Opening Date for Entries: SATURDAY, July 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 Closing Date for entries: FRIDAY, August 9<sup>th</sup> 2024

#### Dressage Sport Horse Breed Show I & II at Avalon Farm

DSHB I at Avalon Farm Competition Date: August 24, 2024 USEF & USDF License # 345258 Level 1 DSHB II at Avalon Farm Competition Date: August 25, 2024 USEF & USDF License # 345259 Level 1

#### ProElite/USDF Breeders Championship Northeast Series Qualifier National Dressage Pony Cup Partner Show

Event Location: Avalon Farm, 955 Peach Lake Road, North Salem NY 10560



Judges: Christel A. Carlson, M.D. (WA) R / DSHB Susan Graham White (MD) R / DSHB

Manager/Secretary: Constance Brown PO Box 1266, Middleboro MA 02346 781.422.1214 / Info@ShowCLB.com Technical Delegate: Camille Kopcik (NY) R / Dressage TD

Licensee: CLB Equine Events Announcer: Michelle Mazzola

USEF COVID-19 PROTOCOL WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED BY COMPEITION MANAGEMENT. Review at www.USEF.org/Covid19-ToolKit

Everyone (rider/handler, owner/agent, trainer, coach, officials, staff, volunteers) MUST sign a USEF waiver form. USEF waiver can be found on the last page of Prize List and at the Secretary's station during Competition hours.

#### Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current Federation Rule Book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith – GR902

#### FOUR YEAR OLD PROSPECT DIVISION

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY	NOTE
1A	1B	4 year old Mare Sport Horse Prospect	\$65	
2A	2B	4 year old Stallion/Gelding Sport Horse Prospect	\$ 65	
3A	3B	4 year old Sport Horse Prospect Championship (Open to 1st & 2nd in classes 1 & 2)	-	USDFBC

#### SPORT HORSE PROSPECT DIVISION ~ YOUNG HORSE

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY	NOTE
4A	4B	Fillies - 3 years old	\$ 65	
5A	5B	Fillies - 2 years old	\$ 65	
6A	6B	Fillies - Yearling	\$ 65	
7A	7B	Filly Championship (Open to 1st & 2nd from classes 4, 5 & 6)	-	USDFBC
8A	8B	Colts/Geldings - 3 years old	\$ 65	
9A	9B	Colts/Geldings - 2 years old	\$ 65	
10A	10B	Colts/Geldings - Yearling	\$ 65	
11A	11B	Colt/Gelding Championship (Open to 1st & 2nd from classes 8, 9 & 10)	-	USDFBC
12A	12B	Young Horse Championship (Open to Ch. & Res. from classes 7 & 11)	-	
13A	13B	Colts/Geldings of Current Year, with or without dam	\$ 65	
14A	14B	Fillies of Current Year, with or without dam	\$ 65	
15A	15B	Current Year Foal Championship (Open to 1st & 2nd from classes 13 & 14)	-	USDFBC

To be shown in hand at the walk and trot on the triangle. Judged for suitability to become a dressage horse. Bridles are mandatory for horses two-years-old and older including non-competing horses.

#### DRESSAGE BREEDING DIVISION ~ MATURE HORSE

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY	NOTE
16A	16B	Broodmares 4 years & older, with or without foal (mare only to be judged)	\$65	
17A	17B	Maiden/Yeld Mares 4 years & older	\$65	
18A	18B	Mare Championship * (Open to 1st & 2nd from classes 16 & 17)	-	USDFBC
19A	19B	Stallions, 4 and older SHOWING ONLY IN-HAND	\$65	
20A	20B	Stallions, 4 and older SHOWING ALSO UNDER-SADDLE	\$65	
21A	21B	Stallion Championship (Open to 1st & 2nd from classes 19 & 20)	-	USDFBC
22B	22B	Mature Horse Championship (Open to Ch. & Res. from classes 18 & 21)	-	

To be shown in hand at the walk and trot on the triangle. Judged for suitability to produce dressage horses. \*Mares breeding status as of January 1, 2024. Exception: During the calendar year in which an embryo transfer recipient mare is due to foal, the embryo transfer donor mare must compete according to her breeding status of the prior year.

#### **GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP**

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY	NOTE
23A	23B	Grand Championship (Open to Ch. & Res. from classes 12 & 23)	-	

#### MATERIALE CLASSES

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY	NOTE
24A	24B	Fillies, 3 years old	\$65	
25A	25B	Mares, 4 and 5 years old	\$65	
26A	26B	Colts/Geldings, 3 years old	\$65	
27A	27B	Stallions/Geldings, 4 and 5 years old	\$65	
28A	28B	Materiale Championship (Open to 1st & 2nd in classes 24, 25, 26 & 27)	-	USDFBC

Horses will be evaluated under saddle at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions of the arena. Horses must be at least 36 months of age. Four- and five-year-old horses may be asked to lengthen the stride at the trot and canter. Materiale classes may not be divided to allow one rider to ride more than one horse. Ages may be combined if entries warrant.

*"USDFBC*" indicates USDFBC qualifier. Champion & Reserve will qualify. Third will qualify if 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> are qualified.

#### UNDER SADDLE CLASSES

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY	NOTE
29A	29B	Fillies, 3 years old	\$ 65	
30A	30B	Mares, 4 and 5 years old	\$ 65	
31A	31B	Colts/Geldings, 3 years old	\$ 65	
32A	32B	Stallions/Geldings, 4 and 5 years old	\$ 65	
33A	33B	Under Saddle Championship (Open to 1st & 2nd in classes 29, 30, 31 & 32)	-	

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Judge may ask for lengthening at trot and canter in classes for four-year-olds. To be judged 60% movement, 30% conformation, 10% general impression including impulsion, balance and rideability. Horses must be at least 36 months of age. Horses in under saddle classes are not required to have shown in individual in-hand classes. Horses are placed in these classes and no scores are awarded.

#### HANDLER CLASS

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY	NOTE
54A	54B		\$65	
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\*\* To be shown in-hand by an AA with a current USEF Amateur card or a Jr/YR. 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.

#### INDIVIDUAL BREED CLASSES

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY	NOTE
55A	55B	Hanoverian	\$65	
56A	56B	RPSI/Westfalen	\$65	
57A	57B	ISR Oldenburg	\$ 65	
58A	58B	Oldenburg (GOV)	\$65	
59A	59B	KWPN	\$ 65	
60A	60B	Welsh	\$ 65	

Individual Breed Classes are for horses registered with the corresponding breed organization. Owners must be members in good standing of that organization unless otherwise noted. Proof of registration must be submitted with an entry form. Open to horses of all ages and scored 60% movement, 30% conformation, 10% general impressions.

#### The following are NDPC Partner classes and are NOT eligible for USDF Breeders Championships qualification

#### DRESSAGE BREEDING DIVISION " MATURE PONY

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY	NOTE
34A	34B	PONY Broodmares 4 years & older, with or without foal (mare only to be judged)	\$65	
35A	35B	PONY Maiden/Yeld Mares 4 years & older	\$65	
36A	36B	PONY Mare Championship * (Open to 1st & 2nd from classes 34 & 25)	-	
37A	37B	PONY Stallions, 4 and older STANDING AT STUD	\$65	
38A	38B	PONY Stallions, 4 and older NOT STANDING AT STUD	\$65	
39A	39B	PONY Stallion Championship (Open to 1st & 2nd from classes 37 & 38)	-	
40A	40B	Mature PONY Championship (Open to Ch. & Res. from classes 36 & 40)	-	

#### SPORT HORSE PROSPECT DIVISION ~ YOUNG PONY

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY	NOTE
41A	41B	PONY Fillies - 3 years old	\$ 65	
42A	42B	PONY Fillies - 2 years old	\$ 65	
43A	43B	PONY Fillies - Yearling	\$ 65	
44A	44B	PONY Filly Championship (Open to 1st & 2nd from classes 41, 42 & 43)	-	
45A	45B	PONY Colts/Geldings - 3 years old	\$ 65	
46A	46B	PONY Colts/Geldings - 2 years old	\$ 65	
47A	47B	PONY Colts/Geldings - Yearling	\$ 65	
48A	48B	PONY Colt/Gelding Championship (Open to 1st & 2nd from classes 45, 46 & 47)	-	
49A	49B	Young PONY Championship (Open to Ch. & Res. from classes 44 & 48)	-	
50A	50B	PONY Colts/Geldings of Current Year, with or without dam	\$ 65	
51A	51B	PONY Fillies of Current Year, with or without dam	\$ 65	
52A	52B	PONY Current Year Foal Championship (Open to 1st & 2nd from classes 50 & 51)	-	

#### PONY GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	CLASS DESCRIPTION	ENTRY	NOTE
53A	53B	PONY Grand Championship (Open to Ch. & Res. from classes 40 & 49)	-	

#### ENTRIES

#### Only entries submitted online at HorseShowOffice.com will be accepted.

#### Entries will be limited. Be sure to submit your complete entry as soon as possible!

Complete Entries <u>must</u> include:

- Entry form
- Valid membership numbers for horse, owner, rider/handler, and trainer listed on entry for USEF and USDF. USEF and USDF registration are verified electronically. Failure to provide proof of USEF and/or USDF membership or affidavit will result in competitor being charged non-member fees.
- Photocopy of horse's breed registration if entered in an individual breed class.
- Entry Signatures (electronic signatures accepted) Owner, Trainer, Rider/Handler, Coach (if applicable).
- Signed USEF waiver for all people on the Entry, and Assistant Handlers. Electronic signatures accepted.
- Assistant Handlers must sign the Assistant Handler Release Form as well as USEF Waiver.
- Negative Coggins (EIA) valid through the last day of the show is required for entry to show grounds for all horses. Entries without a current Coggins (valid through last day of show) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A photocopy is acceptable provided the date, results, horse name, and vet signature are legible. Name and description of Horse on Coggins must match those listed on the entry and on the USEF horse ID/recording documents (GR 907.3)
- Horses entering the show grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within 6 months prior to entering the show grounds. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the grounds upon request by Competition Management (GR845).
- Full payment of entry fees, submitted electronically at HorseShowOffice.com

Incomplete entries will not be processed until missing information is delivered. If information is delivered to the Secretary after Closing Date, the entry is considered a late entry.

Please ensure email addresses on entry forms are complete and correct. All communication from show management including times, stabling, facilities map, and measuring info will be sent to the email on entries.

Late entries are accepted on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the Secretary, and subject to Late Fees.

Entry change requiring a new bridle number (new Entry into the computer system) will be charged applicable fees.

Entries must be complete and paid in full prior to competing.

For no-shows, the Secretary has discretion to scratch the rest of entrant's rides/runs in the Show.

Competitors are responsible for being present when their classes are offered.

The Secretary has full discretion regarding Schedule Changes. See Management Rights.

Classes may not necessarily be run as numbered in order on the class list.

EFFECTIVE 12/1/2022: To be eligible to compete at Federation Licensed Competitions, coaches, trainers, and legal guardians signing as coaches or trainers on behalf of their minors must be Senior Active Members in good standing. Riders and owners are eligible for one (and ONLY one) Show Pass per year. Trainers and coaches are no longer eligible to participate under a Show Pass.

Membership requirements:

- To show in the open classes, 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. Riders are required to have a current USDF Participating Membership (PM) at the time a horse's qualifying score is earned and at the time of the USDF Breeders Series Final Materiale Championship class. Handlers, Riders, owner/lessees, trainers, coaches, and agents also must have a USEF membership or pay a non-member fee.
- In order to show in the USDF Breeders Championship Finals classes, every horse must have either a USDF lifetime Registration (LHR) or USDF Horse Identification Number (HID). Every owner or lessee must be a USDF Group, Participating or Business Member or pay USDF No-Member Fee. Riders are required to have a current USDF 12 Participating Membership (PM) at the time a horse's qualifying score is earned and at the time of the USDF Breeders Series Final Materiale Championship class Handlers, Riders, owners/lessees, trainers, coaches and agents also must have a USEF membership or pay a non-member fee.

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 or pay the USEF nonmember fee. 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.

#### FEES

Office Fee (non-refundable): \$65 per horse Class Fee: \$65 USEF Drug Fee: \$23 (\$15 D/M + \$8 fee) per horse USEF Show Pass Fee (formerly non-member fee): Show Pass must be applied for online USDF Non-Member fee: \$35 USDF Horse Identification Number: \$35 USDF Affidavit Fee: \$5 Incomplete Entry: \$50 Late Entry Office Fee (non-refundable): \$100 per horse Late Entry Class Fee: \$100 Non-Competing Horse Fee: \$100 Stall: \$300 Shavings: \$12 per bag, pre-order only Stall Cleaning Deposit: \$50, check payable to **Avalon Farm** to be given to Office at check-in Measurement: \$ TBD, check to be payable to **veterinarian** at time of measurement

#### **REFUNDS**

Competitor must inform Secretary **by email** of request to withdrawal entry, *on or before* Closing date. Refunds *less* the office fee may be given *until* Closing Date, and mailed within 60 days of the end of Competition.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER CLOSING DATE, FOR ANY REASON- including "acts of God" that may require management to cancel classes, portion(s) of the Competition, or day(s) of Competition, situations resulting in portions of grounds being unavailable for any reason, inclement weather, local/national emergencies, pandemic and/or act(s) of terrorism.

#### **TIMES**

Preliminary times will be on HorseShowOffice.com and emailed to competitors within 5 days of the Competition. Breed show times are APPROXIMATE and should NOT be treated as anything but that. Competitors are responsible for checking posted Day Sheets and/or HorseShowOffice.com for updates.

#### EQUIPMENT AND HEADGEAR

All horses including non-competing horses must wear bridle numbers at ALL times while being ridden or exercised, including being hand-walking.

Handlers, assistant handlers, and whip assistants of any age must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801 while handling or assisting in the competition ring. Any handler or assistant violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further participation until such headgear is properly in place.

Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted.

In under saddle classes, Dress must conform to DR120, and for under saddle and in-hand classes, Saddlery and Equipment must conform to DR121, except that all horses using a bridle are required to compete in a snaffle pictured in DR121, Figure 121.1.

See USEF Rulebook (1) General Regulations GR801, and (2) Dressage Rules 120 Dress and 121 Saddlery and Equipment, and (3) Dressage Rules Subchapter DR-2 Dressage Sport Horse Breeding.

#### AWARDS

Ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> places will be awarded in each class. Champion & Reserve rosettes for open Group Championships Champion sash for open Division Championships USDFBC Qualifier sash for Champion & Reserve in Division Championships Champion sash for open Grand Champion NDPC Partner Breed Show awards for the pony Group, Division and Grand Championships.

Award Ceremony: Per USEF Rule DR123.13, "Participating in prizegiving (awards) ceremonies by placed rider/horse combinations *may be* mandatory and failure to participate may result in loss of prizes and prize money at the discretion of Competition Management"

Competitors must collect ribbons and score sheets (when applicable) at the Awards table. They will not be mailed. Championship prizes will be distributed while competitors are in the show arena for Championship classes.

#### **FOOTING**

Competition will be held in a 100' x 200' indoor arena with GGT footing. Competition arena will be available for horses in ridden classes to school for 30 minutes prior to the start of the first ridden class.

Warm-up in a 120' x 60' outdoor ring with sand/rubber mix will be permitted for 30 minutes prior to start of the first ridden class, and outdoor will be closed at the end of the final ridden class.

Lunging is only permitted in the round pen.

Only handlers, ring stewards, equipment checkers, emergency medical services, and show management may be on foot in the designated warmup. **Coaches, trainers, spectators, grooms, and other unmounted individuals must stand outside warmup areas.** Tack adjustments or rider changes must be performed outside of the arena.

#### **STABLING**

Limited number of temporary 10x10 stalls with doors will be available for \$300/duration. Stalls will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Tack stalls may be available at the same rate, but priority will be given to competing horses. If oversubscribed, tack stalls and non-competing horse stalls will be removed, and a refund will be issued.

#### Stabling & arenas will open at 2:00pm on Friday 8/23/2024. Early arrivals are not permitted. Property must be vacated by 7:00pm on Sunday 8/25/2024. Please contact the Secretary with issues.

All stall assignments will be made by the Secretary. Only the Horse assigned to each stall may occupy it. Stall change requests may not be made without the permission of Show Management. Competitors found to be using stalls not assigned to them will be charged for a full duration stabling rate. Group stabling requests must be included with the Entry submissions. The competitor is responsible for any damage done by the competitor or anyone/animal in the competitor's party. Any cost of repair to the damaged property will be charged to the competitor. NO initial bedding will be provided.

## Hay and bedding will <u>NOT</u> be available on-site purchase. Shavings may be PRE-ORDERED with online entries for \$12/bag. Pre-ordered shavings will be placed by the stall of the Horse whose entry reflected the order.

Stall Cleaning Deposit: \$50 check payable to Avalon Farm is due at check-in. Check will be destroyed upon verification that stalls were stripped clean stall at the conclusion of Competition.

**NO smoking is allowed in or near the stabling or arenas**. Competition or Facility management reserves the right to ask anyone who does smoke to leave the property immediately.

**Sharps containers are in the stabling area.** Individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents may be fined up to \$100 by Competition or Facility for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

#### **PONIES**

This is a National Dressage Pony Cup (NDPC) Breed Partner Show. See DressagePonyCup.com for details. NDPC Partner ribbons will be awarded in the Pony Group, Pony Division, and the Pony Grand Championships. NEDA Pony Series: Scores from the Mature & Young Pony Divisions will be considered for In-Hand Year End Awards.

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

**Pony Measurement:** At all competitions (including Levels 1-5) where pony tests, classes or awards are offered and the official veterinarian is on call or on the grounds, the prize list must include the time period when the official competition veterinarian will be available to conduct measurements. 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 5 days prior to the start of competition. When the veterinarian is required to be on the grounds, the measurement request must be received prior to the start of the competition. Management must schedule the competition veterinarian to conduct the measurement. Only one maximum fee of \$100 per measurement can be charged when measurements are conducted during a time when the competition veterinarian is on call and only one maximum fee of \$25 per measurement can be charged when the competition veterinarian is on the grounds. If the maximum fee is paid to the veterinarian, neither management nor the veterinarian may charge an additional fee amount. The competition veterinarian shall agree not to charge more than the maximum fees stated above. DR 135.5

- PONY MEASUREMENTS FOR DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREED SHOW I & II AT AVALON FARM:
  - Competitors must inform the Secretary on or before the Closing Date if they will need Pony Measurements.
  - Pony Measurements will take place on the morning of Saturday 8/24/2024.
  - Measurement time will be sent to OWNERS with the email address provided in online entries, 5 days prior to the first date of the Competition.
  - Competitors must bring one check for each entry requiring measurement.
  - Please monitor emails for updates regarding time, location and cost for Pony Measurements.

#### DIRECTIONS

From 84E – Follow I-84E to U-202/US-6 in Southeast, take exit 10 towards Brewster from 1- 684N. Turn Left onto US-202E/US-6E, Turn right onto NY-121 Peach Lake Road. Once you've passed Three Phase Farm, Avalon Farm will come up on your left. White garage with green trim.

From 84W – Take Exit 21 for NY-121 towards US-202/US-6/North Salem Brewster. Turn left onto NY121 Peach Lake Road. Once you've passed Three Phase Farm, Avalon Farm will come up on your left. White garage with green trim.

#### **HOTELS**

No special accommodations are provided for competitors, but there are several hotels in nearby, including:

- Comfort Inn, Brewster NY 10509
- Hilton Garden Inn Danbury, Danbury CT 06811
- Holiday Inn Express Hotels & Suites Danbury I-84, an IHG Hotel, Danbury CT 06811

#### **PARKING**

Grass and/or gravel. Please adhere to facilities map and signage for trailer and passenger vehicle parking.

#### **OTHER**

**EMT**: On the grounds during competition hours

Veterinarian - ON CALL: To be determined and posted at Secretary's table prior to the start of the competition

Farrier – ON CALL: Eric Rook (203) 733-8632

**Photographer:** Michelle Morgenstern Photography- \$35 shoot fee to get on the schedule which includes a personalized online viewing gallery. Sign-ups are good for one horse/rider combination. Sign up before the show by August 23rd, 7pm and receive 20% off your print package: <u>https://michellemorgensternphotography.com/avalonbreedshowaug24</u>

Pets: No dogs are permitted on the grounds

#### FOOD

#### Food will not be available on-site.

Water will be available to competitors, officials, staff, and volunteers at the Sectary's station. Please check emails for information regarding a Competitors Reception on Saturday.

#### **Definitions-**

- Handlers: Any person who holds, walks, or trots a horse while it is being judged in the competition arena for any In-Hand, Group or Championship class. Handlers may have one Assistant Handler, if necessary. The handler, assistant handler and/or a whip assistant may each carry only one whip, or one standard lunging whip (without attachments, i.e. plastic bags, etc.). In addition, disruptive noisemaking devices are not permitted in the competition ring or warm-up areas. Prior to entering the competition arena all Handlers and Assistant Handlers must have on file in the Show Secretary's office, a Handler/Assistant Release Form and be wearing an appropriate wrist band. Handlers must be USEF members or pay the non-member fee.
- Assistant Handler: Any person other than the Handler, who holds or walks a horse in the competition arena during a class, whether or not it is being judged. An Assistant Handler is permitted only for call-backs after In-Hand or Group classes, for Championships and for handling non-competing mares and foals that accompany another entry in the competition arena. 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). Only Handlers and Assistant Handlers may act as Whip Assistants. Assistant Handlers are not required to be USEF members or pay the non-member fee but are subject to all other rules regarding Handlers.

#### Important USEF rules for DSHB Classes-

- No handler or assistant handler under the age of fourteen is permitted to handle two- or three-year-old colts, or stallions of any age.
- No rider under the age of fourteen is permitted to ride a three-year-old colt, or stallion of any age, in any under saddle class including Under Saddle and Materiale classes.
- Unauthorized assistance by individuals outside of the competition ring is not permitted (DR207.10). Management reserves the right to disqualify any competitor receiving unauthorized assistance.
- Handlers with multiple entries must resolve scheduling conflicts. Management reserves the right to keep the show on schedule and enforce the order of go.
- A judge must excuse from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger handlers, officials, other exhibitors, or their entries (USEF Rule DR207.1.) Management reserves the right to excuse from the grounds any horse whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors, their entries, or spectators.
- ONLY ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Completed entries with full payment will only be accepted via the online entry system and must be received by the Secretary, on or before Closing date.
- Individuals utilizing the online entry system for this Competition do so with the agreement that they have read the official prize list and agree to follow all the specifications, requirements and conditions listed.

#### Management Rights

- Show Management reserves the right to change officials, competition ring(s), limit entries, combine or cancel classes, modify the schedule or reschedule classes, modify or cancel awards, and/or make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications listed herein.
- Show Management reserves the right to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify any rider/exhibitor, and/or prohibit entries without claims for damages.
- 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 a 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 other causes.
- Exhibitors are notified that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the judge or officials, on the part of the owners, manager, rider, or groom shall disqualify the horse, and the owners shall forfeit entry & other fees.
- Show management reserves to itself the power to prohibit any person from attending or showing a horse in the ring and to remove any groom or horse from the show without being liable for compensation.
- No person will be allowed in the show ring during the time of judging except the exhibitor and those having official or requested duties to perform.
- It is the tradition of the show that riders be correctly attired for the class in question, that attendants be neatly dressed, and the horses properly presented. Management may at its discretion bar any person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.
- Show Management reserves the right to interpret all questions & conditions regarding or arising out of any incident in the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these rules and regulations shall be decided by the horse show management team; their decisions will be final.

#### **Motorized Vehicles 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(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for 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.

#### SafeSport Statement

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 http://www.usef.org.

USEF Safe Sport Training Requirement: If you are a USEF Competing Member 18 years of age or older you are required to complete the Safe Sport Training within 7 days of activating your membership. If you have not completed the training within the past year, you are ineligible to participate in all USEF activities including competitions. TAKE THE SAFE SPORT TRAINING AT USEF.ORG BY LOGGING IN TO YOUR MEMBER DASHBOARD.

#### **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, or agent at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a Show Pass fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1) leadline; 2) exhibitions; 3) games and races; 4) classes for 4-H members; 5) walk trot 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) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.

## 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.

## USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of individual members and over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States, 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 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511 Phone: 859-971-2277, Fax: 859-971-7722, usdressage@usdf.org, www.usdf.org



OPPORTUNITIES FOR 3-6 YEAR OLD HORSES
COMPETING IN MATERIALE AND/OR
USEF/FEI YOUNG HORSE TESTS

	3 YEAR	4 YEAR	5 YEAR	6 YEAR
	OLD	OLD	OLD	OLD
ADEQUAN®/YEAR-END AWARDS*				
Materiale Horse of the Year Award	x	х	x	
(min. 3 scores required)	^	^	^	
USEF Four-Year-Old Award (min, 4 scores required)^		х		
FEI Five-Year-Old Award (min. 4 scores required)^			х	
FEI Six-Year-Old Award (min. 4 scores required)^				х
ProElite/BREEDERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**				
Materiale Championships				
(min. 1 score required of 72% or higher)				
Three-Year-Old Championship	Х			
Four-Year-Old Championship		Х		
Five-Year-Old Championship			Х	

For Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards - at the time scores are earned

Horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration Number (LHR)
 Owner must have a USDF Participating (PM) or Business Membership (BM)
 Rider must have a USDF PM

\*Competition year starts October 1 and ends September 30

#### For ProElite/USDF Breeders Championship Series - to compete in the championships

- \*\* Horse must have a USDF Horse Identification Number or LHR \*\* Owner must have a USDF Group Membership, PM, BM or
  - pay a non-member fee per competition
    - \*\* Rider must have a USDF PM
- \*\*Competition year starts January 1 and ends September 30

^Scores earned in the USEF Four- and FEI Five- & Six-Year-Old tests are also eligible to be used towards a USDF Horse Performance Certificate ^^ Horses competing in the ProElite/USDF Breeders Championship Series Final Three-or Four-Year-Old Materiale Championships may also be eligible for the Prospect awards

Complete Award/Championship Requirements Listed in the current USDF Member Guide



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Signature:	Signature:	
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Print Name:		
Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaulter/Longeur	is a minor)	
Print Parent//Guardian Name:	Emergency Contact Phone No	

Is Rider/Driver/Vaulter a U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ No

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Tack Stalls



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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Print Parent//Guardian Name:

Emergency Contact Phone 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")**.

#### WARNING:

#### HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK. Under the laws New York, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional may not liable for any injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. See SECTION 18-301-303 OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW.

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.

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## 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     TR	NER 🗌 OFFICIAL 🗌 STAFF 🗌 VOLUNTEER 🔲 COACH (IF	F APPLICABLE)
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## USEF DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING HANDLER/ASSISTANT HANDLER ENTRY & RELEASE FORM

\*\*\*ALL HANDLERS/ASSISTANT HANDLERS MUST READ AND SIGN THIS FORM OR A COMPETITION ENTRY FORM PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN A USEF- LICENSED COMPETITION AS A HANDLER OR ASSISTANT HANDLER.\*\*\*

Competition Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ USEF License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Location (City, State): \_\_\_\_\_

<u>NOTE:</u> All *riders* must sign the entry form for each horse which they ride in this competition. Handlers may sign an entry form for each horse which they show in hand or they may sign this Handler/Assistant Handler Release form listing all horses which they show in hand.

#### HANDLERS/ASSISTANT HANDLERS – Please note the following:

#### GR908. Agreement.

1. Every entry at a Licensed Competition constitutes an agreement that the person making it, owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver, rider, handler, vaulter, longeur, and the horse are subject to the Bylaws and the rules of the Federation and the local rules of the competition. Exhibitors are cautioned to abide by restrictions concerning exhibiting horses before judges as provided for in GR1304. Participants utilizing an online entry system for a Licensed Competition do so with the agreement that they have read the Official Prize List and agree to follow all the class specifications, requirements and conditions in the Official Prize List.

2. Every exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, coach and trainer or his/her agent(s) must sign an entry blank. In the case of a rider, driver, handler, vaulter or longeur under the age of 18, his/her parent or guardian, or if not available, the trainer, must sign an entry blank on the minor's behalf. Unless specifically provided otherwise by law, any of the above persons may alternatively sign an entry blank in electronic form which shall have the same validity, force and effect as a signature affixed by hand. If any of the above persons fails to do so, his/her first entrance into the ring as an exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, vaulter or longeur shall be construed as his/her acceptance of the rules of the competition involved and of the Federation and shall ipso facto render him/her subject to said rules. Upon the failure of an owner, trainer, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, coach or agent(s), or parent or guardian or trainer of a minor rider, driver, handler, vaulter or longeur, to sign an entry blank as required, and upon confirmation of any such violation(s) by the steward or secretary of the competition, such person(s) shall be subject to an automatic fine of \$250 imposed for each such violation. 3. Violation of the rules in connection with entries may be cause for disgualification of the exhibitor, rider, driver, driver, handler, valter, driver, handler, violation.

handler, vaulter, longeur, coach and trainer by the Directors of the Licensed Competition (see GR1218.4) and for report to the Federation.

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#### United States Equestrian Federation, Inc<u>.</u> Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification:

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

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

I AGREE that the "Federation" and "Competition" as used herein includes the Licensee and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and Federation affiliates. I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. ("Harm"). I AGREE to hold harmless and release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition. I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition. I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at the Competition. I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and, if applicable, EV114, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition. I AGREE that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the Federation on the official USEF accident/injury report form. BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank and all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand.

Signature of Handler/Assistant Handler	Date	Printed Name of Handler/Assistant Handler
·		t be USEF members or Show Pass Fees will apply. ements, but all Federation rules apply. See GR901.9)

Phone	Fax	Email
Address		
Entry Numbers of all Horses for	which you will be Handler/As	sistant Handler:

Recognizing quality bloodlines and dressage prospects across the nation.



## **ProElite/USDF Breeders Championship Series**



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For information about the series, locations, and dates visit **www.usdf.org** 





### 2024 ProElite/USDF Breeders Championship Series Program Rules

The ProElite/USDF Breeders Championship Series (ProElite/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 ProElite/USDFBCS provides competition opportunities for dressage prospects and breeding stock.

- The ProElite/USDFBCS is scheduled on a calendar year basis. It starts January 1 and ends September 30.
- 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 regular dressage competitions.
- All Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) and ProElite/USDFBCS exhibitors and management are responsible for knowing the rules for USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions holding DSHB classes, as well as USEF-licensed/USDFrecognized competitions in general. The USEF Rule Book Dressage Chapter, Subchapter DR-2, contains the DSHB class rules, and can be found at www.usef.org.

#### I. PROELITE/USDFBCS IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS

DSHB In-Hand classes provide evaluation of conformation and movement of horses of all ages for potential dressage horses and/or breeding stock.

A. IN-HAND CLASSES - HORSE REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS (PROELITE/USDFBCS QUALIFYING OR SERIES FINAL CLASSES)

	CHART 1: USDF REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-HAND DIVISIONS	
HORSE	Either USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) or USDF Horse Identification Number (HID) is required for all horses entered and must be submitted. Horses registered with a breed organization should have a copy of their registration papers submitted directly to USDF.	
	Horses participating in ProElite/USDFBCS qualifying or series final competitions are not required to be registered with any breed registry. For registered horses the name of the breed, sire, dam, damsire, and breeder must be given on the entry blank. Horses not registered with a breed registry should be listed as "unregistered" on entry blank. For unregistered horses competing in DSHB classes, the breeding information is strongly recommended.	
OWNER	Owner is not required to be a USDF member for qualifying or series final competitions. If the owner does not have a USDF Participating, Group or Business membership, then a USDF non-member fee will apply.	
HANDLER/ ASSISTANT HANDLER	Neither USDF membership nor a USDF non-member fee is required for the handler.	
Elimination of a horse from its relevant class or series final class may occur should any USDF non- member, membership or horse registration/HID applications with related fees fail to be paid and/or collected by show management and submitted to USDF at the completion of a competition.		

B. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROELITE/USDFBCS IN-HAND QUALIFYING CLASSES

- 1. Classes must be offered and judged according to DR209.
- 2. Neither foals nor horses of any other age may be shown loose.
- 3. All qualifying competitions must offer every Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand and Breeding Stock In-Hand division of the ProElite/USDFBCS. The divisions are:
  - a. Current Year Foal Championship
  - b. Filly Championship

- c. Colt/Gelding Championship
- d. Four-Year-Old Prospect Championship

e. Mare Championship (Breeding Stock)

- f. Stallion Championship (Breeding Stock)
- 4. Only a single set of Sport Horse Prospect and Breeding Stock In-Hand DSHB qualifying classes may be offered 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.
- 5. A separate qualifier championship class must be held for all divisions, even those that have only one class or one horse in the division. All horses must be re-evaluated by the judge(s) at both the walk and the trot in the championship class per DR210. If any one of the judges adjudicating this class has not previously judged all the horses in this class, conformation must also be reevaluated on every horse.
- 6. Qualifier championship classes must be open to first and second place winners of their respective In-Hand qualifying classes as listed in Chart 2 below. Organizers have the option of including third placed horses in qualifier championship classes. No scores are given. Ties are not allowed. The champion and reserve champion of each division at each qualifier event are eligible to compete in their respective ProElite/USDFBCS final championship class. A third-place horse in each championship class must be named as well.
- 7. Current Year Foals ARE NOT ALLOWED in Filly Championship and Colt/Gelding Championship classes. Fillies of Current Year and Colts/Geldings of Current Year will compete in the same Current Year Foal Championship.
- 8. Four-Year-Old Prospect mares and Four-Year-Old Prospect stallions/geldings will compete against each other in the same Four-Year-Old Prospect Championship.
- 9. Mare classes may be divided by age, competition and/or breeding status (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current competition year), as in the following examples:
  - a. Four-Year-Old & Older Maiden Mares
  - b. Four-Year-Old & Older Yeld Mares
  - c. Four-Year-Old & Older Broodmares
- 10. Stallion classes may be divided by age, competition and/or breeding status, as in the following examples:
  - a. Four-Year-Old & Older Stallions Showing Only In-Hand
  - b. Four-Year-Old & Older Stallions Showing Also Under Saddle
- 11. Note the following clarification on "stallion": No geldings may compete in the ProElite/USDFBCS classes for stallions even if they are gelded after qualifying for the finals and are breeding via frozen semen.
- 12. Each horse may only enter the ProElite/USDFBCS qualifying class(es) for which it is eligible and may only qualify for the specific ProElite/USDFBCS championship class(es) for that division(s). Four-Year Old Mares & Stallions may show in both the Four-Year Old Prospect class AND their respective Breeding Stock class.
- 13. 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.
- 14. All classes must be judged using the correct scoresheet for appropriate category percentages. Sport horse prospects four years old and under MUST be evaluated on the current USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand scoresheets and mare and stallion breeding stock MUST be evaluated on the current USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock scoresheets.
- 15. During awards ceremonies, each division champion and reserve champion must be named ProElite/USDFBCS qualifying champions and reserve champions for the show and be awarded a qualifier ribbon that is supplied to the show by USDF. Announcements must identify sponsors and horses' breeding information. If 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. Qualifying ribbons are still awarded to the champion and reserve champion, the third-place horse will not receive a qualifier ribbon.
- 16. Any horse receiving a 75.000% or higher in its age/sex class is eligible to compete in the ProElite/USDFBCS finals, independent of whether they go forward to a qualifying championship class.
- 17. A list of qualified horses is maintained on the USDF website.
- 18. All champions and reserve champions will be eligible to compete in **ANY** ProElite/USDFBCS final, regardless of where qualification is earned, but may compete in only **one** series final competition per calendar year.

Chart 2:	Chart 2: USDF IN-HAND DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING PROGRESSION			
Class	Qualifier Championship	Finals Championship	Eligibility	Scoresheet
Current Year Fillies Current Year Colts/Geldings	Current Year Foal Qualifier Championship 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place from age classes move here	ProElite/USDFBCS Final Current Year Foal Championship Champion & Reserve from Qualifier AND any horse scoring 75% or higher in class	current year fillies & colts/geldings	
Yearling Fillies Two-Year-Old Fillies Three-Year-Old Fillies	Filly Qualifier Championship 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place from age classes move here	ProElite/USDFBCS Final Filly Championship Champion & Reserve from Qualifier AND any horse scoring 75% or higher in class	yearling, two- year-old, three-year- old fillies	Sport Horso
Yearling Colts/Geldings Two-Year-Old Colts/ Geldings Three-Year-Old Colts/ Geldings Four-Year-Old Mares Sport Horse Prospects Four-Year-Old Stallions/ Geldings Sport Horse Prospects	Colt/Gelding Qualifier Championship 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place from age classes move here Four-Year-Old Prospect Qualifier Championship 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place from age classes move here	ProElite/USDFBCS Final Colt/Gelding Championship Champion & Reserve from Qualifier AND any horse scoring 75% or higher in class ProElite/USDFBCS Final Four- Year-Old Prospect Championship Champion & Reserve from Qualifier AND any horse scoring 75% or higher in class	yearling, two- year-old, three-year- old colts/geldings four-year-old mares, stallions & geldings	Sport Horse Prospects (In Hand)
Four-Year-Old and Older Maiden Mares Four-Year-Old and Older Yeld Mares Four-Year-Old and Older Broodmares	Mare Qualifier Championship 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place from respective classes move here	<b>ProElite/USDFBCS Final Mare</b> <b>Championship</b> Champion & Reserve from Qualifier AND any horse scoring 75% or higher in class	four-year-old & older mares	Sport Horse Breeding
Four-Year-Old and Older Stallions (showing only in- hand) Four-Year-Old and Older Stallions (showing also under saddle)	<b>Stallion Qualifier</b> <b>Championship</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place from respective classes move here	<b>ProElite/USDFBCS Final</b> <b>Stallion Championship</b> Champion & Reserve from Qualifier AND any horse scoring 75% or higher in class	four-year-old & older stallions	Stock (In Hand)

C. CONDUCT OF SERIES FINAL IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

- 1. At least two USEF DSHB judges must officiate in each series final class. Placings will be determined by the average of all judges' scores.
- 2. Ties in series final classes must remain unbroken. Examples:
  - a. If there are two champions, there is not a reserve champion.

- b. If there are two reserve champions, the next place will be 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- 3. A grand champion and reserve grand champion for each division will be named at each ProElite/USDFBCS final event and will receive awards and prizes provided by USDF. Third through sixth place horses will receive ribbons provided by USDF. After the last ProElite/USDFBCS final held in a competition year, certificates will be available from USDF via the website.
- 4. USDF reserves the right to change, alter, or retract any placings and/or prizes for up to 60 days after the last day of competition if an error or violation is discovered.
- 5. Each horse must be shown individually on the triangle at the walk and trot and stand for conformation. Callbacks are permitted only if stated in the prize list or program (DR209).
- 6. The owner **must enter** the qualified horse in the appropriate ProElite/USDFBCS 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. Series final events must allow late entries in series final classes for horses that qualified after the official closing date.
- 7. Management must collect all USDF non-member, membership and/or horse registration/HID applications and related fees prior to the start of a series final class for eligible entries to compete in the class. Should the required USDF non-member, membership or horse registration/HID applications and related fees fail to be submitted to USDF following the completion of a series final competition, elimination of a horse from its series final class may result.

#### II. PROELITE/USDFBCS Materiale Championship Division

DSHB Materiale classes provide evaluation of movement and rideability under saddle of three, four, and five-year olds as potential dressage riding horses.

A. MATERIALE CLASSES - HORSE REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS (PROELITE/USDFBCS QUALIFYING OR SERIES FINAL CLASSES)

	CHART 3: USDF REQUIREMENTS FOR MATERIALE DIVISIONS		
HORSE	Either USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) or USDF Horse Identification Number (HID) is required for all horses entered and must be submitted. Horses registered with a breed organization should have a copy of their registration papers submitted directly to USDF.		
	Horses participating in ProElite/USDFBCS qualifying or series final competitions are not required to be registered with any breed registry. For registered horses the name of the breed, sire, dam, damsire, and breeder must be given on the entry blank. Horses not registered with a breed registry should be listed as "unregistered" on entry blank. For unregistered horses competing in DSHB classes, the breeding information is strongly recommended.		
OWNER	Owner is not required to be a USDF member for qualifying or series final competitions. If the owner does not have a USDF Participating, Group or Business membership, then a USDF non-member fee will apply.		
RIDER	Rider is required to have a current USDF Participating Membership at the time a horse's qualifying score is earned and at the time of the ProElite/USDFBCS Materiale Championship class.		
member, membership	Elimination of a horse from its relevant class or series final class may occur should any USDF non- member, membership or horse registration/HID applications with related fees fail to be paid and/or collected by show management and submitted to USDF at the completion of a competition.		

B. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROELITE/USDFBCS MATERIALE QUALIFYING CLASSES

1. Classes must be offered and judged according to DR134 & DR204 and the directives on the scoresheet.

- 2. Dressage Competitions and DSHB Competitions may offer Materiale classes in the following categories:
  - a. Three-year old Fillies Materiale
  - b. Three-year old Colts and Geldings Materiale
  - c. Four-year old Mares Materiale

- d. Four-year old Stallions and Geldings Materiale
- e. Five-year old Mares Materiale
- f. Five-year old Stallions and Geldings Materiale
- 3. Qualifying competitions may combine age groups but not different sexes. Fillies and/or mares may not be combined in classes with colts, geldings and/or stallions except in championship materiale classes (DR204).
- 4. Two numbers (min. 3" x 5") must be provided to and worn by Materiale class entries and they must be positioned on each side of the saddle pad.
- 5. Scores must be awarded to all competitors competing in materiale classes.
- A horse may qualify to compete in a ProElite/USDFBCS Materiale Championship Final 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.
- 7. Scores earned at competitions licensed by USEF as Regular or Local competitions are not eligible to be used as qualifying scores for the ProElite/USDFBCS Materiale Championships.
- The ProElite/USDFBCS Materiale Championships will run on the same calendar year as the ProElite/USDFBCS (January 1-September 30). Qualifications to compete in a ProElite/USDFBCS Materiale Championship class must be earned in the calendar year that the championship occurs.
- Qualifying scores to compete in a championship class may be earned up until the championship class occurs. Materiale scores earned at dressage competitions held after all ProElite/USDFBCS Finals in a competition year, are not eligible as qualifying scores.
- 10. A list of qualified horses is maintained on the USDF website.
- 11. A horse may qualify with a different rider than the rider who competes the horse in the championship class.
- 12. All qualified horses will be eligible to compete in ANY ProElite/USDFBCS final, regardless of where qualification is earned, but may compete in only one series final competition per calendar year.

#### C. CONDUCT OF SERIES FINAL MATERIALE CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

- 1. At least two USEF DSHB judges must officiate in each ProElite/USDFBCS Materiale Championship class. Placings will be determined by the average of all judges' scores.
- 2. Series final events must hold materiale classes allowing for qualification opportunities prior to holding the ProElite/USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.
- 3. **Two** numbers (min. 3" x 5") must be provided to and worn by Materiale class entries and they must be positioned on each side of the saddle pad.
- 4. Scores must be awarded to all competitors.
- 5. Ties in ProElite/USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes must remain unbroken.
- 6. Materiale Championships will be held at each ProElite/USDFBCS final competition. All qualified horses regardless of sex will compete against one another in their respective age groups. Each ProElite/USDFBCS Final will hold the following divisions:
  - a. Three-year old Fillies, Colts and Geldings Materiale
  - b. Four-Year-Old Mares, Stallions and Geldings Materiale
  - c. Five-Year-Old Mares, Stallions and Geldings Materiale
- 7. 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".
- 8. A grand champion and reserve grand champion for each division will be named at each ProElite/USDFBCS final event and will receive awards and prizes provided by USDF. Third through sixth place horses will receive ribbons provided by USDF. After the last ProElite/USDFBCS final held in a competition year, certificates will be available from USDF via the website.

- 9. 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.
- 10. Owner must enter the qualified horse in the horse's appropriate ProElite/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. ProElite/USDFBCS final events must agree to allow late entries in the ProElite/USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes for horses that qualified for the championship after the official closing date.
- 11. Management must collect all USDF non-member, membership and/or horse registration/HID applications and related fees prior to the start of a series final class for eligible entries to compete in the class. Should the required USDF non-member, membership or horse registration/HID applications and related fees fail to be submitted to USDF following the completion of a series final competition, elimination of a horse from its series final class may result.

Chart 4: USDF MATERIALE DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING PROGRESSION	
Class	Championship
Three-Year-Old Filly Materiale	ProElite/USDFBCS Final
Three-Year-Old Colt/ Gelding Materiale	Three-Year-Old Materiale Championship any horse scoring 72% or higher in their respective class
Four-Year-Old Mare Materiale	ProElite/USDFBCS Final Four-Year-Old Materiale Championship
Four-Year-Old Stallion/Gelding Materiale	any horse scoring 72% or higher in their respective class
Five-Year-Old Mare Materiale	ProElite/USDFBCS Final
Five-Year-Old Stallion/Gelding Materiale	Five-Year-Old Materiale Championship any horse scoring 72% or higher in their respective class
Current Materiale scoresheets must be used, and scores given to every entry. Qualifying competitions may combine age groups but not different sexes. Fillies and/or mares may not be combined in classes with colts, geldings and/or stallions except in championship materiale classes.	

#### III. PROELITE/USDFBCS FINALS PROSPECT AWARDS

At each ProElite/USDFBCS Final, a Three-Year-Old Prospect Award and a Four-Year-Old Prospect Award will be presented to the Three-Year-Old and Four-Year-Old horses earning the highest combined scores from their respective in-hand and materiale series final championship classes. USDF will provide each ProElite/USDFBCS Finals with the prizes for the Three-Year-Old and Four-Year-Old Prospect Awards that must be presented to the winners at each competition.

Score from respective In-Hand ProElite/USDFBC Finals Championship Class



**Prospect Award Calculation** 

Score from respective Materiale USDFBC Finals Championship Class



Total Score \ respective Prospect Award <u>USDF Membership Benefits</u>: 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.

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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 21<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>®</sup>/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<sup>®</sup>/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.

USEF Competition Name: Dressage Sport Horse Breed Show I & II at Avalon Fe USEF#: 345258 & 345259 Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):

Dressage, Dressage Sport Horse Breeding, Dressage Breeding- Materiale

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