

LAKE ERIE COLLEGE

Winter Series Dressage Show

USEF/USDF Level II Competition #452

March 17-18, 2012

Venue: Lake Erie College Equestrian Center

Trailer Entrance (Closest GPS address): 10201 Pinecrest Road

Painesville, Ohio 44077

www.lec.edu

Opening Date February 1, 2012 **Closing Date** (Postmarked) March 5, 2012

Great American/USDF Regional Championship Qualifier

USDF/Dover Adult Medal Qualifier



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Save the dates!

March 30 - April 1, 2012, Dressage Prix de Ville

June 16 & 17, 2012, Dressage Derby I & II

June 30 - July 1, 2012, FarmVet/USDF Adult Clinic Series with Lilo Fore

Save time and money: online entries at www.HorseShowOffice.com

Draw checks to and mail with entry to LEC c/o Anne Sushko 1942 Clifford Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52002-0445.

Manager: Veronica Holt 303-589-5783 veronicaholt@Q.com

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Horse Show Phone During Show: 440-375-8000

Licensee: Lake Erie College

Judge: Jayne Ayers 'S' WI - other judge(s) may be added if entries warrant

Technical Delegate: Cleon Wingard 'R' OH

Veterinarian: On Call - posted on grounds **Farrier:** On Call - posted on grounds **EMT:** On site during show

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. Gr 902.1

Important: Entries may be completed online. If entering via paper, please use current entry form. Rides may be scheduled from early morning through evening each day. Entries taken based on postmark and may close early if show is full. Remaining entries received will be placed on a wait list based on postmark. Make checks payable to Lake Erie College.

Fees:	USEF Drug Fee (per show)	\$16.00
	Intro & Opportunity:	\$25.00
	ParaEquestrian:	\$30.00
	Training, First, & Second:	\$30.00
	Third & Fourth:	\$35.00
	FEI tests and Freestyles:	\$40.00
	GAIG/USDF Qualifier:	\$10.00 additional fee to class fee.

Post entries taken if schedule allows (add per class):	\$20.00
Office fee for on-line entries (per horse/rider combination):	\$25.00
Office fee for mailed in entries:	\$30.00
Non-negotiable checks:	\$50.00
Daily haul-in fee for non-stabled horses:	\$15.00
Non-competing horse:	\$30.00

Stabling and Tack: Bedding not provided – shavings available for purchase. Permanent box stalls and vinyl temporary stalls with doors (all are minimum size 10 X 10), both under roof. Stallions, horses over 17 hands and entries showing for entire weekend will be given preference for permanent stalls. Due to the limited number of stalls available during the school year, we may be unable to honor requests for non-competing horses or tack stalls. Please pre-order any shavings needed. Please direct all stabling questions to Cami Harkless at 440.375.8030 or Charkless@lec.edu. Stalls will be available on Friday at noon.

Friday Noon through Sunday (stall or tack)	\$85.00
One day/night (5 PM-7 PM)	\$45.00
Bedding if ordered on entry (wood shavings, per bag)	\$ 9.00
Bedding if purchased on grounds	\$ 9.50

Refunds: Before closing date, all fees minus office fee. After closing date, stabling, USEF and qualifying fees if notified by the Monday prior to the show. Once the show starts, USEF and qualifying fees only. No refund for filled scratches. Waiting list entries not accepted – full refund. Waiting list exhibitors who are contacted for openings and accept are fully responsible financially to the show. No refunds due to weather conditions or Act of God. The overhead of running the show still exists even if you cannot trailer to the show. We do request that all cancellations be called in so that adjustments may be made to the schedule.

Confirmation/Ride Times: Confirmation of entry will be emailed. All email addresses must be clearly printed. Provisional ride times and show updates will be emailed and posted at www.lec.edu Wednesday before the show. Official times will be posted at the show office by noon Friday 16. It is the responsibility of the rider to inform show management of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving provisional ride times.

Opportunity Classes: Opportunity classes are for those (entry-level) riders wishing to participate in a recognized show experience but who do not wish to participate in USEF/USDF award programs. Participants and horses do not need USDF/USEF memberships and do not pay nonmember fees. However, if the horse/rider combination chooses to cross-enter into recognized classes then all applicable USDF/USEF memberships or non-member fees are required.

Concessions: Available on the grounds however, their hours may be limited as permitted in a Level 2 competition. Times of operation will be posted in the show office.

Awards: Ribbons to 6 places for classes with 3 or more entries per division. **Divisions:** (JR/AA/Open) may be run concurrently as one class. Divisions will be pinned separately. No separate awards for GAIG Qualifying classes. Numerous special high point breed awards - proof of breed registration will be required. High point awards training-2nd level, 3rd/4th level, and FEI.

Arena: Standard-size sand dressage arena set inside 100' X 225' fenced indoor arena. Smaller sand indoor warm-up. Intro through Training 1 may be in a small arena (20m X 40m). Training 2 and higher will be in a large arena (20m X 60m).

Schooling: Permitted in the arena until 8pm Friday and Saturday evenings. Lunging is allowed only in designated lunging areas. If bad weather exists, then lunging will be scheduled for indoor areas and times will be posted in the show office. Mounted schooling is not permitted in the same area as lunging.

Directions: GPS Address for trailer parking – 10201 Pinecrest Rd, Painesville, OH 44077

The Equestrian Center is about 30 miles east of Cleveland. Take I-90 to St. Rt. 44 South, Exit 200. Four lane highway will become two lanes. At traffic light, turn right on to Girdled Rd. Within 1 mile, road bears right onto Hermitage Rd. Approximately 3/10 miles, turn left onto Pinecrest Rd. Trailer entrance to the Equestrian Center is ½ mile on the right.

Management rules and procedures: A negative Coggins (EIA) Report listing horse's recorded show name(within 1 year of show date for Ohio horses, 6 months for horses entering Ohio) is required for all horses on grounds. Show number and stabling will not be assigned without negative Coggins. Management reserves the right to combine or cancel classes, to change or add officials; and to refuse entry of any exhibitor for cause. With the exception of service animals, dogs are not allowed in the main lobby of the learning center. Dogs brought onto the grounds must be on a leash no longer than 6' and held by a responsible adult. No smoking in lobby, barns or arenas. Trailer and vehicle parking in designated areas only – violators may be towed at owner's expense. Bridle numbers must be worn by the horse at all times when out of the stall. LEC's insurance requires that **PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR must be worn by all riders** while schooling. Lake Erie College and its employees will not be held responsible for loss or damage to persons, property or horses.

USDF Dover Medal Class – Class 214 (Sunday)

USDF Freestyle Entries must include copy of appropriate test (minimum of 60%) with the entry to confirm eligibility.

Saturday Classes (101-158) Sunday Classes (201-258)

101/201 USDF Intro Test A (JR-YR/AA/Open)
102/202 USDF Intro Test B (JR-YR/AA/Open)
103/203 USDF Intro Test C (JR-YR, AA, Open)
106/206 Training Test 1 (JR-YR/AA/Open)
107/207 Training Test 2 (JR-YR/AA/Open)
108/208 Training Test 3 (JR-YR/AA/Open)*Q
109/209 First Test 1 (JR-YR/AA/Open)
110/210 First Test 2 (JR-YR/AA/Open)
111/211 First Test 3 (JR-YR/AA/Open)*Q
112/212 Second Test 1 (JR-YR/AA/Open)
113/213 Second Test 2 (JR-YR/AA/Open)
/214 Second Test 3 (JR-YR/AA/Open) – USDF Dover Medal *Q
115/215 Third Test 1 (JR-YR/AA/Open)
116/216 Third Test 2 (JR-YR/AA/Open)
117/217 Third Test 3 (JR-YR/AA/Open) *Q
118/218 Fourth Test 1 (Open)
119/219 Fourth Test 2 (Open)
120/220 Fourth Test 3 (Open) *Q
121/221 Prix St. Georges (Open) *Q
122/222 Intermediare I (Open) *Q
123/223 Intermediare II (Open) *Q
124/224 Grand Prix (Open) *Q
125/225 USDF/FEI Freestyle (Open-state level) *Q
126/226 ParaEquestrian TOC
127/227 USEF/FEI Young Horse Test of Choice
155/255 Opportunity Training Test 1 (Open)
156/256 Opportunity Training Test 2 (Open)
157/257 Opportunity First Test 1 (Open)
158/258 Opportunity First Test 2 (Open)

Accommodations: *These hotels support LEC teams. For the discounted rate, please tell the reservations office that you are reserving rooms for a Lake Erie College horse show

***HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS CENTER**, Rt. 2 & Rt. 44, (Heisley Rd.; exit from Rt. 2), 440.357.0384

***BAYMONT INN & SUITES**, Concord, 7581 Auburn Rd., (Rt. 90 and Rt. 44/Exit 200), 440.579.0300

***RED ROOF INN**, Willoughby, Rt. 306 & I-90 (Exit 193), 440.946.9872

***FAIRFIELD INN**, Willoughby, Rt. 91 & I-90, 440.975.9922

***QUAIL HOLLOW RESORT**, Rt. 44 & I-90 (Exit 200), 440.497.1100

***COMFORT INN**, 7701 Reynolds Road (Rt 306 and Rt 2), Mentor Ohio 44060, 440-951-7333

General regulations, policies and entry specifications

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 showgrounds. This includes conduct, correct saddlery and equipment, and attire.

Liability – Horses by their inherent nature present a risk. This show, the management, the USEF Licensee, and the facility will not be responsible for any loss or damage or injury to horses exhibited, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed, or in any way injured. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned to any person, whomsoever, by any horse owned or exhibited by said exhibitor and shall indemnify the show, the management, the show committee and volunteers, the USEF Licensee, the USEF and USDF, or any member thereof, against all claims and demands, of any nature or kind, that may grow out of any injury occasioned by any horses owned or exhibited by them, or arise from the negligence of the person in charge of any such horse. All horses exhibited in this show participate entirely at the owner’s risk. **Neither the Organizing Committee, show volunteers and staff, the facility or its owners, any host GMO, USEF or USDF or their members will be responsible for any damage, injury, or loss to persons, horses, or property of exhibitors or spectators. All owners and competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, their agents or their horses. They are therefore strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad, and to keep the policy up to date.**

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

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

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

Hazardous Weather/Accident/Acts of God, and Emergency 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 any Championship or qualifying classes being offered. No refunds for cancellations due to hazardous weather, Acts of God, accidents, or emergencies. Please see specific shows if there are any additional conditions to this policy.

Food and concessions will be available on the show grounds during normal show hours. Any changes to this policy will be posted.

Numbers must be worn at all times when a horse is being exercised or ridden.

Warning: Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who participates in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities. Please be aware of the laws specific to the show location.

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

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.

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, before the day(s) of the competition. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not count towards national awards. The proof of these numbers must be in the form of either their actual membership/registration cards or a facsimile of them. Proof of membership must be included with entry form. Please provide the USEF/USDF Master Verification (www.eqverification.org) although membership cards or photocopies of cards are still acceptable. Failure to provide proof of USEF and/or USDF membership will result in competitor being charged non-member fees. Members that are unable to produce the USDF memberships cards/registrations or a facsimile will be asked to sign an affidavit and pay an affidavit fee. All entries are taken on a first come, first served basis. Some shows return late arriving entries after the show is filled, and some shows place entries on a wait list on a as-received basis. Please check each show for any additional policies. Send in the entries as soon as possible to assure entry to the show. **Only one horse-rider combination per entry form per show.**

In accordance with GR1301.7: Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

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.

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.

Health Papers: Riders should be aware that Interstate Health Papers are required to be in your vehicle when attending shows not within their home state. Some states also require health papers when transporting between facilities within the same state. Please contact your state veterinarian office for further information.

No Shows: All "No Shows" that have not contacted the show office will be considered a scratch for the rest of the show and time slots may be filled. Exhibitors enter with this understanding and agreement.

Sharps Disposal: 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. Containers are located at the end of each barn aisle and within center aisles when center aisles are present within the barns.

Freestyle Entry: In order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 60% in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a USEF Recognized Competition. A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class. Does not apply to competitors in NAJYRC qualifiers.

DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON SHOW GROUNDS (including in stable areas). Owner may be fined. All pets must be leashed. Non-compliance may result in USEF penalties.

FEI Ponies: If ponies are entered in FEI Pony Test(s) and in need of a USEF measurement card, an appointment for measuring MUST be made with show management prior to the show.

MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GAIG/USDF QUALIFYING CLASSES

Riders must be current USDF Participating members & USEF members (Junior, Senior or Life) in good standing. Horses must be USDF registered and USEF recorded. Horses with only an HID are not eligible. Owners must be current USDF Participating or Business members & USEF members (Junior, Senior or Life) in good standing.

For current Great American/USDF Championship requirements, go to www.usdf.org/competitions/competitions-championships/regionals/index.asp.

USEF and USDF Fees for all shows

USDF Affidavit	\$5.00
USDF Horse ID	\$25.00
USDF Non Member	\$25.00 (for each NM rider & owner)
USEF Non Member	\$30.00 (for each NM rider, owner, trainer, coach)
USEF Fee for National:	\$16.00 (D & M \$8.00, USEF \$8.00) per USEF Horse
USEF Fee for CDI:	\$28.00 (D & M \$20.00, USEF \$8.00) per CDI Horse

GAIG/USDF QUAL - Qualifying class for GAIG/USDF Regional Dressage Championships. Declare qualifying ride on entry form. Class fee plus additional \$10 fee must be paid prior to start of the class.

Markel/USEF QUAL – Qualifying class for Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Program

NAJYRC and USEF QUAL - Qualifying class for FEI NAJYRC and USEF National Junior and Young Rider Championships

USEF QUAL – Qualifying class for USEF National Championships

Classes may not necessarily be run in the order listed in the prize lists.

Show Schedule and Ride Time Conflicts: It is the responsibility of the rider to inform the management of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving the schedule.

Opportunity Classes: Any Opportunity Classes offered must include "Opportunity" in the class name. These classes must follow all USEF Dressage Division rules and applicable USEF General Rules, including dress and saddlery.

- Opportunity Classes are for entry level riders and these classes must be judged by USEF licensed judges or FEI Dressage judges.
- If entered in opportunity classes restricted to amateurs, riders are required to have an amateur status with USEF or pay the \$30 non-member amateur card fee.
- The prize list must state whether or not horses and/or riders/drivers/handlers entered in Opportunity Classes can cross enter into the rated/recognized classes at the same competition. If cross entry is allowed, all applicable fees and membership requirements will apply.
- Opportunity Classes cannot be used as qualifying classes for the Great American/USDF Regional Championships.
- Freestyles or Test of choice classes may not be offered as Opportunity classes.
- Riders and Owners entered only in these classes are exempt from both USDF and USEF membership requirements and are not required to pay a non-member fee but are required to list the Federation membership number if the participant is a member.
- Horses entered only in these classes:
 - **Are** exempt from the Federation fee, including the Equine Drugs and Medication fee.
 - **Are not** required to have either a USEF or USDF Horse Identification (HID) or Recording Number but are to list the HID or Recording number if the horse has been assigned this number.
- Horses entered only in these classes are still subject to and must comply with the Drugs and Medication rules and are subject to drug testing.

Adult Amateur Classes - Participants must possess a current USEF Amateur Card and qualify under the USEF Amateur rules. Any non-member that wishes to participate in the Adult Amateur designated classes must purchase a USEF non-member amateur card for \$30 from USEF. Open to Adult Amateurs only; riders must compete as adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22.

JR/YR - Open to Juniors and Young Riders only; any rider is eligible until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. Only riders ages 14-18 may ride FEI JR Tests. Only riders age 16-21 may ride FEI YR Tests. Only riders ages 12-16 may ride FEI Pony Tests. Must include birth date on entry form.

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 irregardless 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.

Arena Sizes: Standard arena is 20m x 60m. Small arena is 20m x 40m.

U.S. Equestrian Federation, Inc. Entry Agreement

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of the competition.

I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules.

I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered.

I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable -casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation.

The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program

The USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program is designed to specifically recognize and encourage adult amateurs riding at Second Level.

Awards

1. USDF/Dover Saddlery Medal Recipient

The eligible rider with the highest score of 60 percent or better in the designated Second Level Test Three class or applicable test of choice USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal class at a participating competition will receive a handcrafted USDF/Dover Saddlery pewter medal and neck ribbon. Winners will receive a \$20 Dover Saddlery gift certificate for the first three USDF/Dover Saddlery Medals they win during the competition season.

2. USDF/Dover Saddlery National Merit Award

A USDF/Dover Saddlery National Merit Award will be awarded to riders winning three USDF/Dover Saddlery Medals in the same competition year.

3. Year-End Awards

The USDF/Dover Saddlery Medal National Champion and Reserve Champion are determined from the average of the top three winning ride scores during the competition year. The champion receives a \$1000 Dover Saddlery gift certificate and the reserve champion receives a \$500 Dover Saddlery gift certificate.

Rider Eligibility

To be eligible, a rider must meet the following criteria:

1. Rider must be a current USDF Participating Member or Group Member at the time of the competition.
2. Rider must be an adult amateur in accordance with Article GR1306 of the USEF rules and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur as of the competition date.

Additional Information

For additional information and an updated list of competitions offering the USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program, please visit <http://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/adultmedalprogram.asp>.



2012 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 2012 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

Rider:

- Must be a USDF Participating* Member (PM) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

Horse:

- Must be USDF Lifetime Registered (LTR) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be USEF (Annual or Lifetime) recorded at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- USDF horse registration and USEF horse/recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record.
- A horse is not required to have breed registry papers.

Owner:

- Must be a USDF member (PM* or Business Member (BM)) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

* 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 levels 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.

The minimum percentages are as follows:

	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
Training Level (Test 3)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 3)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 3)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
FEI Junior (Team Test)	—	—	60%
FEI Young Rider (Team Test)	—	—	60%
Prix St. Georges	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	60%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%

FREESTYLE	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
First Level	63%	—	—
Second Level	63%	—	—
Third Level	63%	—	—
Fourth Level	63%	—	—
Intermediate I	63%	—	—
Grand Prix	63%	—	—

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 125 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership in excess of 33,000 members, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals.

Dressage is a classical method of training horses, based upon the horse's natural responses, as carried out in a gradual, planned program during which the horse's athletic abilities are improved in a systematic manner. As a result, the horse becomes capable, comfortable, and responsive in partnership with the rider without the use of force. Dressage competition at various levels of achievement is the ultimate test of the training program to determine whether the desired harmony between horse and rider has been achieved.

The rules pertaining to dressage competition prohibit the use of artificial appliances, training aids, and drugs, which would force the horse to submit. Instead, the emphasis is upon training and a cooperative partnership with the rider. Major competitions are carefully monitored to assure that there is no unnecessary force or harshness displayed.

Unlike other horse sports in which horses enter training at a relatively immature state, dressage training is usually not seriously begun until the horse is three or four. The top levels of achievement require five or more years of progressive training and it is not unusual to see horses in international competition in their late teens. This, in itself, places a premium on good care and soundness throughout the horse's life.

While supporting the concept of animal welfare in its broadest form, the United States Dressage Federation, Inc., also recognizes that it is unrealistic to ascribe human emotions and responses to the horse which in its wild state is a creature of flight, living a hard and precarious existence. Under domestication, the horse is assured of ample food, water, and shelter, as well as protection against infectious diseases and damaging parasites, thus leading a longer and healthier life with a high rate of survival.

As an educational organization, USDF has numerous programs, which teach people how to pursue the accepted, humane training methods. A program of certifying instructors also emphasizes protecting the horse's welfare in pursuit of dressage training.

UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION
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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 Competitor & 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, Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF NM fee. (Note: USDF business members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their USDF BM.) Individuals cannot compete at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition with a USDF Education 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, Quadrille, FEI ParaEquestrian classes, 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 (\$75), 5-years (\$300), or life (\$1,500). 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 (\$60). 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, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals 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 (\$200) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

Education Membership (EM): A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. This online education only membership expires 12 months after the date joined. This membership type does NOT allow an individual to compete at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition.

Non-Member (NM) Identification Number: For each USDF NM owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a USDF NM fee of \$25 and a USDF NM form 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 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 member 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 (\$25). 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 or Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$70. 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 (\$95) is eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete at Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals and 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



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.



USEF Competition Name: Lake Erie College March 452 USEF #452
Competition Division(s) and Rating(s) Level Two



USEF Member To Do List:

Mow the fields.  Haul the hay.  Paint the barn — and the

house.  Re-order supplements  and office supplies.



 **OfficeMax** Get new tires and a full service check.  Make sure

we're covered  on the road and in the ring.  Get ready

for  the big competition. Win! Rent a  car and drive to

the coast. Take a vacation.  Relax!  **LifeLock** You don't

have to bet the farm to check off this season's most important tasks. For details on

how you can save big  with USEF MemberPerks,  visit usef.org

or call one of our Customer Care agents at 859.258.2472.

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

Federation Entry Agreement Effective

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of the Competition. I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the Competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable-casts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the Competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the Competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition to the following:

I AGREE that "the Federation" and "Competition" as used herein includes the Licensee and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and Federation affiliates.

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaultor, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm").

I AGREE to hold harmless and release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at the Competition. I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and if applicable, EV114, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf. I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition.

I AGREE that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the Federation on the official USEF accident/injury report form.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank and 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.

OWNER'S/AGENT'S SIGNATURE (MANDATORY)	RIDER/HANDLER SIGNATURE (MANDATORY)	TRAINER'S SIGNATURE (MANDATORY)	COACH'S SIGNATURE (IF APPLICABLE)
PRINT NAME	PRINT NAME	PRINT NAME	PRINT NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IF RIDER/DRIVER/TRAINER/HANDLER/VAULTOR/LONGEUR IS UNDER 18	PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

RIDER EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION	
NAME OF CONTACT/RELATIONSHIP:	PHONE:

FILL OUT ONLY IF THE COMPETITION YOU ENTER ON THIS ENTRY FORM OFFERS CERTAIN USE OF CHARGE CARDS!! (Check in the prize list or individual competition requirements)	
<input type="checkbox"/> VISA	<input type="checkbox"/> AMEX
<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
CARD NO. _____	EXP DATE _____
This show does not accept CC.	
BILLING ADDRESS _____	ZIP CODE _____