



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

USDF Exception List

- Q.** Who is exempt from the USDF membership/non-member fee, and horse registration requirements?
- A.** Individuals and horses competing only in the following:
- Handlers of horses competing in DSHB in-hand or group classes
 - Horses competing only in Individual Breed Classes (IBC) 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 (i.e. all Arabian, all Friesian, all Morgan classes, etc.)
 - USDF Introductory Level tests
 - Pas de deux
 - Quadrille
 - Opportunity classes
 - Horses ridden in leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot, and academy classes.
- Q.** Do foreign competitors have to have a USDF membership, pay the non-member fee, or register their horse with USDF if participating in FEI Championships and in CDI classes?
- A.** No. USDF membership and horse registration requirements are waived for foreign competitors competing in these events.
- Q.** If I am competing in one of the above classes AND a class not on the exception list such as a training level class, do I have to meet the minimum USDF membership/horse registration requirements?
- A.** Yes.
- Q.** What are the minimum USDF person and horse registration requirements for entering a class NOT on the above exception list at a USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competition?
- A.** The minimum requirement for the owner and rider of a horse is the USDF non-member number and non-member fee (this is a per-competition fee). The minimum requirement for the horse is the USDF Horse Identification Number. This is a one-time fee that allows scores to be entered but not counted towards Adequan®/USDF Year-End awards or Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships.
- Q.** Are non-US citizens exempt from the USDF membership/non-member fee and horse registration requirements?
- A.** No, unless they are foreign competitors competing in a FEI Championship or CDI class.

See detailed program information for specific rider/handler/owner/horse eligibility requirements.