

# General Information about Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Shows

*The information below is a brief synopsis of some of the rules found in the U.S. Equestrian Federation Rule Book. It is by no means an exhaustive list. Competitors are responsible for familiarizing themselves with and being in compliance with all current USEF rules. A current rule book may be ordered from the U.S. Equestrian Federation, (859) 258-2472, or downloaded from their website, [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).*

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Shows listed in this purple section are all licensed by the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF), the U.S. Dressage Federation (USDF) and the Oregon Dressage Society (ODS). They may also be recognized by other organizations.

*The following information applies to all shows listed in this section. We hope you'll find it useful, especially when filling out your entry.*

## **General information about entering a DSHB show**

- In the DSHB division, each horse/handler/rider or group combination is considered a separate entry and is issued a separate number. Therefore, a completed entry form is required for *each horse/handler/rider or group combination*.
- *An entry is not complete* without full payment, proper signatures, and proof of all required memberships and horse enrollments. No entry is valid without full payment; additionally, competitions have the right to refuse entries that are in any way incomplete.
- Be sure to use the 2010 USEF/USDF/DSHB SHOW ENTRY FORM or 2010 DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING COMPETITION GROUP ENTRY FORM for DSHB shows. Photocopy the master entry form at the back of this *Omnibus*, or download the appropriate form from the ODS website, [www.oregondressage.com/entryforms.html](http://www.oregondressage.com/entryforms.html).
- Resist the temptation to sign the master form before photocopying. Only original signatures, in ink, are valid.
- Separate signatures are required for Rider/Handler, Assistant Handler, Owner and Trainer. All signatures are required, even if it is the same person.
- Entries will be processed in postmark order unless otherwise stated. When all ride times have been filled, *even if before closing date*, remaining entries will be placed on a waiting list.

- Phoned, faxed or hand-delivered entries will not be accepted unless otherwise stated.
- Early entries — entries postmarked before the published opening date — may be penalized by being considered to be postmarked up to three days after opening date, at the discretion of show management.

#### **Entry rules for horses**

- A horse must be 36 months of age (from foaling date) to compete under saddle in the Dressage division.
- Foals may not be shown loose.
- A horse may be entered in a class only once. Materiale classes are not included in the limited number of tests ridden per day.

#### **Documentation that must be included with your entry**

Some show offices don't have photocopiers, and some show secretaries will return your entry as incomplete if you don't include proof of required memberships. That said, yes, it is perfectly legal to apply for any of these memberships at the show. However, it is far preferable to do it (1) well in advance of the show and (2) on-line, so that you can print out proof of application to use while you wait for your cards to arrive in the mail.

*Always send photocopies of the following documents with your entry, or as soon thereafter as possible; it will help you avoid long lines when you check in at the show.*

Again, you'll find more information at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), and [www.oregon-dressage.com](http://www.oregon-dressage.com).

#### **Documentation for the Rider**

**USEF:** copy of current individual junior or senior competing membership card.  
*USEF non-members pay \$30 fee.*

**USDF:** see also the yellow section - *documentation for the rider*

Note: when you join ODS, you automatically become a Group Member of USDF. *You will receive a different membership card and different membership number in each organization.*

*USDF Qualifying classes* require proof that the rider is a USDF *Participating* member. A Group Membership is not sufficient.

**ODS:** copy of current membership card.

Check individual prize list for non-member fees. Non-member riders' scores will not count toward ODS year-end awards or championship qualifications.

#### **Documentation for the Handler**

**USEF:** copy of current individual junior or senior competing membership card. .  
*USEF non-members pay \$30 fee.*

**USDF:** copy of current membership card or Non-Member ID.

Handlers of horses competing in DSHB In-Hand or Group classes are exempt from the \$20 non-member fee and are not required to have a Non-Member ID.

Note: when you join ODS, you automatically become a Group Member of USDF. *You will receive a different membership card and different membership number in each organization.*

**ODS:** copy of current membership card.

Check individual prize list for non-member fees. Non-member handlers' scores will not count toward ODS year-end awards or championship qualifications.

#### **Documentation for the Assistant Handler**

*Assistant Handler:* "....Assistant Handlers may not show a horse at the **trot (except for horses not being judged but accompanying a mare or foal that is being judged)**" (Effective 12/1/04) and are bound by the rules of the competition. All assistant handlers must sign the entry and provide the following:

**USEF/USDF/ODS:** no membership is required for the Assistant Handler.

*Note:* Assistant Handler release form can be found on the ODS Website - [www.oregondressage.com](http://www.oregondressage.com). *Please download, print and fill out form prior to show entry!*

#### **Documentation for the Owner**

**USEF:** copy of current individual junior or senior competing membership card.

*USEF non-members* pay \$30 fee.

**USDF:** see also the yellow section - *documentation for owner*

*Participation in most USDF DSHB programs, including Great American/USDFBC and/or USDF Awards* require proof that the owner is a USDF *Participating or Business* member.

**ODS:** There is no membership requirement for owners of dressage horses; however, *owners of Dressage Sport Horse Breeding horses must be members of ODS or scores will not count toward ODS year-end awards.*

#### **Documentation for the Horse**

**USEF:** If your horse has a USEF Horse ID or annual or lifetime registration, you must provide that number.

*Horses not in the USEF database* may use their USDF Horse ID number.

*USDF Qualifying classes* require proof that the horse has current annual or lifetime recording with USEF (Horse ID number not sufficient).

**USDF:** All horses competing in a USEF/USDF/ODS-recognized show must have at least a USDF Horse ID number unless competing in classes on the exception list. USEF Horse ID cannot be substituted.

Must be USDF lifetime registered to compete in a *Great American/ USDF Breeders Championship Final Class* at the series final event and to participate in USDF Awards.

**ODS:** There is no horse registration program. However, several shows offer breed awards. It's always a good idea to include a copy of your horses's breed registration papers with your entry.

**Documentation for the Trainer - see yellow section**

**Documentation for the Coach - see yellow section**

**General rules for DSHB/USEF/USDF/ODS-recognized shows**

- Management reserves the right to cancel, combine or reorder classes, add or substitute judges, or make any other changes required.
- Management reserves the right to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry for cause deemed sufficient by show management.
- Classes with no entries by closing date may be canceled. Materiale classes with fewer than 3 entries may be combined with same sex only.
- If schooling is allowed in the competition arenas, hours will be posted and announced in advance.
- Minors who do not have a valid drivers' 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. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accommodated by an adult with a valid license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), 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 USEF Rule 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals are exempt from this rule.
- Read refund policies closely as many shows have different refund policies. Unless stated otherwise, competitions will not refund entry fees in the event of cancellation of classes due to severe weather or other emergency.
- No loose foals.

**General rules for riders/handlers**

- Competitors, Handlers and Assistant Handlers are allowed in and around the competition arena only during their scheduled classes and during posted **schooling hours**.
- If a mathematical error on the **scoresheet** is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of that competition day.
- Classes may be scheduled out of order. **It is the competitor's responsibility to find the order of classes** and to immediately notify show management of any time conflicts that escaped the scheduler's notice. *Failure to enter the competition arena when the class is called will result in elimination.*
- All handlers and assistant handlers entering the competition ring must be identified by show management with a wristband or other form of identification to ensure each individual has signed an entry form or separate handler/assistant handler release form. Competition areas must be monitored by ring stewards by ensure that only eligible handlers and assistant handlers are permitted to enter the arena. Judges must excuse horses with handlers and/or assistant handlers who are not properly identified.

## ODS DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING AWARDS

**Year-end High Point Awards:** The following in-hand divisions will be recognized for year-end awards by ODS. They may be offered and may vary at the discretion of competition management, but classes other than these will not count toward year-end awards:

### In-Hand Awards

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| a) Weanling fillies                  | b) Weanling colts and geldings |
| c) Yearling colts and geldings       | d) Yearling fillies            |
| e) Two-year-old colts and geldings   | f) Two-year-old fillies        |
| g) Three-year-old colts and geldings | h) Three-year-old fillies      |

### Materiale

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| a) Fillies and Mares | b) Colts and Stallions |
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### Eligibility Requirements

1. Awards must be earned at ODS/USEF/USDF recognized competitions during the *current membership year* of November 1 to October 31 (ODS League shows and practice shows do not count).
2. Horses must be owned by current members of ODS in good standing at the time scores are earned.
3. No minimum number of horses are required.
4. Scoring for awards in these classes will be based on an averaged score system.
5. A minimum of two scores from two separately recognized shows is necessary to qualify for year-end awards in each of these divisions. At the end of the competition year, the highest average scoring horse in each of the above divisions will be recognized and published in Flying Changes.
6. Competitors are *not required* to submit award report forms in order to be eligible for year-end awards.

### USDF BREEDER AWARD

Read the *USDF Directory* for a complete and detailed explanation of all awards. The *USDF Directory* is mailed automatically to all USDF Participating Members; if you are not a USDF Participating member and you wish to purchase a copy of the *USDF Directory*, please contact USDF at (859) 971-2277.

**General Requirements:** The following explanations are condensed.

Breeders must be members of USDF (Participating or Business). ODS membership includes a USDF *Group* membership. A USDF *Participating* membership costs an additional \$62. *It is the breeder's responsibility to know which USDF membership level is required for awards.*

**USDF BREEDER AWARD:** The award is designed so that both small and large breeders can participate. A breeder with 2-5 horses in either the performance or DSHB categories can qualify. Points are assigned to all horses ranked in HOY and FEI Young Horse Year end award categories and to all horses ranked in DSHB HOY and Materiale HOY awards. The top five breeders in each of the two award categories will receive recognition certificates from USDF. However, all breeders meeting the eligibility criteria will be ranked and listed on the USDF Web site, <http://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/boy.asp>. For more information contact USDF via e-mail [sporthorse@usdf.org](mailto:sporthorse@usdf.org) or by phone (859) 971-2277.

## 2010 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series



The Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series (USDFBC) is a program designed to promote breeders and showcase quality sport horses. Each series will consist of at least three qualifying events in designated geographical areas of the United States, which will lead to a final event in each series. Exhibitors compete at qualifying events for the champion and reserve champion current year foal, filly, colt/gelding, mare and stallion. These horses are then invited to compete in each of their respective classes, in the final event of that series, which is where the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion current year foal, filly, colt/gelding, mare, and stallion will be determined.

For a list of events participating in the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series or the complete rules and guidelines, contact USDF at (859) 971-2277 or [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). A list of upcoming events is also included in the *USDF Connection*.

### Qualifying System

The USDFBC Series is scheduled on a calendar year basis (January 1-December 31).

A series must have a minimum of three qualifying events in order to hold a series final. All shows in the series, including qualifier classes held in conjunction with the final of the series, are qualifying events.

The final event of each series is normally the last USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competition holding DSHB classes scheduled in a particular geographical area of the United States as of July 1 of the year prior to the series final year. However, a series final may also be held at either a separate dressage or DSHB show which does not offer other DSHB classes, and is not a USDFBC qualifying event. Host sites of series finals will be designated on or about July 1 of the year prior to the series final.

If a USDFBC Series does not have at least three qualifying events registered with USDF by June 1 of the series final year, the final will not be held for that series.

Horses may compete in qualifying events in any series, but they may participate in only one final class. Horses must qualify in the series in which they enter the final. Exception: Horses that have qualified for a series final which is either not scheduled or is cancelled may participate in the final of any other USDFBC series in the same calendar year, without having to re-qualify for that series. Owners of horses that have qualified for a final which is not held, may enter another series final, but must indicate which series they qualified at on their entry form.

Series final events must allow late entries in the series final classes for horses that qualified for the series final event after the official closing date for the final event.

If there is a change of ownership of the horse, the new owner(s) may choose to participate in the series final where they reside, regardless of where they qualified, provided that the new owner contacts the USDF office and initiates the change at least 30 days prior to the new Series Final date.(BOG 12/08)

Each qualifying event must offer a current year foal class, a filly championship class, a colt/gelding championship class, a mare championship class and a stallion championship class. These classes are USDFBC qualifying classes. The champion and reserve champion in each of these classes, from each series qualifying event, are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBC series final class. A third place horse in each series qualifying championship class must be named as well. If the champion, reserve or both have already qualified for the series final class, the third place horse will also be invited to compete in the series final class. In addition, any other horse receiving a 77% or better in its age/sex class will be eligible to compete in the final class. A list of qualified horses is maintained by series on the USDF Web site.

### Current Year Foal Championship

The current year foal championship class at qualifying events must be open to first and second place winners of Sport Horse Prospect In Hand classes for all horses of current calendar year, as listed below. First and second place (and third if desired) fillies and colts/geldings of current year will compete against each other in the same class. (Organizers have the option of including third placed winners in championship classes.)

Fillies of current calendar year  
Colts/Geldings of current calendar year

### Filly and Colt/Gelding Championship

The Filly and Colt/Gelding Championship classes at qualifying events must be open to first and second place winners of Sport Horse Prospect In Hand classes for all horses as listed below. (Organizers have the option of including third placed winners in championship classes.)

<i>Filly Championship:</i>	<i>Colt/Gelding Championship:</i>
Yearling fillies	Yearling colts/geldings
Two-year-old fillies	Two-year-old colts/geldings
Three-year-old fillies	Three-year-old colts/geldings

### Mare and Stallion Championship

The Mare and Stallion Championship classes at qualifying events must be open to first and second place 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 winners in championship classes.)

*Mare Championship:*  
Mare classes may be divided by age, competition and/or breeding status, as in the following example:

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

For details on determining breeding status for competitor purposes, please refer to USEF DR203.16.

#### *Stallion Championship:*

Stallion classes may be divided by age, competition and/or breeding 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

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.
- b. Mares and stallions age four and over may show ONLY in breeding stock classes/categories.  
Note: Two and three-year olds are ONLY eligible to compete in the filly or colt championships. They are NOT eligible for the mare or stallion championships.
- c. Geldings of any age may NOT show in breeding stock classes/categories. Geldings age three and under may show ONLY in sport horse classes/categories.

No geldings may compete in the USDFBC classes for stallions even if they are gelded after qualifying for the finals and are breeding via frozen semen.

Horses and ponies of any origin may compete.

Horses participating in USDFBC 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. For unregistered horses competing in DSHB classes, the information is strongly recommended, if available." (USEF GR907.1)

The USDFBC championship classes must be offered and judged at each qualifying event according to USEF DR209 and DR210. These championships may not be awarded on the basis of previous scores.

The champion and reserve champion in each championship class at a qualifying event will be presented with a qualifier ribbon. Only the champion and reserve champion will receive the qualifier ribbon, even if they have previously qualified. A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well, but will not receive a qualifier ribbon.

#### **Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying Events** (These are minimum requirements)

*Horse:* USDF Horse Identification (HID) number

*Owner:* USDF non-member (NM) number and fee

*Handler:* Exempt

USEF Membership is not required, but non-member fees apply.

#### **Great American Insurance Group/USDF**

##### **Breeders' Championship Series Final Events**

Five championship classes will be offered at a Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Final Event. These are: current year foal, filly, colt/gelding, mare and stallion. All champions and reserve champions in each of the five championship classes from each qualifying competition are eligible to participate in the Great American/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Final Event. A grand champion and reserve grand champion current year foal, filly, colt/gelding, mare, and stallion will be named at each series final event.

At least two judges qualified to judge a Federation Licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding division (one of whom must be a licensed USEF DSHB judge) must officiate in each series final class. 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 placed horse in each class will be declared grand champion and the second-highest placed horse will be declared reserve grand champion. Ties in USDFBC Finals classes must remain unbroken.

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. DSHB sport horse prospects are evaluated on yellow score sheets; DSHB breeding stock horses are evaluated on pink score sheets. Call backs are permitted.

Grand champions and reserve grand champions will receive awards and prizes provided by USDF. Third through sixth-placed horses in the series final classes will receive ribbons. After the final event, special certificates will be available from USDF via the USDF web site to owners of all horses that compete in a series final class.

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, after which no changes will be made.

#### **Membership/Registration Requirements for Final Events**

*Horse:* USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR)

*Owner:* USDF Participating Membership (PM) or

USDF Business Membership (BM)

*Handler:* Exempt

USEF Membership is not required, but non-member fees apply.

Verification of USDF Participating or Business membership and Lifetime Horse Registration must be provided to management prior to the series final class.

Please note that when qualifying classes are held prior to the final classes at the series final event, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to apply for, or provide proof of, proper memberships and horse registrations to competition manager prior to the final class.

Don't forget to  
nominate your young  
horses for the

**ODS**

*Futurity,*

to be held during the

*29<sup>th</sup> Annual*

**ODS**

*Championship Show*



at the DevonWood Equestrian Centre

September 11 & 12 .

*See details and form in Yellow Section.*

Nomination fee due 1/31.

Late nominations accepted with late fee payment.