



## Early Morning Blues

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PINEHURST HARNESS TRACK,  
PINEHURST, NC

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**2026 CBLM Qualifier**

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All classes listed on page 2 are USEF/USDF/NCDCTA recognized. To enter these classes rider/owner/trainer must all be members of USEF or buy a show-pass (non-member ) fee for each. Rider must be USDF Participating or Group member or pay a non- member fee. All horses must have at least a USDF HID # to enter. Owners of horses competing in this competition (non-qualifying rides), may have a USDF Participating, Group, or Business Membership or pay the USDF non-member fee. In regards to the (GAIG-Q)Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship qualifying classes, horses must be USDF lifetime registered and USEF annual or lifetime recorded, riders are required to have an active USEF membership & USDF Participating Memberships. 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. Riders/owners/trainers/coaches must all be current with the USEF Safe Sport training. All persons signing as Trainer must have USEF Senior membership. This includes parents signing as Trainer. The Trainer is the person legally responsible for the horse on the showgrounds. A minor cannot sign as the Trainer. All horses must be chipped and paperwork on file with USEF. USEF will require the microchip to be reported prior to the horse competition and will be associated with horse and competition records."

Sat	Sun	Class Description	Divisions	Fee	GAIG-Q	BLM
101	201	USEF Training Level Test 1	O, AA, Jr/YR	50		
102	202	USEF Training Level Test 2	O, AA, Jr/YR	50		BLM
103	203	USEF Training Level Test 3	O, AA, Jr/YR	50	\$20	
111	211	USEF First Level Test 1	O, AA, Jr/YR	50		
112	212	USEF First Level Test 2	O, AA, Jr/YR	50		BLM
113	213	USEF First Level Test 3	O, AA, Jr/YR	50	\$20	
121	221	USEF Second Level Test 1	O, AA, Jr/YR	55		
122	222	USEF Second Level Test 2	O, AA, Jr/YR	55		BLM
123	223	USEF Second Level Test 3	O, AA, Jr/YR	55	\$20	
131	231	USEF Third Level Test 1	O, AA, Jr/YR	55		
132	232	USEF Third Level Test 2	O, AA, Jr/YR	55		BLM
133	233	USEF Third Level Test 3	O, AA, Jr/YR	55	\$20	
141	241	USEF Fourth Level Test 1	O, AA, Jr/YR	55		
142	242	USEF Fourth Level Test 2	O, AA, Jr/YR	55		BLM
143	243	USEF Fourth Level Test 3	O, AA, Jr/YR	55	\$20	
180	280	USEF TOC (specify test)	O, AA, Jr/YR	65	\$20	BLM
151	251	FEI Prix St. Georges	O, AA, Jr/YR	65	\$20	BLM
152	252	FEI Intermediate I	O, AA, Jr/YR	65	\$20	BLM
154	254	FEI Intermediate II	O, AA, Jr/Yr	65	\$20	BLM
155	255	FEI Grand Prix	O, AA, Jr/YR	65	\$20	BLM
156	256	FEI Test of Choice	O, AA, Jr/YR	75	\$20	BLM

### Class List USEF Opportunity Tests

These tests are designed to introduce dressage to non-members. Riders/horses may cross enter Opportunity classes with Open classes, however, the USEF fee of \$25 is charged along with USEF & USDF requirements for rider/owner/horse

Horses, riders, owners, trainers, and coaches participating only in Opportunity classes are exempt from Federation and affiliate organization membership, Horse Identification (HID) requirements and non-member/Show Pass fees, but are required to list the Federation membership number if the participant is a member

Sun	Sat	Opportunity Test	Division	Fee	BLM
5101	5201	Training Level Test 1	0	50	
5102	5202	Training Level Test 2	0	50	
5103	5203	Training Level Test 3	0	50	
5111	5211	First Level Test 1	0	50	
5112	5212	First Level Test 2	0	50	
5113	5213	First Level Test 3	0	50	

### Class List USDF Introductory Tests

These tests are designed for beginner horses and riders. No memberships or registrations are required for rider/owner/trainer/horse and non-member fees are not charged, however the USEF \$23 is required

Sat class	Sun Class	USEF Introductory Test	Division	Fee \$
10	20	USDF Intro A	0	50
11	21	USDF Intro B	0	50
12	22	USDF Intro C	0	50

### Class List Freestyles

Please state level on entry. Music for Freestyles must be on CDs provided by competitor to announcer on the day prior to class. Sound checks at 5PM on the day prior to the class day. Music in MP3 format should be emailed to [Kay Whitlock](#) at least 1 week prior to the show. 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

Sat class	Sun Class	Freestyle	Division	Fee	GAIG-Q	BLM
171	271	USDF Freestyle TOC	O, AA, JR/YR	\$75	\$20	No Fee
172	272	FEI Freestyle TOC	O,AA,JR?YR	\$75	\$20	No Fee

### Pony Test of Choice

Open to all ponies holding a valid USEF pony measurement card. Any test may be ridden

Sat Class	Sun Class	Pony TOC	Division	Fee	GAIG-Q	BLM
190	290	Pony TOC	Pony	60	\$20	No Fee

GAIG-Q - Great American/Regional Dressage Championship qualifying class.  
 BLM =Colonel Bengt Ljungquist Memorial Championship qualifying class.  
 JR/YR—Juniors & Young Riders - list birthdate on entry. AA = Amateur.  
**Classes will be split AA (Adult Amateur) , J (JR/YR), O (Open) if entries warrant.**  
 Freestyle TOC = Test of Choice. State Level on entry.  
 # Freestyles - Training level is not a GAIG/USDF qualifier.

## LEVELS

Training - Grand Prix. All tests will be current editions.

**Awards** – Ribbons to fifth place and a prize in classes of 3 or more.

High Score ribbons by level Open, AA & JR/YR - scores must be 60% or higher.

Special High Score ribbons (Ex. Equitation, Freestyle, Opportunity, Intro & YH tests) sponsored by:

**Thoroughbred High Score Award;** Sponsored by the [Jockey Club](#). Eligible horse must possess T.I.P. numbers For more information, visit [www.tjctip.com](http://www.tjctip.com).

[American Hanoverian Society](#): To the highest scoring Hanoverian at any level. No AHS membership required.

[North American Danish Warmblood Association](#) to the highest scoring member- owned registered horse.

[KWPN high score](#): Horse must be registered and owner current member

EZium high score award for the highest scoring horse registered with one of the traditional Stock Horse breed registries (Paint, Appaloosa, or Quarter Horse). <http://www.ezium.org>

[National Dressage Pony Cup](#)—Champion & Reserve to the highest scoring ponies in the pony classes. NDPC membership not required.

IALHA—[International Andalusian & Lusitano Horse Association](#)

[Friesian Horse Society](#)—

[NADWA](#)—North American Dutch Warmblood Association

[Oldenburg](#)

**Adult Amateur High Score** at all levels: sponsored by Lysa Hodgson

**Guest horses** are welcome but must send in a completed entry form with guest horse fee plus the \$45 office fee, submit a current coggins, and stabling. GUEST HORSES MUST BE STABLED ON THE GROUNDS. Guest horses are not allowed on the warm-up pad during show hours.

## STABLING

300 permanent stalls ranging from 10 x 10 to 12 x 12 with doors center-aisled barns. Initial bedding only.

Extra bedding must be ordered with the entry in advance at \$10 per bag. NO BEDDING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SHOWGROUNDS. Nightwatch is provided by the management Friday & Saturday nights. Sharps containers are located at entrance end of each barn.

### Night Care and Braiding Services

To sign up, please respond directly to the email that will be sent out the week before the show; all pricing and details will be included. Contact Katherine Slichter ([kslichter@gmail.com](mailto:kslichter@gmail.com)) if you do not receive an email about night care.

## FEES

See individual class fees on class chart. Online entries only—no snail mail accepted. Post entries will be placed on a waiting list to fill scratches. Bounced check policy: Void entry and incur a \$40 charge. Entries placed on a waiting list until a money order, certified check or cash is received. Credit cards incur a 5% fee

GAIG/USDF Qualifying add	\$20	Day Parking <i>per day per horse not stabled on grounds</i>	\$50
USDF non-member	\$55	RV hookup/per night <i>water &amp; electric</i>	\$40
USEF fee per horse <i>(D &amp; M: \$15, USEF: \$10)</i>	\$25	Guest Horses	\$50
		Late fee (if accepted)	\$50
Turnout paddock limited # <i>order ahead</i>	\$65	Add/change fee/per class	\$50
Horse & Tack stalls weekend <i>includes 2 bag shavings</i> <i>plus barn night check</i>	\$135	<i>exempt changes due to scheduling conflict</i>	
<i>extra nights</i>	\$30	Office fee	\$45
		Extra Bedding ordered in advance	\$10

## **ARENAS**

**Three 20m x 60m on screenings with warm-up on screenings.** Extensive open grass area for more independent warm-up. No one on foot is permitted in the warm-up arenas—all coaching must be done from the side.. Lunging on grass and on sand/clay track.

## **ENTRIES**

**EACH ENTRY MUST HAVE COPIES OF ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED**

Confirmations will be e-mailed upon receipt of entry.

Riders assume responsibility for verifying correct entry information. Management not responsible for errors.. Online entries only at <https://entry.foxvillage.com/>

Full refund if scratch is received by closing date less office fee. **No refunds after closing date or after start of competition.** This includes classes cancelled due to severe weather or other emergency conditions. All entries received after the closing date will incur a \$50 late fee if accepted.

All entries are taken on a first come, first served basis. Late entries will be put on a wait list on an as-received basis. Management reserves the right to add, combine or divide classes, add/substitute judges, or make any changes required by circumstances.

Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF rule book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.

**Post entries** will be charged a late fee and will be placed on a waiting list to fill scratches. **All “No Shows” that have not contacted the show office prior to first ride will be considered a scratch for the rest of the show and time slots may be filled.**

Horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. These documents need to remain with the horse. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Check show website for changes in this policy which may go into effect at a later date by USEF.

**Attention Competitors: Each competitor is responsible for supplying the show management with the correct and required association numbers of USDF and/or USEF for the horse, owner, rider, coaches, and trainer, and all documentation, including coggins & waivers no later than one week before the day (s) of the competition. Riders will not be allowed to compete if the USEF waivers have not been signed and submitted to management no later than one week prior to the start of competition.**

**Riders & owners are eligible for one Show Pass (non-member fee) per competition year. Trainers & coaches must be an Active USEF member and are not eligible for a Show Pass. Show management can no longer accept payment from an exhibitor for a Show Pass fee. Show Pass purchases can only be made directly online to the USEF offices at least one week prior to the start of the competition. A Show Pass is valid for one competition and is limited to no more than one Show Pass per individual per competition year.**

**All add/changes MUST be done by 5PM on the prior day. Absolutely no scratches will be filled during the competition day.**

**Only one horse/rider combination per entry form per show. This includes guest horse entries.**

## **TIMES**

Official times available Friday at the secretary's stand. Times and stabling will be posted on our website

Sunday prior to the show. [www.carolinadressage.com](http://www.carolinadressage.com). **Final times to include any revisions will be posted and available by noon each day before the start of competition**

## **Pony Division**

If ponies are in need of a USEF measurement card, an appointment for measuring **MUST** be made with the officiating TD and the Veterinarian directly to set up a time. A Fee not to exceed \$100 may be charged by the Veterinarian.

**ACCOMMODATIONS :** Our Host Hotel is the The Residence Inn, 105 Brucewood Road, Southern Pines, NC 28387 910-693-3400. Located about a mile from Harness Track. *Pet Friendly*

In addition to singles they offer suites with 2 separate bedroom/bathrooms plus a living room with fireplace & kitchenette (super buy instead of 2 singles). Continental breakfast starts at 6.30, however coffee, juices & pastries will be available earlier.

## **HOSPITALITY**

Free water available at all times. Track Restaurant open during the show

## **DIRECTIONS**

Pinehurst Harness Track, 200 Beulah Hill Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374. Located on N.C. 5 in Pinehurst, N.C. From North: US 1 or US 15/501, exit at Morganton Road in Southern Pines, turn west (right) toward Pinehurst. Follow Morganton to end, turn South (left) on NC 5. Use main Harness Track entrance on left.

From the West, take US 220 (I 73/74 corridor) to NC 211 east towards Pinehurst. Turn right at NC 5, Harness Track is 1.7 miles on left.

From South: US 1 to Aberdeen, turn left (West) on NC 5 to Harness Track, approx. 6 miles on right. Alternate route from US #1 North or South: turn at 15/501 North in Aberdeen and turn left at Morganton Road traffic light (Pinecrest Plaza shopping center). Proceed until Morganton Rd ends and turn left on NC 5. Harness Track entrance is on the left.

Turn right after entering facility and go past the Fair Barn and turn left on dirt road just past the parking lots. Show office is in Barn 14 on the far side of the track.

## **CAMPING**

Limited independent camping is available for \$40 per night—water & electric only

## **OTHER**

All dogs must be leashed and attached to a person or immovable object.

**Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides and Vaulting Competitions: (See GR828.4 of the Federation rules). 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 non-member may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, or agent, at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a 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 FR231) and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes**

## **Rules and Regulations**

EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.

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

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

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

All riders requiring special assistance MUST register with the show office prior to the start of the competition.

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

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

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

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

Coaches are not allowed within the warm-up arena and must remain outside the arena at all times.

**Protective Headgear.** Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet, which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds, including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, mounted participants in exhibition classes, and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para Dressage tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until the headgear is properly in place.

**Important notice to all affected parties:**

No exhibitor may withdraw horses from a licensed show after it has commenced, or remove them from the show grounds without permission of the show secretary (GR 805).

**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.**

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](http://www.usef.org).

**Viewpoint Swat 'n Sweat series:** consists of all 6 Viewpoint shows at the Pinehurst Harness track:

Dressage in the Sandhills May 8-10, MayDay May 23 & 24, Summertime Blues June 20 & 21, Rise 'n Shine July 11 & 12; Early Morning Blues August 8 & 9; CoolDown September 5 & 6.

Riders must have competed 4 of the 6 shows to be eligible. Each rider's top 4 scores will be averaged to determine the series champion at each level.

## ENTRY DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Include with entry documentation copies of:

- ◆ Current USEF membership (or Show Pass) - Rider, Owner and Trainer (coach, if applicable)
- ◆ Current USDF membership (or n/m #) - Rider and Owner. **Rider's USDF membership may be either Participating or GMO, Owner's USDF membership may be Participating, GMO or Business; if Rider/Owner's USDF # is a N/M ID #, the USDF nonmember fee must be paid.**
- ◆ USDF & USEF Horse ID (minimum requirement to compete)
- ◆ Current (1 Yr) negative coggins
- ◆ Copy of Equine Influenza Virus & Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations dated within 6 months of show.
- ◆ For Amateur classes - USEF membership card must declare Amateur
- ◆ Juniors and Young Riders must include birthdate.
- ◆ Freestyle entries must qualify at the highest test of that level from a USEF recognized show
- ◆ **ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETE AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE START OF COMPETITION BEFORE THE HORSE WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOWGROUNDS.**
- ◆ Parents signing as trainer of minor must be Active Competing Senior members of the USEF.
- ◆ Horses must have an equine microchip registered with USEF at least 1 week prior to show.

### For Great American/USDF Qualifying Classes also include:

- ◆ State "Qualifying" and include \$20 per Qualifying class
- ◆ Copies of USEF and USDF Horse Registrations (not HID #s) - document must list owner
- ◆ Owners and riders are required to have an active USEF membership, riders must have a USDF Participating Membership. 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.

There is no extra qualifying fee for the BLM qualifiers. Riders must declare their intent to compete in the BLM Championships. Contact <http://www.cblm.org/>

### Opportunity Classes Requirements

No memberships or horse registrations are required however classes will be conducted under USEF rules.

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

Legal Guardian must sign for riders under 18 yrs. Trainer blank must be signed by person over 18 who assumes responsibility for horse. If a coach is listed on the entry form they, must sign the signature space on the back.

**If you are a USEF competing member 18 years of age or older you are required to take the core Safe Sport training within 30 days of activating your membership. Take the Safe Sport Training at USEF.org by logging into your member dashboard."**

## PLEASE NOTE

**There are a VERY limited number of available paddocks & RV spots.  
There are only a handful of spots that offer stall/paddock/RV capability.**

**In addition there are few more RV/stall availability spots.**

**Then there are a few more paddock only spots within walking distance of the barns.**

**We suggest reserving these spots well in advance of any of the 6 shows Viewpoint offers.**

**Entries and \$\$ are not necessary to reserve spots.**

**We may not be able to keep groups together if one or more reserve spots.**

**It may be a good alternative to consider sharing paddocks within groups.**

**Contact Kay with shows and spots you wish to reserve.**

USEF Competition Name:

USEF#:

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):



# MAAPP

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[usef.org/safe-sport/reporting](https://usef.org/safe-sport/reporting)

Text or WhatsApp Anonymously 2USEF(28733)



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](http://www.usdf.org).

**This  
competition  
is recognized  
by USDF  
for 2026**

Membership Requirements for USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Competitions: Owners and riders, including foreign riders and owners who are not residents of the US, wishing to participate in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition as a rider or owner/lessee, must have either a USDF Group Membership (GM), Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF Non-Member (NM) fee. (Note: USDF Business Members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their USDF Business Membership.)

Horses competing at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions must have either a USDF Horse Identification (HID) number or a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR). Proper credentials or verification certificates must be presented to the competition secretary.

Riders and owners wishing to participate in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition, and not able to present the competition secretary with verification of a USDF membership or NM identification, and USDF LHR or USDF HID, must complete a USDF Competition Affidavit Form and pay the \$5 affidavit filing fee. A copy of a completed affidavit form from another competition may also be used for verification purposes for up to 60 days. (Exception: Affidavits cannot be used at Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships.)

Exceptions:

- Horses competing only in Individual Breed Classes (IBCs) at DSHB competitions, sires and dams of horses in DSHB group classes, where those sires or dams are not actually competing in the same competition, horses competing only in breed restricted dressage or DSHB classes at Regular Competitions (e.g. all Arabian, all Friesian, or all Morgan classes), or in USDF Introductory Level tests, pas de deux or quadrille, are exempt from this requirement. Also exempt are horses ridden in leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot, academy, and opportunity classes.
- Riders and owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the USDF NM identification number and NM fee requirements. Also exempt are handlers of horses competing in DSHB In-Hand or Group classes.

#### Memberships Defined

**Participating Membership (PM):** A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. The membership year is December 1 through November 30. PMs are available for 1-year (\$100), 5-years (\$400), or life (\$2,000). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for individuals who have not reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current membership year (\$80). 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.

**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 (\$280) 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 \$55 per competition that must be collected by the show secretary and submitted to USDF, along with the USDF Report of Fees document and the \$5 affidavit fee and Competition Affidavit Form if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card. Owners/lessees or riders exempt from the NM number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF NM fee. If there are multiple owners of a horse and all are NMs, only one of the owners must pay the NM fee. If the horse has at least one owner who is a current USDF PM, GM, or BM there is no NM fee assessed. Competition management will be invoiced for all applicable USDF NM fees not received with the USDF post-competition paperwork, along with a report listing all USDF NMs. Competition management is then required to submit the NM fees within 30 days to the USDF. An individual with a USDF NM identification number is not eligible for any USDF membership benefits. Once a USDF NM number has been assigned, a USDF NM card can be obtained from the USDF website.

**Horse Identification (HID) Number:** A one-time tracking number for horses (\$45). Scores earned by a horse with an HID number will be recorded but will NOT be counted towards Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID number is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$95. 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 (\$140) 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](http://www.usdf.org). You can submit the application online or download the form.
- In the show office at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions classified by USEF as Dressage Competitions, and Regular Competitions which are open to all breeds.
- By calling or writing the USDF office at (859) 971-2277, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511

The effective date of membership is the date the form and correct fees are received in the USDF office or, if applying at a competition, the date accepted by the competition secretary, provided the application is signed and dated by the competition secretary, member, and/or horse owner on that same day.



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

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

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

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

### WARNING:

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

**Under North Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury or to the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99e of the North Carolina General Statutes.**

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

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

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

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

By signing below, I agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time. Further, by signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in USEF Events. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

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

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR  OWNER  TRAINER  OFFICIAL  STAFF  VOLUNTEER  COACH (IF APPLICABLE)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent//Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_



# FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaulteur or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of \_\_\_\_\_ (Competition). I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable - casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR907.4.

If not currently a USEF Active Competing member or Subscriber and competing only in classes that are exempt from membership requirements, I acknowledge and agree that I will be enrolled at no cost as a USEF Fan and my USEF Fan Account will continue to annually automatically renew unless and until USEF determines in its sole discretion to terminate my Fan account. Additionally, I acknowledge that the benefits of a USEF Fan are subject to change without notice. I acknowledge that I may opt out at any time by going to My USEF Dashboard or calling (859) 810-8733.

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE** that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time, as well as all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand.

**RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAINER** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER/AGENT** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**COACH** (if applicable)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulteur/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent//Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Is Rider/Driver/Vaulteur a U.S. Citizen:  Yes  No

