

ABOUT EVENTING:

DRESSAGE is the first of three phases in eventing competition. From the French word meaning “training,” dressage was originally created to show the horse’s submission and ability to perform intricate movements required for cavalry exercises. Today’s dressage still consists of an exact sequence of movements, but now they are ridden in an enclosed arena and scored by a judge or judges. The goal remains very similar, that horse should demonstrate balance, rhythm, suppleness and most importantly obedience based on the riders cues or “aids.” Each movement is scored on a scale of 0 to 10 with 0 being the lowest and 10 being the best.

CROSS-COUNTRY typically takes place on the second day of competition, but always after the dressage phase. Cross-country is the cornerstone of eventing, and proves the speed, endurance and jumping ability of the horse over varied terrain and solid obstacles. Cross-country 15-25 solid jumps for lower levels and 30-40 for upper levels including natural obstacles such as water, ditches, drops and banks. The phase is ridden at a gallop with exact speed requirements varied depending on the level of competition.

SHOW JUMPING tests horses and riders precision over a series of colorful fences made of lightweight rails which are easily knocked down. This final phase tests the stamina and recovery of the horse after the very tiring cross-country phase. Consisting of 12 to 15 jumps in an enclosed arena, show jumping requires exact riding as the slightest bump could cause a rail to fall, resulting in four penalty points.

The horse and rider combination with the lowest score at the end of the competition will take home the blue ribbon.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:

Instructors, breeders, event officials, volunteers, young riders, adult riders, collegiate riders, professionals and amateurs alike- the USEA provides educational programs and activities suited for all members.

- USEA Young Event Horse (YEH)
- USEA Future Event Horse (FEH)
- USEA New Event Horse (NEH)
- USEA Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP)
- USEA Instructors’ Certification Program (ICP)
- USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Program
- USEA Classic Series
- USEA Adult Rider Program
- USEA Young Rider Program
- USEA Eventing Tests: Combined Tests, YEH, FEH, NEH competitions, DX Eventing, Starter Horse Trials, Schooling Shows and more.

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DRESSAGE

CROSS-COUNTRY

SHOW JUMPING



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Join online at <https://services.useventing.com> or
download a full size application form at www.useventing.com.

Types of Membership:

- Life Member: \$1,500 + \$5 COVID-19 FEE**
- Life Member over 60: \$1,000 + \$5 COVID-19 FEE**
- Full Member: \$95 + \$5 COVID-19 FEE**
- Collegiate Member: \$70 + \$5 COVID-19 FEE**
(open to students whose college/university is an affiliate of the USEA)
- Junior Age Discount: \$70 + \$5 COVID-19 FEE (18 and under)**
(Join the USEA Interscholastic Eventing League (IEL)
– available to students from 7th to 12th grade.)
- Supporting Member: \$50 + \$5 COVID-19 FEE**

Join Now:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Area Program Fees:

- Adult Rider Program Member: \$25**
- Young Rider Program Member (Training and Below): \$50**
- Young Rider Program Member (Modified and Above): \$75**

Additional Items for Purchase:

- USEA Medical Armband Holder & Card: \$12.50** **USEF Rules for Eventing \$12**

Amateur Rider Declaration:

For all returning USEA members, amateur status will transfer automatically each year 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 U.S. Equestrian Federation Rules for Eventing, Appendix 3.4.4 Amateur (A). If you are unclear about whether you qualify as an amateur professional, please email: amateurinquiry@usef.org.

Are you declaring Amateur status in accordance with the USEF rule? Yes No
I hereby declare that I am eligible for Amateur status under the conditions set for in the USEF rule.

Name: (please print) _____

Signature: _____

Payment: (Make checks payable to USEA Inc. in U.S. dollars only)

Check enclosed for the amount of: \$ _____

VISA MasterCard AmEx Exp. Date: _____

Card Number: _____ CV# _____

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Print name on card: _____



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THREE-DAY EVENTING: THE ULTIMATE TEST OF HORSE AND RIDER.

With three distinct phases, the term 'equestrian triathlon' is used to describe the Olympic Equestrian sport of three-day eventing. A horse and rider combination are put to the test by showing their harmony in dressage, endurance on cross-country, and jumping technique in show jumping.

Attracting the adventure seekers and adrenaline junkies, cross-country is what makes eventing unlike any other equestrian sport. The thrill, the adrenaline rush, and the challenge of jumping solid obstacles at speed on varied terrain is what captures the heart of a three-day eventer.



WHO WE ARE:

The United States Eventing Association (USEA) is the non-profit 501c (3) organization dedicated to the education and development of horses and riders in the sport of three-day eventing.

Founded in 1959, the USEA (formerly USCTA) was built upon Alexander Mackay-Smith's vision of advancing the sport of eventing through education. Now, the USEA has over 12,500 members in all 50 states as well as over 250 national recognized competitions that hosts nearly 42,000 entries per year.

You don't have to ride to be an important part of the USEA! If you are an eventing enthusiast who prefers to participate from the ground, the USEA has a place for you – volunteers, sponsors, and spectators are the lifeblood of eventing. Love the horse first, and become a member second!

BENEFITS OF A USEA MEMBERSHIP:

- To compete in USEA Recognized Horse Trials and program events
- Subscription to *Eventing USA*, the award-winning magazine and only magazine in the U.S. solely devoted to the sport of eventing
- Access to local Young Rider and Adult Rider programs
- Voting rights
- Qualify for leaderboards, grants, medals, and awards
- Notification of USEA recognized clinics and educational activities, as well as special USEA member rates
- Access to USEA horse records and rider records
- Exclusive discounts through the USEA Member Rewards Program and through USEA Sponsors
- Eligibility to compete in program events and championships such as the Hylofit USEA Classic Series, USEA Young Event Horse, USEA Future Event Horse, USEA American Eventing Championships, Area Championships, the \$60,000 Adequan USEA Advanced Final and more!

