



UNITED STATES EVENTING ASSOCIATION



MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET

**Essential Information
about your USEA Membership**

Revised January, 2024

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REMINDERS

A rider competing in any United States Eventing Association (USEA) registered competition, at any level to include *Starter level must hold a Full, Junior, Collegiate, or Life membership. (A fee of \$100 will apply to consider reinstatement of qualifications for the current year championships and current year-end awards only). USEA requires ALL foreign competitors to be members of the USEA in order to compete at USEA recognized competitions.

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EVENTING TESTS: DX Eventing, Coach Allowed Test (CAT), or Schooling Show competitors who are non-members will not be required to pay a non-member fee to compete. To use the USEA Xentry online system, an ID number must be created. ID numbers do not require membership and can be created by going to www.useventing.com and clicking on **Login**. Click on “**New User?**” to create profile.

All horses competing in any USEA recognized competition at any level, including the Starter level or Beginner Novice level, must have a valid **FULL** or **LIMITED STATUS** registration. The USEA will extend a 14-day grace period after the competition concludes to upgrade a horse from Limited to Full status. 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 required for each inquiry to consider reinstatement.

NOTE: The registration of the named horse with the USEA is for competition purposes only, and the registration does not indicate the legal Status of ownership of, or liability for, said horse. USEA accepts no liability for the accuracy of the registered details which information is intended for its own sole use and benefit, and does not decide, resolve, or become involved in ownership disputes. Transfer of ownership(s) becomes effective from the date that the proper forms with required signature(s) are received in the USEA office.

ALL foreign horses must be registered with the USEA with **FULL** or **LIMITED** status.

The starter fees for all national and FEI competitions is \$30.00. This includes a \$1.00 levied on all starters to generate funds for equine research.

All riders, including Life members, must declare their amateur status each year. Amateur status is defined by the **U.S. Equestrian Federation Rules for Eventing** Appendix 3, Section 1.3. Amateur declaration may be made at any time during the current competition year; however, the benefits of amateur status are not retroactive. Amateur status begins at the time it is declared. Amateur status must be declared annually for each competition season.

As per the Rule (EV110.2), entries are considered complete when all entry and stabling fees have been received by the organizer/secretary. In the case of online entries paid by credit card through Xentry, entries are considered complete upon submission, as the USEA guarantees payment to the organizer. Online entries paid by check are not considered “complete” until the check is received by the organizer/secretary.

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USEA POLICY STATES:

USEA Starter and Drugs & Medications Fees are not subject to the competition office fee, and shall be returned within 30 days of the completion of the competition to any rider who withdraws prior to the start of the dressage test.

QUESTIONS?

The USEA is available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. E.T. Contact USEA Member Services at **(703) 779-0440 (1)** or memberservices@useventing.com.



WELCOME TO THE USEA

We are excited you have joined us this year. Whether this is your first time joining or you are renewing for the twentieth time, we hope this is the best year ever for U.S. eventing. Here you will find a few of the exciting perks and important information to know as a member of the USEA.

USEA DIGITAL MEMBER CARD AND PACKET

This member packet is an informational guide to the many benefits of USEA memberships. Your USEA member card is available in your Online Services account, along with the USEA membership informational packet to guide you to the many benefits of your USEA membership. Your member card will be available at your finger-tips 24/7 through your member portal or save your digital card directly to your device for quick access. Your USEA member decal will be mailed to you separately.

USEVENTING.COM

Our website is the center for all information about the sport of eventing in the U.S. By visiting www.useventing.com you have daily access to the latest event coverage and news about the sport. The website is the best way to find event information, clinics in your Area, and any form or document you could need. Are you looking for a new trainer or coach? Check out the complete list of USEA ECP Certified Coaches, YEH Coaches, and YEH Professional Horse Trainers by level or Area. Do you want to know who is the leading rider in the country? The national leaderboard is on the home page. Take some time to explore www.useventing.com for a wealth of information.

USEA ONLINE SERVICES

USEA Online Services allows you to renew memberships, update personal profiles, purchase USEA publications, join Area programs, register a horse, view competition records, search horse records, and much more 24/7. Log in by creating a username and password at services.useventing.com.

USEA EVENT COMPANION APP

Have you ever been on the way to an event and realize you need the address? Or gotten in the warm up only to forget your dressage test? The **USEA Event Companion** app is designed to make your life easier and make all necessary competition information available at your fingertips. The app is available for iOS and Android devices.

EVENTING USA

Eventing USA magazine is the award-winning print publication of the USEA and is the only publication in the United States devoted solely to the sport of eventing. This magazine is jam-packed with educational features such as breeding your next event horse, riding a winning dressage test, veterinary advice, or the best way to negotiate a water jump. A subscription to **Eventing USA** is included with your membership and will automatically be sent to your home.

RULE BOOK

The **U.S. Equestrian Federation Rules for Eventing** is published once a year. A PDF version of the rule book is available for viewing on the USEA website.

WELCOME

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USEA WEBSTORE

The USEA Webstore is located at www.ShopUSEA.com. All competition supplies, USEA logowear, and much more are available on the Webstore.

XENTRY

The USEA's **Online Express Entry System, Xentry**, was created by the USEA as a service to our members. You can enter USEA recognized events from a central and secure website. **Xentry** leverages the USEA's competitions, results, and membership databases to make it easy to create an entry within minutes of logging into the website for the first time. **Xentry** can be accessed at services.useventing.com.

USEA COMPETITIONS AND SERIES

Whether you are a breeder who wants to show off your young horse in the **USEA Young Event Horse** competitions, or an amateur who wants to compete in the **USEA Classic Series**, a student wishing to participate in the **Interscholastic Eventing League** or **Intercollegiate Eventing Program**, or a rider who wants to qualify for this year's **USEA American Eventing Championships presented by Nutrena Feeds**, the USEA has a program for you! To find out more about all the programs the USEA has to offer, visit our website at <https://useventing.com/events-competitions/competitions>

AWARDS PROGRAMS

The USEA has developed multiple awards programs in order to recognize its members for the high level of success they have attained in the sport of eventing. The programs that are available are the **Blue Ribbon Award**, **Certificate of Horse and Rider Achievement**, **Eventing Medal Program**, and **Volunteer Medal Program**. Details on all awards are available on the USEA website under the Awards section and on page 11 of this booklet.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The USEA is dedicated to promoting safe education in the sport of eventing. A variety of educational activities, clinics, schooling days, and camps are located on the activities calendar at <https://useventing.com/safety-education/educational-activities>

USEA SPONSORSHIP

The USEA has a loyal base of companies and organizations that make our programs possible. Our wide variety of sponsors give their money, time, and products to guarantee that the USEA is able to offer a diverse range of activities to our members! Please take some time to look through the sponsorship material on our website and at our events and support our USEA sponsors. <https://useventing.com/about/sponsor>

DISCOVER EVENTING

Discover Eventing is an online guide that explains the sport of eventing and its history, shows you what you need to know about your first event, and provides information on how to become involved in the eventing community. Be sure and visit www.DiscoverEventing.com.

The USEA staff is here to serve you, our members. If there is anything we can do to help please don't hesitate to call the office at 703-779-0440 (1), e-mail us at Memberservices@useventing.com, or write to us at USEA, 525 Old Waterford Rd, NW, Leesburg, Virginia 20176.

USEA MEMBER PERKS

The USEA Membership year runs from December 1 through November 30.

LIFE MEMBER - \$1,500

Receives benefits as listed in Full Membership below for life. (Life Memberships are non-transferable)

LIFE MEMBER 60 AND OVER - \$1,000

Receives benefits as listed in Full Membership below for life. (Life Memberships are non-transferable)

FULL MEMBER - \$120 PER YEAR

- Ability to compete at all recognized USEA Horse Trials at all levels
- Ability to compete in USEA programs such as the USEA Interscholastic Eventing League, USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Program, USEA Young Event Horse Program, USEA New Event Horse Program, USEA Classic Series, the USEA American Eventing Championships presented by Nutrena Feeds, and the \$60,000 Adequan USEA Advanced Final.
- Four issues of **Eventing USA** (four-color educational magazine with articles, profiles, and competition reports, and photos recognizing member achievements)
- Subscription to all electronic newsletters
- Verification of qualifications for competition levels and championships
- Eligibility for USEA Horse and Rider Awards Programs: USEA Medal Program, Blue Ribbon, Horse and Rider Achievement
- Volunteer Medal Program
- Eligibility for the USEA American Eventing Championships and all Area Championships (if qualified)
- Area member services
- Eligibility for USEA Leaderboards
- Eligibility for Adult Rider and Junior/Young Rider educational programs
- Directory of USEA ECP Certified Coaches, YEH Coaches, and YEH Professional Horse Trainers
- USEA decal
- Access to USEA Member Rewards Program.

JUNIOR MEMBER - \$95 PER YEAR

- All benefits listed above but discounted \$25 for members 18 and under.
- Interscholastic Eventing League (IEL) Member: Students and junior members from 5th grade to 12th grade may join the IEL by selecting their IEL Affiliate or ECP Certified Coach. The IEL Affiliate or ECP Certified Coach must register with the USEA and provide an annual team roster to the USEA office by February 15 each year.
- Those not registering online will be able to fill in the name of their IEL Affiliate or ECP Certified Coaches on the membership form.

INTERCOLLEGIATE PROGRAM MEMBER - \$95 PER YEAR

- The Affiliate College/University must submit a roster of its team members to the USEA to receive the discounted rate.
- Receives all Full Member benefits at a discounted rate.
- Only open to students whose University/College holds an Affiliate Membership with the USEA.
- Those not registering online will be able to fill in the name of their College/University on the membership form.
- Eligibility to compete in the USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Championships.

SUPPORTING MEMBER (NON-COMPETING) - \$55 PER YEAR

- Four issues of **Eventing USA**, December 1 through November 30
- Subscription to all electronic newsletters
- USEA decal
- Supporting members may upgrade at any time to full membership by paying \$65.

MEMBER PERKS

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PARTIAL YEAR MEMBERSHIP - VALID SEP. 1 - NOV. 30 - RE-ORDER OPTIONS

- If you are not a USEA member, you can join on September 1st and pay \$50 and receive the full benefits of membership until November 30.
- To obtain this partial membership you MUST join the USEA for the remainder of the current membership year and join for the upcoming membership year as well.
- Receives all membership perks.

DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP:

- Open to ALL participants of the Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) who have completed a total of 10 or more hours of service logged through *EventingVolunteers.com* during the previous membership year.
- Offers qualifying participants several benefits, including full access to the USEA's online resources, the Member Rewards Program, digital issues of the award-winning *Eventing USA* magazine, subscription to all USEA eNewsletters, and access to online competition and educational videos.
- Digital members will also have voting rights with the association and the ability to make their voice heard in advocacy for the sport of eventing.
- Participation in USEA Educational Activities, like clinics, seminars and camps, is another perk that Digital Members will be encouraged to take advantage of, as they provide a great opportunity to increase your knowledge base and meet new people that share your love for the sport.

If you are interested in volunteering to start accumulating service hours towards your upcoming Digital Membership, visit *EventingVolunteers.com* for a full listing of participating events.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS OF USEA MEMBERSHIP:

- Sanctioning and monitoring of competition standards and specifications of courses creating an even playing field
- Voting rights
- Development of competition calendar
- An Equine Drugs and Medications program to further ensure an even playing field for competitors
- Course safety
- Well-trained and educated officials
- Educational clinics, seminars, and schooling shows
- Advocacy for the sport of eventing
- The ability for members to have their voices heard and to share in the governance of their sport
- National and international news, photos, and information about the sport through our website
- Live-scoring from competitions
- Online videos (and audio) from major competitions and interviews with the riders, course designers, etc.
- Online educational videos
- Weekly e-newsletter
- USEA database maintenance of statistical sport and member information including results from 1974 to present
- Online rule book including USEA Policies and USEF Rules and Regulations
- Online access to all registered horse records
- Education, certification and continuing education of coaches (ECP, YEH, and YEH Professional Horse Trainers)
- Competition Liability Insurance which covers organizers, competitors, owners, officials, spectators, and volunteers
- Exclusive discounts from participating vendors.
- Your national headquarters in Leesburg, Virginia has a comprehensive eventing library that is open to all members year-round.
- Access to a professional and knowledgeable staff with an average of 10 years experience with the USEA.

USEA PROGRAMS

AMERICAN EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS (AEC)

The only national championships for the sport of eventing in the United States. Each September, hundreds of juniors, adult amateurs, and professionals travel from all across the nation to meet at one major venue for a chance to be named the best in the country.

YOUNG EVENT HORSE PROGRAM (YEH)

This program gives owners and breeders an opportunity to showcase the potential of their 4- and 5-year-old horses while encouraging them to produce top-level event horses for the future. YEH qualifying competitions consist of a dressage test and a jumping/galopping test. At Championships, conformation is also judged.

CLASSIC SERIES

The Classic Series encompasses the USEA Classic Three-Day Events at the Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Modified and Preliminary levels. The thrill of the “chase” lives on for those who still want to experience the unforgettable rush of roads and tracks, steeplechase, and cross-country!

ANNUAL MEETING & CONVENTION

The USEA Annual Meeting & Convention takes place each December and brings together a large group of dedicated USEA members and supporters to discuss, learn, and soak up the experience of being surrounded by eventing enthusiasts.

ADULT RIDERS PROGRAM

This program is for all adults 22 years and older, professional or amateur. Adult Riders is about including adults across all skill and experience levels in a supportive program that promotes education, communication, recognition, and just plain fun. Multiple Area programs are an available option when renewing your USEA membership.

YOUNG RIDERS PROGRAM

This program is offered through the USEA for riders 25 years of age and younger. The purpose of the program is to encourage our younger members to become involved in eventing and to promote a love of the sport. Multiple Area programs are an available option when renewing your USEA membership.

EMERGING ATHLETES U21 PROGRAM (EA21)

The aim of EA21 is to create a pipeline for potential U.S. team riders by identifying and developing young talent, improving horsemanship and riding skills, and training and improving skills and consistency. The USEA EA21 Program was launched in 2022 with a model of five summertime regional clinics taught by selected USEA Eventing Coaches Program (ECP) Coaches, leading to a winter national camp consisting of selected Young Riders from the regional clinics. Athletes who are 21 years or younger, are current members of their USEA Young Rider Area program, and are established at the Training Level or higher, are eligible to apply for the EA21 program.

INTERCOLLEGIATE EVENTING PROGRAM

In 2014, the USEA Board of Governors approved the creation of the Intercollegiate Eventing Program as an official program of the USEA. Originally proposed with input from the Intercollegiate Eventing League, the program was established to provide a framework on which eventing teams and individual competitors could flourish at universities and colleges across the country. Collegiate athletic programs have been the training grounds for Olympians, amateur athletes, and professional athletes for generations. Enabling students to train in the Olympic sport of eventing is a natural addition.

USEA PROGRAMS

INTERSCHOLASTIC EVENTING LEAGUE (IEL)

In August 2020, the USEA Board of Governors approved the creation of the USEA Interscholastic Eventing League (IEL) as an official program of the USEA. The mission of IEL is to bring together junior riders with a common interest and provide a supportive community through which students can continue to pursue their riding interests. This program will also help provide a pathway for those riders who seek to be part of a collegiate eventing program as they graduate high school. The goal of the IEL is to increase membership, education, and engagement in riders on a national level who are in 5th through 12th grade.

USEA FOUNDATION

Endowed gifts are an enduring way to demonstrate your enthusiasm and commitment to the USEA and the sport of eventing for the future. They also help the Association achieve its vision priorities for the future. Members can honor the important people and horses in their life through the USEA Foundation.

EVENTING COACHES PROGRAM (ECP), YEH COACHES, AND YEH PROFESSIONAL HORSE TRAINERS

Coaches certified through the USEA Eventing Coaches Program have been educated to the highest standards in the teaching of event riding, training, and competing as well as the care of the horse and the development of effective and safe teaching methods.

<https://useventing.com/safety-education/eventing-coaches-program>

TRAINING PROGRAM FOR EVENTING OFFICIALS (TPEO)

Eventing officials include judges, technical delegates and course designers. They are all licensed by the United States Equestrian Federation at the “r”, “R”, and “S” levels. The USEA is responsible for the Training Programs for all eventing officials.

COURSE BUILDER/DESIGNER RESOURCES

Course designers and builders are licensed by the USEF, and the USEA is responsible for the training of course designers. Check out the course designers and builders page on the USEA website for information regarding designing and building courses as well as learning to become a course designer.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CLINICS (CEC)

The USEA is proud to offer Continuing Education Clinics at the “r”, “R”, and “S” levels for USEF Eventing Licensed Officials. USEF Eventing Licensed Officials are required to attend a Continuing Education Clinic once every three years to maintain their license. These clinics are intended to keep officials up-to-date on the most recent changes and safety within the sport.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

USEA Educational Activities further the mission of the USEA to make the sport of eventing safe, fun, fair, and affordable for all. Educational activities may include camps, cross-country schooling, clinics, seminars, schooling shows, DX Eventing, and eventing tests.

RESEARCH STUDIES

A big part of the mission of the USEA is ensuring the safest and best experience for all eventers and their horses. One way the USEA carries that out is by funding studies in a wide variety of areas that help keep the sport safe and on the cutting edge.

SAFETY RESOURCES

The USEA prides itself on providing the safest experience for every eventer. Safety studies, rule changes, and new equipment have helped make eventing safer over the last several years. Keep your eye on the USEA website for the latest in safety.

USEA RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

The USEA offers several Award Programs to provide recognition and reward the rider who steadily works to hone their skills at a specific level.

CERTIFICATE OF HORSE & RIDER ACHIEVEMENT

The Certificate of Horse & Rider Achievement is an opportunity to award and recognize our Beginner Novice members for successfully completing events.

In order to qualify for the Certificate of Horse & Rider Achievement, the horse and rider together must have completed three or more events at the Beginner Novice level during the same competition year. In addition, both the horse and rider must have an active USEA membership at the time of their competitions.

Note: Beginner Novice Horse and Riders who have achieved the next award level, the Blue Ribbon Award, will not receive the Certificate of Horse & Rider Achievement.

BLUE RIBBON AWARD PROGRAM

The Blue Ribbon Program is a stepping stone to achieving eligibility for the eventing medals Program and then heading to the top of the leaderboard. The USEA will post the names of Blue Ribbon qualified horses and riders on the awards section of the USEA website on a monthly basis. To qualify for the Blue Ribbon Award, which is available at the Beginner Novice through Advanced levels, a horse and rider combination must place first through third at three events at the same level in a single year. In addition, both the horse and rider must have an active USEA membership at the time of their competitions.

USEA MEDAL PROGRAM

The USEA Medal Program recognizes members through a goal-oriented program within the various levels of eventing. Horse and rider must achieve qualifying scores as a pair. Each pair may earn a Bronze, Silver, and/or Gold medal at the Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Modified, and Preliminary levels.

To receive your medal, submit the medal application to Cindy Clingman at CClingman@useventing.com. All scores from February 2009 until present can be submitted. Once the scores have been verified, the member or horse owner will be provided with the associated award(s) for the medal(s) achieved. Individual medal winners will earn a pin (at the level won) and certificate. The members or riders name will also be published on the USEA website.

VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The USEA Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) exists to increase the ease of participation, provide incentives, and recognize the tireless efforts of volunteers. The VIP program rolled out an online management portal nationwide. Available through www.EventingVolunteers.com or the smartphone app for iOS and Android devices, the portal is designed to streamline the process for both volunteers and organizers. The USEA offers a national leaderboard for volunteers, rewarding the USEA Volunteer of the Year at the USEA Annual Meeting and Convention, annually. The Volunteer Medal Program is for volunteers that achieve 500, 1000, or 2000 hours of service logged through EventingVolunteers.com. Volunteers may also be recognized locally through their Areas, by tracking hours on the USEA's EventingVolunteers App.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE USEA FOUNDATION

The USEA offers a number of grants through the USEA Foundation. To learn more about these grants and scholarships please visit www.useafoundation.org. Among them are:

- Wilton Fair Fund Grants
- Rebecca Broussard Developing Rider Grants
- The Essex Horse Trials Grant
- Seema Sonnad Junior Rider Grant
- Le Samurai Fund - Area Adult Amateur Education Grants
- The Haller Educational Scholarship for Eventing Officials
- Cindy Burge Memorial ECP Grant
- Liz Cochran Memorial Groom's Award
- Tremaine Cooper Fund for Cross-Country Design
- Ocala Horse Properties Rebecca Farm Flight Grant
- Mike Huber Award
- Mars Bromont Rising Grants
- Holekamp/Turner Young Event Horse Lion D'Angers Grant
- Broussard Charitable Foundation Trust Going Forward Grants

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For USEA
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2. COLLEGIATE PROGRAM MEMBER: (\$25 discount) with verification of participating USEA Affiliate College/University. **TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNT:** Your Team Coach/Team Advisor must provide a roster of the Eventing Team members to the USEA.

3. INTERSCHOLASTIC EVENTING LEAGUE (IEL) MEMBER: The IEL Affiliate or ECP coach must register with the USEA by February 15. Students and junior members from 5th to 12th grade may join the IEL by selecting their IEL Affiliate or ECP coach. Those not registering online will be able to fill in the name of their affiliate or ECP coach on the membership form.

4. STARTER LEVEL, REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS:

Refer to useventing.com/events-competitions/resources/starter-level-regulations

5. CLASSIC THREE-DAY EVENT, BN3D AND N3D REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS:

Refer to useventing.com/events-competitions/usea-classic-series/classic-series-guidelines

6. DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP: Open to ALL Volunteers who have tirelessly showed their loyalty to the sport of eventing. By volunteering 10 or more hours through the EventingVolunteers.com. The Digital Membership will be awarded to those well-deserved participants on a yearly basis. The Digital Membership will offer qualifying participants several benefits. Digital Members will have full access to the USEA's online resources, including the Member Rewards Program and digital issues of the award-winning *Eventing USA* magazine, subscription to all USEA eNewsletters, and access to online competition and educational videos. Digital members will also have voting rights with the association and the ability to make their voice heard in advocacy for the sport of eventing. Participation in USEA Educational Activities, like clinics, seminars and camps, is another perk that Digital Members will be encouraged to take advantage of, as they provide a great opportunity to increase your knowledge base and meet new people that share your love for the sport. If you are interested in volunteering to start accumulating 10 hours of service towards your upcoming Digital Membership, visit EventingVolunteers.com for a full listing of participating events.

7. 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 2.1.3 Amateur (A). If you are unclear about whether you qualify as an amateur or professional, please email: amateurinquiry@usef.org.

8. 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: Intro, DX Eventing, 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. A \$20 starter fee must be collected per horse for the Young Event Horse (YEH) classes. Eventing test and Schooling activities 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 Starter level and above levels.

1b. U.S. PONY CLUB members are exempt from USEA membership and horse registration requirements at the Starter, Beginner Novice, and the Novice levels, 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 *Starter level, must have a valid FULL or LIMITED STATUS. The USEA will extend a 14-day grace period to register a Starter or Beginner Novice level 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. Inquiries must be submitted within 30 days after the 14-day grace period has expired.

***STARTER LEVEL:** Effective December 1, 2023, Starter Division is now a recognized level with the USEA. USEA membership and horse registration (limited or full) are mandatory to accumulate year end award points, qualifications for area championships and USEA American Eventing Championships. For more information about Starter level visit the USEA website at <https://useventing.com/events-competitions/resources/starter-level-regulations>.

2. **FULL LIFETIME REGISTRATION DISCOUNTED FEE ONLY DURING FIRST CALENDAR YEAR OF LIFE** (Registry papers or other acceptable ID and proof of foaling date must be submitted at time of registration). Horse must be registered in its first calendar year of life, ie before December 31 to be eligible for this discount.

3. ALL horses must have a **LIMITED STATUS** registration with the USEA in order to participate in USEA recognized competitions at the Training level and below, and at Young Event Horse tests.

4. All horses must have a **FULL STATUS** registration with the USEA in order to participate in USEA recognized competitions at the Modified level and above levels.

5. All horses with a **LIMITED STATUS** registration must be upgraded to **FULL STATUS** registration prior to competing at the Modified 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 also exempts horse registration for Starter, Beginner Novice, and 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. LEADERBOARD POINT SYSTEM:

Refer to useventing.com/events-competitions/leaderboard/leaderboard-point-system.

10. TRANSFER OF USEA HORSE ACCOUNT: The USEA no longer requires the submission of bills of sale for horses registered with the Association. Additionally, the USEA will no longer track horse ownership. Any information on horse ownership provided to the USEA by the Horse Account holder will be used solely for promotional purposes as a benefit to the USEA Horse Account holder, however the USEA cannot acknowledge nor prove horse ownership. When a transfer of a USEA Horse Account has been initiated an email will be generated to the previous account holder on file with the USEA. The primary, or -syndicate representative, account holder will be notified. When acknowledgement has been received, the transfer of the Horse Account will be completed. **Please note:** Only one (1) Horse Account per horse. Multiple accounts are NOT allowed and will be merged to the original account. No refunds will be issued for duplicate horse registrations. For questions, please contact the USEA office at ***Memberservices@useventing.com*** or **703-779-0440 x 1**.

NOTE: The registration of the named horse with the United States Eventing Association (USEA) is for competition purposes only, and the registration does not indicate the legal Status of ownership of, or liability for, said horse. USEA accepts no liability for the accuracy of the registered details which information is intended for its own sole use and benefit, and does not decide, resolve, or become involved in ownership disputes.

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, coaches, and trainers must be individual members of the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF). **Riders and owners who are not current USEF members, are permitted to obtain one U.S. Equestrian Show Pass fee (\$45) per competition year.** If one person holds more than one position, e.g., rider and trainer, only one payment of \$45.00 is required.

POLICIES FOR RECOGNIZED COMPETITIONS

1. All events registered with the USEA must apply for licensure (Modified and above) through US Equestrian in accordance with GR3. Endorsed status (Training and lower) events are approved by the USEA Executive Committee; upon approval the event profile will be submitted to US Equestrian. US Equestrian will assign a competition ID#. 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 \$350.00. 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***. 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.

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

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

5a. At horse trials, three-day events, CCI, collect a starter levy fee itemized on the entry form of \$30.00 for each horse at the Starter through Advanced level, 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 30 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 date, the refund policy published in the Prize List by Competition Management will apply, except that Starter Fees and Drugs & 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 Drugs & 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 the competition results via email using the USEA template, within four days of the competition to results@useventing.com. All fees and additional documents (where applicable) are due to the USEA Office within 10 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.

9b. New Event (national levels 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.

COMBINED TEST/EVENTING TESTS

1. Organizers may also offer “Tests” in conjunction with their horse trials. Refer to **Sub- Chapter EV-3 - Rules for Tests**. USEA competition guidelines for combined tests are on page 9 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: Eventing Tests are exempt from the Association fees (Starter & D&M), Young Event Horse Tests are assessed a \$20 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 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.

USEA CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. American Eventing Championships. The USEA Horse Trials Championship (AEC) will recognize and reward the top horse/rider combinations from the Starter 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.

2. Adult Team Championships. The team championship to be held in conjunction with the American Eventing Championship for the levels Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Modified, 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 Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Modified, 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

COMBINED TEST POLICY

- 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) Licensed 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 current ***USEF Rules For Eventing***.
Also refer to Sub-Chapter EV-3 - Rules for Tests.

USEA CLASSIC THREE-DAY SPECIFICATIONS

	BEGINNER NOVICE THREE-DAY	NOVICE THREE-DAY
Dressage		
USEF Eventing Tests	Beginner Novice 3D – Standard or Small with one or two judges	Novice 3D - Standard or Small with one or two judges
Phase A Distance Phase A Speed Phase A Time	2200 – 3520m 160 mpm or 220 mpm 10-16 minutes	2200 – 3520m 160 mpm or 220 mpm 10-16 minutes
Phase B Distance Phase B Speed Phase B Speed Fault Phase B Time Phase B Jumping Efforts	800 - 1200m 400 mpm 470 mpm 2-3 minutes 0 – 6 (optional for this level; to be published in the event prize list). 3'0" maximum brush height; 6" minimum of brush.	940 – 1410m 470 mpm 540 mpm 2-3 minutes 3 – 6 3'7" maximum brush height; 6" minimum of brush.
Phase C Distance Phase C Speed Phase C Time	2400 – 4480m 160 or 220 mpm 15-28 minutes	2400 - 5500m 160 or 220 mpm 15-34 minutes
Phase D Cross-Country Phase D Distance Phase D Speed Phase D Speed Fault Phase D Time Phase D Jumping Efforts	XC heights & spreads - same as H.T. level. Refer to Appendix 2 1625 – 2450 m 325 or 350 mpm 420 mpm 5-7 minutes 16 - 22 Not more than one effort per 100 meters commenced.	XC heights & spreads - same as H.T. level. Refer to Appendix 2 2200 - 2700m 375 or 400 mpm 450 mpm 5-7 minutes 18 - 25 Not more than one effort per 100 meters commenced.
Show Jumping	Same as H.T. level. Refer to Appendix 2.	Same as H.T. level. Refer to Appendix 2.

For more information about the **USEA Classic Series**, please contact **Kaleigh Collett** at kcollett@useventing.com.

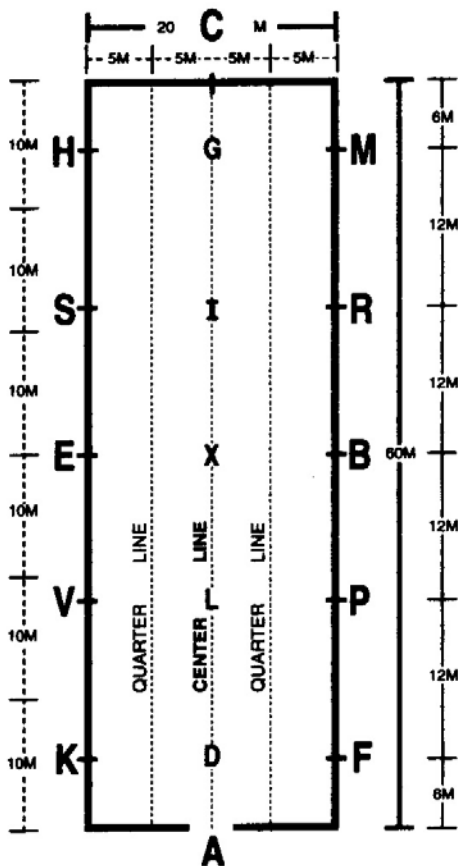
For **Classic Training Three-Day, Modified Three-Day, and Preliminary Three-Day**, please refer to the **USEF Rules for Eventing**, Appendix 8: Specifications for Three-Day Events.

To view all Dressage tests please go to <https://useventing.com/events-competitions/resources/dressage-tests>

STANDARD ARENA (20m x 60m)

Diagonal Length:
63.25 m = 207'6"

Jury

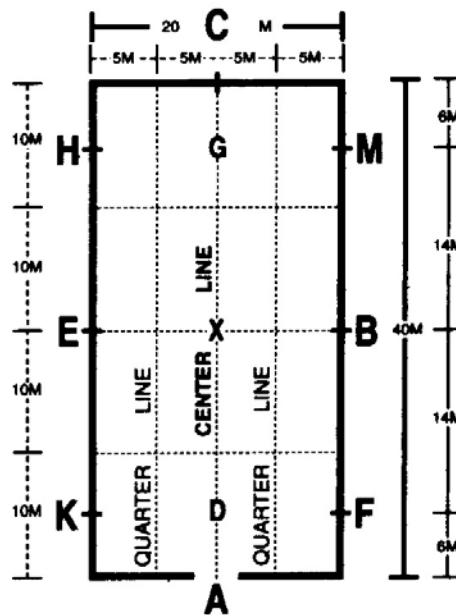


Enter

SMALL ARENA (20m x 40m)

Diagonal Length:
44.72 m = 146'9"

Jury



Enter

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE RING WITHIN 45 SECONDS OF THE JUDGE'S SIGNAL.

CONVERSION TABLE

(Meters to Feet)

1 meter = 3' 3"
6 meters = 19' 8"
10 meters = 32' 10"
12 meters = 39' 4"
14 meters = 45' 11"
20 meters = 65' 7"
40 meters = 131' 3"
60 meters = 196' 10"

SCORING

10	Excellent
9	Very Good
8	Good
7	Fairly Good
6	Satisfactory
5	Sufficient
4	Insufficient
3	Fairly Bad
2	Bad
1	Very Bad
0	Not Performed

ERRORS

First Error: 2 points
Second Error: 4 points
Third Error: Elimination
Leaving Arena: Elimination

EVENT CHECKLIST

This list, although comprehensive, is not all inclusive. Good luck, drive safe, and happy travels!

SHIPPING

- Bandages and Cottons
- Bell Boots
- Chain
- Coggins Test
- Full Hay Net
- Head Bumper
- Health Certificate
- Lead Shank
- Pins, Tape
- Shipping Boots
- Shipping Halter
- Tail Bandages
- Travel Sheet, Rug
- Water jugs (fresh water)
- Watering Bucket

FEEDING

- Electrolytes, Salt
- Feed Scoop
- Grain
- Grain Bucket
- Hay and Hay Net
- Supplements
- Treats
- Water Buckets (2)

BANDAGING

- Alcohol
- Bandages
- Liniment
- Paper Bags, Paper
- Plastic Wrap
- Poultice
- Sheet Cotton
- Standing Cottons
- Towels

STUD KIT

- "T" tap
- Clincher, for nails
- Easy Boot
- Lubricant, WD-40
- Spare Horseshoes
- Stud hole plugs
- Studs
- Wrench

TACK CLEANING

- Conditioner
- Rags
- Silver polish
- Sponges
- Tack cleaner
- Tooth brush

TACK

- Bell Boots
- Bridles
- Dressage saddle
- Extra Bits
- Extra Reins
- Galloping Boots
- Girths
- Halters
- Jumping saddle
- Lead Rope
- Lunge Line
- Martingales
- Overgirth
- Saddle pads
- Side Reins

HORSE CLOTHES

- Anti-Sweat Sheet
- Dress Sheet
- Fly Mask
- Fly Sheet
- Quarter Sheet
- Rain Sheet
- Rug
- Stable Sheet
- Tail Bandages
- Nasal Strips
- Wool Cooler

STABLE EQUIPMENT

- Apple Picker
- Broom
- Chairs
- Double-end snaps
- Duct tape
- Extension Cord
- Fan
- Hammer and nails
- Hay String, Rope
- Hose
- Hot Water Heater
- Leather Punch
- Manure Bucket
- Pitchfork
- Pliers, wire cutters
- Rake
- Scissors, knife
- Screw eyes
- Screwdrivers
- Scrub Brush
- Shavings, Straw
- Shovel
- Stall Guard
- Tape measure
- Writing Paper and Pen

BRAIDING

- Hair Clips
- Mane Comb
- Needle and Thread
- Pull-through
- Quic Braid
- Rubber Bands
- Scissors
- Seam Ripper
- Spray Bottle, Sponge
- Stool
- Yarn

MEDICAL KIT

- Antibacterial Cream/Ointment
- Banamine
- Band Aids®
- Bandage Scissors
- Betadine or hydrogen peroxide
- Clean towels
- Disinfectants
- DMSO
- Electrolytes
- Epsom Salts
- Eyes wash (such as Clear Eyes)
- Gauze and Gauze Pads
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Ice pack
- Icthamol
- Liniments
- Needles
- Paper Towels
- Scrub
- Sheet Cotton
- Stable Bandages
- Syringes
- Tape
- Thermometer
- Twitch
- Vaseline®
- Vetrap, Elastoplast
- Witch Hazel

OTHER

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RIDER

- Alarm Clock
- Band Aids
- Barn Boots
- Belt
- Body Protecting Vest
- Boot Jack
- Boot Pulls
- Boots
- Breeches
- Dress Clothes
- Dressage Whip
- Equipment Bags
- Gloves
- Helmet
- Helmet Covers
- Insect Spray
- Jacket
- Jumping Bats
- Medical Armband
- Mirror
- Omnibus
- Rain Gear
- Rule Book
- Running Shoes
- Sewing Kit
- Shirts
- Spurs and Spur Straps
- Stock Tie and Pins
- Sunscreen
- Sweater, Jacket
- Toilet Kit
- Work Clothes
- Shirts

EVENT CHECKLIST



HISTORY OF THE USEA



The United States Eventing Association, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit educational organization, was founded as the United States Combined Training Association (USCTA) in September, 1959, the vision of Alexander Mackay-Smith, who felt that in addition to the American Horse Show Association and United States Equestrian Team (now merged as the United States Equestrian Federation), a third organization was needed to promote the fledgling sport of Combined Training (now known as Eventing) in the United States. Initially the association's roster included just two dozen names, including Mackay-Smith and other notables such as Jack Fritz, Philip Hoffman, Roger Maher, and Lana Wright (née DuPont). Today it boasts more than **13,000** members. Each year more than **38,000** starters run at over **220** USEA-recognized competitions throughout the country.

The mission of the USCTA in 1959 and of the USEA in 2024 remains much the same—to make eventing safe, fun, and fair to all who join the USEA ranks, while at the same time promoting this incredible sport to the public. As a service organization, the USEA is dedicated to advancing the sport by educating riders, trainers, organizers, officials, the media, and volunteers, with the health and well being of the horse of paramount importance. By assisting and educating competitors, event organizers, and officials; maintaining responsible safety standards; and registering qualified competitions and clinics, the USEA offers a strong and continuous training opportunity for an ever-expanding field of eventers, from Starter to the Olympic level.



Top photo: Alexander Mackay-Smith riding his beloved, Hi Hampton. Center photo: USEA Headquarters in Leesburg, Virginia.



USEA STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The sport of Eventing, in relation to English riding and horsemanship, embraces the principle that training of the horse and rider in the elements of classical dressage, combined with training of the horse and rider in jumping obstacles, will improve the performance of both across country.

From its inception in 1959, the United States Combined Training Association, since 2001 known as the United States Eventing Association, has sought:

To educate horse owners and riders in those principles and practices of horsemanship embodied in the term Eventing, and founded upon the essential relationships of classical dressage to cross-country riding;

To promote through such education the safe, healthful, humane, and effective training, use, and care of horses;

To educate horse owners and riders in methods of evaluation of the abilities, state of training, and condition of both riders and horses, as measures of achievement and a foundation for further training;

To sponsor or encourage persons to develop facilities for testing and evaluating the abilities, state of training, and condition of both horses and riders;

To sponsor, organize, or encourage persons to organize horse trials, combined tests, two-day events and three-day events under the rules of the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF), and the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), the world governing body for horse sports;

To sponsor, organize, or encourage persons to organize educational forums and practical training clinics in furtherance of any of those purposes;

And to work cooperatively within the scope of its purposes with other organizations such as the USEF, FEI, USPC, and AHC, as well as national breed associations.

Implicit in the work of the USEA, and central to its philosophy, is the welfare of the horse. At each of the levels of prescribed testing, the horses and riders are subjected to distinct tests of physical agility, strength, and endurance, as well as mental and emotional preparation. The horse must be healthy, fit, prepared, and willing in order to perform.

The rules of the USEF, which are observed by the USEA, call for safe, secure, and comfortable stabling, with proper arrangements for the procuring of feed and water, the availability of veterinary and farrier support,

and the layout and construction of arenas and courses with jumpable obstacles appropriate in difficulty to each specified level. The rules forbid cruelty and provide severe punishment for any violation.

At the heart of successful training is continuous interaction between rider and horse which may simply be expressed as “ask-receive-reward.” Out of this process, the horse-rider combination achieves mutual respect, realization of mutual dependence, and mutual trust.

The Board of Governors of the United States Eventing Association hereby embraces the Code of Conduct as promulgated by the FEI, as it may apply within its sphere of activity and authority. To this end it is stated:

1. In Eventing, the horse must be considered paramount of importance.
2. The well being of the horse shall be above the demands of breeders, trainers, riders, owners, dealers, organizers, sponsors, or officials.
3. All handling and veterinary treatment must be directed toward the health and welfare of the horse.
4. The highest standards of nutrition, health, sanitation, and safety shall be encouraged and striven for at all times.
5. Members and competitors shall be advised to make adequate provisions for ventilation, feeding, watering, and maintenance of a healthy environment during transportation.
6. Emphasis shall be placed on increasing the education and training of both horse and rider, and in promoting scientific studies in equine health.
7. In the interest of the horse, the fitness and competence of the rider shall be regarded as essential.
8. All riding and training methods must take account of the horse as a living entity. It must not include any technique considered by the USEF to be abusive.
9. The USEA continues to work with the USEF to maintain adequate controls in order that persons and bodies under their jurisdictions respect the welfare of the horse.
10. The USEA will encourage its members to adhere to these principles in training as well as in competition.

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