

Opening Date: April 1, 2014
Closing Date: June 12, 2014
Days & Dates: Sunday June 29, 2014
Official Name: LPF USDF/USEF Summer Dressage

Level 1 USEF Recognized Dressage Shows & GAIG/USDF Qualifying

USEF/USDF # 329884

Location:	Letter Perfect Farm, 130 West St., Uxbridge, MA 01569
Management:	Letter Perfect Farm, Inc., Kelli Mason, President
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Judges:	Kathy Connelly, S (Sunday) Amy Gimbel r (Sunday)
Technical Delegate:	Sally Davenport

Levels: Training through Grand Prix, USDF Freestyles, GAIG/USDF Qualifying and Opportunity Classes USDF Intro- First Level.

Class List:			
1.	Training Level Test 1	Open	Sun
2.	Training Level Test 2	Open	Sun
3.	Training Level Test 3	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying	Sun
4.	First Level Test 1	Open	Sun
5.	First Level Test 2	Open	Sun
6.	First Level Test 3	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying	Sun
7.	Second Level Test 1	Open	Sun
8.	Second Level Test 2	Open	Sun
9.	Second Level Test 3	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying	Sun
10.	Third Level Test 1	Open	Sun
11.	Third Level Test 2	Open	Sun
12.	Third Level Test 3	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying	Sun
13.	Fourth Level Test 1	Open	Sun
14.	Fourth Level Test 2	Open	Sun
15.	Fourth Level Test 3	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying	Sun
50.	FEI Test of Choice*	Open/GAIG//USDF Qualifying	Sun
51.	Rider Test(TOC)*	(TOC)(Tr, 1st,2nd) Open	Sun
52.	Freestyle TOC**	Open GAIG/USDF Qualifying	Sun
53.	USDF Intro –A	Opportunity Class****	Sun
54.	USDF Intro- C	Opportunity Class****	Sun
55.	Training Level Test 1	Opportunity Class****	Sun
56.	Training Level Test 2	Opportunity Class****	Sun
57.	First Level Test 1	Opportunity class*****	Sun
58.	First Level Test 2	Opportunity class*****	Sun

* Please specify test

**Freestyles include USDF Trt-4th level, FEI. Class will be split if entries warrant. Please specify test.

***** Riders riding only in Opportunity classes do not need to pay USEF or USDF non-member fees, USDF HID, or drug fee. Please note that riders and horse must comply with the USEF rules including drug testing. Riders may enter both Opportunity classes and Open classes, but memberships and horse registrations fees, etc. may apply.

Awards: All 1st place will receive a prize. Seven ribbons will be presented in each class.

Entries:

Training thru Fourth Level	\$45
FEI Level	\$50
FEI & USDF Freestyle	\$50
GAIG/USDF Qualifying – additional	\$10/class

Other Fees:

USEF Non-Member	\$30
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USEF Drug Fee (\$8 Drug & \$8 USEF Fee)	\$16/horse
USEF FEI Drug Fee(CDI) (\$20 USEF Drug Free, \$8 USEF administrative Fee)	\$28/horse
Office Fee (Non Refundable)	\$25/entry
Non-competing Horse Fee plus office fee	\$45
Post Entry Surcharge	\$50
(Applies to all entries RECEIVED after the closing date.)	
Class Change, if granted by show secretary	\$30/class
Non-negotiable check	\$35

A drug fee, a non-refundable office fee, a negative Coggins dated within 12 months of show date; and all entries MUST submit USEF and USDF documents for rider, owner, trainer and horse as appropriate for entry/classes. Please include USEF and/or USDF non-member fee if applicable. All entries must have three signatures including emergency info. Make checks payable to **Letter Perfect Farm. Unconditionally, no refunds after closing date or for 'acts of god' which require management to cancel classes or day(s) of competition.** Refunds will be given for cancellations received in writing, email, or fax before the closing date less office fee. Post entries accepted is room allows.

Times: Times will be on the website, www.letterperfectfarm.com, at least one week prior to the competition. If you wish for your times to be mailed, please include SASE.

Stabling: No Stabling Available

Directions:

From West- Take Ma. Pike (90 East) to exit 10A, go south on rt.146, take exit 3, go right onto (route16) west towards Douglas, Ma. Take first right onto West St. Farm is ½ mile down on right.

From East: Take Ma. Pike West (90 West) to exit 10A. go south on rt.146, take exit 3 go right onto (route16)west towards Douglas, Ma. Take first right onto West St. Farm is ½ mile down on right.

From North: Take either 495 or 95 south to Ma. Pike(90 West).) to exit 10A. go south on rt.146, take exit 3 go right onto (route16)west towards Douglas, Ma. Take first right onto West St. Farm is ½ mile down on right.

From South: Take either 95 or 295 north to 146 north to exit 3. Go left onto route 16 towards Douglas, Ma. Take first right onto West St. Farm is ½ mile down on right.

Footing: sand arenas (20m x 60m) with dust free sand/rubber/fiber warm up in indoor arena, separate lunging area on grass.

Entertainment: Food available on the grounds beginning 7:30am.

Other: Management reserves the right to combine, divide, or cancel any class. **EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULEBOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.**

Farrier on the grounds and on call. Veterinarian on call, and contact info posted at show. All

dogs must be leashed.

Effective March 1, 2011, for dressage: Anyone mounted on a horse must wear protective headgear except those riders age 18 and over while on horses that are competing only in FEI levels and tests at the Prix St. Georges level and above (including FEI Young Rider Tests, the USEF Developing Prix St. Georges Test and the USEF Brentina Cup Test).

Veterinarian on call: Dr. Kris Koss- cell 508-864-6988

Farrier on call: Tim O'Brian 508-345-0241

7. 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(s), legal guardian(s), 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 sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of 125 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership in excess of 30,000 members, 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, www.usdf.org

LPF Summer Dressage will be enforcing as a Local Rule of the Competition the Protective Headgear Rules for Dressage (rev. 2.28.11) in accordance to USEF GR.906.4.

New Helmet, Dress and Equipment Rules

From the time horses are officially admitted to the competition grounds by competition management, anyone mounted on a horse at any time on the competition grounds, including non-competing riders, riders on non-competing horses, and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para-Equestrian tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801.

Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet which meets or exceeds ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. The harness must be secured and properly fitted.

Note that FEI riders are no longer exempted from the helmet rule!

see link for explanation

<http://www.usef.org/documents/disciplines/dressage/HelmetMemo.pdf>

ATTENTION COMPETITORS

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.

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.



This competition is recognized by USDF for 2014

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, Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF NM fee. (Note: USDF business members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their USDF BM.) Individuals cannot compete at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition with a USDF Education 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, quadrille, FEI Para-Equestrian classes, 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 (\$75), 5-years (\$300), or life (\$1,500). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for individuals who have not reached their 21st birthday by December 1 of the current membership year (\$60). 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, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals 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.

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 (\$200) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

Education Membership (EM): A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. This online education only membership expires 12 months after the date joined. This membership type does NOT allow an individual to compete at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition.

Non-Member (NM) Identification Number: For each USDF NM owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a USDF NM fee of \$25 and a USDF NM form 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 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 member 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 (\$25). 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 or Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$70. 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 (\$95) is eligible for Adequan[®]/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 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. You can submit the application online or download the form and fax or mail it to the USDF office.
- 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.