



# UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

## USDF 2025 Participating Membership • Business Membership

Applications will not be processed without the required signatures.

Competition  
Entry No. or  
Bridle No.

### Competition Information (please print)

Competition Name: _____	Competition Number: _____
Competition Secretary: _____	Competition Date: _____

### Personal Information

Name: _____	USDF #: _____
Date of Birth (required for youth members):    /    /	USEF #: _____
Address: _____	City, State, Zip: _____
Primary Phone: (    )    -	E-mail: _____
Published Phone (If you are a USDF official whose number we publish, please provide your preferred number for public lists): (    )    -	

Please do not mail me the following. I will access the online version at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org):

- USDF Participating Membership card
- USDF Connection magazine
- USDF Member Guide – members joining or renewing after June 1 are not guaranteed a hardcopy of the USDF Member Guide.

### Membership Options

- 1-year Participating Membership ..... \$100
- 1-year Youth Participating Membership ..... \$80  
(Individuals who have not reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by 12/1)
- 5-year Participating Membership ..... \$400
- Life Participating Membership.....\$2,000
- 1-year Business Membership..... \$280
- Postage outside the U.S..... \$15

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No portion of membership dues or contributions is used for lobbying.

USDF may require fees for replacement cards for errors reported after 45 days, or non-receipt of card reported after 60 days of application.

### \*Payment Options

*USDF does not issue refunds*

- Check – US funds only (make payable to USDF)
- Visa     MasterCard

Card # _____	/	EXP. DATE _____	CVV (3-digit code on back of card) _____
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Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Address with Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Missing payment will be pursued by USDF if forms are received without the appropriate funds.**

I certify that I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this USDF Participating Membership/Business Membership Form. I understand that falsifying any information on this form may result in disciplinary action.

**\*\*\*SIGNATURES REQUIRED – Application will not be processed without signatures\*\*\***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Signature \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of the Participating Membership/Business Membership Form may be used as verification of membership/horse registration for up to 60 days. Online verification of membership is available at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).

### **USDF Membership Requirements for USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Competitions**

Owners or 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 current USDF Group Membership (GM), a USDF Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) number and pay the NM fee. Horses competing at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions must have either a USDF Horse Identification (HID) number or a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR). Official verification of membership and horse registration must be presented to the competition secretary.

### **Exceptions to USDF Membership, Non-Member Fee, and Horse Registration Requirements**

- 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, all Morgan classes, etc.), 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. For foreign-owned horses competing in a CDI, USDF accepts copies of the horse identification pages from an FEI passport in lieu of a USDF HID or LHR number.
- Riders and owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and NM fee requirements. Also exempt are handlers of horses competing in DSHB in-hand or Group classes.

### **Participating Membership (PM)/Business Membership (BM) Information**

- The USDF PM and BM year begins December 1. All memberships (except Life PM) expire on November 30.
- Business members can own horses, but cannot compete as riders with their USDF BM. If riding, a business member will need a PM, GM, or NM identification number.
- Once your USDF application has been processed, you will be able to access your membership card on the USDF website. This online printout should be presented to the show secretary and the USDF number should be provided on every competition entry form.
- Most USDF award and championship programs require Participating Membership, at the time scores are earned, for the rider and owner (Business Membership will also fulfill USDF owner requirements). For information on USDF PM and BM benefits or rider/handler/owner/horse eligibility for specific programs, please visit the USDF website.

### **Applying for USDF PM or USDF BM at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Competition**

- The effective date of membership is the date the form and correct fees are accepted by the competition secretary, provided the application is signed and dated by the competition secretary, and the member (or representative of member), on that same day.
- If the application is submitted with incomplete information, signatures, and/or fees, the membership will not become effective until the information, signatures, and/or fees are received in the USDF office.