



# LAKE ERIE

COLLEGE

## Dressage Derby of Ohio June 10-11, 2023



**USEF/USDF Level II Competition #648  
Official Judging Competition for  
Great American Insurance Group/USDF 2023 Regional Championships  
ONLINE ENTRIES REQUIRED at [HorseShowOffice.com](http://HorseShowOffice.com)  
Opening Date: May 1, 2023  
Closing Date Online: Friday, June 2, 2023**

**Venue:** Lake Erie College George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center  
**Front Entrance (Cars):** 8031 Morley Road Mentor, Ohio 440600  
**Trailer Entrance (Closest GPS address):** 10145 Pinecrest Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077  
Website: [www.lec.edu/equinevents](http://www.lec.edu/equinevents) Directions: [www.lec.edu/eq-directions](http://www.lec.edu/eq-directions)

**Judge:** Lisa Schmidt (S/Dressage, NJ)

**Judge:** Doreen Horsey (S/Dressage-AB) *Additional Judges to be added if needed*

**Technical Delegate:** Susan Moran (R/Dressage TD, KY )

**Manager:** Pam Hess, Painesville, OH Office (440)375-8005, Cell (440) 477-3474, Email [phess@lec.edu](mailto:phess@lec.edu)

**Secretary:** Anne Sushko, Dubuque, Iowa, (563) 580-0510 [gandasushko@hotmail.com](mailto:gandasushko@hotmail.com)

**Announcer:** Chrissy Nemeth

**Horse Show Phone During Show:** Pam Hess Cell (440) 477-3474 or 440-375-8005

**Licensee/CEO:** Lake Erie College President Brian Posler

**Veterinarian Service:** On Call - Buckeye Veterinary Services (440) 415-4800

**Farrier:** On Call – Steve Novotny (440) 415-6800

**Medical Staff:** University Hospital EMS, Paramedics on-site during the show.

## ENTRIES

Entries must be completed **online** at [www.horshowoffice.com](http://www.horshowoffice.com). No entries accepted by mail or by phone. Payment (check or credit card) is due with entries. Online entries must be submitted on the OPENING date of May 1, 2023, or thereafter, up to and including the CLOSING date of June 2, 2023. Post entries after the closing date will be accepted within the ability of the show to accommodate additional entries.

If oversubscribed, entries will be placed on a waitlist. Rides may be scheduled from early morning through evening each day. Should scratches occur on the day of the competition, post entries will be accepted for those times. The show committee reserves the right to limit entries or classes per horse, to add, divide, or cancel classes, or make whatever changes are required by the circumstances of the competition. The RIDER, OWNER, TRAINER, and COACH (if applicable) must sign each entry.

“EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.”

**THIS COMPETITION OFTEN HAS WAITLISTS, SO PLEASE ENTER EARLY!**

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### *FEES: Checks payable to Lake Erie College*

USEF Fee	\$23.00 (Drugs & Medication \$15/Federation Fee \$8)
Office fee	\$35.00 (per horse/rider combination)
USEF Membership Fee	\$80.00
USEF Show Pass Fee	must purchase online if needed
USDF Non-member fee	\$35.00 if needed
USDF Horse ID number (HID)	\$35.00 if needed
Equitation	\$40.00
Opportunity, Intro, Training, First, & Second	\$40.00
Third and Fourth	\$45.00
USEA TOC	\$45.00
Materiale	\$55.00
FEI Tests	\$55.00
Freestyles	\$55.00
GAIG/USDF Qualifier	\$15.00 added to class fee
Changes to entries after closing date	\$15.00 per change
Post-entry fees taken if schedule allows	\$20.00 per class
Non-negotiable checks	\$50.00
Day Fee/Non-competing horse (if available)	\$50.00
Stabling fee (horse and tack stalls)	\$100.00 Friday 9 am through Sunday end of show
Day Stall (if available)	\$25.00
Overnight Stall (if available)	\$50.00
Daily haul-in fee for non-stabled horses	\$20.00
Shavings	\$10.00 per bag if ordered with entry \$12.00 per bag ordered after entry or on grounds

**Safe Sport:** Reminder: All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).

**Force Majeure:** In the event of a force majeure, this competition may be subject to cancellation. "Force majeure" shall mean fire, earthquake, flood, snow, ice, lightning, act of God, or the presence of contagious or infectious disease among humans (for example but not limited to Covid-19) or animals (for example but not limited to EHV 1/4 or strangles), work stoppages or other labor disturbances, riots or civil commotions, litigation, war or other act of foreign nation, power of government, or governmental agency or authority, or any other cause like or unlike any cause above mentioned which is beyond the control of the show management. In the event of cancellation, before the show begins due to force majeure, all fees paid by competitors will be refunded.

**Stabling and Tack:** Bedding not provided - bagged shavings available for purchase. Please pre-order any shavings needed. Permanent box stalls and vinyl temporary stalls with doors (all are minimum size 10 X 10), both under roof. Stallions, horses over 17 hands, and entries showing for the entire weekend will be given preference for permanent stalls. Weekend stabling will have preference over day stall or overnight stabling. Due to the limited number of stalls available, we may be unable to honor requests for non-competing horses or tack stalls. Please direct all stabling questions to the show secretary Anne Sushko at (563) 580-0510 [gandasushko@hotmail.com](mailto:gandasushko@hotmail.com). Stalls will be available Friday at 9 am. Numbers must be worn whenever a horse is out of its stall. NO SMOKING near barns. Smoking is permitted only in your personal vehicles in the parking lots.

**Refunds:** If an entry is canceled before the closing date, all fees are refunded minus the office fee. After the closing date, the USEF fee and qualifying fees and/or any nonmember fees, if paid, are refunded. No refunds for filled scratches. NO REFUNDS FOR STABLING. Waitlist exhibitors who are contacted for openings and accepted are fully responsible financially to the show. No other fees are refundable after the closing date for any reason, including in the event of cancellation of classes due to severe weather or other emergencies. We do request that all cancellations be called in so that adjustments may be made to the schedule.

**No Shows:** All "no-shows" who have not contacted the show office prior to their first ride will be considered a scratch/elimination for the rest of the weekend, are subject to the USEF fee, and their time slots will be filled.

**Confirmation/Ride Times:** Rides may be scheduled from early morning through evening each day. Confirmation of entry will be emailed. All email addresses must be clearly printed and legible. Provisional ride times and show updates will be emailed to competitors and will be posted at [HorseShowOffice.com](http://HorseShowOffice.com) Wednesday before the show. Official times will be posted at the show office by noon Friday. It is the responsibility of the rider to inform the show secretary of any time conflicts as soon as possible after receiving provisional ride times.

**Proof of membership:** When entering the show electronically, USEF and USDF registration is verified electronically if valid and correct membership numbers are provided on the entry form.

**Coggins:** A negative Coggins (EIA) Report listing horse's recorded show name within one year of show dates is required for all horses on grounds. Show number and stabling will not be assigned without negative Coggins.

**Vaccinations:** As per GR844 Equine Vaccination Rule, competitors must have vaccination records for their horses available for inspection. Lake Erie College horse show management reserves the right to require that all competitors show their proof of vaccinations at check-in for licensed competitions at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center. Should current local equine health circumstances require extra vigilance on the part of horse show management, you may be asked to show proof of the required USEF vaccinations at check-in.

**Breed Awards:** High Point Breed awards will be given to horses registered in USDF All Breed Participating Organizations and other breed awards if available. Competitors must bring copies of proof of their enrollment in their specific breed organization to the show. If a horse has multiple breed registrations, the competitor must choose which breed award s/he wishes for consideration. NEW this year: All breed awards will be awarded based on Saturday's rides.

**Opportunity Classes** are meant for entry-level riders wishing to participate in a recognized show experience but who do not wish to participate in USEF/USDF awards programs. Riders entering only Opportunity classes need not pay the USEF fee, USEF/USDF non-member fees or USDF HID fee. If riders also enter the USDF Introductory classes, then the USEF fee must be paid. Cross-entering into other regular classes requires payment of all missing USEF/USDF non-member and USDF HID fees. Scores from Opportunity classes are sent to the USEF and USDF but are not recorded or counted for their year-end awards. Riders in opportunity classes may compete wearing breeches and shirts (with sleeves and collars) of any color as permitted in DR120.8. Jackets are not required. Boots and protective headgear are required as specified in DR120. 1 -6.

**Pony Measurement:** Ponies entered in FEI Pony Tests in need of USEF measurement cards must make an appointment for measuring with show management prior to the show. The official measurement session will be scheduled for 9:00 am on Saturday morning or as arranged by show management. Owners of ponies needing measurement will be charged a fee not to exceed \$100 to cover the fee charged by the official veterinarian required for the measurement.

**Dressage Seat Equitation:** will be run as a group class. The purpose of the Dressage Seat Medal Program is to promote and reward the correct seat, position, and use of aids in dressage. For more information about this program, check DR133

**Adult Amateur Equitation:** Will be run as a group class. The purpose of the Adult Amateur Equitation Program recognizes adult amateurs competing in equitation and promotes correct seat, position, and use of the aids in dressage. For more information about this program, check DR133.

**Awards:** Ribbons to 6 places. Divisions: (JR/AA/Open) may be run concurrently as one class. Divisions will be pinned separately. No separate awards for GAIG Qualifying classes. Championships are awarded based on rides throughout the show on both Saturday and Sunday. Champion and Reserve Champion High Point ribbons will be awarded to the top two high-score entries in 1) Open and 2) Combined AA-JR/YR divisions at each of the following three levels:

- Training through 2nd Level
- 3rd and 4th Level
- PSG, Intermediate I and all FEI/TOC

Intro, Opportunity, Freestyle, Young Horse, Equitation, and Materiale classes are not to count for the championships.

**Freestyle Classes:** Except for USEF/USDF Championship classes and for FEI Pony Riders, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider and FEI Para-Equestrian 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 USEF/USDF licensed Dressage Competition, Federation Licensed 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. CDs must be clearly labeled with entry number and music directives, delivered to the show office two hours before the class starts, and picked up following the class. Unclaimed CDs will not be mailed. You may designate an assistant to direct the playing of your music. Sound tests may be scheduled Friday from 3-5 pm or Saturday during the lunch break. *Management recommends that you bring TWO CDs as we have had occasional problems with the first CD and have used the backup. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Competitors may also email their freestyle music to the show manager Pam Hess at [phess@lec.edu](mailto:phess@lec.edu).*

**Arena:** Indoor arenas: Dirt/sand footing. Standard-size dressage arena set inside 100' x 250' side walled Main indoor arena. Smaller attached indoor warm-up 70' x 120'. Inspiration Arena: 238' x 76' side-walled indoor arena with dirt/sand footing. Intro through Training 2 may be in a small dressage arena (20 m x 40 m). Intro through Training 2 may be in the Inspiration Arena only if the show is heavily oversubscribed and entries necessitate adding this additional competition arena. Training 3 and higher will be in the large Main arena (20 m x 60 m). Outdoor arena: Standard-size dressage arena (20 m x 60 m) will be set inside a 100' x 250' fenced-in outdoor arena with limestone footing. Warmup may be on the Hunt Field on a limestone arena (no fencing) if weather permits. If the weather is inclement, riders may warm up in the indoor Inspiration Arena.

**Footing:** Preparation and consulting for indoor (dirt/sand) and outdoor (limestone) arenas at Lake Erie College provided by Lake Erie College.

**Schooling and Lunging:** Schooling is permitted in the competition arena Friday 10 am through 8 pm. Schooling will be permitted for 30 minutes after the last class Saturday. Lunging is allowed only in designated lunging areas. If bad weather exists, then lunging will be scheduled for indoor areas and times will be posted in the show office. Mounted schooling is never permitted in the same area as lunging.

# EQUINE STUDIES



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### **Management Rules and Procedures:**

- **NO PARKING BY BUILDINGS. NO PARKING BY BARN OR MANURE PIT AREA.** Trailer and vehicle parking in designated areas only. Violators may be towed at owner's expense.
- Show Management reserves the right to vary or add officials, to refuse any entry of any exhibitor for cause, to disqualify any exhibitor and/or his horse for cause, to cause an exhibitor to forfeit his winnings and ribbons for cause, to have horses removed from the grounds for cause, and to return any entry and/or stall fee before or during the show for cause, all without being liable for damage or compensation.
- Show management reserves the right to make any changes deemed necessary for the safe and efficient conduct of this competition.
- Management reserves the right to combine or cancel classes, to vary or add officials, and to refuse entry of any exhibitor for cause.
- Dogs, with the exception of service animals, are not allowed in the main lobby of the Learning Center. All dogs at the equestrian center must be on a leash no longer than 6' and held by a responsible adult/fixated object at all times.
- Bridle numbers must be worn by the horse at all times when out of the stall.
- No smoking in lobby, barns or arenas. Smoking is **ONLY** permitted in your personal vehicle in parking lots.
- Lake Erie College and its employees will not be held responsible for loss or damage to persons, property or horses.

### **Facilities:**

- **FREE** Wi-Fi, restrooms and showers available in the Learning Center. Motor home or trailer electricity is **NOT** available.
- **Concessions:** Open according to the requirements for a Level 2 show and conforming to current COVID restrictions. Hours posted in show office on official show board. Bottled water available for purchase at concession stand during posted hours as per COVID requirements.
- **Medical and Sharps Waste:** Sharps containers are located in each barn in the following locations: wash rack in the boarder barn, temp stall area by south door (door facing arena) and in the middle aisle of school barn outside wash racks. Per USEF rules, competition management may fine any individuals, including trainers, owners, exhibitors, and their agents, up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.



Sat #	Sun #	USDF/USEF Classes Offered	Divisions	Class Fee	+Q fee of \$15
1UA	2UA	USDF Introductory Test A	Open	\$40	
1UB	2UB	USDF Introductory Test B	Open	\$40	
1UC	2UC	USDF Introductory Test C	Open	\$40	
1T1	2T1	USEF Training Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
1T2	2T2	USEF Training Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
1T3	2T3	USEF Training Level Test 3 *Q	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	+\$15
111	211	USEF First Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
112	212	USEF First Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
113	213	USEF First Level Test 3 *Q	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	+\$15
121	221	USEF Second Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
122	222	USEF Second Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
123	223	USEF Second Level Test 3 *Q	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	+\$15
131	231	USEF Third Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	
132	232	USEF Third Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	
133	233	USEF Third Level Test 3 *Q	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	+\$15
141	241	USEF Fourth Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	
142	242	USEF Fourth Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	
143	243	USEF Fourth Level Test 3 *Q	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	+\$15
1UTO	2UTO	USEF TOC Indicate Test *Q	Open	\$55	+\$15
1F2TO	2F2TO	FEI TOC Indicate Test *Q	Open	\$55	+\$15
1F1	2F1	FEI TOC Indicate Test *Q	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$55	+\$15
1UFS	2UFS	USDF Freestyle *Q-Indicate Test (Q limited to levels 1-4)	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$55	+\$15
1FFS	2FFS	FEI Freestyle *Q-Indicate Test	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$55	+\$15
1E	2E	Dressage Seat Equitation	JR-YR	\$40	
1AE	2AE	Adult Amateur Equitation	AA	\$40	
1EVT	2EVT	USEA Eventing TOC	Open	\$45	
1YH	2YH	FEI Young Horse TOC-Indicate Test Practice Only- not eligible for Qualifying Scores	Open	\$55	
1DH	2DH	USEF Developing Horse TOC- Indicate Test Practice Only- not eligible for Qualifying Scores	Open	\$55	
		Material Classes (Under saddle group classes)			
1M3F	2M3F	Materiale – 3 year old Fillies	Open	\$55	
1M3CG	2M3CG	Materiale – 3 year old Colts/Geldings	Open	\$55	
145M	245M	Materiale – 4 & 5 year old Mares	Open	\$55	
145SG	245SG	Materiale – 4 & 5 year old Stallions/Geldings	Open	\$55	
		Opportunity Classes			
10UA	20UA	USDF Introductory Test A – Opportunity	Open	\$40	
10UC	20UC	USDF Introductory Test C – Opportunity	Open	\$40	
10T1	20T1	USEF Training Level Test 1 – Opportunity	Open	\$40	
10T2	20T2	USEF Training Level Test 2 – Opportunity	Open	\$40	
1011	2011	USEF First Level Test 1 – Opportunity	Open	\$40	
1012	2012	USEF First Level Test 2 - Opportunity	Open	\$40	
10ET	20ET	Dressage Seat Equitation Walk/Trot - Opportunity	Open	\$40	

### Qualifier Definitions

**Q** Great American/USDF Qualifying optional for eligible tests; pay additional \$15 USDF fee to have score entered as Great American/USDF qualifying

### Division Definitions

**O** Open to all riders

**AA** Adult Amateurs only; competitors must compete as adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22. Must hold current USEF Amateur card.

**JR-YR** Juniors and Young Riders only; riders eligible until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.

## DIRECTIONS

The Lake Erie College George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center is about 30 miles east of Cleveland. Take I-90 to St. Rt. 44 South, Exit 200. Four lane highway will become two lanes. At traffic light, turn right on to Girdled Rd. Within 1 mile, road bears right onto Hermitage Rd. Approximately 3/10 miles, turn left onto Pinecrest Rd. Trailer entrance to Equestrian Center is ½ mile on the right. Click on this link for a map of the local area: [www.lec.edu/eq-directions](http://www.lec.edu/eq-directions)

This 80-acre facility spans two city address locations for our front and rear entrances:

**GPS Address for horse trailer entrance:** 10145 Pinecrest Rd, Painesville, OH 44077

**GPS Address front entrance for CARS ONLY:** 8031 Morley Rd. Mentor, OH 44060

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Nearby hotels are listed below. For any available discounted rates, please tell the reservations office that you are reserving rooms for a Lake Erie College horse show.

### **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Ctr**

(closest)

11200 Gold Court, Painesville

440-898-0900



### **Comfort Inn (very close)**

7581 Auburn Rd,

Painesville

440-579-0300

### **Days Inn**

4145 Rt 306, Willoughby 44094

440-520-1773

### **Hampton Inn & Suites**

5675 Emerald Ct, Mentor 44060

440-358-1441

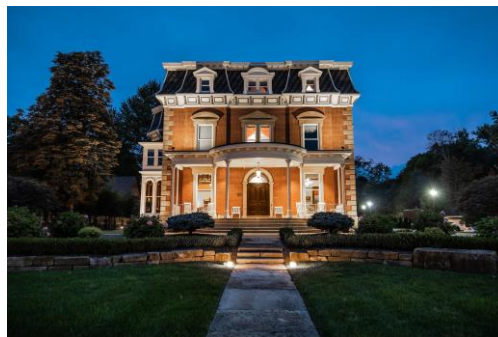
### **Steele Mansion Inn & Gathering Hub**

348 Mentor Avenue, Painesville 44077

(440) 639-7948

[www.steelemansion.com](http://www.steelemansion.com)

**Mention Lake Erie College Horse Show  
and get 15% off your room!**





## **IMPORTANT USEF RULE AFFECTING ALL COMPETITORS**

Competitors - please note that Lake Erie College horse show management reserves the right to require that all competitors show their proof of vaccinations at check-in for licensed competitions at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center. Should current local equine health circumstances require extra vigilance on the part of horse show management, you might be asked to show proof of the required USEF vaccinations at check in.

### **GR844 Equine Vaccination Rule**

1. 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. Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers' or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian.
2. In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration.
3. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine; and date of vaccine administration.
4. In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letter-head stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested.
5. Competition Management may not amend or enhance vaccination requirements without prior approval of the Veterinary Committee.  
BOD 1/17/15 Effective 12/1/1515

### **Rationale for GR844**

Over the last 7-8 years there have been several high-profile Equine Herpes (EHV) outbreaks that have involved the neuropathic strain of the virus (equine herpesvirus myeloecephalopathy-EHM). Influenza outbreaks don't get nearly the same attention as EHV /EHM but they do occur.

The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) publishes vaccination guidelines that are reviewed by infectious disease experts every few years. The current guidelines recommend vaccinating competition horses at 6-month intervals for both equine influenza (Flu) and rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1 and EHV-4). It is important to point out that no vaccine protects against the paralytic neurologic disease (EHM), but the intent of vaccination is to reduce the spreading of virus which will hopefully minimize outbreaks in which EHM is manifested.

In many parts of the world the vaccination of horses is covered by national law. The FEI has a requirement for all horses to be vaccinated for influenza within the previous six months. The new USEF vaccination rule is General Rule 845 and will go into effect 12/1/15. This rule is consistent with the AAEP recommendation.

This rule change does not anticipate an increase of work for competition management. Most competitions, when horses are being checked in, require a health certificate and a negative Coggins test. The flu vaccination information can be added to either document. The requirements of this rule have not been made to be onerous on any group. However, it is important to point out that the responsibility lies with the competitor to provide documentation if requested by Competition Management. It is not a requirement that every competition verifies such documentation. If vaccination documentation will be reviewed upon arrival at a competition, it is recommended that this be published in the prize list.

If Competition Management chooses to verify the required documentation, any competitor that fails to provide the appropriate documentation of vaccination pursuant to the new rule may be asked to remove the horse from the grounds. If further clarification is necessary, please contact the Equine Drugs and Medications office at 800-633-2472.



## **Equine Biosecurity Recommendations for your horse's health and safety**

**Lake Erie College is committed to the health and safety of our resident school horses and all our visiting competition horses. To encourage everyone on the premises to use good practices and health safety measures to protect our horses, please observe the following suggestions:**

### **At the Show**

Wash and disinfect your hands frequently!

Do not handle or pet horses other than your own.

Do not let your horse touch other horses, particularly nose-to-nose.

Do not share water buckets, feed tubs, tack or other equipment between horses.

You may elect to take temperatures on your horses twice daily. Report all temperatures over 102.0°F directly to the Show Manager.

### **Going Home**

Clean and disinfect your tack, boots, equipment and grooming supplies.

When you get home, shower, blow your nose and put on clean clothes and shoes before going near other horses at home.

**We wish all our competitors and visitors  
a healthy and safe show here at Lake Erie College!**

**Pamela A. Hess, D.V.M.  
Dean, School of Equine Studies**

## **ATTENTION COMPETITORS**

**USEF rule DR 120.6 requires that PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR meeting or exceeding ASTM/SEI standards forequestrian use be worn at all times by anyone mounted on a horse on the competition grounds.**

**Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct applicable numbers (USDF and USEF) for horse, owner, rider, and trainer, before the day(s) of the competition. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national awards.**

## **Motorized Vehicle Statement 2023**

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

## **Membership Statement 2023**

Eventing Competitions at the Modified Level or above, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides and Vaulting Competitions: (See GR828.4 of the Federation rules). 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 (exception: Friesian performance FR231) and academy classes (academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program); 6) USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7) NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8) Opportunity classes, 9) citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10) USEA beginner novice division; and 11) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes

# ATTENTION COMPETITORS

We want to hear from you! Take a minute to share about your competition experience. The best method to ensure your voice is heard is to provide written feedback directly to USEF. Please fill out the Competition and Licensed Official Confidential Evaluation linked below.

Scan the QR code to log into your My USEF account and complete the form.



Questions?  
Email [reports@usef.org](mailto:reports@usef.org)



# THE FACTS ABOUT CONCUSSIONS



## SIGNS OBSERVED

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is unsure of whereabouts
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can't recall events prior to fall
- Can't recall events after fall



## SYMPTOMS REPORTED

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Concentration or memory problems
- Feeling sluggish or confused
- Does not "feel right"



## ACTION PLAN FOR PARENTS AND TRAINERS

If you suspect that an athlete has a concussion, you should take the following steps:

1. Remove the athlete from the horse; do not allow him/her to remount.
2. Ensure athlete is evaluated by an appropriate health care professional. Do not try to judge the seriousness of the injury yourself.
3. Allow athlete to return to practice/competition only with permission from the appropriate health care professional.

*Athletes competing in USEF competitions should refer to General Rule 1316 for the USEF rules on returning to competition.*

For more information, visit [cdc.gov/headsup](http://cdc.gov/headsup).



# UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

## Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program

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 presented by Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supply will be held in conjunction with each of the nine USDF Regional Dressage Championship competitions, providing adult amateurs with additional opportunity for recognition. Ribbons awarded through 8<sup>th</sup> Place and gift certificates awarded to top three riders

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-licensed/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](#).

# *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](mailto:usdressage@usdf.org), [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)



## 2023 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships

A single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), will be held in each of the nine USDF regions. In addition, Alaska and Hawaii may each hold state championships if an official request from a Group Member Organization (GMO) is received by April 1 of the prior year. The Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). Please refer to the 2023 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

### Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

*All memberships and registrations/recordings must be correct and current at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.*

Rider:

- Must have a USDF Participating\* Membership (PM).
- Must have a USEF membership (Active or Life).

Horse:

- Must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR).
- Must have a USEF (Annual or Lifetime) Horse Recording.
- USDF horse registration and USEF horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s).  
A horse is not required to have breed registry papers.

Owner:

- Must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Active or Life Membership or Annual or Life Recorded Farm/Business). If the horse has more than one owner, at least one owner must have both active USEF membership and active USDF Participating or Business Membership and must be the owner of record with USEF and USDF. For a business or farm to be the valid owner under this requirement, it must be listed as an owner of the horse with both USEF and USDF.

\* PMs are USDF members who join USDF directly. USDF Group Members (GM) are ineligible.

**Minimum Qualifying Scores:** One set of nationally-standardized qualifying scores has been established for all USEF/USDF Regional Championships, for Training Level through Grand Prix, in three divisions: open, adult amateur and junior/young rider. FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider classes have only one respective division.

**New for 2023!** Combined AA/Jr/YR freestyle classes.

The minimum percentages are as follows:

	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
Training Level (Test 3)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 3)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 3)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
FEI Junior (Team Test)	—	—	60%
FEI Young Rider (Team Test)	—	—	60%
Prix St. Georges	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	62%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%

FREESTYLE	OPEN	Combined AA/Jr/YR
First Level	65%	65%
Second Level	65%	65%
Third Level	65%	65%
Fourth Level	65%	65%
Intermediate I	65%	65%
Grand Prix	65%	65%



# ATTENTION FREESTYLE COMPETITORS



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

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## Freestyle Competitor Reminders

- Submit your music in the format(s), method(s), and time frame specified in the prize list. If a CD is required, please clearly label it with your name, horse's name, and freestyle level.
- Be present for your optional sound check.
- Know the rules for the level you are riding. This includes forbidden and allowed movements for your level.

**Questions?**

Contact [freestyle@usdf.org](mailto:freestyle@usdf.org)



# United States Dressage Federation <sup>TM</sup>

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

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

### **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 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 December 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 USDF Breeders Championship Series Final Three-Year-Old Materiale Championships may also be eligible for the Three-Year-Old Prospect award

# Position Yourself for Success

## USDF Dressage Seat Equitation Rider Awards

- All riders eligible
- Awarded at three levels: Elementary, Accomplished, and Elite
- Based on scores earned in Dressage Seat Equitation classes

## USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program

- Adult Amateurs
- Regional final classes held in conjunction with regional championships
- Eligibility
  - Score 70% or higher in a dressage seat equitation class\* **or**
  - Qualify for regional championships

## USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals

- Riders 18 and under
- Held in conjunction with regional championships
- Eligibility:
  - Score 70% or higher in a dressage seat equitation class\* **or**
  - Qualify for regional championships
- Serves as qualifier for USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals

*\*For full eligibility and membership requirements see the 2018 USDF Member Guide.*

For more information on these dressage equitation programs, visit

[www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)



United States  
**Dressage**  
Federation <sup>TM</sup>

YOUR CONNECTION TO DRESSAGE  
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USEF Competition Name:

USEF#:

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):



# MAAPP

## MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION

### LEARN ABOUT MAAP POLICIES



Safe Sport Training



Local Travel



One-On-One Interactions



Social Media & Electronic Communications



Read about these & more at [usef.org/MAAPP](https://usef.org/MAAPP)

### REPORT MAAP POLICY VIOLATIONS



[usef.org/safe-sport/reporting](https://usef.org/safe-sport/reporting)

859-225-6915 or Text Anonymously 855-682-8733



**USDF Membership Benefits:** USDF is dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For details on member benefits, including educational programs, awards, and other opportunities, refer to the *USDF Member Guide* or the USDF website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).

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

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

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

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

**Exceptions:**

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

**Memberships Defined**

**Participating Membership (PM):** A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. The membership year is December 1 through November 30. PMs are available for 1-year (\$90), 5-years (\$360), or life (\$1,800). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for individuals who have not reached their 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®/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](http://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.





**USDF**

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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<input type="checkbox"/>	MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	NAME ON CARD: _____	CVV # _____
BILLING ADDRESS _____				ZIP CODE _____	



## FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

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

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

**RIDER/DRIVER/HANDLER/VAULTER/LONGEUR** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAINER** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER/AGENT** (mandatory)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**COACH** (if applicable)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaultor/Longeur is a minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent//Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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



# WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dba US Equestrian ("USEF") allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in any capacity (including as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, official, trainer or volunteer) in a USEF sanctioned, licensed or approved event or activity, including but not limited to equestrian clinics, practices, shows, competitions and related or incidental activities and \_\_\_\_\_ ("USEF Event" or "USEF Events"); I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors,, and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Agreement (the "Agreement"):

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS: I hereby agree that I have read, understand, and agree to be bound by all applicable Federation Bylaws, rules, and policies including the USEF Safe Sport Policy and Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) as published at www.usef.org, as amended from time to time.

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

### EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING:

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

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

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

D. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY: In conjunction with my participation in any USEF Event, I hereby release, waive and covenant not to sue, and further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the following parties: USEF, USEF Recognized Affiliate Associations, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), USEF clubs, members, Event participants (including athletes/riders, coaches, trainers, judges/officials, and other personnel), the Event owner, licensee, and competition managers; the promoters, sponsors, or advertisers of any USEF Event; any charity or other beneficiary which may benefit from the USEF Event; the owners, managers, or lessors of any facilities or premises where a USEF Event may be held; and all directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and volunteers of any of the aforementioned parties (**Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties" or "Event Organizers"**), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss, or expense (including court costs and reasonable attorney fees) of any kind or nature ("**Liability**") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the USEF Events, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties.

E. COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND KNOW IT CONTAINS AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER FROM LIABILITY, AS WELL AS A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS.**

By signing below, I (as the participant or as the Parent/Legal Guardian of the minor identified below) hereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in connection with my (or the minor's) participation in any USEF Event. If, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf or the minor's behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities as the result of such claim.

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

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

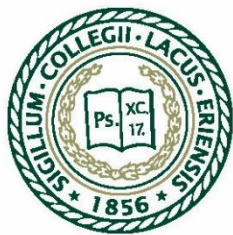
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Print Parent//Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_





# LAKE ERIE

COLLEGE



# COVID-19 ACTION PLAN

## And EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

**January 2023**

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Lake Erie College George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center  
8031 Morley Road, Mentor, OH 44060

[lec.edu/equineevents](http://lec.edu/equineevents)

We recognize the huge responsibility that comes with hosting equestrian competitions. We take this responsibility very seriously and we are working hard to ensure that our dressage shows operate safely and successfully.

We are committed to providing a safe and fun experience for our competitors, including any necessary COVID-19 restrictions.

In conjunction with local, state and federal recommendations and mandates, including those from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), Lake Erie College has revised our COVID-19 protocols. We have implemented the following guidelines in addition to our own regular stringent standards, to alleviate the potential impact of COVID-19 and to ensure that our horse shows are smooth, efficient and most importantly, safe for all involved.

Thank you in advance for abiding by these guidelines!



Pamela A. Hess, D.V.M.

**COVID-19 COMPLIANCE/RESOURCE OFFICER**

Dressage Show Manager  
Dean, School of Equine Studies  
Lake Erie College

# ACTION PLAN OVERVIEW

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USEF has developed a comprehensive approach to returning to competition in 2023 with appropriate COVID-19 protocols. We have used these guidelines as the basis for our plan. In addition, we have utilized the WHO Risk Assessment to measure the effectiveness of our planning efforts. With the use of this Risk Assessment, we have determined that we are operating at a low risk level. View the current USEF Coronavirus Disease Updates and Resources information [here](#).

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Lake Erie College is operating in accordance with all of the most current CDC and State of Ohio health orders regarding COVID-19.



All persons entering competition grounds are recommended to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms daily prior to entering the competition grounds. Individuals are strongly urged to avoid entering the competition grounds regardless of vaccination status, if they:

- Exhibit **COVID-19 symptoms**, including a temperature of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher,
- Have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 5 days, or
- Have tested positive outside of the past 5 days, but are still symptomatic.

For additional information, please refer to the CDC's [Isolation and Precautions Webpage](#)

**If you are not feeling well or have any symptoms of illness, please stay home!**

**Persons on the show grounds are not required to wear a facemask.**

A participant may choose to wear a facemask or face covering when mounted on a horse and cannot be disqualified or penalized for doing so while competing.

All participants, licensed officials, show employees and volunteers on the show grounds must have completed a USEF Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement this season. If you have NOT filled out this waiver, please come to the show office to complete a waiver and give it to the Show Secretary.

**We request that everyone observe respectful social distancing practices whenever possible.**

**Wash your hands frequently and avoid crowding situations.**

## **RESPONSE PLAN SPECIFIC to a COVID-19 SITUATION**

### **Emergency Response Information**

*When calling for emergency services,  
be prepared to give your location at the  
Lake Erie College Equestrian Center  
10145 Pinecrest Road in Concord Township.*

- **Fire Department: Dial 911**
  
- **Paramedics:**
  - **Paramedics are on site during the horse show competition, ask announcer to call for Medic.**
  - **For paramedic services outside of competition hours, Dial 911**
  
- **Ambulance: Dial 911**
  
- **Police or Lake County Sheriff: Dial 911**
  
- **Competition Manager: Dr. Pam Hess, Cell: 440-477-3474**
  
- **COVID-19 Compliance/Resource Officer: Show Manager Dr. Pam Hess, Cell: 440-477-3474 or Office 440-375-8005**

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN SPECIFIC to a COVID-19 SITUATION

### RESPONSE TO POTENTIAL EXPOSURE

If a participant displays symptoms or otherwise indicates high risk for possible infection, he/shewill not be allowed to access the facility and participate in the show.

**Any individual on competition grounds who tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of the competition, is required to report such result to the Show Manager Dr. Pam Hess 440-477-3474.**

If you have any concerns about the possibility of a COVID-19 infection, please contact the Show Manager Pam Hess at 440-477-3474.

Thank you for your  
cooperation and support as  
we work together to ensure  
everyone's safety.



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