# Sage Creek I and II Dressage Shows

Presented by Sage Creek Equestrian

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Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17, 2023

Two USEF Level 3 Dressage Competitions

2023 North American Youth Championship Qualifier

USEF/USDF: #323509/323510

RMDS/UDS Recognized

Location: 3181 West 3000 South, Heber City, UT 84032

Opening Date: May 15, 2023 Closing Date: June 1, 2023, at 10 PM

## This show will only accept online entries at www.equestrianentries.com

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TD: Joe Coleman (r), KS

Licensee: Sage Creek Equestrian, Donette Hicks, Owner

Announcer: TBA

Veterinarian: TBA – on call – will be posted at the show office

Farrier: TBA – on call – will be posted at the show office

# **Divisions:**

O-Open; J-Junior/YR; A-Adult Amateur (send copy of 2023 USEF AA card w/entry); P-Pony

## Q- Great American /USDF (proof of USEF/USDF membership/registration required for participants)

TOC – Test of choice

## **Tentative Schedule**

| Show I (Fri) | Show II (Sat) |                        |               |                         |
|--------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 101          | 201           | Intro A                | O, J, A, P    |                         |
| 102          | 202           | Intro B                | O, J, A, P    | 7/8                     |
| 103          | 203           | Intro C                | O, J, A, P    |                         |
| 104          | 204           | Opportunity Training 1 | O, J, A, P    | no memberships required |
| 105          | 205           | Opportunity Training 2 | O, J, A, P    | no memberships required |
| 106          | 206           | Opportunity Training 3 | O, J, A, P    | no memberships required |
| 107          | 207           | Opportunity First 1    | O, J, A, P    | no memberships required |
| 108          | 208           | Opportunity First 2    | O, J, A, P    | no memberships required |
| 109          | 209           | Training 1             | O, J, A, P    |                         |
| 110          | 210           | Training 2             | O, J, A, P    |                         |
| 111          | 211           | Training 3             | O, J, A, P, Q |                         |
| 112          | 212           | First 1                | O, J, A, P    |                         |
| 113          | 213           | First 2                | O, J, A, P    |                         |
| 114          | 214           | First 3                | O, J, A, P, Q |                         |
| 115          | 215           | Second 1               | O, J, A, P    |                         |
| 116          | 216           | Second 2               | O, J, A, P    |                         |
| 117          | 217           | Second 3               | O, J, A, P, Q |                         |
| 118          | 218           | Third 1                | O, J, A, P    |                         |
| 119          | 219           | Third 2                | O, J, A, P    |                         |
| 120          | 220           | Third 3                | O, J, A, P, Q |                         |
| 121          | 221           | Fourth 1               | O, J, A, P    |                         |
| 122          | 222           | Fourth 2               | O, J, A, P    |                         |

| 123 | 223 | Fourth 3                                 | O, J, A, P, Q  |
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| 124 | 224 | FEI Prix St Georges                      | O, J, A, Q   |
| 126 | 226 | FEI Inter I                              | O, J, A, Q   |
| 127 | 227 | FEI Inter II                             | O, J, A, Q   |
| 128 | 228 | FEI Grand Prix                           | O, J, A, Q   |
| 137 | 237 | FEI Para – TOC                           | 0  |
| 138 | 238 | FEI Para – TOC                           | 0  |
| 139 | 239 | FEI Para Freestyle                       | 0  |
| 140 | 240 | Freestyle – Training                     | O, J, A, P   |
| 141 | 241 | Freestyle – First or Second TOC          | O, J, A, P, Q  |
| 142 | 242 | Freestyle – Third or Fourth TOC          | O, J, A, P, Q  |
| 143 | 243 | Freestyle – FEI TOC                      | O, J, A, P, Q  |
| 144 | 244 | USEF – TOC Training-4 <sup>th</sup> only | O, J, A, P, Q (Q Training-4 <sup>th</sup> highest test of level only)                                      |
| 145 | 245 | USEF – TOC Training-4 <sup>th</sup> only | O, J, A, P, Q (Q Training-4 <sup>th</sup> highest test of level only)                                      |
| 146 | 246 | FEI TOC                                  | O, J, A, P, Q (Q for PSG, I-I, I-II, GP, Jr/YR Team Test)  |
| 147 | 247 | FEI TOC                                  | O, J, A, P, Q (Q for PSG, I-I, I-II, GP, Jr/YR Team Test)  |
| 148 | 248 | FEI Junior Team Test                     | Y  |
| 149 | 249 | FEI Junior Individual Test               | J  |
| 150 | 250 | FEI Junior Freestyle Test                | J  |
| 151 | 252 | FEI Young Rider Team Test                | YR   |
| 152 | 252 | FEI Young Rider Individual Test          | YR   |
| 153 | 253 | FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test           | YR   |
| 154 | 254 | Freestyle TOC                            | O, J, A, P, Q (Q for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , I-I, GP only) |
| 155 | 255 | Dressage Seat Equitation                 | O,J,A (Qualifier for the USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation)   |

## **Entry Fees:**

| DESCRIPTION  | FEES  |
|--|-------|
| Intro and Opportunity classes  | \$45  |
| Training Level – Fourth Level  | \$50  |
| FEI and all Freestyles   | \$60  |
| FEI Para TOC   | \$60  |
| NAYC/Young Horse/YR Grand Prix/FEI Pony/Children/Developing Horse classes  | \$75  |
| Online Office Fee – per show – non-refundable – we accept only online entries at this show   | \$45  |
| Late Fee – one time fee  | \$30  |
| Change Fee – each change   | \$30  |
| Returned Check Fee/Declined Credit card  | \$35  |
| Great American/USDF Qualifying fee – per test  | \$15  |
| Drug Fee – per show (\$15 drug + \$8)  | \$23  |
| USDF non-member fee – per show (for each rider, owner)   | \$35  |
| USEF Show Pass Fee   | \$45  |
| Trailer-in fee (if not stabling) – per horse, per show   | \$20  |
| Schooling fee (if not showing) – entry form and proof of vaccination required  | \$45  |
| USDF Affidavit fee – per affidavit   | \$5   |
| Show Stabling (arrive Thursday, leave Saturday after the show)-includes first day bedding, cleaning and feeding in the Main Barn/ shed row – first come, first serve                                   | \$100 |
| Additional night in Main Barn / shed row – per night   | \$50  |
| Show Stabling (arrive Thursday, leave Saturday after the show) - includes first day bedding, cleaning and feeding) – in the Temp stalls – you will be in temp stalls once main barn/shed row is filled | \$90  |
| Additional shavings – per wheelbarrow  | \$10  |

**You must enter online** – save time, submit online and pay your fees by credit card. Your memberships and cards will be automatically verified. Go to <a href="www.equestrianentries.com">www.equestrianentries.com</a>. Once you have created an account you can use it for all shows that offer this type of online entry.

We will only accept online entries for this show.

Sponsor a class for only \$25.

Make checks payable to Sage Creek Equestrian or sponsor online.

**SHOW COMMITTEE:** The show committee reserves the right to cancel or split classes; limit class size; change arenas; limit the number of rides & number of horses per rider; and cancel or add judges. The show committee also reserves the right to refuse any entries. Every horse entered for competition will comply with the rules of the horse show management, but management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold this horse show and the officials and employees of the show blameless for any loss or accident to his horse, employees, equipment, which may occur from sickness, fire or otherwise.

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

**ENTRIES:** Accepted on first come, first served basis. Post entries (after closing date) will be accepted on a space available basis with late fee. Once the competition is filled a wait list will be established. Wait list will be maintained through June 15, 2023. Proof of memberships and horse registrations must be included with entry, including RMDS memberships if an RMDS member.

ALL COMPETITORS MUST SUBMIT WITH THEIR ENTRY CURRENT PROOF (WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE FIRST DAY YOUR HORSE ENTERS THE COMPETITION GROUNDS) OF EQUINE INFLUENZA AND RHINOPNEUMONITIS VACCINATION FOR ALL HORSES 7 MONTHS OF AGE OR OLDER.

# FOR OUT OF STATE HORSES: A VALID HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND CURRENT COGGINS MUST BE PRESENTED UPON ENTRY TO GROUNDS.

Each competitor is responsible for supplying the show management with the correct and required association numbers of USDF and/or USEF for the horse, owner, rider, coaches, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition. Individuals signing as trainers and coaches MUST be over the age of 18 and be members of USDF/USEF. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not count towards regional or national awards. The proof of these numbers must be in the form of either their actual membership/registration cards or a facsimile of them. Proof of membership must be included with entry form. Please provide the USEF/USDF Master Verification (www.eqverification.org) although membership cards or photocopies of cards are still acceptable. Failure to provide proof of USEF and/or USDF membership will result in competitor being charged non-member fees. Members that are unable to produce the USDF memberships cards/registrations or a facsimile will be asked to sign an affidavit and pay an affidavit fee. All entries are taken on a first come, first served basis. This show will place late entries on a wait list on an "as-received" basis. Enter as soon as possible to assure entry to the show. No exhibitor may withdraw horses from a licensed show after it has commenced or remove them from the show grounds without permission of the show secretary.

<u>USEF Show Pass:</u> Non-members are only allowed one show pass per year before joining USEF. If you have already used a show pass this year, you are no longer eligible to show as a non-member. Additionally, since our two show days are separate shows, you may only use your show pass for one day. As a reminder, SafeSport must be completed within 7 days of joining/renewing your USEF membership.

<u>RIDE TIMES:</u> Provisional times available at www.sagecreekequestrian.com and emailed to valid email addresses. Please also check your spam folder. Official times will be posted at the show office by Noon the day before the start of each show. Numbers required all times when horse is outside of stall or not tied to a trailer. Entry required if schooling only (schooling fee and appropriate trailer-in/stabling fee required). Anyone not appearing for any of their dressage tests without prior notification to the show secretary will be "scratched" from their remaining classes. Those rides will be filled if possible.

<u>AWARDS:</u> Ribbons up to fourth place. Prizes for first place. Due to the uncertainty with the Corona Virus Sage Creek will offer high points and series high points based on the shows we are able to hold. For detailed information check our website.

<u>ARENAS/FOOTING</u>: Two 20m x 60m sand outdoor competition arenas and one dirt indoor warm-up 210'x110'. Only horses with entries will be permitted in the arenas. Warm up and schooling may occur Thursday before the show, 2pm – 8 pm, and Friday afternoon/evening after the show. Lunging available in designated areas, but not in the warm-up arena.

**CONCESSIONS:** Food available on premises according to applicable restrictions due to COVID.

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

**EMT:** On premises 45 minutes before start of show through completion of all classes.

FREESTYLE ENTRIES: DR 129.9: "Except for USEF/USDF Championship classes and for FEI Pony Riders, FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider Freestyles, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 63% for Training through Fourth levels and 60% for FEI levels in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a Federation /USDF Licensed Dressage Competition or FEI recognized Dressage Competition or "open" Dressage class (i.e. open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. To enter an FEI Para Dressage Freestyle class, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 60% in any FEI Para Dressage test (Para Novice Test, Para Intermediate Test or Para Grand Prix Test) at the rider's classified Grade. This score may be earned at a USEF/USDF licensed Dressage Competition or FEI recognized Dressage Competition or "open" Dressage class (i.e. open to all breeds) at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility, or copy of the USDF score verification, must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class. All FEI Pony Rider Tests are equivalent to Second Level; all FEI Junior Tests are equivalent to Third Level; all FEI Young Rider Tests are equivalent to PSG; and the USEF Brentina Cup (Young Adult) Test and FEI Young Rider Grand Prix 16-25 Tests are equivalent to Intermediate II. For purposes of freestyle qualification, all are considered equivalent to the highest test of that level and may be used to enter a freestyle at that level or a level below. Young Horse and FEI Children Tests cannot be used for freestyle qualification at any level."

Adult Amateurs will show separately, Open and Junior competitors will show together in Freestyle classes.

Freestyle sound checks will take place on Friday morning at 7:30 AM. Other times may be arranged with prior consent by the show secretary or show announcer.

**PONY MEASUREMENTS:** If you don't have a measurement card for the pony, you must notify the Show Secretary in writing with your entry. You will need to schedule an appointment to have this done prior to your first pony test and are required to pay the veterinarian fee for this service. A pony does not exceed 148 cm without shoes and 149 cm with shoes. Any pony competing in classes limited to ponies must submit a copy of a USEF Measurement Card with each entry.

Sage Creek has a veterinary on call. Therefore, we do not have a specific time for pony measurements. You must request a time. See DR 135.5: Alternatively, when the competition veterinarian is on call and an alternative measurement time is necessary, management must receive a written request for measurement from the owner or agent at least five days prior to the start of competition.

**REFUNDS:** All Cancellations must be made in writing either by email, or text. Up through closing date, all fees refunded except office fee. From day after closing to the day prior to competition, class fees will be refunded only if ride(s) can be filled from wait list. Qualifying fees and drug fees (if horse is not on show grounds) refunded. Qualifying fees also refunded if scratched before ride and requested to be refunded, otherwise forwarded to USDF or applied to other indebtedness. During competition days no refunds including for Acts of God. Office fee is never refundable. If there are circumstances due to COVID, please contact Simone for more refund information.

<u>SHARPS CONTAINERS</u>: Are located in the barn. Please use them appropriately or fines will be assessed per USEF guidelines. In accordance with the 1989 Federal Waste Tracking Act, which restricts the disposal of medical waste, bio-hazardous medical waste containers will be provided in the stable area. All exhibitors and their agents are responsible for the proper disposal of this waste.

**SCHOOLING HORSES:** Non-competition, schooling or sale horses will be allowed. An entry for the horse must be submitted and appropriate non-compete and stabling fees paid.

<u>SPECIAL CLASSES:</u> Q Class is for the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Championship qualifying class. **Opportunity:** Opportunity are classes made available for entry level riders who are experimenting with dressage showing (see USEF GR821). Riders entering Opportunity classes may not cross enter into the rated/recognized classes but they may enter the Intro A and/or B and/or C class which are not rated/recognized tests.

The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program recognizes adult amateurs competing in equitation and promotes correct seat, position, and use of the aids in dressage. An Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class will be held at each of the nine USDF Regional Dressage Championship competitions, providing adult amateurs with additional opportunity for recognition. Adult amateurs wishing to qualify to compete in an Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final may do so by meeting the following requirements. Qualifying Requirements To be eligible for the USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Final class, rider must have a) Earned a score of 70% or higher in any dressage seat equitation class (except walk/trot) at a USEF/USDF-recognized Dressage competition within the qualifying period of the applicable regional championship. or b) Qualified to compete in any regional dressage championship class (excluding freestyles). Membership Requirements ● Rider must have a USDF Participating Membership at the time the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class. • Rider must be an adult amateur, in accordance with GR1306 of the USEF rules, and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur when the score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class. ● Owner must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class. • Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration when the qualifying score is earned, and at the time of the Regional Final class. The USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program rules and information can be found on the USDF website.

<u>STABLING:</u> Overnight stabling is available on site. **First-come, first-serve!** On site permanent stabling, 12X12 with full size doors, rubber matting. \$50/night per stall includes 1<sup>st</sup> day bedding, cleaning, and feeding. Additional bedding \$10/wheelbarrow. Sage Creek staff will deliver bedding to stall from loose shavings. You must provide your own hay and/or feed. **You must contact SAGE CREEK management for stabling reservations, email Brooke at brooke.sagecreek@gmail.com.** Paying for it on your entry will

not guarantee a reservation - however you must pay stabling with your entry. Stabling will not be refunded unless we can fill your stall.

LODGING, DIRECTIONS: Best Western Plus, 1227 N Highway 40, Heber City, UT. Holiday Inn Express, Heber City, UT 435-654-9990. Swiss Alps Inn, 167 S Main St, Heber City, UT (435) 654-0722. Trailer parking available on show grounds. From Salt Lake take I-80 East to Hwy 40 towards Heber. Go through Heber City and take a right on Hwy 189 towards Provo. After you pass the airport on your left, look for 3000 South on your right (turn right). Sage Creek Equestrian is ½ mile on the left. Look for the Sage Creek sign out front. Follow the signs for parking. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DOG(S) AT HOME!

**Attention Competitors as of January 1, 2019**, if you are a USEF competing member 18 years of age or older you are required to take the core **Safe Sport training within 7 days of activating your membership**. Take the Safe Sport Training at USEF.org by logging into your member dashboard."

For national level competitions offering non-qualifying FEI children test(s), competitions may use one, two, or three judges for the FEI Children Tests:

- 1) If there is one judge officiating: judge at C only scores the Technical Marking component. The Quality Marking will not be used or filled out by the judge.
- 2) If two judges are officiating: judge at C only scores the Technical Marking Sheet. The Judge at B or E only scores the Quality Marking Sheet;
- 3) If there are three judges officiating: judge at C only scores the Technical Marking Sheet; two judges (sitting together) at B or E use only the Quality Marking Sheet;
- 4) To include this test in an FEI Test of Choice (TOC) classes, ONLY Technical Test can be offered and one judge must preside. If two or three judges are used, the test must be offered in a separate class that is limited to FEI Children Tests. Competition management must clearly note in the Prize list how many judges will be officiating the test.
- 5) Note: If two or more judges, the technical percentage score and the quality marking percentage score shall be weighted each with 50% towards the final score (both percentage scores added and divided by two);

Beginning in the 2016 competition year, which began on October 1st, 2015, participants and horses competing in Para- Equestrian classes at USDF recognized competitions will no longer be exempt from USDF memberships. Para- Equestrian competitors will now be required to have a USDF Group Membership, a USDF Participating Membership or a USDF Non-Member ID and pay the \$35 Non-Member fee per competition. Owners of horses competing in the Para- Equestrian classes will be required to have a USDF Participating Membership, a USDF Business Membership, a USDF Group Membership or a USDF Non-Member ID and pay the \$35 Non-Member fee per competition. The horses competing in Para-Equestrian classes will be required to have a USDF HID number or be USDF Lifetime registered.

#### Motorized Vehicle Statement In accordance with GR1301.7:

Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind, including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, licensed competitions. Minors scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of 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, parent/legal guardian or individual who signs the entry The blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible actions resulting from that operation. V for any damages, claims, losses or iolations of this rule will be cause for penalties against those responsible for the child committing the offense. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. The unsafe use of personal ele devices for ctronic 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 Operating such devices in areas on competition grounds. where people gather may be deemed "unsafe use" if there is a risk of harm to others. If the operator of the device the entry blank as a pa is a minor, the parent/legal guardian or individual who signs rent or guardian of a minor operating the device in violation of this rule is accountable and may be subject to penalties. Wheelchairs and other individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule. mobility assistance devices for

#### **GR845 EQUINE VACCINATION RULE**

Please be aware of the following new USEF rule: At Federation licensed competitions, horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. For the complete rule please go here -

www.usef.org/documents/drugsMeds/2016/2016GR08845VaccineRule.pdf

<u>USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT</u> 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 E ndurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$45 Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4 H members; 5) walk trot (exception: Friesian performance FR222) and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have pr oof, 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.

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.

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.

#### **USEF SAFESPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO COMPETE:**

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. SafeSport certification must be completed within 7 days of joining/renewing USEF membership. More information about these can be found at <a href="https://www.usef.org">www.usef.org</a>.

### **General Show Information and Rules**

Management may deny entry to any competitor if the competitor has outstanding debt to the sponsoring organization.

#### 1) **DEFINITIONS**:

**ENTRY:** Each horse/rider combination is a unique entry and will be assigned a number.

**JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER CLASSES:** An individual is eligible to compete as a Young Rider (YR) from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of 21, and as a Junior (Jr) if they have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1 of the current competition year.

**ADULT/AMATEUR CLASSES:** An individual is eligible to compete as an Adult/ Amateur from the beginning of the calendar year in which he/she reaches the age of 22 and has a current USEF Amateur Card. (GR1306 and GR1307)

**DRESSAGE EQUITATION CLASSES:** To be conducted in accordance with USEF Rule DR133.1.

MUSICAL FREESTYLE: The rider is to create and execute, from memory, an original ride which shows the horse to its best advantage. Creativity and artistic presentation as well as technical execution will be considered. Riders must supply their own music, in cassette or CD form, to the show secretary at least 2 hours before the class begins. (Bring two copies) (See USEF or USDF rules for specific rules and current time restrictions) Ridden in a standard arena. See #7 under USEF Rules for eligibility requirements. Please provide an electronic format emailed to the show secretary before the competition. Riders are responsible for arranging music check with the announcer or be present at a posted music check time.

**COACH:** Adult or adults who receive remuneration for having or sharing the responsibility for instructing, teaching, schooling, or advising a rider in equestrian skills. (GR108)

**TRAINER:** Any adult (cannot be a minor) who has the responsibility for the care, training, custody or performance of a horse while on the show grounds. (GR147)

**OPENING DATE:** The earliest date Competition Management will accept an Entry into its Show. Entries received before the Opening Date may be returned.

**CLOSING DATE:** The last date Competition Management will accept an Entry into its show. The show may refuse Entries before the Closing Date if it fills the show. The Show may accept Entries for some period after the Closing Date but may charge a late fee.

2) ENTRIES: All horses brought on the show ground must complete an entry form and be issued a number. ENTRIES must be RECEIVED by the CLOSING DATE to be accepted (check individual show). Entries must be filled out in their entirety. Management reserves the right to charge a fee up to \$25 or return entries which are incomplete or inaccurate. Entries in Junior/Young Rider and Adult Amateur Classes, if offered, must meet the definition. Adult Amateur entries must include proof of a current USEF Amateur Card with the entry. If the entry form does not designate a Junior/ Young Rider or Adult Amateur status or, in the case of Adult Amateur, if the entry does not show proof of a current USEF Amateur Card the rider will be entered in the Open Class. Entry preference may be given to competitors at 3rd Level and above. Each class will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. If classes are oversubscribed, a WAITING LIST will be maintained. NO PHONE entries, however some shows may allow FAXED ENTRIES.

**INCOMPLETE OR INACCURATE ENTRIES:** Copies of all registrations and membership cards must be provided with each entry. All signatures must be present. Bridle numbers will not be awarded until this fee is paid. Please SEE GR845. Beginning December 1, 2015, all horses over age 7 months entering the grounds of a Federation-licensed competition must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Competition management may request that proof of vaccination or waiver be provided as specified in GR845. No refund will be given for any rule violation. After the Closing Date, changes in a horse or rider may be considered a cancellation of the entry. If the Show is filled with a waiting list, new entries will go to the bottom of the waiting list. Any post entry fees will apply.

**POST ENTRIES** will be allowed on a space-available, first-come-first-served basis. No entries will be allowed after a class has begun. Applicable show fees will apply.

- **3) OFFICIAL RIDE TIMES:** It is the rider's responsibility to inform the Management of any time conflicts. A move can sometimes be made if there is a scratched time slot opening. Classes may be scheduled out of order. It is the competitor's responsibility to verify his/her official ride time which will be posted at the competition office. Failure to enter the arena at the specified time will result in elimination.
- **4) SCRATCHES**: Competitors who do not inform the show office of a class scratch are considered "No Show." Management may consider any "No Show" scratched for the balance of the day and rides may be assigned to other competitors.
- **5) CONDUCT OF SHOW:** Provided the appropriate official notification is made, Show management reserves the right to limit entries, add or divide classes, to add or substitute judges, to cancel awards and prizes and/or make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications listed herein. Show Management reserves the right to refuse entries in accordance with USEF Rules GR914.1 and GR915. Management reserves the right to limit the number of times per day a rider may show and/or the number of times per day a horse/rider combination may show. Management reserves the right to move a ride from the test of choice class if that test is being offered that day in another class. Divisions will be pinned separately.
- **6) FEES:** The following fees apply to every Participating Competition.

USEF Fee \$23.00 (\$15 D/M + \$8 fee) US

USDF Non-member Fee \$35.00 USDF Affidavit Fee \$5.00

USDF/GAIG Qualifying Fee \$15.00

USDF NON-MEMBERS: For each USDF non-member (NM) owner/lessee, and USDF non-member rider there will be a USDF non-member fee of \$35 per competition. An individual with a USDF NM identification number is not eligible for any USDF membership benefits. You may not apply for a USDF NM number online, but once a USDF NM number has been assigned, a USDF NM card can be obtained from the USDF Web site. Exception: Riders and owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the USDF non-

member ID requirements. Some exempt classes include USDF Introductory Level, Pas de Deux, Quadrille classes; or leadline exhibitions, walk-trot, opportunity and academy classes.

- **7) SCORES:** It is the Competitor's responsibility to verify the accuracy of all scores. Scoring errors must be reported to the Show Secretary within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of that competition day.
- **8) TESTS:** The current USEF, USDF and FEI Tests will be used. Scored tests will be given only to riders or their agents and only after the results are finalized and the class is placed.
- **9) TEST OF CHOICE:** Show management may move a rider from a test of choice class to a scheduled class if that level test is offered that day. Test of Choice class placing will be determined by division, ranking scores by percentage, regardless of which test is ridden within each class.
- **10) SADDLERY:** Saddlery will be checked in accordance with USEF Rule DR121.9 and at the discretion of the Technical Delegate. Horses must have a number on at all times except while in a stall. If three numbers are provided, it is strongly recommended by show management that horses wear two numbers (on each side of the bridle, saddle pad or each rider boot) while being ridden. The additional number is for the halter.
- **11) MINOR EXHIBITORS:** Parents or guardians of minor exhibitors shall hold the Competition Management harmless for injury to such minor. No minor's entry will be accepted unless it is signed by a parent or guardian. The signature of instructors, agent or other unrelated persons will not be acceptable except as specified in GR908.2.
- **12) JUDGES:** It is the purpose of the management to run the horse show at the highest possible level of sportsmanship. The management uses the utmost care to select judges with broad experience and knowledge. The judges' decisions in the show ring are their own responsibility. Management accepts no responsibility for those decisions and cannot attempt to influence the judges scoring in any way. Any competitor who has questions or concerns about their score is encouraged to speak with the Technical Delegate who will schedule an appointment with the judge for a discussion of the score. It is strictly prohibited for anyone to approach a judge for the purpose of discussing the scores at a competition. Refer to USEF GR1304.13 in the USEF Rules Section.
- **13) PROTESTS:** Any exhibitor or other qualified person lodging a protest must first deposit \$200.00 with the secretary of the show, which sum will be forfeited to the Horse Show if not sustained. All protests must be filed in writing, signed by the protester, and filed with the Show Secretary within 48 hours of the occurrence of the alleged violation. See USEF Rule GR603 for more information about protests.
- 14) LUNGEING: Lungeing is not allowed in the competition and warm-up arenas. Use designated lungeing areas only.
- 15) STALLIONS: All stallions must be attended or stabled at all times.
- **16) TECHNICAL DELEGATE:** The technical delegate is available at all times for clarification of rules or to answer any questions and can arrange an appointment with a judge. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges in any way, or who by act influence shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an exhibitor, shall forfeit all paid fees and be excluded from further competitions. No one shall approach a judge regarding a decision unless first obtaining the permission of the technical delegate.
- **17) DIVISIONS:** O=Open, A=Adult Amateur, J=Junior, Y=Young Rider, Q=GAIG/USDF Qualifying. Please refer to the Standard Show Rules Definitions section for further clarification of the Junior and Young Rider Divisions.
- **18) COACHES:** Coaches must sign USEF entry blanks. Coaches must also stand outside the warm up area while warming up riders, for safety reasons.
- **19) TIES:** Class placings (except Test of Choice), including ties in prize money classes, if offered, are specified in the USEF Rule Book. DR123.3. "In all competitions the winner is the competitor having the highest total points, the

second placed competitor is the one with the next highest total points and so on. In case of equality of points the competitor with the highest marks received under General Impressions shall be declared the winner. When the scores for General Impressions are equal the horses must remain tied." DR123.8. "When the total of the scores for General Impressions is equal, ties in classes which involve prize money shall remain tied for the purpose of dividing prize money."

- **20) UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:** Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and management reserves the right to bar any person acting in a manner deemed improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike or intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interests of the sport. GR702 will apply. Participants (including family members, competitors, paid staff, and volunteers) should note GR 702.1.e "Any act committed or remark made in connection with the competition considered offensive and/or made with the intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the licensed officials, approaching a judge before or after a decision without first obtaining permission from the show committee or steward/ technical delegate, inspecting a judge's card without the judge's permission, or public verbal abuse of competition officials."
- **21) ARRIVAL DAYS:** Competitors are reminded that all USEF and local rules are in effect upon entering the show grounds. This includes the arrival day. In the interest of safety, please keep pedestrian traffic to a minimum around warm-up and competition arenas. Dogs are not permitted inside the arena gates at any time. Please be sure to give horses a wide berth for safety reasons.
- **22) OPPORTUNITY CLASSES:** Opportunity classes are intended to introduce competitors to showing at USEF/ USDF licensed shows without incurring additional membership fees. Competitors showing only in opportunity classes are exempt from USDF and USEF membership and horse fees. These classes do not count toward high point or year-end awards. They will be pinned in two divisions, Junior and all other. Opportunity classes are for entry level riders (GR821.2e2). Please refer to the USEF website for more information on these classes at http://www.usef.org/documents/disciplines/ dressage/OpportunityClassFAQ.pdf.

#### **DISEASE OUTBREAK RULE**

In the face of a disease outbreak, the show committee reserves the right to follow the AVMA (American Veterinary Medicine Association) and or the AAEP (American Association of Equine Practitioners) recommendations as to what testing would be necessary to consider a horse free from the disease in question. They also reserve the right to require written proof that said testing has been performed within the recommended period of time. If the competitor does not adhere to the requirements the show committee can refuse entrance to the show. Some diseases are "Reportable Diseases", meaning they must be reported to the State of Arizona Department of Agriculture. These diseases are subject to quarantine rules of the state. An example of one such disease is Vesicular Stomatitis. In the case of reportable diseases a health certificate is required from an accredited veterinarian with proper statement regarding said disease to accompany the horse. Since this rule could apply to any number of diseases, and it would be impossible to list them all here, the show committee will post the testing/health certificate requirements on the sponsor web page if there is a current disease outbreak in the area.

#### **EQUINE HEALTH**

Licensed shows operate under USEF guidelines. These guidelines recommend that you keep your horse as healthy as possible when competing, i.e. current vaccinations against diseases prevalent in your area and current Coggins test. Additionally, a health certificate is required if you travel across state lines to compete. We remind you that stalls at the show facilities are not disinfected between horses. The venues clean and remove shavings and manure only. You have the option of cleaning the stall before putting the horse in the stall. A detergent, such as Tide, and water mix is recommended by the USEF. Rocal also works well on wood and Clorox on hard surfaces. If your horse becomes ill while at the show, please report it to the show committee even if you choose not to have it seen by a veterinarian. The show committee reserves the right to ask you to remove the horse from the premises. If that is not possible, the committee may ask you to isolate the horse in a designated stall. Please try to avoid contact with other horses in case the disease might be contagious. If your horse is sick and you have decided to leave the premises, you are required to notify the show committee. Also, be considerate of other horses at your home barn and let them know that your horse may have contracted a communicable disease. We are all interested in keeping our horses as healthy as possible, so please don't bring a sick horse, or one recently recovered to the show. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **ATTENTION COMPETITORS**

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with the following association numbers before the day(s) of the competition. • United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) for horse, owner, rider, trainer and/or coach • United States Dressage Federation (USDF) for horse, owner and rider. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national awards.

**USEF Competition Name:** 

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):

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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.

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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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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, judg-es/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) |
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| Signature:   | Date:  |
| Print Name:  |  |
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| $\textbf{Parent/Guardian Signature:} \ (\textbf{Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur is a minor)}$ | Date:  |
| Print Parent//Guardian Name:   | Emergency Contact Phone No.                    |