



Brookside Breed Show I and II

Level I

August 5 & 6, 2023

USDF Breeders Championship North East Series Qualifier

Recognized USEF/USDF: #344100, 344154

Licensee: Brookside Equestrian Center

2023 National Dressage Pony Cup Partner Breed Show

Qualifying competition for 2023 USDF Breeder Championship North East Series

Held at:

Brookside Equestrian Center

90 Tifft Road

North Smithfield, RI 02896

Opening Date for Entries: July 1, 2023

Closing Date for Entries: July 28, 2023

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COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS:

We will abide by the current Rhode Island precautions with respect to COVID-19 as they exist at the time of the show.

Directions:

From Points North: Route 146 SOUTH to the Pound Hill Road exit. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn RIGHT on to Pound Hill Road. Follow the signs for Industrial Park.

At the end of Industrial Park, turn RIGHT onto Route 5 North. Turn LEFT onto Charon Drive approximately one block down.

Make an immediate LEFT on to Black Plain Road and then an immediate RIGHT onto Tifft Road. Follow Tifft Road to the end. Cross a little cement bridge. Bear LEFT after the bridge and take the SECOND driveway on the LEFT at 90 Tifft Road. (You will see the sign for Brookside) The driveway will take you between a log cabin and a small barn. Remain on the driveway which will take you up the hill to the big barn and the parking lot.

From Points South: Route 95 NORTH to Route 146 NORTH. (Lincoln/Woonsocket exit) Stay on Route 146 NORTH toward Worcester and exit at Pound Hill Road. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn LEFT onto Pound Hill Road. Follow the signs for Industrial Park. Pick up directions at second paragraph of From Points North.

From Route 44: Follow Route 44 EAST into the town of Chepachet. At the traffic light, turn LEFT onto Route 100 NORTH. Follow Route 100 for approximately 100 yards and bear RIGHT onto Route 102 NORTH.

Follow Route 102 NORTH past Wright's Chicken Farm (on the left) to the stop light at Gator's Pub (on the right). Turn RIGHT at the traffic light onto MAIN STREET. Follow MAIN STREET and bear RIGHT onto Route 5 SOUTH (after the U.S. Post Office and the North Smithfield Library on your right.) Cross over a small cement bridge and take your second RIGHT which is Charon Drive. Pick up directions at third paragraph of From Points North.

PLEASE NOTE: "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."

SPORT HORSE CLASS LIST

All Classes for show # 343194 (Saturday) will be repeated for show #343195 (Sunday). These are two different shows and separate entry forms must be completed to enter both days.

Dressage Breeding Division-Mature Horse

1. Broodmares 4 years and older, with or without foal, mare only to be judged
2. Maiden/Yeld mares, 4 years and older
3. *Mare Championship*: open to 1st and 2nd placed mares from classes 1 and 2
4. Stallions, 4 and older, not currently standing at stud
5. Stallions, 4 and older, currently standing at stud
6. *Stallion championship*: open to 1st and 2nd place stallions from classes 4 and 5
7. Mature horse championship: open to Ch and Res from classes 3 and 6

Sport Horse Prospect Division-Young Horse

8. Fillies-3 year old (2020)
 9. Fillies-2 year old (2021)
 10. Fillies-yearlings (2022)
 11. *Filly Championship*: open to 1st and 2nd place fillies from classes 8,9 & 10
 12. Fillies of 2023, with or without dam
 13. Colts/Geldings of 2023, with or without dam
 14. *Current Year Championship* open to first and second place foals from 12 and 13
 15. Colts/Geldings-3 year old (2020)
 16. Colts/Geldings 2 year old (2021)
 17. Colts/Geldings yearlings (2022)
 18. *Colts/Geldings Championship*: open to 1st and 2nd placed colts/geldings from 15, 16, and 17
 19. Young Horse Championship: open to Ch and Res Ch from 11 and 18
 20. **Grand Championship:** open to champion and res champion from 7 and 19
- (* indicates qualifier USDFBC. Champion, Reserve will qualify and third place may qualify on Sunday.)

4 year old Prospect Division

21. 4 Year Old Mare Sport Horse Prospect
22. 4 Year Old Stallion/Gelding Sport Horse Prospect
23. *4 Year Old Sport Horse Prospect Championship* (open to 1st and 2nd placed from classes 21 & 22)

Group Classes

24. Produce of Dam: 2 or 3 offspring, with or without dam
25. Get of Sire: 2 or 3 offspring without sire
26. Breeders' Group: Group of 2 or 3 horses of any age and sex, all bred by the same exhibitor, all horses must have shown in at least one in-hand class

Handler Class

27. Amateur and Jr/YR handler: To be shown in-hand by a Jr/YR or an Amateur with a current USEF Amateur card. Open to fillies/mares and geldings in any age group. No stallions or colts except weanlings. To be judged on presentation of the animal to the judge, neatness and appearance of the handler, overall condition of the animal, handling techniques, appropriate tack and equipment, demonstration of correct training and ability to show horse to the best of its ability. Class will be divided between Adult Amateurs and JR/YRs.

Materiale Classes: Horses will be judged according to the criteria listed on the USDF Materiale Score Sheet. Ages may be combined if entries warrant. (Three year old fillies may be combined with four and five year old mares. Three year old colts/geldings may be combined with four and five year old stallions/geldings.)

28. Fillies, 3 year old (2020)
29. Colts/Geldings 3 year old (2020)
30. Mares, 4 and 5 year olds (2019, 2018)
31. Stallions/Geldings, 4 and 5 year olds (2019, 2018)
32. *Materiale Championship*: open to the 1st and 2nd placed horses of 28-31

Under Saddle Classes: For classes 33-36, horses will be shown at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Judge may ask for lengthening at trot and canter in classes 35 and 36. Judging to be weighted 60% movement, 30% conformation, 10% general impression.

33. Fillies, 3 year old (2020)
34. Colts, 3 year old (2020)
35. Mares, 4 and older
36. Stallions/Geldings, 4 and older
37. Suitability to become a dressage horse: horses must be at least 36 months of age and may not be older than 6 years; they cannot have competed above first level.
38. Under Saddle Championship: open to 1st and 2nd places from 33-36

****NOTE:** Classes may not necessarily be run in the order listed in the class lists. **

Individual Breed Classes: (others to be added if interest warrants)

39. OLD/GOV
40. KWPN
41. RPSI/Westfalen
42. Connemara
43. North American Sportpony
44. ISR/OLD
45. Trakehner
46. Holsteiner
47. Welsh Pony or Cob
48. Arabian
49. Morgan
50. Danish Warmblood
51. Hanoverian

pony Division: These classes are not part of the USDF Breeder's Championship Series. 2023 National Dressage Pony Cup Partner Breed Show

Ponies 3 years and older must have a valid USEF pony card.

Pony measurements will be offered the evening of August 4. Times must be reserved through the show secretary before August 1, 2023. The cost for a pony measurement is \$50-100 payable directly to the vet.

Dressage Breeding Division-Mature Horse

52. Pony Broodmares 4 years and older, with or without foal, mare only to be judged
53. Pony Maiden/Yield mares, 4 years and older
54. Pony Mare Championship: open to 1st and 2nd placed mares from classes 52 and 53.
55. Pony Stallions, 4 and older, not currently standing at stud
56. Pony Stallions, 4 and older, currently standing at stud
57. Pony Stallion championship: open to 1st and 2nd place stallions from classes 55 and 56
58. Mature Pony championship: open to Ch and Res from classes 51 and 54

Sport Horse Prospect Division-Young Horse

59. Pony Fillies-3 year old (2020)
60. Pony Fillies-2 year old (2021)
61. Pony Fillies-yearlings (2022)
62. Pony Filly Championship: open to 1st and 2nd place fillies from classes 59, 60 & 61
63. Pony Fillies of current year, with or without dam
64. Pony Colts/Geldings of current year, with or without dam
65. Pony Current Year Championship: open to first and second place foals from 63 and 64
66. Pony Colts/Geldings-3 year old (2020)
67. Pony Colts/Geldings 2 year old (2021)
68. Colts/Geldings yearlings (2022)
69. Pony Colts Championship: open to 1st and 2nd placed colts from 66, 67, & 68
70. Young Pony Championship: open to Ch and Res Ch from 62 and 69
71. **Pony Grand Championship:** open to champion and res champion from 58 and 70

****NOTE:** Classes may not necessarily be run in the order listed in the class lists.**

Awards: 6 Ribbons in open classes; Ch, Res, and Third place in championships.

Fee Schedule

Entries: In-hand, Under saddle, and IBC: \$45

Group classes \$75

USEF fee: \$23 (\$15 Drug and Med Fee, \$8 USEF fee)

Office fee: \$40 per show

USDF Non-Member Fee: \$35

Post-entry fee: \$50/show/entry

Incomplete entry fee \$25 (for any entry not completed by Wednesday before the show)

Stabling (Friday-Sunday):\$150 stabling for weekend (10X12 stall)

Shavings: \$12.00 per bag Must be pre-ordered by July 28, 2023

Haul In Fee: \$15.00 per day

Online entries only accepted through (HorseShowOffice.com). All entries MUST submit USEF and USDF documents for handler/rider, owner, trainer and horse, a drug fee, and non-refundable office fee. Every horse (except foals under 6 months) must supply non-returnable copy of Negative Coggins that has been done within 12 months of show date. Proof of Flu/Rhino vaccinations within 6 months required for all horses other than weanlings. An incomplete entry fee of \$25 will be assessed on any entry which is not complete prior to Wednesday, August 1, 2023

Entry checks to be made out to: Brookside Equestrian Center

Membership requirements:

A. In order to show in the open classes (1-38, 52-71) every horse must have a USDF HID or lifetime registration number. Every owner or lessee must have a USDF (participating, group, or business) membership or USDF non-member number and pay the USDF non-member fee. Handlers, owner/lessees, trainers, coaches, and agents also must have a USEF membership. 1)Riders must be members of USEF, 2)USDF or the USDF non-member fee.

B In order to show ONLY in IBC classes, every horse must have either a USEF HID, USEF horse recording number or USDF HID or lifetime registration. Every handler, owner/lessee, trainer and coach must be a USEF member. Owners of horses shown only in IBC classes are exempt from USDF membership requirements and are not required to pay the USDF non-member fee. Individual Breed classes (IBCs) in a DSHB *competition are exempt from the USDF HID or Lifetime registration requirement*

As of 12/1/2022, only one Show Pass Form is allowed per competition year. If you have already submitted a Show Pass Form for the year, a competing membership is required. Please Note: Competing membership is required for Trainers/Coaches, and this includes parents signing as trainers. Refer to GR 202.1 for more information.

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.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE ENTRIES

No refunds for competitor entry errors for any reason. The Show Secretary reserves the right to delay processing of any incomplete Entry Form(s) until all required information (including required breed registration documentation), signatures, and payment are complete. An entry is considered "post entry" at midnight July 29, 2023 and will incur a \$25 fee (per show, per entry) after that time to enter the show. These entries may not make it into the show program.

Communication with Competitors: Times will be available on horseshowoffice.com and day sheets will be emailed to competitors and posted on NEDA Sporthorse FaceBook page. Remember that breed show times are approximate and should not be treated as anything but that. Exhibitors are responsible for being there when their classes are offered. Check day sheets at the show as times may change.

Scratches: Scratches may be accomplished by emailing the secretary and the manager. Before closing date, scratches receive full refund minus office fees. No refunds after closing date.

Stabling: A number of 10X12 stalls are available. Stabling opens at 1 pm on Friday, August 4, 2023 and all horses must be gone from the property by Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 7 pm. You are responsible for any damage you or anyone/animal in your party do to the property. No smoking allowed near the stabling. We reserve the right to ask anyone who does smoke to leave the property immediately. Sharps containers will be available per USEF rules.

Stall Stripping Deposit: A separate check for \$50 must be given to the secretary on check-in if you are stabled at the show. It will be returned or destroyed once your stall has been stripped.

Footing: Competition will be held outdoors on sand/PermaFlex mix footing. Warmup for the in-hand classes will be in the holding area at the end of the competition arena. Longing and additional warm up permitted at the outdoor arenas.

Vet and Farrier: Will be on call. To be announced

EMT: Will be on the grounds during competition hours.

Dogs: we love our dogs, and we appreciate that you love yours, too. Feel free to bring them, but please keep them on leash. Please pick up after your dogs at the show facility.

Hotels:

Hampton Inn & Suites Providence/Smithfield
945 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917•(401) 232-9200

Home2 Suites by Hilton Smithfield Providence
944 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917•(401) 618-5700

National Dressage Pony Cup

This show is a National Dressage Pony Cup Partner Show. Partner Show Champion / Reserve awarded for high score in “age” classes Saturday. See NDPC website for details. www.dressageponycup.com

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.

Motorized Vehicle Statement

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. The unsafe use of personal electronic transport devices, as determined by the competition officials and management in their sole discretion, that do not require a driver's license to operate, including but not limited to segways, hover boards, and single wheeled scooters is prohibited on competition grounds. Operating such devices in areas where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership of nearly 30,000 members, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals.

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

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

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

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

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

United States Dressage Federation

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USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the 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, 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 FR218) 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.



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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 Member Guide* or the USDF website at www.usdf.org.

**This
competition
is recognized
by USDF
for 2023**

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

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

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

Exceptions:

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

Memberships Defined

Participating Membership (PM): A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. The membership year is December 1 through November 30. PMs are available for 1-year (\$90), 5-years (\$360), or life (\$1,800). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for individuals who have not reached their 21st birthday by December 1 of the current membership year (\$72). A PM allows the member to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions and to participate as a rider and/or owner/lessee for all Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards and the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship program.

Group Membership (GM): A membership issued to an individual by USDF when the member name and dues are submitted to USDF through an affiliate Group Member Organization (GMO). The GM year begins December 1 and ends November 30. A GM allows the member to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions and participate in the USDF Rider Awards Program and the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program.

Business Membership (BM): A membership that runs December 1 through November 30 and is issued to a business or organization directly by USDF. The USDF BM (\$240) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

Non-Member (NM) Identification Number: For each USDF NM owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a USDF NM fee of \$35 per competition that must be collected by the show secretary and submitted to USDF, along with the USDF Report of Fees document and the \$5 affidavit fee and Competition Affidavit Form if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card. Owners/lessees or riders exempt from the NM number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF NM fee. If there are multiple owners of a horse and all are NMs, only one of the owners must pay the NM fee. If the horse has at least one owner who is a current USDF PM, GM, or BM there is no NM fee assessed. Competition management will be invoiced for all applicable USDF NM fees not received with the USDF post-competition paperwork, along with a report listing all USDF NMs. Competition management is then required to submit the NM fees within 30 days to the USDF. An individual with a USDF NM identification number is not eligible for any USDF membership benefits. Once a USDF NM number has been assigned, a USDF NM card can be obtained from the USDF website.

Horse Identification (HID) Number: A one-time tracking number for horses (\$35). Scores earned by a horse with an HID number will be recorded but will NOT be counted towards Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID number is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$80. If a horse has a USDF LHR it does not need an HID number. An HID number is a one-time fee that does not need to be renewed.

Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR): A horse with an LHR (\$115) is eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse has an LHR it does not need an HID number. An LHR does not need to be renewed.


How to Join USDF

Applications for USDF Participating Membership (PM), Business Membership (BM), Horse Identification (HID) number, and Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) may be found in the following locations:

- On the USDF website: www.usdf.org. You can submit the application online or download the form.
- In the show office at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions classified by USEF as Dressage Competitions, and Regular Competitions which are open to all breeds.
- By calling or writing the USDF office at (859) 971-2277, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511

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

2023 USDF Breeders Championship Series



The USDF Breeders Championship Series (USDFBCS) is a program intent on recognizing quality bloodlines and dressage prospects across the nation. Through a combination of in-hand and materiale classes, the USDFBCS program strives to provide top-notch competition opportunities for dressage prospects and breeding stock.

- The USDFBCS is scheduled on a calendar year basis, which means that the USDFBCS competition year runs from January 1-December 31.
- A series must have a minimum of two qualifying events to host a series final competition.
- Series boundaries are determined by USDF. Please be advised that the boundaries of any given series may cross the regional boundaries established for dressage competitions.
- All Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) and USDFBCS exhibitors and management staff are responsible for knowing the rules pertaining to USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions holding DSHB classes, as well as USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions in general. The USEF Rule Book Chapter Dressage, Subchapter DR-2, contains the DSHB class rules, and can found online at www.usef.org. All recent rule changes in the online USEF Rule Book will be noted in color.

IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP

A. HORSE REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY (IN-HAND CLASSES)

1. All horses entered in any USDFBCS qualifying or series final competition must have either a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) or USDF Horse Identification Number (HID) and submit identification information. Horses registered with a breed organization should have a copy of their registration papers submitted directly to USDF.
2. Owner is not required to be a USDF member for qualifying or series final competitions. If the owner does not have a current USDF Group, Participating, or Business Membership, non-member fees will apply. Should non-member fees not be paid by the USDF owner of record and/or not collected by competition management and submitted to USDF following the completion of an in-hand championship class, elimination from the championship class in question may result due to non-compliance with USDF requirements for competition.
3. Neither USDF membership nor a USDF non-member fee is required for the handler.
4. Horses participating in USDFBCS qualifying or final events are not required to be registered with any studbook, but “if a horse is registered with any breed organization, the name of the breed, sire, dam, damsire, and breeder must be given on the entry blank. For unregistered horses competing in DSHB classes, the information is strongly recommended, if available” (GR907).
5. It is strongly recommended that horses not registered with a breed registry be listed as “unregistered”.
6. Should any USDF membership or horse registration applications with related fees fail to be submitted to USDF with the completion of a series final competition, elimination of a horse from its relevant series final class may result.

B. REQUIREMENTS FOR USDFBCS IN-HAND QUALIFYING CLASSES

1. Classes must be offered and judged according to DR209.
2. All qualifying competitions must offer every Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand and Breeding Stock In-Hand division of the USDFBCS.
3. Only a single set of Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand and Breeding Stock In-Hand Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes may be offered to serve as qualifying classes for the USDFBCS per competition. These classes must be open to all horses and ponies of the appropriate age and sex, and not subject to any entry restriction.
4. A separate championship class must be held for all divisions, even those that have only one class or one horse in the division. For example, if

there is only one class of mares, the top two mares from that class would then be shown in the championship class. If there is only one stallion in the one stallion class, that stallion would then show again in the championship class. All horses must be reevaluated by the judge(s) at both the walk and the trot in the championship class. If any one of the judges adjudicating this class has not previously judged all of the horses in this class, conformation must also be reevaluated on every horse.

5. **Current Year Foal Championship class:** Each qualifier event must offer a current year filly class, a separate current year colt/gelding class and a current year foal championship class. This current year foal championship class is a series final qualifying class. This class must be held and judged (i.e. reevaluated at the walk and the trot, and conformation if required) in accordance with DR210. The current year foal championship class, at qualifier events, must be open to first and second place winners of Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand classes for all foals of current calendar year, as listed below. First and second place fillies and colts/geldings of current year will compete against each other in the same class. (Organizers have the option of including third placed horses in qualifier championship classes.) No scores are given. Ties are not allowed.

Current Year Foal Championship:

Fillies of current calendar year

Colts/Geldings of current calendar year

The champion and reserve champion current year foals at each qualifier event are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBCS series final class. A third-place foal in the championship class must be named as well.

6. **Filly and Colt/Gelding Championship classes:** Each qualifier event must offer a Filly Championship class and a Colt/Gelding Championship class. These classes are USDFBCS qualifying classes. These classes must be held and judged (i.e. reevaluated at the walk and the trot, and possibly the conformation) in accordance with DR210. The filly and colt/gelding championship classes must be open to first and second placed winners of Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand classes for all horses, as listed below. (Organizers have the option of including third placed horses in qualifier championship classes). No scores are given. Ties are not allowed.

Filly Championship

Yearling Fillies
Two-year-old Fillies
Three-year-old Fillies

Colt/Gelding Championship:

Yearling Colts/Geldings
Two-year-old Colts/Geldings
Three-year-old Colts/Geldings

The champion and reserve champion filly and the champion and reserve champion colt/gelding at each qualifier event are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBCS series final class. A third-place horse in each championship class must be named as well. Current Year Foals ARE NOT ALLOWED in Filly Championship and Colt/Gelding Championship classes.

7. **Four-Year-Old Prospect Championship class:** Each qualifier event must offer a Four-Year-Old Prospect Championship class. This championship class is a USDFBCS qualifying class. This class must be held and judged (i.e. reevaluated at the walk and the trot, and possibly the conformation) in accordance with DR210. The Four-Year-Old Prospect Championship class, at qualifier events, must be open to first and second place winners of Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand classes for all four-year-old prospects, as listed below. First and second place Four-Year-Old Prospect mares and stallions/geldings will compete against each other in the same class. (Organizers have the option of including third placed horses in qualifier championship classes.) No scores are given. Ties are not allowed.

Four-Year-Old Prospect Championship:
Four-Year-Old Mare Sport Horse Prospects
Four-Year-Old Stallion/Geldings Sport Horse Prospects

The champion and reserve champion Four-Year-Old Prospects at each qualifier event are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBCS series final class. A third-place Four-Year-Old Prospect in the championship class must be named as well.

8. **Mare and Stallion Championship (Breeding Stock) classes:**
Each qualifier event must offer a Mare Championship class and a Stallion Championship class. These championship classes are USDFBCS qualifying classes. These classes must be held and judged (i.e. reevaluated at the walk and the trot, and possibly the conformation) in accordance with DR210. Mare and Stallion Championship classes must be open to first and second placed winners of Breeding Stock In-Hand classes for horses age four years old and over, as listed below. (Organizers have the option of including third placed horses in qualifier championship classes). No scores are given. Ties are not allowed. For details on determining breeding status for competition purposes, please refer to DR203.

Mare Championship (Breeding Stock):

Mare classes may be divided by age, competition and/or breeding status (as of January 1st of the current competition year), as in the following example:

- Four-year-old and older maiden mares – never bred
- Four-year-old and older yield mares – previously bred but not currently bred or nursing
- Four-year-old and older broodmares – in foal or currently nursing (mare only to be judged).

Stallion Championship (Breeding Stock):

Stallion classes may be divided by age or competition status, as in the following example:

- Four-year-old and older stallions showing only in-hand
- Four-year-old and older stallions showing also under saddle

The champion and reserve champion mare and the champion and reserve champion stallion at each qualifier event are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBCS series final class. A third-place horse in each championship class must be named as well.

9. Age/sex eligibility is determined as follows:
- a. Fillies, colts, and geldings three years of age or under may show **ONLY** as sport horse prospects, not in breeding stock classes/categories. Note: Two and three-year-olds are **ONLY** eligible to compete in the filly or colt/gelding championships. They are **NOT** eligible for the mare or stallion championships.
 - b. Mares, Stallions and Geldings age four are eligible to compete in the Four-Year-Old Prospect division. Mares and stallions age four and over, may **also** show in breeding stock classes/categories.
 - c. Geldings of any age may **NOT** show in breeding stock classes/categories. Geldings age four and under may show **ONLY** in sport horse prospect classes.
10. Scoresheets: Age group classes must be judged using the appropriate scoring categories and percentages. Sport horse prospects four years old and under **MUST** be evaluated on the current USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand scoresheets and breeding stock **MUST** be evaluated on the current USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock scoresheets.
11. Horses in all USDFBCS classes must be evaluated for movement according to DR210.
12. Each horse may only enter the USDFBCS qualifying class(es) for which it is eligible and may only qualify for the specific USDFBCS championship class(es) for that division(s). For example, a four-year-old mare must enter and qualify in a mare breeding stock class in order to qualify for the USDFBCS mare championship. For that same mare to qualify for the USDFBCS Four-Year-Old Prospect championship, she must separately enter and qualify in a Four-Year-Old Prospect in-hand class for the Four-Year-Old Prospect championship.

13. During awards ceremonies, the current year foal champion and reserve, the filly champion and reserve, the colt/gelding champion and reserve, the four-year-old prospect champion and reserve, the mare champion and reserve, and the stallion champion and reserve, must be named USDFBCS qualifying champions and reserve champions for the show. A third-place horse in each championship class must be named as well. Ties are not allowed. Announcements must identify sponsors and horses' breeding information.
14. For each USDF Breeders Championship Series qualifier class, the champion and reserve champion must be presented with a qualifier ribbon. These ribbons will be supplied to the show by USDF. Only the champion and reserve champion will receive the qualifier ribbons, even if they have previously qualified. The third-place horse in the qualifier championship class will not receive a qualifier ribbon. The qualifier ribbons for champion and reserve champion are identical.
15. All champions and reserve champions will be eligible to compete in any USDFBCS series final. In the event that a champion and/or reserve has already qualified for a final, the third-placed horse from the pertinent qualifying championship class will be eligible to compete in a final. Competition management is required to have judges place qualifying championship classes to three places, with no ties. In addition, any other horse receiving a 75.000 percent or higher in its age/sex class will be qualified and eligible to compete in the USDFBCS series finals.
16. A list of qualified horses is maintained on the USDF website.
17. Horses may compete in **any** series final competition, regardless of where qualification is earned, but may compete in only **one** series final competition.

C. CONDUCT OF IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION CLASSES AT SERIES FINAL COMPETITIONS

1. At least two USEF DSHB judges (DR202) must officiate in each series final class; one of the two required judges must be a USEF 'R' DSHB judge. Each judge will evaluate each entry independently, and scribes must be provided for each judge. Winners will be determined by the average of all judges' scores. The highest scoring horses will be declared champions and the second highest will be declared reserve champions of the series final.
2. Ties in series final classes must remain unbroken.
3. There are six in-hand championship classes in USDFBCS series final competitions. Current year foal champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in a USDFBCS current year foal series final class. Filly champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in a USDFBCS filly series final class. Colt/gelding champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in a USDFBCS colt/gelding series final class. Four-year-old prospect champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in a USDFBCS four-year-old prospect series final class. Mare (**Breeding Stock**) champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in a USDFBCS mare series final class. Stallion (**Breeding Stock**) champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in a USDFBCS stallion series final class. Horses that qualified with a score of 75.000% or higher in their respective qualifying classes will also be eligible for these series final championship classes.
4. A grand champion and reserve grand champion current year foal, a grand champion and reserve grand champion filly, a grand champion and reserve grand champion colt/gelding, a grand champion and reserve grand champion four-year-old prospect, a grand champion and reserve grand champion mare (**Breeding Stock**), and a grand champion and reserve grand champion stallion (**Breeding Stock**), will be named at each USDFBCS series final event. Grand and reserve champions will receive awards and prizes provided by USDF. Third through sixth placed horses in series final classes will receive ribbons provided by USDF. After the last series final competition in a competition year, special certificates will be available from USDF via the website to owners of all horses that competed in USDFBCS series final classes.
5. USDF reserves the right to change, alter, or retract any placings and/or prizes for up to 60 days after the last day of the championship if an error or violation is discovered.
6. Horses must be shown individually on the triangle at the walk and trot and standing for conformation. Each horse must be evaluated in the

same manner. Callbacks are permitted. If horses may be recalled, the prize list or program must state that this procedure will be used (DR209).

7. Owner **must enter** the qualified horse in the USDFBCS series final championship class. The horse is NOT automatically entered in the series final championship class because it qualified earlier in the day or at another show.
8. Horses in the current year foal final class, filly final class, colt/gelding final class and four-year-old prospect final class **MUST** be evaluated using the USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand scoresheets. Horses in the mare final class and the stallion final class **MUST** be evaluated using the USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock scoresheets.
9. Management must collect all required USDF membership, horse registrations, and related fees prior to the commencement of series final classes for eligible entries that wish to compete in a series final class. Should the required USDF membership, horse recording, and related fees fail to be submitted to USDF following the completion of a series final competition, elimination of a horse from its relevant series final class may result due to noncompliance with USDF membership and horse recording requirements for competition. These applications and related fees must be submitted to the USDF office within 24 hours of the series final classes. Refer to section I.A for all USDF membership and horse recording requirements for competition.
10. Series final events must agree to allow late entries in series final classes for horses that qualified for the series final event after the official closing date.

II. MATERIALE CHAMPIONSHIP

Materiale Championships will be held at each USDFBCS series final competition. Each USDFBCS series final will hold a Three-Year-Old Materiale Championship class, a Four-Year-Old Materiale Championship Class, and a Five-Year-Old Materiale Championship class. Fillies, colts, mares, stallions, and/or geldings, will compete in the same championship classes of their respective age groups. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be named for each materiale championship class at each series final event. These specific age categories of three-year-olds, four-year-olds, and five-year-olds are the only eligible categories to be offered as USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.

A. HORSE REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY (FOR MATERIALE CLASSES)

1. All horses entered in any materiale class or Materiale Championship held at a USEF/USDF recognized Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) or dressage competition must have either a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) or USDF Horse Identification Number (HID), and submit identification information. Horses registered with a breed organization should have a copy of their registration papers submitted directly to USDF.
2. Owner is not required to be a USDF member for a horse to compete in materiale classes, earn USDFBCS materiale championship qualification scores at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized DSHB or dressage competitions, or compete in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class. If the USDF owner of record does not have a current USDF Group, Participating or Business membership, non-member fees will apply. Should non-member fees not be paid by the USDF owner of record and/or not collected by competition management and then submitted to USDF following the completion of a materiale championship class, elimination from the materiale championship class in question may result due to non-compliance with USDF requirements for competition.
3. Rider is required to have a current USDF PM at the time a horse's qualifying score is earned and at the time of the USDFBCS Materiale Championship class.
4. Horses participating in USDFBCS qualifying or final events are not required to be registered with any studbook, but, "if a horse is registered with any breed organization, the name of the breed, sire, dam, dam sire and breeder must be given on the entry blank" (GR907).
5. It is strongly recommended that horses not registered with a breed registry be listed as "unregistered".
6. It is the responsibility of the horse owner to ensure that the owner's and rider's USDF membership and USDF horse registration are

correct and current. Should any required USDF membership or horse registration application and related fees fail to be submitted to USDF following the completion of a series final competition, elimination of a horse from its relevant series final class may result due to noncompliance with USDF membership and horse recording requirements for competition.

B. REQUIREMENTS FOR MATERIALE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION

1. A horse may qualify for competition in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class by receiving one score of 72.000% or higher in a materiale class held at any USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized DSHB or Dressage competition during the relative competition year.
2. Scores must be earned at competitions licensed by USEF as dressage competitions. Scores earned at competitions licensed by USEF as Regular or Local competitions are not eligible to be used as qualifying scores for the USDFBCS Materiale Championships.
3. The USDFBCS Materiale Championships will run on the same calendar year as the USDFBCS (January 1-December 31). Qualifications to compete in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class must be earned in the calendar year that the championship will occur. Any qualifications earned in other calendar years will not apply.
4. Qualifying scores must be earned in materiale classes run under DR134 and DR204. Fillies and/or mares may not be combined in classes with colts, geldings and/or stallions (exception: championship materiale classes – see DR204).
5. At each USDFBCS series final competition, materiale championship classes will be held for three age groups. All qualified horses regardless of sex will compete against one another in their respective age groups. This means that all qualified three-year-olds will compete in one class to determine the USDFBCS Materiale Champion Three-Year-Old, and all qualified four-year-olds will compete in one class to determine the USDFBCS Materiale Champion Four-Year-Old, and all qualified five-year-olds will compete in one class to determine the USDFBCS Materiale Champion Five-Year-Old. Horses will be evaluated according to the criteria listed on the current "USDF Materiale Class" scoresheet, and classes must be conducted according to the current USDF "Procedures to Host USDF Materiale Classes".
6. Qualifying scores to compete in a class may be earned up until the championship class occurs.
7. Once a horse has qualified to compete in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class, the horse is eligible to compete at the USDFBCS series final of the owner's choice. This means that the horse does not have to attend the series final being held within the same geographical area or series that the qualifying score was earned in. However, a horse may only compete in one USDFBCS Materiale Championship class in a given calendar year.
8. A list of qualified horses is maintained on the USDF website.
9. A horse may qualify with a different rider than the rider who competes the horse in the championship class.
10. Dressage competitions with materiale classes scheduled after the USDFBCS series finals are held, are not eligible to participate in the USDFBCS program, and will not be qualifying events for the next year's series final.

C. CONDUCT OF MATERIALE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES AT THE SERIES FINAL

1. At least two USEF DSHB judges must officiate in each USDFBCS Materiale Championship class. One of the two required judges must be a USEF "R" DSHB judge. The other judge may be a USEF "r" DSHB judge. Guest Cards to judge DSHB classes are not allowed, per USEF GR1011. Each judge will evaluate each entry independently, and scribes must be provided for each judge. Winners will be determined by the average of all judges' scores. The highest scoring horse will be declared grand champion, and the second highest will be declared reserve grand champion for their respective age-group classes. Scores must be awarded to all competitors competing in materiale classes, as well as USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.
 - a. Ties in USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes must remain unbroken.
 - b. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be named for the three-year-old, four-year-old, and five-year-old USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes at each series

- final competition. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions will receive awards and prizes provided by USDF. Third through sixth placed horses in these materiale championship classes will receive ribbons provided by USDF.
- c. After the conclusion of the last scheduled series final competition, special certificates will be available from USDF via the website to owners of all horses that competed in USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.
 - d. USDF reserves the right to change, alter, or retract any placings and/or prizes for up to 60 days after the last day of the championship if an error or violation is discovered.
 - e. Owner **must enter** the qualified horse in the horse's appropriate USDFBCS Materiale Championship class prior to commencement of the class. The horse is **NOT** automatically entered in the class because the horse qualified earlier in the day or at another show.
 - f. Management must collect all required USDF membership, horse registrations, and related fees prior to the commencement of materiale championship classes for eligible entries that wish to compete in a materiale championship class. Should required USDF membership, horse recording, and related fees fail to be submitted to USDF following the completion of a series final competition, elimination of a horse from its relevant materiale championship class may result due to noncompliance with USDF membership and horse recording requirements for competition. These applications and related fees must be submitted to the USDF office within 24 hours of the series final classes. Refer to section II.A for all USDF membership and horse recording requirements for competition.
 - g. Horse numbers must be provided by management per USEF DR207.
 - h. USDFBCS series final events must agree to allow late entries in the USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes for horses that qualified for the championship after the official closing date.
 - i. Series final events must hold materiale classes allowing for qualification opportunities prior to holding the USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.

III. THREE-YEAR-OLD PROSPECT AWARD

The Three-Year-Old Prospect Award will be awarded to the three-year-old horse earning the highest combined scores from their in-hand series final championship class and series final materiale championship class at each USDFBCS Series Final annually. USDF will provide each USDFBCS Series Final competition with the prize for the Three-Year-Old Prospect Award. This award must be presented to the award winner at the competition, and a photo taken of the award winner.

IV. AWARD CEREMONIES

A. REQUIREMENTS

1. For all series finals, a USDF sponsor banner must be prominently displayed. If the banner is misplaced or damaged, the event will be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement. Banners must be returned to USDF within 30 days of the competition.
2. In addition to the general requirements above, the awards presentation ceremonies and award presenters at each series final event must be arranged in cooperation with USDF. USDF will contact sponsors to determine if they or a representative plan to attend the award ceremonies. USDF will forward this information to the appropriate management team.
3. All USDFBCS sponsors (or their representatives) should be invited to participate in the final event award ceremonies. Award ceremony announcements must identify the sponsoring organizations. Any sponsors in attendance at these events should be provided with a complimentary copy of the competition program and be given free admission to the event.
4. Management must send two champion photos of in-hand competitors, two champion photos of materiale championship competitors, and two champion photos of the Three-Year-Old Prospect award winner, electronically to USDF for publication with the final results. Persons

and horses in the photos must be identified. A photographer's release must also be submitted.

5. Public announcements must be made, which credit sponsors and promote the program to the public. These announcements are required to be made throughout the event during the awarding of Current Year Foal, Filly, Colt/Gelding, Four-Year-Old Prospect, Mare, and Stallion Championships and Three, Four, and Five-Year-Old Materiale Championships. The name of the breeder(s) must be announced during award ceremonies. It is also strongly recommended that breeder(s) and owners of placing horses be invited to participate in award ceremonies.
6. All unused ribbons and prizes must be returned to USDF within 30 days of the competition. If awards are misplaced or damaged, the event will be responsible for the cost of replacement. For series qualifiers, USDF will provide twelve qualifier ribbons (two per in-hand division). For series finals, USDF will provide neck sashes and prizes for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion and ribbons for third through sixth place. Ribbons and prizes will be sent directly to the designated competition contact about two weeks prior to the event.
7. Show management is responsible to have a professional photographer for USDFBCS series final competitions.

V. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

A. APPLYING FOR AND SCHEDULING QUALIFIER AND FINAL EVENTS

1. The USDFBCS is scheduled on a calendar year basis (January 1- December 31).
2. A series must have a minimum of two qualifying events to hold a series final. All shows in the series, including qualifier classes held in conjunction with the series final, are qualifying events for any series final.
3. Competitions intending to host USDFBCS qualifying classes must submit their USDFBCS qualifier application to USDF no less than sixty days prior to the start of the competition. Any competitions submitting USDFBCS qualifier applications less than sixty days prior to the start of the competition will be considered on a case-by-case basis and subject to a \$50 late application fee.
4. Competitions may not advertise themselves as being qualifying opportunities for the USDFBCS prior to submitting a qualifier application and related \$75 fee to USDF.
5. The official USDFBCS host site application form for qualifiers and series finals will be available from the USDF office during the summer, prior to the start of the next competition year. USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions interested in hosting a final for a series must submit a completed USDFBCS event application form and contract to the USDF office by February 1 of the same year as the series final to request consideration for hosting the series final.
6. Fees for USDFBCS Final Host Site Applications are as follows:
 - a. USDFBCS Final application submitted by February 1: \$100
 - b. USDFBCS Final application submitted after February 1: \$150
 - c. USDFBCS Final application submitted less than 60 days prior to the start of the competition will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
7. The final event of each series is often the last USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competition holding DSHB classes scheduled in a particular geographical area of the United States. However, a series final must also be held in conjunction with a USDFBCS qualifying event. Host sites of series finals will be designated on or about April 1 of the same year as the series final year.
8. The series final must meet the minimum requirements for a series final: 1) minimum USEF Level 2 competition 2) Show manager and secretary must both be members of USEF and USDF (USDF Participating or Group Membership is required) at the time of championships. 3) all other requirements as stated in the USDFBCS Series Final Host Site Application.
9. It is recommended that a series final be held in conjunction with a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition unless it has a proven stand-alone history.
10. All applications for a series final will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

11. A series final will be considered “definite” when at least two qualifying events have registered with USDF to participate in the series for the year. If it meets the minimum requirements, a series final will be considered “tentative” until at least two events have registered for the series.
12. If two or more qualified events in the same series wish to host the series final, a working group appointed by the Sport Horse Committee, will select the host site of the series final, after consultation with the chair of the Sport Horse Committee, the regional director(s) of the region(s) with qualifying events in the series and the Sport Horse Committee liaison. Priority for the final will be given to 1) the date of event, which must be after all qualifying events are normally scheduled, and ideally, between August 1 and October 1 of the series final year, 2) the most prestigious DSHB show, or USDF Regional Dressage Championship in the geographical area, 3) location and accessibility to competitors, 4) experience of the competition management with DSHB competitions and 5) history of rule compliance with USEF and USDF.
13. All USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions with DSHB classes scheduled prior to the series final in the same calendar year and geographical area are eligible to participate in the USDFBCS program. Dressage competitions with DSHB classes scheduled after the series final in their area are not eligible to participate in the USDFBCS program and will not be qualifying events for the next year’s series final.
14. Only one USDFBCS series, or part of a series, may be held in any particular geographical area in the same calendar year. The boundaries of a series will be determined by USDF in consultation with regional directors and the chair of the Sport Horse Committee. Series will include clusters of DSHB shows and may cross the regional boundaries established for dressage competitions.
15. If a USDFBCS series does not have at least two qualifying events recognized by USDF by June 1 of the series final year, the final will not be held. Exceptions will be considered in extenuating circumstances.
16. Series Final competitions are required to submit an initial entry file to USDF for verification at least seven days prior to the start of the series final competition. Additional entries may be submitted to USDF for verification as they are received by the show secretary.

B. ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION

1. In order to receive full promotional benefits from USDF, qualifying and final events must be approved at least six months prior to the competition.
2. Qualifiers and final events must be approved by USDF in writing each year before they advertise that they are participating as qualifying or final events in the USDFBCS program.
3. “USDFBCS” or “USDF Breeders Championship Series” must be used in its entirety if included as the title of an event, or if referred to anywhere within the prize list or program. (In other words, you cannot title a competition the “XYZ Breeders Competition”).
4. The title “USDF Breeders Championship _____ Series Final” must be prominently listed in the final event official prize list, show program, promotional materials, and advertisements once the competition has received written approval of its status as a designated USDFBCS Final competition.
5. Series final prize lists must include the prize list insert for the USDFBCS program as provided by USDF.
6. Unless a competition has received written confirmation from USDF of the Federation’s approval to host a USDFBCS series final competition, the competition cannot utilize any competition name or title that would include a USDFBCS series final designation. Any failure on the part of the competition management to follow this protocol will result in a \$100 fine.

C. PRIZES

1. Prizes will be awarded during the finals competition award ceremonies.
2. Prizes and/or other awards may be withheld by USDF to series winners if the following information is not provided to USDF or show management by required deadlines: name of owner; name, age and sex of horse; and if known, the breed of horse, sire, dam, damsire, and breeder.
3. Prizes and/or other awards may be withheld by USDF if it is found that a series award winner or owner was not in compliance with USDF

series final membership, horse registration requirements, and related fees, for competition. These requirements can be seen at I.A and II.A.

D. RULES REGARDING CONTRACTS AND RECOGNITION

1. Qualifying and final events must be USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions and all classes must be conducted under USEF rules.
2. USDFBCS event application, contract and rules for the upcoming competition year will be available to show managers during the summer of the year prior to each USDFBCS competition year.
3. Rule changes and requirements will be fully approved and publicized by July 1 of the year prior to each USDFBCS competition year.
4. Changes of rules, requirements, or contract obligations for competition management (and/or competitors, if applicable) are not permitted after August 1 of the year prior to the start of the USDFBCS competition year, except when changed by the USEF and/or USDF Executive Board.
5. USDFBCS rules and procedures must be listed in the official prize list for the event and must be available sufficiently in advance to all potential competitors, or the event may be in violation of USEF rules.
6. For qualifying events whose dates fall after the closing date for their series final event, the results must be emailed to USDF at results@usdf.org within 24 hours of completion of the qualifying event. USDF will verify those horses who have qualified with the series final event secretary.

E. CONDUCT AND COMPETITION STANDARDS FOR USDFBCS QUALIFYING AND FINAL EVENTS

Series Final events must meet the minimum requirements for a series final:

1. A minimum Level 2 competition.
2. Show manager and secretary must both be members of USEF and USDF (USDF Participating or Group Membership is required) at the time of championships. All other requirements are as stated in the USDFBCS Finals Host Site Application.
3. DSHB competitions are not permitted to exclude horses from competing in an event that have previously qualified for a USDFBCS series final. Such exclusion is not permitted by USEF rules, and penalties could result.
4. Neither foals nor horses of any other age may be shown loose.
5. Note the following clarification on “stallion”: No geldings may compete in the USDFBCS classes for stallions even if they are gelded after qualifying for the finals and are breeding via frozen semen.

VI. LICENSED OFFICIALS

A. REQUIREMENTS

1. According to DR202 a competition with a USEF- licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) division must have a USEF- licensed DSHB judge and a USEF- licensed dressage technical delegate (TD). Guest Cards to judge DSHB classes are not allowed, per USEF GR1005.
2. Apprentice judging is NOT permitted during USDFBCS series final classes.
3. Hunter Breeding judges or USEF judges with other licenses or in other disciplines are NOT permitted to judge DSHB classes.
4. It is recommended that the USEF (TD) officiating at a USDFBCS series final have significant experience officiating as a TD at DSHB shows.

VII. UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION RULES

Please note that competition management, licensed officials and competitors must be aware of all USEF DSHB and applicable USEF general rules. Be sure to check the online version of the rules for any clarifications or changes that may have occurred for the current competition year.

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

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FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

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

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

RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTOR/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/Vaultor/Longeur is a minor) _____

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

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



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

EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING:

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

Under the laws of most States, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

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

D. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY: In conjunction with my participation in any USEF Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: USEF, USEF Recognized Affiliate Associations, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USEF clubs, members, Event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, 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 (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any USEF Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

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

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____