third through eighth places will remain unbroken. In the case of a tie (equality of total points and collective marks or artistic scores) for champion, prize money designated for champion and reserve champion will be combined and divided equally between the two competitors.
12. Hors de Concours entries are not permitted in USEF/USDF championship classes. (USEF DR119.5)
13. In a USEF/USDF championship class, the horse/rider combination must obtain the necessary minimum percentage score to be named champion or reserve champion. (USEF DR123.6) If the highest placed horse/rider combination receives less than the minimum percentage, no championship awards or prize money will be issued, however a non-mandatory ribbon will be held for the entire class. In lieu of a champion and/or reserve neck sash, a first and/or second place ribbon will be awarded.
14. In USEF/USDF championship classes, a steward must be appointed to conduct a visual check of the saddlery, bits and spurs, on both sides of each horse, immediately after it has been inspected and left the arena. The Technical Delegate may follow the competitor to a designated area if necessary. Any discrepancy to the saddlery rules will result in immediate elimination. (USEF DR126.1.i.6)
15. A Registered (R) Dressage Technical Delegate (TD), who is a current Participating Member of USDF, is required to officiate at USEF/USDF championships. TDs for competitions offering qualifying and/or championship classes must investigate incidents of non-compliance and report violations to USEF. “R” Dressage TDs hired to officiate Regional Championship classes must be selected from outside the region. This applies only to the primary competition TD, who is the person responsible for filing the TD report for the competition with USEF. (See section H.3. c, and USEF GR1018.3 and DR127.3)
16. Entries in USEF/USDF dressage championship classes are limited to competitors who have met the qualifications, membership, horse recording and registration requirements, and deadlines outlined in USEF DR127 and published by USDF. Competitors who are properly qualified, whose completed entries are received by the closing date for a particular Regional Championship, and who have complied with all championship rules may not be denied entry into the Regional Championship classes for which they have qualified. Only one class per division and/or level may be held to determine USEF/USDF regional champions. (USEF DR127.7)
17. USEF/USDF championships classes may not be split. (USEF DR126.1.a.4)
18. Championship classes for juniors and young riders must only be held on Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday. Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals classes must be held on Saturday or Sunday. Juniors and young riders’ entries (horse/rider combinations) are limited to entry in only two championship classes, excluding freestyle.
19. Except for freestyle, the FEI Junior Team Test, and FEI Young Rider Team test, championship classes at consecutive levels, for the same division, may not be held on the same day.
20. Ribbons and prizes cannot be distributed prior to the arrival at the awards ceremony.
21-20. All horses competing in Regional Championships classes must be stabled on the competition grounds and must remain on the grounds for the duration of their participation in the event, from the time of arrival until the horse has finished competing in all classes. (USEF DR127.8)
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To compete in the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class, riders must have qualified by obtaining a 70% or higher in an applicable equitation class during the qualifying period OR be qualified for the Great American/USDF Regional Championships at any level except freestyle. Additional requirements may be found on USDF.org or by contacting the USDF office.

All riders: Enter a “Q” after the appropriate class number if entering the class as a Great American/USDF qualifier and include the qualifying fee of $15 and if you intend on entering the SWDC Qualifiers as a qualifier and include the qualifying fee of $10.

**CLASS LIMITATIONS**

**Consecutive Levels** Horses may enter no more than two consecutive levels, Freestyle levels included, at any one competition. Refer to DR119.2 for levels chart.

**Classes per Day** Horses are limited to a maximum of three Dressage rides per day at Fourth Level and below or two Dressage rides per day above Fourth Level. Horses competing at both Fourth Level and Prix St. Georges, or their equivalents, are limited to two Dressage rides per day. Dressage Seat Equitation, Quadrille, Pas de Deux and Materiale 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.

**A minimum of two Para Equestrian entries are required to hold these classes.**
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All entries using credit card for payment must use the online entry at [www.showsecretary.com](http://www.showsecretary.com)

A convenience fee of 3.5% will be charged on all credit card transactions.

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**ENTRY INFORMATION**

**Two options to enter:**

1.) **Online entry** credit cards are only method of payment. A 3.5% online convenience fee will be added to your total fees. [www.showsecretary.com](http://www.showsecretary.com)

2.) **Mailed entry** only checks or money orders in **US Funds only** are accepted. Please make a single check/money order payable to Houston Dressage Society (HDS). For security, NO CREDIT CARDS accepted for mailed entries. Show entry must be postmarked by the closing date. **Mail to:** HDS c/o Susan Peacock 837 Glenlake Dr, Edmond OK 73013

**PLEASE SEND ENTRIES WITHOUT A SIGNATURE NEEDED.**

**ENTRIES SENT WITH SIGNATURE REQUIRED WILL INCUR A $30 POST OFFICE VISIT FEE.**

E-mailed entries will NOT be accepted.

Entry is not complete until payment is received. Checks will be deposited upon receipt. No post-dated checks accepted. Dishonored checks or declined credit cards will require complete repayment prior to the show plus a service charge of $35. All outstanding fees must be paid before show packets are issued. No bridle number will be issued without full payment and completed entry, **including signatures and emergency contact information.**

**Complete entries MUST include** USEF and USDF member numbers and signatures of owner/rider/trainer/coach or non-member fee(s) where applicable; USDF and USEF horse Registration/Recording number(s) (where applicable); and a copy of a negative Coggins taken within 12 months of the show dates showing the same horse name as on the entry (GR907.4) A parent or guardian signing on behalf of a junior exhibitor does not need to be a USEF member. Freestyle classes must include copy of qualifying test with entry. Pony classes/divisions must include pony measurement card. If a pony does not have a permanent or current annual measurement card, owners must notify show secretary of needing a measurement for an appointment to be scheduled with the veterinarian. All entries must include the **USEF Waiver and Release of Liability (page 39).**

**Entries missing any of these items will be considered incomplete.** Incomplete/incorrect entry fee is $20.

Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis based on postmark or online entry date and entries may be limited. Entries may close early if time limits for judges are filled. If the classes are oversubscribed, entries will be accepted and scheduled in the following order: 1.) Great American or SWDC Championship entries received by closing date (mail or online). Open show rides of horse/ rider combinations entered in Great American or SWDC Championship classes may be limited. 2.) Horse/rider combinations entered only in the open show will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis of entries received by closing date (mail or online). 3.) Late entries including Great American or SWDC Championship entries postmarked after closing will be accepted at the discretion of the show secretary and show committee based on a space available basis and charged a $50 late fee. If the classes are oversubscribed, a waiting list (in the order of draw) will be maintained. Late entries, if accepted, must be complete and submitted by 11 a.m. the day before start of class. Late Entries will not be included in the program.

**Great American/USDF Qualifying Classes** indicate the class entered is to count for qualifying by placing a **Q** after the class number on your entry. Qualifying does not require a separate ride. An exhibitor riding in the Open, AA, Young Rider, or Junior classes must pay an additional $15 USDF qualifying fee to have this score entered in the GAIG/USDF qualifying division at that level. RIDERS must have an active USEF Membership and a USDF Participating Membership. OWNERS must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Junior Active, Senior Active, Life, or Recorded Farm (with Active Farm Owner)). 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. 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. Horses must be Annual or Lifetime Recorded with USEF and USDF Lifetime Registered, an HID is not sufficient.

**Noncompeting Horses** are welcome on a space-available basis. Owner must fill out an entry form with all release signatures, send a current Coggins, and pay no noncompete fee per show, office fee per show, and a stall fee, but no USEF drug fees. Noncompete horses are still subject to and must comply with the Drugs and Medication rules and are subject to drug testing. Noncompeting horses must wear current issued bridle number when out of the stall. Noncompeting horses may only school in competition and warmup arenas after show hours.

**Conditions of entry** Every horse entered for competition will be under the control of the Horse Show Management, but the Horse Show Management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Horse Show Management, Facility and its Directors harmless for any loss or accident to his horse, horses or equipment which may occur from sickness, fire or otherwise.

**Confirmation of entry will be e-mailed. All e-mail addresses must be CLEARLY printed**
HORSE/RIDER MEMBERSHIPS and SAFE SPORT

A TRAINER, as listed on the entry form, is defined as any adult (18 & older) who has responsibility for the care, custody or performance of the horse while the horse is on the competition grounds. This adult must sign the entry form as trainer. If the rider is considered the trainer, the rider must sign as the trainer. A parent or guardian signing on behalf of a junior exhibitor does not need to be a USEF member. A COACH, as listed on the entry form, is defined as an adult (18 & older) who gets paid for instructing, teaching, schooling or advising a rider with their horse on the competition grounds. This adult must sign the entry form as coach. If there is no coach, the signature for coach may be left blank.

USEF/USDF Horse ID Requirement: All horses entered in USEF/USDF recognized shows must at least have a USDF HID (Horse Identification) number in order to participate. If riding in qualifying classes, you must have a USDF Lifetime Registration in addition to a USEF Annual or Lifetime Recording. These horse identification numbers may be obtained from USEF and USDF. Exempt from this requirement are horses showing only in Introductory Level, Pas de Deux, Quadrille, Opportunity Classes, Leadline, and Exhibitions.

Membership/Non-Member/Proof of Membership fees: All participants (rider, owner, trainer, agent, lessee, or coach) must present to the competition secretary a current USEF membership number. In the event the participant does not have his/her membership number, he/she must pay a $45 USEF show pass fee per show. All Riders and Owners must present a current USDF Participating, Group, or Business (owners only) membership number or pay a $35 USDF non-membership fee per show. Those who cannot provide proof of their USDF membership may fill out an affidavit form and must pay the $5 fee. The affidavit may also be used to verify horse registration and/or horse ownership. The USDF Affidavit Form may be found on www.USDF.org. Exempt from this requirement are individuals competing only in Introductory Level, Pas de Deux, Quadrille, Opportunity Classes, Leadline, and Exhibitions.

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. Equine Canada members in possession of current EC membership may sign for USEF Amateur status on a show by show basis at no cost.

USEF SAFESPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE: Effective January 1, 2019, every USEF adult member (18 & older) with an active senior competing membership must complete USEF’s Safe Sport Training, overseen by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. An adult member may be OWNER, RIDER, TRAINER and/or COACH. Adult members listed on the entry must complete the entire course and be Safe Sport Trained before the first day of competition. Safe Sport Training must be completed by all adult members on the entry or the rider will not be allowed to compete. You may access the Safe Sport modules from your USEF member dashboard at www.USEF.org.

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.
DIVISIONS and HORS de CONOURS

Class Division Explanations  Individuals are eligible as Jr/YR (Junior/Young Rider) until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. Individuals are eligible as Jr (Juniors) from the beginning of the calendar year in which they read the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18 for the FEI Junior Tests. Individuals are eligible as YR (Young Riders) from the beginning of the calendar year in which they read the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21 for the FEI Young Rider Tests. Individuals are eligible as Children from the beginning of the calendar year in which they read the age of 12 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21 for the FEI Children Tests. Individuals are eligible as Pony Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they read the age of 12 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 for the FEI Pony Tests. Individuals are eligible as AA (Adult Amateur) from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22 and must hold current USEF Amateur card. Open Classes - A class that is open to all. There are no restrictions based on the horse (age, sex, size, residence or membership of owner) or rider (age, experience, qualifications, sex, residence, etc.)

Riders Under the Age of 14 No rider under the age fourteen is permitted to ride a three-year-old colt, or stallion of any age, in any under saddle class including Dressage Sport Horse Prospect Under Saddle, Materiale, and Suitability classes. DR202.13

Pony Classes/Divisions Open to all breeds that meet the following measurement requirements. A pony is an animal that does not exceed 148 cm without shoes and 149 cm with shoes. The pony can be of any sex (mare, stallion, or gelding).

Hors de Concours DR119.5 Only with the permission of competition management may a horse/rider combination enter a class Hors de Concours. Such entries must pay the full entry fee but scores for these entries will not be published or recorded, nor shall they count towards any prizes, placings or year-end awards. Said permission must be granted prior to the start of the class(es) involved. Hors de Concours entries must follow all Federation General and Dressage Division rules that apply to other entries in the same class, except as described below. Having competed Hors de Concours at a competition, a horse is no longer eligible for further prizes, awards or placings at that competition except in situations of emergency substitutions of judges. Hors de Concours entries are not permitted in Federation/USDF Championship classes.

REFUNDS, SCRATCHES, and HAZARDOUS WEATHER POLICIES

Refund Policy Cancellations accepted only in writing by mail or e-mail. Cancellations prior to or on the closing date will be refunded, less office fee and online convenience fee. No refunds will be issued after closing date (even if closing date is extended) except for fees collected on behalf of USEF (drug fees) and USDF (qualifying fees) provided all outstanding fees are paid in full; else it will be applied to those fees. Refundable fees will be mailed within one month after the end of the competition for entries that were cancelled. If the owner is owed a refund of $25 or less, the refund can be donated to the HDS Education Fund by checking the line at the bottom of the entry form.

Once you are at the show, please notify the show office if you are scratching a class.
A no show is defined as a scratch for the entire show. Please do not be a ‘NO SHOW’.

Scratches During Show Competitors have the responsibility to inform the Show Secretary in the Show Office of their intent to scratch a ride prior to the scheduled ride time. Scratches will be accepted at the competition arena or with the Ring Steward but the competitor or representative must contact the show office via text, e-mail, or phone to officially scratch their ride. Scratched rides are not refundable. If you scratch from a class, the ride time will be filled from a waiting list.

Hazardous Weather/Act of God/Accident Policy 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 Great American\USDF qualifying classes being offered. No refund for cancellations due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, accidents, or emergencies. GR305.4
United States Dressage Federation Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Final

The USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Final classes numbers are DM13 and DM1418 and will be ridden on Sunday, October 4, 2020. USDF will provide Champion and Reserve Champion awards and ribbons through eighth place for DSE Medal Semi-Final classes. The top two riders in each Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Final class will be invited to the 2021 USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals (date and location TBD.) Riders must meet the current USEF definition of Junior for purposes of competition in the Dressage Division. In order to compete in a USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Final class, he/she must have qualified in one of two ways: 1.) qualified for the Great American/USDF Regional Championships at any level (with the exception of freestyles) on a horse that is both USDF Lifetime Registered and USEF Annual or Lifetime recorded. Horses that are ridden in the DSM Semi-Final classes MUST have at least a USDF HID number, but do not need to be USDF Lifetime Registered, and USEF Annual or Lifetime recorded (unless also competing in other classes at the Great American/USDF Regional Championships, or 2.) a competitor must earn a qualifying score during the qualifying period in any open Dressage seat Equitation class. Only one score of 70% or higher will qualify a competitor to compete in the USDF DSM Semi-Finals. There is a universal qualifying period of August 1, 2019, through July 31, 2020. Riders in DSM Semi-Finals classes may ride a different horse than the one on which they qualified for the Great American/USDF Regional Championships. Protective headgear as described in USEF DR 120.6 will be required for participation in these classes. More information can be found here.

USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final Class presented by Big Dee’s Tack and Vet Supply

USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program Rider must be an Adult Amateur (age 22 and up) and have a USDF participating membership at the time the qualifying score is earned. Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration when the qualifying score is earned. To be eligible for the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class, rider must have earned a score of 70% or higher in any dressage seat equitation class within the qualifying period or qualify to compete in any regional dressage championship class (excluding freestyles.) More information can be found here.
OFFICE INFORMATION

Office Hours The show office and stabling will be **staffed** at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30th. During the show, the show office will be **staffed** one hour before the first ride until one hour after the last ride. Contact with the show office must be via text, e-mail, or phone. No in-person visits to the show office will be permitted. Phone number (405) 760-0135.

Ride Times Stabling assignments and provisional times will be available at [www.showsecretary.com](http://www.showsecretary.com). Management reserves the right to change the time schedule after tentative times have been posted. It is the responsibility of the rider to inform the management of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving the schedule. **Official times** will be available at noon the day before each show. Check online for the official posting ride times. Printed times will not be available. This show follows USEF GR830 with regard to rescheduled ride times.

Any changes after closing date initiated by rider or owner will incur a $10 per change fee.

Schedule Classes may not necessarily be run in the order listed in the class lists. See page 25 for management rights.

Schooling will begin Wednesday, September 30th at 10 a.m. All competitors must have their current issued bridle number before riding. Schooling on Wednesday will continue until 9 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday schooling will be available after awards ceremonies until 9 p.m. Schedule for schooling will be posted at the show grounds. Outdoor arenas close at sundown.

Hand-walking of unmounted horses is allowed around the exterior of the competition rings from 6:30 a.m. until 30 minutes before the first ride. No mounted horses allowed.

Leaving the Competition All horses competing in Regional Championships classes must be stabled on the competition grounds and must remain on the grounds for the duration of their participation in the event, from the time of arrival until the horse has finished competing in all classes. (USEF DR127.8)

Bridle numbers All horses must always wear current issued bridle numbers when out of stall.

Anyone mounting, getting on, riding or trying a horse at the facility during the weekend of the show (including warmup day) must sign a show release form in the show office and wear a helmet while mounted.

Please contact show secretary for any questions regarding entering competition/entry forms.

Freestyles/Music: Music for all freestyles on two CDs or a thumb drive must be given to the show office upon arrival. Sound checks will be conducted Thursday afternoon. Other times must be arranged with show management and announcer. The times for sound checks will be posted in the show office. Competitors are responsible to picking up their music before the end of the show. Music left will not be mailed. **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 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. BOD 7/8/19 Effective 12/1/19**
STABLING and GROUNDS INFORMATION

THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING IN THE BARNS AND NEAR THE INDOOR WARM-UP ARENA. DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS WILL BE PROVIDED.

No staples or nails are allowed to be affixed to any Great Southwest Equestrian Center Property with the exception of stall cards. Individuals wishing to tape advertisements or flyers to the walls must first obtain approval in writing from Great Southwest Equestrian Center. Such approval must be shown to Show Management prior to display or the flyers will be removed.

NO OUTSIDE BEDDING PERMITTED.

All shavings/hay you need for the whole show MUST be pre-purchased before check-in day.

GSWEC will charge a $100 fine for anyone bringing in shavings from outside the facility.

There is a $50 penalty for switching horse stalls without notifying the Show Office in advance.

Stabling Stalls are permanent, 10 x 10’ with solid walls and doors. Two bags of shavings are provided with each stall. Additional bags may be purchased – must use facility shavings per contract – no outside shavings permitted. Stall charts will be posted and check-in will start at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Early arrivals and late departures are only available by arrangement with Show Secretary at $45/night/stall. Cost applies to horse stalls or tack stalls. Stalls must be vacated by 9 p.m. Sunday or the late departure fee paid. A stall fee must be paid for every horse.

Groups Please note stalling groups with your entry. Your group should decide on a “group name” that all competitors provide on their entry. Stabling requests honored when possible.

Arenas/Footing/Warm-Up All tests and warm-up will be ridden in either indoor or outdoor arenas with sand/clay, ESI Felt or Otto Sport footing. Competition arenas will be 20 x 60 m. Non-qualifying training level classes, Dressage Seat Equitation classes, Para Equestrian TOC classes, and Para-Equestrian Freestyles, with the exception of Grades I-III Para-Equestrian Freestyles, may be ridden in a small arena, 20 x 40 m.

Lungeing will be permitted in the outdoor sand arena in front of Barn D only. In the event of inclement weather or poor footing in the assigned lungeing area, a portion of the Barn D indoor warm-up will be allocated for lungeing.

No one on foot (except leadline handlers, ring stewards, equipment checkers, emergency medical service, and show management) is allowed in designated warmups. Coaches, trainers, spectators, and other unmounted individuals must stand outside fence or partition of warm-up arenas. Lungeing permitted in designated outdoor areas only. All horses in the warmup arenas must wear their current issued competition numbers.

If tack adjustments or rider changes are needed, personnel must perform them outside of the arena.

Parking is allowed in designated areas only. All trailers whether connected to a truck or not must be parked either on the south side of the Main Arena or in the Trailer Parking lot under the power lines. Any trailer left for an inordinate amount of time or left in an unauthorized parking area will be booted and subject to a $100 fine or removed from the premises at owner’s expense.
For 2020, participation in awards ceremonies is not mandatory.

(Please note, ribbons will be distributed before the ceremony and it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to arrive with the ribbon on the horse – Further details will be available on the information)

Please inform the Awards Coordinator if you will or will not be attending the GAIG and SWDC championships ceremonies. If you attend, facemasks/coverings must be worn, even when mounted. (9/24/2020)

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region 9 Dressage Championships

Prize money for Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each Championship Class for all levels and divisions. Ribbons will be awarded for First through Eighth place for all levels and divisions in accordance with USEF/USDF rules. Prize money for Great American/USDF Regional Championships will be paid directly by the USDF office to the recorded horse owner within thirty (30) days of the last day of each championship. Champions in each region and division will receive $475 in prize money. Reserve champions in each region and division will receive $317 in prize money.

Southwest Dressage Championships

Prize money will be awarded for the first three places in SWDC Championship Classes. The amount is determined by the amount of surcharge fees collected from qualifying rides throughout the year and the number of entries in all the Open, Amateur, and Junior/Young Rider Championship classes. It is allocated as follows: First - 50%; Second - 30%; Third – 20%. Prize money will be dispersed within thirty days to the owner in the Open division, to the rider in the Amateur division, and to the rider (or parent/legal guardian if the rider is not 18 years of age) for the Junior/Young Rider division.

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded for the first, second, and third places. Ribbons will be awarded for first through sixth places. Riders placing in SWDC Championship classes should wear their medals at all times during the show (except while riding).

The Tommy Thompson SWDC Award will be given to the rider/horse that has the highest score at the SWDC Championships.

Classic Combination Highest Total Awards In AA & Open Divisions Award figured by the highest combination of the age of rider + age of horse + % score in a SWDC Championship Ride. Fill out the form in the show office when checking in to be considered for these awards.
Houston Dressage Society Autumn Classic Awards

Scores: It is the responsibility of the competitor to verify the accuracy of all scores. Scoring errors must be reported to the Show Secretary within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of the show day during which the score was earned.

Ties: In the case of equality of points, the competitor with the highest marks received under General Impressions shall be declared the winner. When the scores for General Impressions are equal after coefficients have been applied, the horses must remain tied. Errors on a test may not be used to break ties. [DR123.3]

Riders must collect their awards at the show. Awards will not be mailed afterwards.

1. **Individual classes** trophies will be awarded for 1st place. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 6th place. Qualifying classes will not be pinned separately. Only one set of ribbons will be awarded for those classes with only the Open division.

2. **High Score Award**: There will be a Champion High Score ribbon and trophy plus a Reserve High Score ribbon given at each of the National Levels (Training through Fourth) for each division (Open, AA, Jr/YR) for scores received through Sunday. There will be a Champion High Score ribbon and trophy plus a Reserve High Score ribbon given for the highest FEI scores across all FEI tests for each division (Open, AA, and Jr/YR) through Sunday. Junior and Young Rider tests will be awarded at their equivalent national levels. Freestyles, Quadrille, Pas De Deux, Introductory Level, Materiale, Young Horse, Para Equestrian, and Equitation Classes are not eligible.

3. **Freestyle**: There will be a Champion High Score ribbon and trophy plus a Reserve High Score ribbon given for the highest freestyle scores across all levels Training through Grand Prix for each division (Open, AA, Jr) through Sunday.

4. **Pony High Score Award**: The Pony Division will have a High Point National Dressage Pony Cup Champion ribbon and trophy along with second through fifth place High Point National Dressage Pony Cup ribbons for the highest Pony scores for the National and FEI tests combined at the HDS Autumn Classic. Freestyles, Opportunity Classes, Para, Pas De Deux, Quadrille, Introductory Level, Materiale (3-5 yr old) and Equitation classes are not eligible for these High Point awards.

5. **National Dressage Pony Cup (NDPC) Partner Shows**: An NDPC Champion Ribbon will be mailed to the pony with the highest score over the two days after NDPC adds points for degree of difficulty based on the test ridden. You must compete in the Pony Division to be recognized by NDPC.

6. **HDS Dapples High Point**: Award will be offered for "opt in" AA riders over 50 years of age. One high point trophy and ribbon will be awarded to the AA 50+" opt in" rider with the highest score for Thursday to Sunday classes at Training through Fourth levels combined. Opt-in forms will be in the show office. Freestyles, Pas De Deux, Quadrilles, Equitation, Opportunity, Introductory, Materials classes not included.

7. **Hedley Lamberty Trophy**: will be given to the owner of the horse ridden by the trainer with the highest score on Thursday through Saturday. Trophy will be awarded on Sunday morning. Trainer, Owner and Horse are asked to be present. Pas De Deux, Freestyles, Introductory Level, Materiale, Young Horse, Quadrille, Para Equestrian, and Equitation Classes are not eligible.

8. **Winsome Award**: will be given to the owner of the mare with the single highest score for the show weekend (Thursday-Sunday). Quadrille, Pas De Deux, Freestyles, Introductory Level, Materiale, Young Horse, Para Equestrian, and Equitation Classes are not eligible.

9. **HDS Autumn Classic Adult Amateur High Point Award sponsored by Olva Stewart Pharo of Equestrian Portraits**: This award will be presented to the Adult Amateur with the highest HDS Autumn Classic score at Training through Fourth Level. The rider must have ridden the same horse in at least two HDS Autumn Classic tests on two separate days. Freestyles, Rider Tests, Pas De Deux, Quadrille, Introductory Level, Materiale, Young Horse and Equitation classes are not eligible. The winner will receive a bronze casting of the Grand Prix dressage horse head, like the one on the original perpetual trophy, mounted on a walnut pedestal with show name and date engraved on a brass plate. The original trophy will be engraved with the name of the winner. The award will be presented on Sunday.
NDPC Houston Dressage Society
Pony Series Awards
Sponsored by Yellow Rose Dressage

A Pony Division will be offered at each show. You must participate in at least six out of the nine shows to be eligible for NDPC Houston Dressage Society Pony Series Awards. Shows included in this series are:

- HDS Winter Show I 1/18/20
- HDS Winter Show II 1/19/20
- HDS Spring Classic I 4/23/20-4/25/20
- HDS Spring Classic II 4/26/20
- HDS Summer I 6/6/20
- HDS Summer II 6/7/20
- HDS Laborious I 8/22/20
- HDS Laborious II 8/23/20
- GAIG/USDF Region 9 Championship and SWDC & HDS Autumn Classic 10/1/20-10/4/20

**NDPC Show Awards:** Ribbons will be given for 1st through 6th place and High Point at the show’s discretion. After degree of difficulty per test is added, a ribbon and certificate will be mailed to the Champion Pony from the NDPC. This only applies to Pony Divisions, Pony TOC classes, Pony Freestyle classes, and FEI Pony Tests.

**NDPC Series Awards:** Series Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded. The weighted scores from each show will be averaged to calculate the winners. You must show in at least six Pony Division classes, Pony TOC classes, Pony Freestyle classes, or FEI Pony Tests, across at least six shows.

*Degree of Difficulty Chart is available at [www.DressagePonyCup.com/degreeofdifficulty](http://www.DressagePonyCup.com/degreeofdifficulty)*

*Show Awards for NDPC Partner Shows will be mailed after the conclusion of each show.
Series Awards for NDPC Partner Series will be mailed after the conclusion of the final show.*

The National Dressage Pony Cup showcases the exceptional talent, training, and commitment of ponies, their owners, breeders, trainers, and riders in the art and sport of dressage. NDPC encourages competition at every level, for riders of any ability of age, and ponies of any breed of mix of breeds to compete and enjoy their experience.

The NDPC partners with USDF shows around the country to offer our Partner Show Program. These shows will offer at least one ‘pony only’ class, but possibly more, and an opportunity to receive your USEF Pony Measurement card. You do not need to be a member to compete in a Partner Show.

Learn more at [www.DressagePonyCup.com](http://www.DressagePonyCup.com)
**SERVICES**

**Announcements** Class announcements and ride time announcements are a courtesy to the exhibitor and not all shows provide the capability of public address announcements. Exhibitors are responsible for presenting themselves to the ring at their designated time and accept the full responsibility for doing so. Competitions offering public announcements will make every effort to maintain a working PA system, but it is stressed that it is still the exhibitors’ responsibility to be on time. No protest will be upheld, nor any ride time changed, on the basis of a PA breakdown or missed announcement. Ring stewards will also make every effort to keep people informed and entering the ring in a timely fashion. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing the correct show time and their scheduled performance time regardless of PA announcements or ring stewards. No protest will be upheld, nor ride time changed due to failure of the exhibitor to meeting their responsibilities.

**Veterinarian** The veterinarian, Gaurdia Equine 713-249-1648, will be on site each show day. Phone numbers and information will be posted at the show grounds and in the show secretary’s office.

**Farrier** The farrier, Chris Guillory (713) 498-2428, will be on site each show day. Phone numbers and information will be posted at the show grounds and in the show secretary’s office.

**Photographer** Susan Stickles SusanStickle.com Equestrian Photography 973-885-3203  susanjstickle@gmail.com

**Videographer** Equine Productions’ Robin Gaines 979-575-1352

Due to the fact that this is a Level 4 competition and USEF rules state that a show photographer is required and that a videographer is recommended, photographer Susan Stickles and Equine Productions’ Robin Gaines will be on site to meet the photographic and videographic needs of the competitors. Only family members will be allowed to photograph and video riders for their personal use. Any competitor requesting photographs or videos from anyone other than a family member must first obtain written permission from Susan Stickles and/or Robin Gaines at Equine Productions. Copies of written permissions must be turned into the show office. Any photographer or videographer violating this request will be asked to leave the show grounds.

**Pony Measurement Cards** A copy of the Federation Standard or Temporary Measurement card must be submitted with the entry for each pony possessing a Measurement card and competing in Dressage tests/divisions limited to ponies. If a pony, age three or over, is not in possession of a fully and correctly completed Measurement card, the Competition Management must order the pony to be measured by the Dressage Technical Delegate and the Competition Veterinarian pursuant to GR505, GR506, and GR508. Failure to allow the pony to be measured will result in the pony being disqualified at that competition from competing in pony classes or tests or for awards limited to ponies.

**Pony Measurements** Any animals not over 148 cm without shoes or 149 cm with shoes are classified as ponies. All other animals are classified as horses. Any pony being ridden in a pony restricted class must possess a USEF Dressage Standard or Temporary Pony Measurement card. A pony measurement is required for any horse under 8 years old which does not have a permanent pony measurement card or a current annual measurement. Owners must notify show secretary of any ponies needing a measurement for an appointment to be scheduled with the veterinarian. The fee charged by the veterinarian will be prorated among pony owners. This fee will only be the actual charge by the veterinarian and will not exceed $25 per pony. Pony measurement will take place on Wednesday afternoon. If another time is required, arrangements must be made with management, TD, and veterinarian. A reminder of time and place for measurement will be posted in the show office at noon on Wednesday. Owners must be USEF membership at the time of measurement. Ponies must have a USEF recording or HID #. Pony must be presented in a halter.
Equine Vaccination Rule All horses showing or non-showing, must have vaccination records documenting they have been vaccinated for Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) within six months of entering the show grounds BUT should be no later than 7 days before the show. See USEF GR845 as a reference. Additionally, all horses must have a health certificate (CVI) with an inspection date within 21 days of arrival on show grounds with a statement that says the horse(s) have not been treated for an elevated temperature or any issues related to herd health in the last 30 days.

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 Federation Equine Drugs and Medications Program, 956 King Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43212-2655. (800) 633-2472, (614) 299-7707, FAX (614) 299-7706.

Texas Health Regulations For out of state horses, please ensure you have the appropriate documentation for your horses per the Texas Animal Health Commission. Click HERE.

Liability Horses by their inherent nature present a risk. Neither the organizing/show committee, the 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, loss to persons, horses, or property of exhibitors or spectators/attendees. 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.

Each participant in an equestrian activity expressly assumes the risk of and legal responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to person or property which results from participation in an equestrian activity. Each participant shall have the sole individual responsibility for knowing the range of his or her own ability to manage, care for, and control a particular horse or perform a particular equestrian activity, and it shall be the duty of each participant to act within the limits of the participant's own ability, to maintain reasonable control of the particular horse or horses at all times while participating in an equestrian activity, to heed all posted warnings, to perform equestrian activities only in an area or in facilities designated by the horseman and to refrain from acting in a manner which may cause or contribute to the injury of anyone. If while actually riding in an equestrian event, any participant collides with any object or person, except an obviously intoxicated person of whom the horseman is aware, or if the participant falls from the horse or from a horse-drawn conveyance, the responsibility for such collision or fall shall be solely that of the participant or participants involved and not that of the horseman.

Accidents A participant involved in an accident shall not depart from the area or facility where the equestrian activity took place without leaving personal identification, including name and address, or without notifying the proper authorities, or without obtaining assistance when that person knows or reasonably should know that any other person involved in the accident is in need of medical or other assistance.

Important notice to all affected parties Third parties may come upon the property or enter the facilities where any herein described or listed event will occur; provided, that this is a license to enter the premises, for the purpose of observing or participating in the event, but not otherwise, and such license to any individual is subject to revocation by the owner, lessee or organizer, and entry for any purpose other than granted herein, shall be deemed criminal trespass and subject to appropriate legal proceedings.

Dogs are not permitted to be loose on competition grounds and must be held on a leash or otherwise restrained. Harris County leash law will be enforced. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dog owners are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from their dogs’ behaviors. Dog owners failing to comply with this rule will be issued a Yellow warning card and may be subject to penalty under Chapters 6 and 7. (GR1301.6) No other pets or livestock other than horses and mules allowed on grounds.
**Directions** Great Southwest Equestrian Center is located on the east side of Mason Road approximately three miles south of Interstate Highway 10 (Exit #745) Phone (281) 578-7669
**CONCESSIONS and ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Concessions** are available at show grounds. No cooking is allowed on the premises.

## Accommodations

**Holiday Inn Express** 21010 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77450 (on north side feeder road at I-10 east of Mason Rd, I-10 exit 745) 281/392-1010 (3.5 miles from Great Southwest Equestrian Center)

**Comfort Inn**, 22025 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77450 (on south side feeder road at I-10 west of Mason Rd, I-10 exit 745) 281/392-8700 (3 miles from Great Southwest Equestrian Center)

**LaQuinta Inn & Suites**, 22455 Katy Freeway, Katy, TX 77450 Phone: (281) 392-9800 (on south side feeder road at I-10 west of Mason Rd, I-10 exit 743) (4 miles from Great Southwest Equestrian Center)

**Hampton Inn**, 22055 Katy Fwy, Katy, TX 77450 (on south side of feeder road at I-10 west of Mason Road, I-10 exit 745) 281-392-1000 (3 miles from Great Southwest Equestrian Center)

**Home 2 Suites by Hilton**. 20985 Katy Freeway, Katy, TX 77450. 281-398-3500, www.houstonkaty.home2suites.com

**RV Info** Regular hookups are available for $50/night or premium hookups at front of Tellepsen Arena for $60/night. All RV spots have water. Both 30-amp and 50-amp service are available. There is no dump station. See map on page 24 to see locations.

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## HDS

**Note** Houston Dressage Society (HDS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation recognized by the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Texas. The club is dedicated to furthering the art of dressage through education for its members and through conducting shows in order for its members to achieve their goals.

Click [HERE](#) to Visit Houston Dressage Society’s website for:
- Show calendar
- Education and clinics
- Awards
- News
- Membership
- Sponsorship and advertising opportunities
US EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION RULES

“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 THEREWITH.”

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.

USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT DR901.9 Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a $45 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot (exception: Friesian performance FR222) 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 their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

MOTORIZED VEHICLE RULE 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/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.

Sharps Containers Competition management shall place a minimum of one sharps container per each competition, whether or not stabling is provided. Additionally, at least one sharps container per fifty occupied stalls for the disposal of needles and other disposable sharp instruments in convenient locations in barns housing competition horses. It is competition management’s responsibility to replace such containers when full and dispose of them properly. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to $100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments. Please do not use garbage cans for this material. If local law has different requirements, local law will prevail.

Protective Headgear Rule DR120.6 Current USEF helmet policy will be strictly enforced.

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 Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at www.usef.org.

THE RULES MAY HAVE CHANGED FROM THE CURRENT RULE BOOK. IT IS THE COMPETITORS’ RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THE CURRENT USEF RULE BOOK FOR ANY CHANGES.

The listed rules are only general and are subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Directors of USEF.

IT IS THE RIDER’S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW RULES FOR SHOWING AT A DRESSAGE SHOW.

CHECK THE CURRENT USEF 2020 RULE BOOK FOR ALL CHANGES AT www.usef.org

Current rules can be found on www.usef.org.
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS and SHOW POLICIES

Show Management reserves the right to change officials, rotate rings, limit entries, add, combine or cancel classes insufficiently filled, modify the schedule or reschedule classes after due notice to exhibitors, and modify or cancel awards and/or make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications listed herein.

Show Management reserves the right to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify any riders or exhibitors, and/or prohibit entries deemed sufficient by Show Management without claims for damages.

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

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

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

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

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

Show Management reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions regarding or 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 the horse show management; their decision will be final.

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of individual members and over 300 independent organizations throughout the United States, 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 serious 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.
Southwest Dressage Championship 2020
Qualifying Percentages

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The intent to qualify for a specific division must be designated on the entry form and the qualifying fee PAID before the ride at a qualifying show.

Sponsorships are available for $500 per level/division. Please quickly contact the Chairman to request a spot to get the level and division you want and be listed on the SWDC website and in the championship program.

Be listed as a Friend of SWDC and help sponsor the 2020 Qualified Rider Patch. This is a $100 listing and we need 15 sponsors to cover the cost of the patches.

Also available are two Classic Combination sponsorships at $250 per sponsorship.

Chairman contact information: Sarah Jane Martin P.O. Box 910, Montgomery, Texas 77356 936-443-5811

See www.swdressage.org for complete SWDC Rules

Important Considerations for Qualifying

1. A horse/ rider combination may qualify for the SWDC Championship by earning two qualifying scores in qualifying classes at SWDC recognized shows during the SWDC qualifying year. Qualifying classes are the highest test at each level, with the exception of Walk Trot which will use Intro Test B. Winning or placing in the class is not necessary as long as the score is earned. These scores must be earned at two different competitions from two different judges.

2. An $10.00 fee is added to the regular entry fee when entering a Qualifying Class at an SWDC recognized competition. $1.00 of the fee is to provide for the volunteers’ services at the Championships, $5.00 of this fee is allocated for prize money at the Championships, and the remaining $4.00 will be used to help pay for awards (any of the $4.00 not used for prizes will be added to the prize money).

3. One score may be earned at a show that is not approved by the SWDC as long as a. Region 9 and recognized by USEF-USDF b. The rider submits the score (a copy of the front of a signed dressage test) and a fee of $25.00 to the SWDC Qualifying Secretary within two weeks of the end of the competition. If the score is not received within the two weeks, it will not apply.

4. A horse/ rider combination having won the Championships at a certain level and division may not compete at that level and division or below in the Championships in subsequent years (except Grand Prix). However, the horse may compete at any level with a different rider.

5. Riders in the Walk/Trot level must not have competed in a recognized show above First Level.

6. Each rider must declare the division in which they are competing prior to each attempt at a qualifying ride at SWDC qualifying shows or for a score submitted under Rule 4 (Amateur, Open, or Junior/Young Rider) and must provide proof of eligibility in the case of Amateur and Junior/Young Rider. The intent to qualify for a particular division must be designated on the entry form. Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Riders and Ponies may also qualify for the Open division. Separate qualifying scores must be earned for each division. At the SWDC Championships they must enter each division separately and will ride in each division separately. If a competitor is found to have entered a division in which they are NOT ELIGIBLE they must default to show in the Open division if their qualifying scores are sufficient to qualify in that division.

7. In qualifying classes with more than one judge, scores among the judges of the ride will be averaged. For purposes of obtaining qualifying scores from two judges, so long as one judge in the judging combination is changed, it will constitute a different judge.

8. Qualifying rides must be ridden in an unmodified standard 20m x 60m arena with the exception of walk trot which may be ridden in a 20m x 40m arena.

9. Competitors wishing to qualify for the Training or First Level Open Pony Championships may ride a qualifying test at Training or First Level in any division. These qualifying scores do not have to be earned in classes restricted to ponies but the competitor must declare prior to the start of the ride their intent to qualify for the SWDC Pony Championship class. Failure to do so will result in the default to the Open division. Ponies must meet height requirements set by the USEF (DR135) in order to be eligible for this division at the Championships.

10. Junior Riders may qualify for the SWDC Open Third Level Freestyle Championship Class using qualifying scores obtained from Junior Rider Freestyle and Young Riders may qualify for the SWDC Open FEI Level Freestyle class using the Young Riders Freestyle. Scores must meet the division percentages and the rider must state the intention to qualify for those classes and pay qualifying fees PRIOR TO THE RIDE.

11. Competitors may check scores by checking www.swdressage.org web site or by emailing the SWDC Qualifying Secretary, at qualifying@swdressage.org. To permit recording, scores will not be available until at least three weeks after the competition.
USDF Membership Benefits: 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.

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 USEF 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-Hard 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 FM, GM, or BM there is no NM fee assessed. Competition management will be notified 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 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 entered 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 and fax or mail it to the USDF office.
- 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

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US Dressage Finals Eligibility

The US Dressage Finals is an Invitational competition using the USEF/USDF Regional Championship program to qualify. Qualifying takes place at each of the nine Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, based on either 1) Ranking in a Regional Championship Class or 2) Wild Card Eligibility. Either must be achieved at a Regional Championship in a class and eligible division offered at the US Dressage Finals.

I. Qualification Based on Ranking in a Regional Championship Class:

Champion and Reserve Champion horse/rider combinations for each level and eligible division from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited, provided the following three requirements are met: US Citizenship; Declaration of Intent completed by the deadline; and earning an eligible ranking in a Regional Championship class.

Note: Since Freestyle classes at Regional Championships are not split by division, the top two declared Open horse/rider combinations and the top two declared Adult Amateur horse/rider combinations for each level from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited. In addition, to be eligible for the Adult Amateur division in the Freestyles at the US Dressage Finals, competitors must check the AA box on the Regional Championship entry form and must provide proof of Adult Amateur status prior to competing in their Regional Championship classes.

1) United States Citizenship Requirement: To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen.

2) Declaration Requirement: The horse/rider combination must declare their intention to participate by completing the Declaration of Intent form by midnight on the day prior to the first day of their Regional Championship competition (including any open class day before the start of championship classes). There is no fee to declare, but horse/rider combinations must declare at the level(s) and eligible division(s) they intend to compete in at the US Dressage Finals. Go to www.usdressagefinals.com to declare.

3) Ranking in a Regional Championship Class: Eligibility to enter US Dressage Finals classes is based on a horse/rider combination’s ranking in a Regional Championship class. Champions and Reserve Champions in eligible classes will be automatically invited, as long as they have declared by the deadline. Note: In order to be named Champion and Reserve Champion in a Regional Championship class, a horse/rider combination must have achieved a score of 57% or higher.

In the event that the Champion and/or Reserve Champion declines the invitation, or are ineligible to compete in the US Dressage Finals, the horse/rider combination that has the next highest ranking in the class will be eligible, providing they:

1. Are a US citizen.
2. Completed the Declaration of Intent for that particular level and division by the deadline.
3. Achieved the pre-requisite score of 57% or higher.

If that combination declines, the same process will be followed down through the fifth ranked declared horse/rider combination for that Finals level and division.

No notifications will be issued beyond the fifth ranked, of declared horse/rider combination except as may be eligible through the Wild Card invitations described below.

II. Qualification Based on Wild Card Eligibility:

Horse/rider combinations who are not otherwise qualified to compete in the US Dressage Finals based on their Regional Championship ranking (see above) may be invited to participate in a Finals class by earning a Wild Card score achieved at one of

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the nine Regional Championships, provided the following two requirements are met: US Citizenship and earning an eligible Wild Card score in a Regional Championship class.

1) United States Citizenship Requirement: To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen.
2) Eligible Wild Card Score: Eligibility to enter US Dressage Finals classes is based on a Wild Card score earned in a Regional Championship class. For all levels and divisions from Training through Grand Prix, a horse/rider combination that competes in a Regional Championship class and achieves a score at or above the score listed below for that level and division may compete in the same level and division at the US Dressage Finals.

Note: Horse/rider combinations are not required to have filed a “Declaration of Intent” in order to receive a Wild Card invitation.

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III. Invitations:

Invitations and notifications will be emailed to eligible/qualified horse/rider combinations immediately after each Regional Championship. There will be three categories of emails:

1) Invitation emails will be sent to the top two of the top five declared horse/rider combinations.
2) Invitation emails will be sent to combinations eligible for a Wild Card.
3) Notification emails will be sent to the third to fifth declared horse/rider combinations, notifying them that they are on the reserve/alternate list and reminding them to check the website for any status changes that would make them eligible for an invitation.

In the event that an invited horse/rider combination scratches, invitations may be issued up to the start of the competition.

Note: Competitors do not need to receive an actual invitation to nominate themselves for the US Dressage Finals. The entry system will have their eligibility status and they can nominate prior to receiving an email invitation.

IV. Nomination Requirement:

Nomination, including payment of the nomination fee, is required for participation in US Dressage Finals classes, whether qualifying through ranking in a Regional Championship class or by Wild Card Eligibility. The nomination deadline is midnight, 96 hours after the last championship day in the regional championship show in which the horse/rider combination competed. Each US Dressage Finals horse/rider combination is required to complete the nomination (preliminary entry) process including the horse/rider combinations on the reserve/alternate list. The Nomination fee paid will be applied to the total amount due at Closing Date.

V. Entry Requirements

Completed entries for the US Dressage Finals must be received by the closing date, October 19, 2020 midnight Eastern Time. Priority for all stabling requests (including stabling in Alltech Barns and for double stalls) will be based on the date of receipt of the COMPLETE online entry. Due to COVID-19 Best Practices, each online entry must include the following: full payment, fully signed 2020 US Dressage Finals entry form and signed USEF Waiver, current negative Coggins test and current Flu/Rhino Vaccine Record. All documents must be uploaded when you receive your online entry confirmation from HorseshowOffice.com, that is emailed immediately to you after you enter online. The last factor in determining stabling priority will be the allotted number of Alltech stalls available per region.

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Above deadlines are midnight in the time zone of the specific Regional Championship.

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A portion of the dues paid to your Group Member Organization (GMO) are submitted to USDF. If you are a member of more than one GMO, you can request a refund of the USDF portion of GMO dues paid for additional GMOs that you join (limit three). You must designate your primary GMO and cannot request a refund for that GMO. If you request a refund for any additional GMOs, your membership will no longer be considered in that GMO’s membership count when determining the number of voting delegates that your GMO is entitled to at the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting at the convention. By completing this form, you are confirming that you understand that your refund request could potentially affect the GMO delegate numbers for GMOs for which you requested a refund. Refunds may only be requested from April 1 through August 1 of the current GMO year. Once this form is received in the USDF office the refund may take several weeks to process. Forms not filled out completely and/or not signed will not be processed. Supporting family members are not eligible for this refund.

Please designate the following GMO as my primary GMO*

I would like a refund of $12 for each of the following additional GMOs I have joined:

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

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