

WHISPERING MIRACLES SPRING OPENER



2508 W. Landing Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23457

Competition Dates: May 2nd & 3rd, 2026

Entry Open Date: March 22nd, 2026 Entry Closing Date: April 26th, 2026

USEF Licensee Number: 5762869

USEF/USDF Competition Numbers: 346356 & 346357

Dressage, Level 3 Competitions

Official Qualifying Competition for:

2026 GAIG/USDF Regional Championship, 2026 CBLM Championship

Judges:

Dot Demis (S)
Amy McElroy (S)

Announcer: Suzanne Roantree

Technical Delegate: Robyn Nunnally (r)

Competition Manager: Julia Reed

Email: Julia@dressageexperiencesms.com Phone: 609-731-7220

Competition Secretary: Ellen Brindle-Clark

Email: ellen@dressageexperiencesms.com Phone: 609-351-1054

Classes Offered

Sat	Sun	Test	Sat	Sun	Test
1A	2A	USDF Introductory Level Test A	1B	2B	USDF Introductory Level Test B
1C	2C	USDF Introductory Level Test C	146	246	USEF Test of Choice*
101	201	USEF Training Level, Test 1	141	241	USEF Fourth Level, Test 1
102	202	USEF Training Level, Test 2	142	242	USEF Fourth Level, Test 2
103	203	USEF Training Level, Test 3*	143	243	USEF Fourth Level, Test 3*
111	211	USEF First Level, Test 1	144	244	USDF Musical Freestyle Test of Choice*
112	212	USEF First Level, Test 2	145	245	Dressage Seat Equitation
113	213	USEF First Level, Test 3*	151	251	FEI Prix St. George*
121	221	USEF Second Level, Test 1	152	252	FEI Intermediate I*
122	222	USEF Second Level, Test 2	153	253	FEI Intermediate A
123	223	USEF Second Level, Test 3*	154	254	FEI Intermediate B
131	231	USEF Third Level, Test 1	155	255	FEI Intermediate II*
132	232	USEF Third Level, Test 2	156	256	FEI Grand Prix*
133	233	USEF Third Level, Test 3*	157	257	FEI Musical Freestyle*
158	258	FEI Test of Choice*	160	260	Young Horse Test of Choice (Except 7 YO)
161	261	FEI Young Horse 7 YO TOC	190	290	Opportunity - Eventing Test of Choice Short Court
1010	2010	Opportunity USEF Training Level Test 1	1020	2020	Opportunity USEF Training Level Test 2
1110	2110	Opportunity USEF First Level Test 1	162	262	Materiale 3/4/5 YO Fillies/Mares
163	263	Materiale 3/4/5 YO colts/stallions/geldings			

* GAIG/USDF Qualifying Optional add \$20 to class fee

Fees

Training Level through Fourth including USDF Musical Freestyle	\$55.00
Dressage Seat Equitation	\$40.00
FEI Tests including FEI Musical Freestyles (Single Judge)	\$75.00
USEF Drugs & Medication Fee (Mandatory for all entries except Opportunity)	\$25.00
Office Fee (mandatory on each entry)	\$30.00
Incomplete Entry Fee (for entries submitted without proper documentation)	\$25.00
USDF Non-Member Fee	\$55.00
Non-Compete	\$40.00
Post Entry Fee (Entries received after the closing date)	\$20.00
Stabling Fee	\$190.00

Bedding per bag	\$12.00
Return Check Fee	\$40.00
Spectator Parking	\$5.00

Checks should be made out to: Whispering Miracles Dressage

Awards:

Ribbons will be awarded by division 1st-6th place per division, per class.

Mailed entries should be sent to:

Ellen Brindle-Clark

13 Bunting Ave.

Burlington, NJ 08016

609-351-1054

ellen@dressageexperiencesms.com

Or enter online at: www.horseshowoffice.com (Strongly Preferred)

***Special note about bringing children to our show.** Children are very welcome at Whispering Miracles Equestrian Center. We do require that any children you bring MUST be supervised at ALL TIMES. If your child is disruptive to the safety of our competitors and horses, you will be asked to leave the facility with your children.

Items to be included in your entry:

Completed and signed entry form (see the last two pages of this prize list)

Proof of negative coggins certificate (must have been pulled within one year of the date of the show)

Proof of EHV-1 (Flu/Rhino) Vaccination done within the past 6 months as required by USEF Rule [GR845](#).

Proof of USEF & USDF membership, can be easily printed by going to <http://www.eqverification.org/>

Refund/Cancellation policy: If show is cancelled due to lack of entries, full refunds will be issued. If show is cancelled due to extreme weather conditions (i.e. State of Emergency declaration) no refunds will be issued. There will be no refunds after the closing date for any reason. Scratches received prior to closing will receive a full refund.

Ride Times: Ride times will be emailed to competitors, owners and trainers at least 4 days prior to competition. Ride times are final at 12 pm on the day prior to competition. Ride times can

also be found on www.horseshowoffice.com the “ride time look-up” feature will be the most current times. Ride times will be posted at the secretaries’ stand starting at 12 pm the day prior to competition. Ride scheduling priority, will be given to competitors competing at the FEI level. They will be given the earliest ride times to give them access to the cooler temps and best footing. Introductory through 4th level classes will be scheduled thereafter with consideration for giving each competitor their best opportunity for success.

USDF Membership Statement:

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.

DR120.1.1 Protective Headgear. Protective headgear is defined as a riding helmet, which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. 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, mounted participants in exhibition classes, and those competing in all classes and tests, including Para Dressage tests, must wear protective headgear as defined by this rule and otherwise in compliance with GR801. The harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until the headgear is properly in place. Protective headgear may be the same as or a coordinating color with the coat, and may include contrast coloring, accent, and crystal decoration. See DR136 for dress code rules for exhibitions.

Competitors Freestyle Reminders:

- Submit your music via the upload link provided in your entry confirmation or email to <mailto:ellen@dressageexperiencesms.com> clearly labeled with your name, horse’s name, and freestyle level.
- Be present for your sound check.
- Know the rules for the level you are riding. This includes forbidden and allowed movements for your level.

Sharps Container can be found at the Show Secretaries Desk.

Arena Dimensions and Footing: Indoor Warm up (270’ x 130’), 4 competition arena (65m x 40m), outdoor warmup (65m x 40m) are Dust Free – Travel Bright Footing. Lunging area is a sand/clay mixture.

Stabling: 12’x12’ permanent stalls with full doors. 3bags of initial bedding provided.

Vet On-Call: The Oaks Veterinary Clinic Equine & Farm Services (757) 365-4887

Farrier On-Call: James Baker (757) 773-3436

USDF Horse Welfare Statement

As those engaged in equestrian sport, we are committed to ensuring our horses receive the best possible care to the best of our ability. We acknowledge that we are the caretakers of our horses and as such we are committed to always, without exception, treating our horses with dignity, fairness, kindness, and understanding.

We realize that horses, whether in a herd or as an individual, will communicate contentment, fear, pain and confusion in the only way they can, which often takes the form of physical reactions that can be misinterpreted and misunderstood.

Therefore, we believe it is our obligation to seek to understand our horses with the goal of providing care and training methods that are never the manifestation of anger, frustration or cruelty. We are committed to these principles at all times, whether on or off the show grounds.

We are committed to humane treatment and application of these principles on behalf of all animals including but not limited to horses, donkeys, mules, companion animals, and pets. Lack of humane treatment, whether the result of actions taken, or by care withheld, will not be tolerated.

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

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Local Information:

Hotels Nearby

- [Residence Inn by Marriott Virginia Beach Town Center](#)
- [Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Virginia Beach Town Center](#)
- [The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center](#)
- [Hilton Garden Inn Virginia Beach Town Center](#)
- [Crowne Plaza Virginia Beach Town Center, an IHG Hotel](#)
- [The Founders Inn and Spa, Tapestry Collection by Hilton](#)
- [Holiday Inn Virginia Beach - Norfolk](#)
- [DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Norfolk Airport](#)
- [Comfort Inn & Suites Virginia Beach - Norfolk Airport](#)

RV Accommodations

There are 7 on-site RV hookups.

Alternative options;

- [Indian Cove Resort](#)
- [Holiday Trav-L-Park](#)
- [North Bay Shore Campground](#)

Dining Nearby

While there will be a hospitality area available on show grounds during show hours, we suggest the following dining during your stay in the area.

- [The Bee and the Biscuit](#)
- [Blue Pete's Restaurant](#)
- [Boardwok Restaurant](#)
- [Baker's Crust Artisan Restaurant](#)
- [Margie and Rays Crab House](#)
- [Outback Steak House](#)
- [Heirloom's](#)
- [Longhorn Steak House](#)

Map & Driving Directions:

Facility Address:

2508 W. Landing Road
Virginia Beach, VA, 23456

From I-64 (approx. 13 miles)

- Take the Indian River Rd Exit #286B
- Turn right onto W. Neck Rd
- First right onto W. Landing Rd.
- The equestrian center will be on the right.

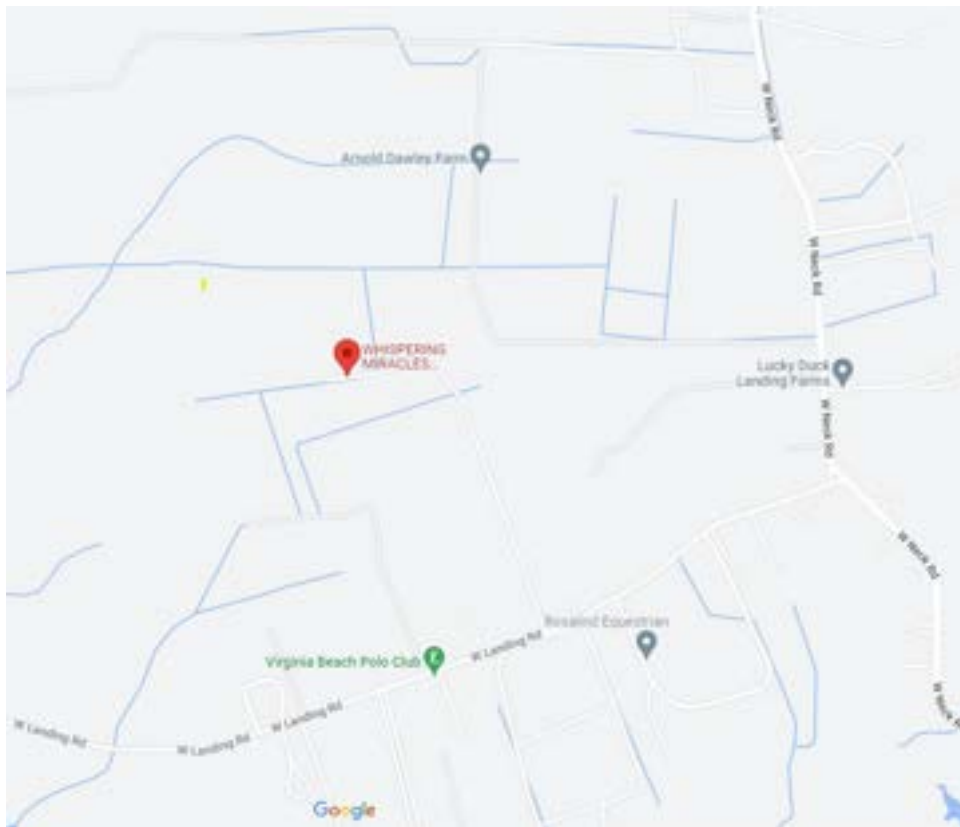
From Ocean Front/Atlantic Ave (approx 13 miles)

- Drive south on Pacific Ave, (it will turn into General Booth Blvd)
- Continue south on General Booth Blvd
- Turn left onto Princess Anne Rd
- Turn right to continue onto Princess Anne Rd

- Turn Right onto W Neck Rd
- Turn left onto W Landing Rd
- The equestrian center is on the right.

From Town Center area (approx. 13 miles)

- Follow S Independence Blvd
- Turn left onto Princess Anne Rd
- Turn right onto W Landing Rd
- The equestrian center is on the right.



USEF Competition Name:

USEF#:

Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):



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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 2026**

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 (\$100), 5-years (\$400), or life (\$2,000). 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 (\$80). 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.

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 (\$280) 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 \$55 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 (\$45). 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 \$95. 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 (\$140) 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. 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.

“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.”

Membership Statement:

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 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) assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes

Safe Sport Reminder:

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.

Motorized Vehicle Statement:

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.



2026 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. Please refer to the 2026 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.
- Horses must be entered in qualifying and championship classes under their official recorded names and ownership as specified in USEF GR1102.3, and transfers of ownership or lease registrations must be completed in compliance with USEF rules GR1105 and GR1108 prior to the competition in order for the horse to compete under the name of the new owner or lessee. (USEF DR127.2)

Owner:

- Must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Active or Life Membership or Annual Recorded Farm/Business (with Senior Active Competing Farm Owner in good standing)). 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.

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%
Prix St. Georges	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	62%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	62%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%
FREESTYLE	OPEN/Jr/YR	AA	
First Level	65%	65%	
Second Level	65%	65%	
Third Level	65%	65%	
Fourth Level	65%	65%	
Intermediate I	65%	65%	
Grand Prix	65%	65%	



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, Vaulteur 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 GR907.4.

If not currently a USEF Active Competing member or Subscriber and competing only in classes that are exempt from membership requirements, I acknowledge and agree that I will be enrolled at no cost as a USEF Fan and my USEF Fan Account will continue to annually automatically renew unless and until USEF determines in its sole discretion to terminate my Fan account. Additionally, I acknowledge that the benefits of a USEF Fan are subject to change without notice. I acknowledge that I may opt out at any time by going to My USEF Dashboard or calling (859) 810-8733.

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, 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/Vaulteur/Longeur is a minor) _____

Print Parent//Guardian Name: _____ Emergency Contact Phone No. _____

Is Rider/Driver/Vaulteur 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, (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the participant; (ii) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or animals; and (iii) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions; (iv) 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; (v) 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; (vi) accidents involving other participants, event staff, volunteers or spectators; contact or collision with other participants and horses, natural or manmade objects; adverse weather conditions; (vii) facilities issues and premises conditions; failure of protective equipment (including helmets); (viii) inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; (ix) situations beyond the immediate control of the USEF Event organizers and competition management; and (x) other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers. ("Risks").

CAUTION: HORSEBACK RIDING AND EQUINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE DANGEROUS. RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK.
Under VA Code Ann. Sec 3.2-6200-6203, 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, 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, as well as all terms and provisions of this Prize List. 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. _____