



# **2020 USEA POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**

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FOR USEA RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS  
AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

## 2020 USEA MEMBERSHIP POLICY

1. **COMPETITOR:** A rider competing in any USEA-registered competition at any level, including the Beginner Novice level, must hold a Full, Junior, Collegiate, or Life membership and have an approved and current medical armband or bracelet. The USEA will extend a 14-day grace period for Beginner Novice level riders to join the USEA, renew their membership or to register their horses, upon the conclusion of the competition. The 14-day grace period extends to upgrade a horse from Limited to Full. Points and/or championship qualifications are not retroactive after the 14-day grace period. The USEA will consider on a case by case basis a reinstatement of qualifications for the current year championship and current year-end awards, only. A fine of \$100 will be assessed for each inquiry to consider reinstatement.

2. **COLLEGIATE PROGRAM MEMBER:** (\$25 Discount) The Affiliate College/University must submit a roster of its team members to the USEA by February 15th of each year to receive the discounted rate. The Collegiate Member receives all benefits of a full membership. Collegiate membership is only open to students whose University/College holds an Affiliate Membership with the USEA. A drop-down menu of USEA Affiliated Colleges/Universities becomes available when the collegiate member registers online with the USEA. Those not registering online, enter the name of their College/University on the membership form.

3. **AMATEUR STATUS:** For all returning USEA members, amateur status will transfer automatically to the next competition season. It is the responsibility of each competitor to inform the USEA of any changes to their status. Amateur status begins at the time it is declared and its benefits are not retroactive. A fine of \$50.00 will be assessed for each inquiry to consider activating status at an earlier date.

For the definition of amateur status, please refer to the *USEF Rules for Eventing*, Appendix 3.1.3 Amateur (A). If you are unclear about whether you qualify as an amateur or professional, please email: [amateurinquiry@usef.org](mailto:amateurinquiry@usef.org).

4. **ORGANIZER:** The organizer, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of an event, must be a current Full or Life, member of the USEA.

### The USEA membership requirements are waived only in the following cases:

1a. **EVENTING TESTS:** Such as but not limited to: Starter Test, Intro, Derby Cross, Coach Allowed Test (CAT), or Schooling Shows, USEA membership/non-member fee is waived for participation. For Combined Tests, USEA membership is not required for any level of a combined test, but a \$25 non-member fee must be collected. Eventing Tests, except for Future Event Horse (FEH) and Young Event Horse (YEH) classes, are exempt from the Association fees (Starter and D&M).

To use the USEA Xentry online entry system, an ID number must be created. ID numbers do not require membership and can be created by going to the USEA home page and clicking on the Login tab. Click "New User?" to create profile. Please note: This is not a membership level. You must pay to compete at the Beginner Novice and above levels.

1b. **U.S. PONY CLUB** members are exempt from USEA membership and horse registration requirements at the Novice and the Beginner Novice level, if they are participating in a Pony Club sanctioned rally being held in conjunction at a USEA recognized horse trials.

## USEA HORSE REGISTRATION AND YEAR-END AWARDS POLICY

1. All horses competing in any USEA recognized competition at any level, including the Beginner Novice level, must have a valid FULL or LIMITED STATUS. The USEA will extend a 14-day grace period to register a beginner novice horse or upgrade a horse from Limited to Full, upon the conclusion of the competition. Points and/or championship qualifications are not retroactive after the 14-day grace period. The USEA will consider reinstatement of qualifications for the current year championship and current year-end awards, only. A fine of \$100 will be assessed for each inquiry to consider reinstatement.
2. Yearlings, 2- and 3-year-old horses must have FEH STATUS registration with the USEA in order to participate in USEA recognized competitions at the Future Event Horse Test.
3. 4- and 5-year-old horses must have LIMITED STATUS registration with the USEA in order to participate in USEA recognized competitions at the Young Event Horse Test and Future Event Horse 4-year-old division.
4. All horses must have a FULL STATUS registration with the USEA in order to participate in USEA recognized competitions at the Preliminary level and above levels.
5. All horses with a LIMITED STATUS registration must be upgraded to FULL STATUS registration prior to competing at the Preliminary level.
6. Restricted Eventing Test Horse registration is used to enter eventing tests using the USEA Xentry online entry system, such as Starter Test, Coaching Allowed Test (CAT), Event Derby, Intro, or Combined Test level(s) only. THIS IS NOT A VALID HORSE REGISTRATION FOR COMPETITION. Horses registered at this level do not earn award points or AEC qualifications. The results are not posted to the rider or horse's profile.
7. U.S. PONY CLUB members that are exempt from the membership requirement stated under USEA Membership 1b also exempts horse registration for both Novice and Beginner Novice levels when competing in team competitions or Pony Club rallies held in conjunction with a USEA recognized horse trials.
8. YEAR-END AWARD POINTS VERIFICATION: The USEA has established a cut-off date of November 15th for inquiries on competitive records for competitions held prior to November 15th. While we make every attempt to ensure the accuracy of our members' competitive record, we realize that errors do occur. It is the responsibility of every owner/rider to verify their horse's records.
9. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP: A bill of sale must be submitted to complete the owner transfer. The bill of sale may be sent by fax (703) 779-0550; email to [memberservices@useventing.com](mailto:memberservices@useventing.com); or mail to the USEA at 525 Old Waterford Rd, NW, Leesburg, VA 20176. Please black out amount and any other private information you don't wish to share.

## MODIFIED AND ABOVE PARTICIPATION IN USEF RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS

To participate in U.S. Equestrian Federation licensed competitions at the Modified level or above, riders, owners and trainers must be individual members of the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF) or for non-members, participants must pay a \$45.00 U.S. Equestrian Federation Show Pass fee. If one person holds more than one position, e.g., rider and trainer, only one payment of \$45.00 is required.

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The Rules for all USEA recognized competitions would be the current *US Equestrian Rules for Eventing*.

1. All events registered with the USEA must apply for licensure (modified and above) or endorsed status (training and lower) through US Equestrian in accordance with GR3. New events and any modifications to dates, levels and location of existing events, are subject to the USEA and USEF review process, to include, organizers, area councils, USEA Competitions, Calendar and Rules Committee, USEA Executive Committee, USEF Calendar Working Group, USEF Eventing Sport Committee, and International Disciplines Council (where applicable).
2. The organizer or the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of an event must be a current Full or Life member of the USEA.
3. The event prize list must be posted to the USEA website. The USEA Event Registration Fee is \$300.00. Competition liability insurance is included in the registration fee, meeting US Equestrian General Regulations. The registration fee and prize list are due 30 days from the opening date of the competition.

Organizers are responsible for submitting the Prize List directly to the USEF 30 days prior to the start of the competition to [prizelist@usef.org](mailto:prizelist@usef.org). The USEA will provide the necessary material that is required under US Equestrian General Regulations.

Any event pending the USEA event registration fee will not have the prize listed posted online until the registration fee has been paid.

4. Not offer any unrecognized eventing division during the days of recognized competition.

5a. At horse trials, three-day events, CCIs, collect a starter levy fee itemized on the entry form of \$25.00 for each horse at the Beginner Novice through Advanced, including FEI levels, that start in the competition. This applies even if one or all phases of the event are cancelled once the event has commenced.

5b. Starter Fees: Competition Starter Fees are a tariff imposed by the USEA on each starter in USEA recognized competitions. Such fees are collected by the competition management on behalf of the Association. Per USEA Policy, Starter Fees are due in the USEA office within ten days after the completion of the competition. If such fees are not received within such time, competition management will be notified of the situation; when such fees are not paid within thirty days after the completion of the competition, the next competition(s) will not be posted online and may lose its status as a future USEA recognized competition until such fees are paid in full.

5c. Drugs and Medications/Endorsement Fee: The USEA has an agreement with U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF) whereby the Beginner Novice, Novice and Training levels are covered by the rules, regulations and hearing processes of the U.S. Equestrian Federation Inc. and all levels of competition may be subject to the U.S. Equestrian Federation Drugs and Medications program.

Pursuant to that agreement, a drug fee may be imposed by the USEA on each horse in competition in lieu of the drug fee imposed by the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF) and is paid by the competitor with the entry. The amount of the drug fee shall be set by the USEA Board of Governors. Organizers shall collect any such fees on behalf of the organization and remit them within ten days of the completion of the competition. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the competition losing its status as a USEA recognized competition and, the next competition (s) will not be posted online until such fees are paid in full.

6. Refund Policy for Withdrawal of an Entry Prior to the Start of Competition: After closing

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date, the refund policy published in the Prize List by Competition Management will apply, except that Starter Fees and the Drugs and Medication Fees shall be returned to any competitor who withdraws prior to the start of the competition, regardless of the date of the competitor's withdrawal. Refund of Starter Fees and the Drugs and Medication Fees to qualifying competitors shall be made within 30 days of the completion of the competition. USEA Starter Fees and Drug and Medication Fees are not subjected to any office fee.

7. Post Competition Report: All USEA recognized competitions must submit all documents and fees due to the USEA Office within 10 working days of the competition.

8. Adhere to pertinent USEA directives and memorandums.

9a. Agree to a pre-event inspection by the technical delegate prior to the start of the competition. The event TD may appoint a local qualified deputy to perform the pre-event inspection, although he/she will remain ultimately responsible.

9b. New Event (national only): As defined by USEA (see below), will provide a one-time only reimbursement, up to \$500 towards the technical delegate's fees and travel expenses to and from the event. The organizer is responsible for housing and meals.

### **NEW EVENT DEFINED AS:**

1. An entirely new event, with new organizational staff and over new cross-country courses.
2. An experienced organizational staff running an event over a new competition site with all new cross-country courses. An existing event adding a new level of competition or an additional date to the calendar is not considered a new event.
3. An all new organizational staff (organizer and secretary) taking over an existing cross-country site that has not been used for two or more years.

10. Officials: The Technical Delegate, President of the Ground Jury, and Course Designer must be stated in the Prize List for each competition. A competition may not be published or posted if these officials are not named.

### **LEVELS OF COMPETITION**

1. There is no restriction on the number of levels that may be held at any registered event. However, organizers must use their judgment and not run more divisions or accept more competitors than can be reasonably handled without adversely affecting the safety or the quality of the event.

2. The USEF Eventing Sport Committee, or the USEA Executive Committee, in cases where the event is not licensed by the Federation, reserves the right to restrict the number of levels and/or competitors at any registered event, if this is deemed necessary in the interest of the sport.

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### COMBINED TEST/EVENTING TESTS

1. Organizers may also offer “Tests” in conjunction with their horse trials. Refer to Sub-Chapter EV-2 - Rules for Tests. USEA competition guidelines for combined tests are on page 5 of this publication.

2a. **Combined Tests:** If a Combined Test offers the cross-country phase, qualifications to compete are the same as for Horse Trials. USEA membership is not required for any level of a Combined Test, but a \$25 non-member fee must be collected. Combined Tests are exempt from the Association fees (Starter and D&M).

2b. **Eventing Tests:** Except for Combined Tests (see above), USEA Membership and non-membership fees are waived. Eventing Tests are exempt from the Association fees (Starter & D&M), except Future Event Horse and Young Event Horse Tests, that are assessed a \$10 USEA Starter Fee.

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. If schooling of any kind is permitted at the end of the scheduled day of competition, the USEA highly recommends that these sessions are properly supervised, and adequate insurance coverage is obtained by the organizer. The application for Educational Activity insurance is available on [www.useventing.com](http://www.useventing.com) under Safety + Education - Educational Activities.

2. Only stabling approved by the organizer is permitted. Stalls made from rope, string, or wire is not permitted. Pipe corrals are acceptable.

## 2020 USEA CHAMPIONSHIPS

**1. American Eventing Championships.** The USEA Horse Trials Championship (AEC) will recognize and reward the top horse/rider combinations from the Beginner Novice through the Advanced levels. Horses and riders must qualify over a 14-month period. Refer to the AEC information page on [www.useventing.com/aec](http://www.useventing.com/aec).

**2. Adult Team Championships.** The team championship to be held in conjunction with the American Eventing Championship for the levels Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, and Preliminary. Qualifying criteria and other eligibility requirements are found under the AEC section of the USEA Website.

### AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Area championships may be offered at any level. They may be restricted by age (Junior, Young Rider, or Senior). A horse division may be offered, but must be listed in the division section of the Prize List listing, for example: NH, TH. In principle, all area championships shall be horse trials.

The Area Chair and Area Council shall determine qualifications for entry. The website will publish general terms of the qualifications, but not the complete version. Specific details of the area qualification criteria shall be published on the Area's website and/or newsletter. It is the responsibility of each competitor to read the criteria for participation published by both the Area and the USEA, and to comply with the Area's qualifications.

The Area Chair and the Area Council shall approve scheduling of all Area Championships. Applications to host a championship shall be addressed to the council. Area championships at the Beginner Novice, Novice, Training and Preliminary levels are an essential part of the framework of the sport. At the higher levels, Areas are cautioned to consider the anticipated number and state of preparation of competitors before scheduling a championship to ensure that these competitions are meaningful.

### INTER-AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Inter-Area Championships may be offered at any level. They may be offered for teams or individuals, but if offered for teams, individual prizes must also be awarded. They may be restricted to Juniors, Young Riders, or Seniors. They may be horse trials or three-day events. Qualifications for entry shall be determined by the Areas involved, and shall be approved by the USEF Eventing Sport Committee. Scheduling of all inter-Area competitions shall be coordinated by the Areas involved and approved by the USEF Eventing Sport Committee.

Applications to host inter-Area competitions should be addressed to the Areas.

## USEA COMBINED TEST POLICY

### DEFINITION

A USEA recognized combined test comprises two of the three tests of a horse trial and takes place on one day, during which the competitor rides the same horse in both tests. Each competitor's scores from both tests are added together to determine the result. Riders may compete with more than one horse in a combined test.

If a cross-country phase is offered, horse and rider qualifications shall be the same as the qualifications to compete in a horse trial of the same level. There are no set qualifications if the combined test consists of the dressage and show jumping phases

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A. For USEA recognition the dates and divisions must be approved by the area chairman and the appropriate registration fee(s) paid to the USEA at the appropriate deadlines. All USEA recognized competitions must submit all documents and fees due to the USEA Office within 10 working days of the competition.

B. USEA membership is not required for any level of a combined test, but a non-member fee of \$25 will be collected. USEA Starter, D&M fees do not apply.

C. A Federation licensed judge is required. If the combined test offers a cross-country phase at the Intermediate or Advanced level, then the Federation Official must be selected from the roster of "R" (intermediate) or "S" (advanced) registered Eventing Judges. Other judges may be Federation Licensed Judges, participants or graduates of the USEA Training Program, or knowledgeable horseman.

D. In both the cross-country and show jumping phases, timing is optional. If timing is used, it must conform to *US Equestrian Rules for Eventing* appropriate to that phase.

E. If a combined test consists of the dressage and show jumping phases, a competitor may enter the same horse in two consecutive levels.

F. The same horse may compete in both a horse trials and a combined test that is offered at a competition provided the horse only competes over one cross-country course. The horse may compete for placing in the final classification if the levels are the same or consecutive. If the levels are not consecutive, the horse may compete, however, he may compete for final placing in one level only and must ride the other level Hors Concours.

G. Schooling and warm-up areas should be supervised.

H. Whenever horses are tied in the final classification, the horse with the least number of faults (jumping and time) in the show jumping or cross-country test shall be placed first. If still tied, the best score of the collective marks of the dressage shall prevail. If still tied, placing's and awards are to be duplicated.

I. USEA combined tests shall conform to the following *USEF Rules For Eventing* concerning safety, cruelty and competition.

*Also refer to Sub-Chapter EV-2 - Rules for Tests.*



1. **EV106 - Entries - Withdrawals**
2. **EV108 - Practice Fences**
3. **EV111 - Abuse of Horses**
4. **EV113 - Medical Requirements**
5. **EV114 - Dress**
6. **EV114.1 - Protective Headgear**
7. **EV114.2 – Protective Vests (If cross-country phase offered)**
7. **EV114.3 - Whips**
8. **EV114.4 - Spurs**
9. **EV114.10 - Extreme weather**
10. **EV115.1 - Saddlery; exercise areas**
11. **EV115.2 - Saddlery; dressage**
12. **EV115.3 - Saddlery; cross-country and show jumping**
13. **EV133-136 - Dressage Test**
15. **EV137 - Cross-Country:**
  - a. EV138.2 - Timing
  - b. EV138.3 - Errors of Course
  - c. EV138.4 - Pace and Dismounting
  - d. EV138.6 - Competitor in difficulty
  - e. EV138.7. - Stopping competitors
  - f. EV138.8 - Unauthorized Assistance
  - g. EV138.10 - After Elimination
  - h. EV139 - Courses
  - i. EV140 - Obstacles
  - j. EV141 - Scoring
  - k. EV142 - Definition of Faults
  
16. **EV143 - Show Jumping:**
  - a. EV144 - Arena
  - b. EV146 - Course
  - c. EV149 - Obstacles
  - d. EV150 - Scoring
  - e. EV151 - Unauthorized Assistance
  - f. EV152- Time faults/Corrections
  - g. EV153 - 154 Definition of Faults
  
17. **Sub-Chapter EV-6 - Officials:**
  - a. EV176.1.a - Veterinarian on grounds
  
18. **Organization:**
  - a. EV102.3.c - USEA Registration
  - b. EV103 - Prize List
  - c. EV120 - Organizer's Rights
  - d. EV121.2 - Area Chairmen

## USEA CLASSIC SERIES GUIDELINES

	<b>BEGINNER NOVICE</b>	<b>NOVICE</b>
<b>DRESSAGE</b> USEF Eventing Tests	Novice A - Small	Novice 3D - Standard Training A - Small
<b>PHASE A</b> Distance	2200 – 3520m	2200 – 3520m
<b>PHASE A</b> Speed	220 mpm	220 mpm
<b>PHASE A</b> Time	10-16 minutes	10-16 minutes
<b>PHASE B</b> Distance	800 – 1200m	940 – 1410m
<b>PHASE B</b> Speed	400 mpm	470 mpm
<b>PHASE B</b> Speed Fault	470 mpm	540 mpm
<b>PHASE B</b> Time	2-3 minutes	2-3 minutes
<b>PHASE B</b> Jumping Efforts	0 – 6 (optional for this level; to be published in the event prize list). 3'0" maximum brush height; 6" minimum of brush. The height of the fixed part of steeple-chase obstacle shall not exceed 2'7".	3 – 6 3'7" maximum brush height; 6" minimum of brush. The height of the fixed part of steeple-chase obstacles shall not exceed 2'7".
<b>PHASE C</b> Distance	2400 – 4480m	2400 – 5500m
<b>PHASE C</b> Speed	160 or 220 mpm	160 or 220 mpm
<b>PHASE C</b> Time	15-28 minutes	15-35 minutes
<b>PHASE D</b>	XC heights & spreads - same as H.T. level. Refer to Appendix 2	XC heights & spreads - same as H.T. level. Refer to Appendix 2
Distance	1400 – 2000m	2200 – 2700 m
Speed	350 mpm	375 – 400 mpm
Speed Fault	420 mpm	450 mpm
Time		
Jumping Efforts	14 – 18 Not more than one effort per 100 meters commenced.	20 – 25 Not more than one effort per 100 meters commenced.
<b>SHOW JUMPING</b>		
Distance	600m	600m
Speed	300 mpm	320 mpm
Jumping Efforts	9 – 11	9 – 11
Height	.79m (2'7")	.90m (2'11")
Overall Spread of Oxers	1.00m (3'3")	1.10m (3'7")
Overall Spread of Triple Bars	1.20m (3'11")	1.30m (4'3")

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	<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY</b>
ard ll	Training 3D - Standard	Preliminary 3D - Standard FEI Two-Star - Standard
	2200 – 3520m	3520 – 4400m
	220 mpm	220 mpm
	10-16 minutes	16-20 minutes
	1250 – 1560m	1710 – 2240m
	500 – 520 mpm	570 – 640 mpm
	n/a	n/a
	2.5 or 3 minutes	3 or 3.5 minutes
height; sh.	4 – 6	5 – 7
of steeple- xceed 2'9".	3'11" maximum brush height	4'3" maximum brush height
	2400 – 5500m	3200 – 6600m
	160 or 220 mpm	160 or 220 mpm
	15-25 minutes	20-30 minutes
me as H.T. dix 2	XC heights & spreads - same as H.T. level. Refer to Appendix 2	XC heights & spreads - same as H.T. level. Refer to Appendix 2
	2250 – 3150m at 450mpm 2350 – 3290m at 470mpm	3120 – 4160m
	520 mpm	520 mpm
	5-7 minutes	N/A
	20 – 28	6-8 minutes
100 meters	No more than one effort per commenced 120m @ 470. No more than one effort per commenced 110m @ 450.	24 – 32 No more than one effort per commenced 130 meters.
	600m	600m
	325 mpm	350 mpm
	10 – 12	11 – 13
	1.0m (3'3")	1.10m (3'7")
	1.20m (3'11")	1.30m (4'3")
	1.40m (4'7")	1.50m (4'11")

# LEADERBOARD QUALIFICATIONS AND POINT SYSTEM

## BEGINNER NOVICE

- Beginner Novice Rider: Only points accumulated prior to completing more than two competitions at the novice level or above during the current competition year will count toward year-end awards. Horse any grade. Points accumulated on more than one horse.
- Beginner Novice Adult Amateur Rider: 22-39 (with USEA amateur affidavit or USEF amateur card).
- Beginner Novice Master Amateur Rider: 40+ (with USEA amateur affidavit or USEF amateur card).
- Beginner Novice Junior Rider: (18 and younger).
- Beginner Novice Young Adult Rider: (19-21).
- Beginner Novice Adult Rider: (22-39).
- Beginner Novice Master Rider: (40+).
- Beginner Novice Horse: Any rider. Only points accumulated prior to completing more than two competitions at the Novice level or above during the current competition year will count toward year-end awards.

## NOVICE

- Novice Rider: Only points accumulated prior to completing more than two competitions at the training level or above during the current competition year will count toward year-end awards. Horse any grade. Points accumulated on more than one horse.
- Novice Horse: Any rider. Horse may not have completed more than twice at the Training level or above during the current competition year.
- Novice Adult Amateur Rider: 22-39 (with USEA amateur affidavit or USEF amateur card.)
- Novice Adult Amateur Master Rider: 40+ (USEA amateur affidavit or USEF amateur card.)
- Novice Junior Rider: (18 and younger)
- Novice Young Adult Rider: (19-21).
- Novice Adult Rider: (22-39)
- Master Novice Rider: (40+)
- Novice Horse: Any rider. Only points accumulated prior to completing more than two competitions at the training level or above during the current competition year will count toward year-end awards.

## TRAINING

- Training Rider: Only points accumulated prior to completing more than two competitions at the modified level or above during the current competition year will count toward year-end awards. Horse any grade. Points accumulated on more than one horse.
- Training Horse: Any rider. Horse may not have completed more than twice at the Modified level or above during the current competition year.
- Training Adult Amateur Rider: 22-39 (USEA amateur affidavit or USEF amateur card.)
- Training Adult Amateur Master: 40+ (USEA amateur affidavit or USEF amateur card.)
- Training Junior Rider: (18 and younger)
- Training Young Adult Rider: (19-21)
- Training Adult Rider: (22-39)
- Training Master Rider: (40+)
- Training Horse: Any rider. Only points accumulated prior to completing more than two competitions at the modified level or above during the current competition year will count toward year-end awards.

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### MODIFIED

- Modified Rider: Only points accumulated prior to completing more than two competitions at the Preliminary level or above during the current competition year will count toward year-end awards. Horse any grade. Points accumulated on more than one horse.
- Modified Horse: Any rider. Horse may not have completed more than twice at the Preliminary level or above during the current competition year.
- Modified Adult Amateur Rider: 22-39 (USEA amateur affidavit or USEF amateur card.)
- Modified Adult Amateur Master: 40+ (USEA amateur affidavit or USEF amateur card.)
- Modified Junior Rider: (18 and younger)
- Modified Young Adult Rider: (19-21)
- Modified Adult Rider: (22-39)
- Modified Master Rider: (40+)
- Modified Horse: Any rider. Only points accumulated prior to completing more than two competitions at the Preliminary level or above during the current competition year will count toward year-end awards.

Award points are granted based on point values detailed in the charts below, and only apply for the current competition year. The first chart contains the point values used for the individual award categories at the Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, and Modified levels. Point values applied to the overall leaderboards earned at the Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Modified, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced levels are based upon the Grade Policy; as well as for the individual award categories for Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced levels - refer to grade point section of this document.

Horses must be registered with the USEA at the Limited or Full Status level and riders must be actively registered at a USEA competition-eligible level (Life, Full, Junior or Family), on or before an event's starting date, in order for either to receive Award points.

### BEGINNER NOVICE, NOVICE, TRAINING AND MODIFIED LEVEL POINT VALUES

<b>10 Starters or Less</b>		<b>11-18 Starters</b>		<b>19+ Starters</b>	
<b>Place</b>	<b>Award Points</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Award Points</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Award Points</b>
1st	5	1st	6	1st	7
2nd	4	2nd	5	2nd	6
3rd	3	3rd	4	3rd	5
4th	2	4th	3	4th	4
5th	1	5th	2	5th	3

## LEADERBOARD QUALIFICATIONS AND POINT SYSTEM

### OVERALL AWARD POINTS CHART – MODIFIED, TRAINING, NOVICE AND BEGINNER NOVICE LEVEL FOR THE OVERALL LEADERBOARD ONLY

Place	Starters	H.T./CCI1	N3D/BN3D	T3D
1st	-----	3	8	15
2nd	-----	2.5	7	12
3rd	-----	2	6	10
4th	Over 15	1.5	5	8
5th	Over 19	1	4	7
6th	Over 23	1	3	6
7th	Over 27	1	2	5
8th	Over 31	1	2	4
9th	Over 35	1	2	3
10th	Over 39	1	2	3
	and so on...			
	<i>Clean cross-country completion points:</i> (No jump penalties)		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

## USEA GRADE POINT SYSTEM

### PRELIMINARY, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED LEVEL GRADE POINT SYSTEM

The Grade Points table is applied for grading purposes, to horses placing in competitions in the U.S. These points also apply to competitions outside the U.S. recognized by the FEI or the national federation of the country in which the competition held. It is the responsibility of the rider who competes in an event outside the U.S. to send full details of such competition and placing's to the USEA.

The following tables of points apply, for grading purposes, to horses placing in competitions in the U.S. These points also apply to competitions outside the U.S. recognized by the FEI or the national federation of the country in which the event is held. It is the responsibility of the rider who competes in an event outside the U.S. to send full details of such competition and placing's to the USEA. Only points earned at FEI recognized competitions will be applied to the current year-end awards from competitions of the same competition season.

The number of placing's which receive points shall be based upon the total number of starters in the division. For every additional 4 starters above 39, one more level of placing's shall be awarded points equal to 10th place points.

Where there are less than 10 starters in a division of a horse trial/CCI-S, CCI-L or National Three-day Events, the points will be awarded at the next lower level. In the case of this occurring in a training, novice and beginner novice division, the points will be halved (including N3D/BN3D Eventing Tests).