USDF Membership Benefits: USDF is dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of the sport of dressage. For details on member benefits, including educational programs, awards, and other opportunities, refer to the USDF Directory or the USDF Web site at www.usdf.org. To participate in a USEF/USDF-recognized competition as an owner/lessee or rider, you must either be a USDF Group, Intercollegiate/Interscholastic, or Participating Member, or have a USDF Non-Member Identification Number. (Note: Business Members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their Business membership.) Exception: Handler in DSHB classes or riders and owners competing in classes which are exempt from USDF HID requirements.

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Participating Membership (PM): A membership issued to an *individual* directly by USDF. The membership year is December 1 through November 30. Participating memberships are available for 1-year ($62), 5-years ($250), or life ($1,000). A Youth Participating Membership is available for members under 21 (as of the start of the current membership year) for $35. A Participating Membership allows the member to compete at USDF-recognized competitions and to participate as a rider and/or owner for all Adequan®/ USDF Year-End Awards, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals, and the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional 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 Group Membership year ends November 30. A Group Membership allows the member to compete at USDF-recognized competitions and participate in the USDF Rider Awards program.

Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Membership (IM): A membership issued to an individual by USDF when the member name and dues are submitted to USDF through an affiliate Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Member Organization (IMO). The membership year is December 1 through November 30. An Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Membership allows the member to compete at USDF-recognized competitions, and participate in the USDF Rider Awards program.

Non-Member Identification Number: An individual with a Non-Member ID is not eligible for any USDF awards nor eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes, or Great American Insurance Group/USDFBC Finals, or receive other USDF membership benefits. PMs, GMs, or IMs do not need a Non-Member ID to compete. The Non-Member number is downloadable from the USDF Web site, or USDF will print and mail a card for a $10 fee.

Business Membership: A membership issued to a business or organization directly by USDF. There are two types of Business Membership: Standard ($100) or Full ($250). The Full Business Membership offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. Business Memberships satisfy requirements of horse ownership only. The membership year is December 1 through November 30.

USDF Horse Membership Defined

******Horses competing at USDF-recognized shows must have either a Horse Identification Number or a Lifetime Registration. Exception:*** Horses competing only in Individual Breed Classes (IBC) at DSHB competitions, horses competing only in breed restricted dressage or DSHB classes at Regular Competitions (i.e. all Arabian, Friesian or all Morgan classes), or in USDF Introductory Level tests, pas de deux, quadrille, or IPEC classes, are exempt from this requirement. Also exempt are horses ridden in leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot and academy classes. For foreign owned horses competing in CDI class, USDF accepts copies of the horse identification pages from an FEI passport, or a completed HID application (with no fee requirements) in lieu of a USDF HID or Lifetime Registration number.

Horse Identification Number (HID): A one-time tracking number for horses ($20). Scores earned by a horse with an HID will be recorded, but will NOT be counted towards USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes or Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals. An HID can be upgraded to a Lifetime Registration for a fee of $45. If a horse is Lifetime Registered it does not need an HID. An HID does not need to be renewed.

Lifetime Horse Registration: A horse with a Lifetime Registration ($65) is eligible for USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete at Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals and Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse is Lifetime Registered it does not need an HID. A Lifetime Registration does not need to be renewed.

How to Join USDF

Applications for Participating membership, Business membership, non-member ID, HID, and Lifetime Registration may be found in the following locations:

- On the USDF Web site: www.usdf.org. You can submit the application online, print, fax or mail it.
- In *USDF Directory*, in *USDF Connection*, in the show office at those USDF-recognized dressage 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, received by the competition secretary.

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