



# UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION

## GMO Photography Award – Guidelines

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**USDF**

The USDF Group Member Organization (GMO) Photography Awards are designed to recognize outstanding efforts by GMOs that publish amateur photography in their newsletters or on social media platforms. Awards will be presented for the best amateur photographs in four categories.

### Categories

- Less than 75 members (Category 1)
- 75 – 174 members (Category 2)
- 175 – 499 members (Category 3)
- 500 or more members (Category 4)

### Eligibility

Any GMO in good standing with USDF may submit a photograph, published by the GMO in its own newsletter or on a social media platform, and taken by an amateur. A photograph that is published as part of a magazine that is not the GMO's newsletter is ineligible for nomination. Photographs taken by professionals are not eligible for nomination. If a GMO has chapters, the GMO will choose which of its chapters' photograph to enter. All photographs nominated must have been published by the GMO within the current award year (September 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>).

### Nomination Process

Nominations are due by **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Only an official representative of a GMO may submit the nomination. It is the responsibility of the GMO to ensure that only one official representative submits the nomination.

The nomination form, photograph being nominated, signed Photo Release Form (see page 3), and the newsletter or link to social media post containing the photograph being nominated, must be submitted **electronically**. Nominations may only be submitted by using the official nomination form, emailed to [gmoliason@usdf.org](mailto:gmoliason@usdf.org). Each GMO may submit **one nomination**.

### General Information:

- Color and black and white photos will be accepted
- Mounted riders in photos must be wearing headgear; a helmet, derby, or top hat
- By submitting the nomination form, the GMO confirms that the photographer is aware of the nomination, and agrees to allow USDF unlimited usage rights on the photographs submitted
- Only JPG (picture) files will be accepted and must be 300 dpi (high resolution)
- Do not embed the file in the email
- The judges' decisions are final.

### Judging

The USDF Group Member Organizations Committee will appoint individuals to judge the entries. Committee members serving as judges will not judge nominations from GMOs to which they belong. Nominations will be judged on:

- Impact
- Creativity
- Composition
- Lighting
- Subject matter
- Storytelling ability
- Color harmony
- Center of interest

### Presentation

One winner and one honorable mention recipient will be awarded in each category. First place awards will be presented at the Board of Governors General Assembly during the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention and honorable mention recipients will be announced. Winners will be published in the yearbook issue of the *USDF Connection*. GMOs winning first place will receive one 1/6-page black and white ad in *USDF Connection* for GMO use.



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Name of GMO

Name of Person Submitting Nomination

Title of Person Submitting Nomination

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

**Photography Award** *(Each field below is required)*

Category 1     Category 2     Category 3     Category 4

Name of Newsletter or Social Media Platform Where Photo was Published: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Publication: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Article: \_\_\_\_\_ Page #: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_

If I am a winner, and my photograph should be published, print the following credit:

*(ex. Artwork by Jane Doe, www.jdoe.com, Photo by Jane Doe, Lexington, KY)*

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***\*Please submit the Photo Release Form (page 3) with this nomination form.***



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To be completed by the photographer

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Name

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Address

City, State, Zip

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Phone Number

Email

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Description of Photo

- USDF may retain photo(s) for future use.
- Photo was not taken by a professional and credit need not be given.
- Subject in photo authorizes USDF to use their pictures.

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Photographer's Signature

Date

\*If name is typed in it is considered to be an electronic signature.

The undersigned photographer, \_\_\_\_\_, grants usage rights for the photograph(s) designated above to the United States Dressage Federation for use in any or all USDF publications, web pages, and promotions. I attest that the title and rights to the photograph(s) designed above are mine to assign on behalf of myself and/or the photographer. Photograph shall be printed with the following credit:

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Signature

Date

\*If name is typed in it is considered to be an electronic signature.

- It is preferred that mounted riders in photos be wearing approved headgear.
- Photos emailed to USDF must be at least 300 dpi resolution, and the photo must be identified in the body of the email.