

GAIG/USDFBC SOUTH EAST SERIES
DEEP SOUTH DRESSAGE &
COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION
NORTHWEST FLORIDA CLASSIC III #328550

Show Date: August 6th, 2011

Willow Bend South

[Covered Arena]



Great American Insurance Group/USDFBC South East Series
USEF/USDF Recognized Show #328550 Qualifying Event for 2011
Dressage Level 2 Competition

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT USEF RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.
- Management reserves the right to split, combine, delete, or add classes dependent on entries. Management also reserves the right to add or substitute judges or make any changes required by circumstances.
- Wristbands will be issued to all handlers/assistant handlers with signature on release form. No one will be allowed in competition arena without a wristband.
- **DOGS ON SHOW GROUNDS must be on a 6ft leash or less. No lunge lines or lead ropes.**
- **APPROPRIATE HEADGEAR MUST BE WORN WHILE MOUNTED ON THESE PREMISES.**
- ***Effective March 1, 2011, for dressage: Anyone mounted on a horse must wear protective headgear except those riders age 18 and over while on horses that are competing only in FEI levels and tests at the Prix St. Georges level and above (including FEI Young Rider Tests, the USEF Developing Prix St. Georges Test and the USEF Brentina Cup Test).***

USDF NUMBERS

- Please note that as of Oct. 1, 2002, USDF will require all horses competing in USDF recognized competitions to have a Horse Identification Number [HID] for the purpose of tracking scores. The cost of this number is \$25 and is a one-time fee. If your horse is Lifetime Registered with USDF, that number is your HID. Competitors are urged to acquire this number prior to competition if possible. A form is available on the USDF website. HID's may also be acquired at the competition if you are unable to secure your number beforehand. Not required for introductory or Opportunity classes only.

USEF NUMBERS

- USEF requires all competing horses to have an identification (ID) number. An agreement has been reached between USDF and USEF to share HID numbers; however, you must first acquire the number from USDF at a cost of \$25 before the number can be shared by USEF. Horses not fully registered with USDF or USEF will not be eligible to participate in the GAIG/USDF Regional Championships. Not required for introductory or Opportunity classes only.

ADDITIONAL USEF AND USDF REQUIREMENTS

- For current GAIG/USDF Breeder Championship requirements, go to <http://www.usdf.org/docs/competitions/handbook/Chapter6B.2-USDFBCRules.pdf>
- Each barn has one sharps container per 50 horses available. Competition Management may fine any individual including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

AWARDS

- Prize and up to six ribbons in each class.
- GAIG/USDFBC- The Champion & Reserve in classes 311/312/313/314/315 will receive special ribbons and qualify for the GAIG/USDF Breeder Championship South East Series.
- Additional Breed Specific Awards may be added. Please contact show manager about sponsoring additional awards. Please check the Willow Bend South website, www.willowbendsouth.com, for additional information

QUALIFYING CLASSES

- **Copies of USEF membership and USDF participating cards for both rider and owner, and copies of USEF Lifetime or Annual Horse Recording and the USDF full Lifetime Horse Registration must be included with entry.**

AMATEUR HANDLER CLASS

- Amateur handler - to be shown in-hand by an Amateur or Junior/Young Rider who is the owner or member of the owner's family; no leased or borrowed horses. To be judged on presentation of the animal to the judge, neatness and appearance of the handler, and the overall condition of the animal. Conformation will not be the determining factor but may count 15%. This class is intended to simulate participation of the Amateur or Junior/Young Rider in the Breed Division and does not limit that person to this class. No stallions or colts except weanlings. Anyone exhibiting in this class must have either Amateur or J/YR status designated on their USEF card.

NON-COMPETING HORSES

- Must fill out a entry form and mark non-compete, with proof of current Coggins, and pay \$20 fee [includes office fee]. Grounds/stabling fees are additional. Non-compete horses do not pay separate USEF or Office Fees.

ENTRIES

- Current 2011 Entry Forms Required.
- Entries may be limited if numbers exceed capacity of the facility. Entries received after show is full will be placed on a waiting list. SHOW MAY FILL PRIOR TO CLOSING DATE.
- Post entries **[received after the closing date]** will be accepted on a space available basis or placed on a waiting list, for a \$10 post entry fee.
- Entries accepted ONLY with entry form and full payment. Entry form must be signed in ALL THREE signature blocks in accordance with USEF rules, as well as signature in COACH block if applicable. Only original signatures accepted.
- Fees must be paid in full with entry form. If full payment is not received or a check for entry fees is returned, the entry will be placed on a waiting list until all fees are paid in cash, money order, or cashier's check.
- Proof of membership must be included with entry form. Please provide the Master Verification from USEF & USDF [www.eqverification.org] although membership cards or photocopies of cards are still acceptable and up to date.
- Failure to provide proof of USEF and/or USDF membership will result in competitor being charged with non-member fees.
- Riders/Handlers **MUST** provide emergency contact information on their entry form.
- DSHB Assistant handlers must sign separate release to participate in the show. Available from secretary.
- Negative Coggins valid through the last day of the show is required for entry to show grounds for all horses. Entries without a current Coggins [valid through show date] WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A photocopy is acceptable provided the date, results, horse name, and vet signatures are legible. 2011 foals still at dam's side are not required to have a Current Coggins.
- DO NOT send entries registered, certified mail, or Signature required. No telephone entries.
- USDF HID# required for all entries in the Breed Show except horses that are ONLY competing in IBC classes.
- **NO REFUNDS after closing date, including stabling and overpayments, for any reason including cancellations due to Acts of God, acts of terrorism, inclement weather[Hurricanes], and/or other emergencies.**
- Show office will be open at 7am until one hour after last score is posted.

FEES [No Refunds after closing date]

\$30.00	Individual Breed Class [IBC]	\$30.00	USEF Non-member fee
\$40.00	DSHB / Materiale	\$25.00	USDF Non-member fee
No Fee	USDFBC Championship	\$15.00	USEF D&M/horse
\$20.00	Office fee [Non-refundable]		[\$7 Drugs & Meds, \$8 USEF fee]
\$50.00	Stall Fee [Fri-Sat] Savings Included	\$20.00	Non-competing horse
\$40.00	Extra Nights		[Does not include grounds fee or stabling]
\$20.00	Grounds/Trailer Fee	\$10.00	Post Entry Fee
	[Per day/per horse not stabled]	\$10.00	Late Entry Fee
\$25.00	Camper Hook-up per day	\$10.00	Change Fee

Make checks payable to: NWFLC of DSDCTA.

Mail to: Mary Jane Benson

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Tel: [850] 638-8352,

E-mail: billmaryjane@bellsouth.net

ALL RETURNED CHECKS ARE SUBJECT TO A \$35.00 SERVICE FEE.

INDIVIDUAL BREED CLASSES [IBC]

- All IBC Classes to be shown in hand at the walk and trot. [To be scored 60% movement, 30% conformation, 10% general impression] MUST include copy of breed papers or verification of breeding to participate in ANY IBC class, and any up-to-date breed-specific membership documentation/cards required for any class.
- Additional Individual Breed Classes may be added. Please contact show manager about sponsoring an Individual Breed Class.

GROUP CLASSES

- Group classes are intended for two or more horses that are either out of the same dam, by the same sire or produced by the same breeder. Although each individual will be considered, the group will be judge as a group. Each horse entered in a group class must have an individual entry form completed and on file with the competition secretary, even if the horse is not competing in other classes.
- USEF fees and a USEF HID must be submitted for each horse in a group entry. The group fee should be applied to one horse in the group and list the other horses on the entry form in the space provided.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/TIMES

- Acknowledgement of entry showing status will be e-mailed to each competitor. Please check for errors and notify the secretary immediately.
- Approx. class times will be available on the website [www.willowbendsouth.com] or e-mailed, show times approximately one week prior to the competition date from the secretary. **NO TIMES MAILED.**

STABLING

- 30 Limited 12X12 permanent stalls with doors available on a first-come, first-served basis. Temporary stalls available after permanent are gone.
- Horse stalls are \$50 for the night (12 noon Friday to Saturday). Early arrival/late departure fee is \$25 per stall.
- **SHAVINGS:** Are included in stall price.
- **GROUND/TRAILER FEE:** \$20.00 per day for each horse not stabled during the show. Competitors must contact the Stable Manager to arrange early or late arrivals, and may be responsible for additional security or fees associated with their early arrival. Stall assignments will be posted at the show office.

COMPETITION ARENAS

- Standard 20X60 meter arenas [covered and outdoor] can both be used for competition. A short arena [20X40 may be used for the Introductory tests]. The footing in the competition and warm-up arenas is a sand clay mix. No one on foot is allowed in the warm-up areas, coaching must be done from the side.

WARM-UP

- Two outdoor arenas with sand, ample outdoor grass warm-up areas.
- Lunging permitted only in designated areas.[Round Pen]

HOSPITALITY

- Food available on site during show hours.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Comfort InnChipley [850]415-1111
- Holiday Inn Chipley [850]638-3996
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- Super 8 MotelChipley[850]638-8530
- La Maison De LucyAlford [850] 579-0138

DIRECTIONS

- From I-10 take exit 130 Cottdendale/Panama City exit go 231 South to Alford Take County Road 276 west go 3½ miles turn left onto Porter Road go ½ mile make right at Willow Bend South sign. Tel: 850-638-8352, or go to www.mapquest.com .

HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

- Under Florida law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

MOTORIZED VEHICLE STATEMENT

- In accordance with **USEF GR 1301.7 states**: Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles, on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent[s], guardian[s], and/or trainer[s] who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent[s] guardian[s], and/or trainer[s] from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

USEF MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

- **Life, senior active and junior active members shall be eligible to participate in all classes at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Dressage, Reining and Vaulting Competitions and Endurance Rides. A nonmember may participate as a handler, rider, driver, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions, Dressage Competitions, Reining Competitions and Combined Driving Competitions upon payment of a \$30 non-member registration fee. Participants in the following classes are exempted from the Requirements of this rule: 1] leadline; 2] exhibitions; 3] games and races; 4] classes for 4H members; 5] walk trot and academy classes [academy classes are classes limited to horses used regularly in a lesson program]; 6] USDF introductory level tests, pas de deux and quadrille classes; 7] NRHA Endorsed Reining Competitions. 8] Opportunity classes, 9] citizens of other nations who have proof, in English, of current membership in good standing of their own National Federation, 10] USEA beginner novice division; and 11] assistant handlers in Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes.**

ATTENTION COMPETITORS

- Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers [USDF, United States Equestrian Federation] for horse, owner, rider, and trainer, before the day[s] of the competition. The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national awards.

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 125 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership in excess of 33,000 members, supports the concept of ethical treatment of animals.

Dressage is a classical method of training horses, based upon the horse's natural responses, as carried out in a gradual, planned program during which the horse's athletic abilities are improved in a systematic manner. As a result, the horse becomes capable, comfortable, and responsive in partnership with the rider without the use of force. Dressage competition at various levels of achievement is the ultimate test of the training program to determine whether the desired harmony between horse and rider has been achieved.

The rules pertaining to dressage competition prohibit the use of artificial appliances, training aids, and drugs, which would force the horse to submit. Instead, the emphasis is upon training and a cooperative partnership with the rider. Major competitions are carefully monitored to assure that there is no unnecessary force or harshness displayed.

Unlike other horse sports in which horses enter training at a relatively immature state, dressage training is usually not seriously begun until the horse is three or four. The top levels of achievement require five or more years of progressive training and it is not unusual to see horses in international competition in their late teens. This, in itself, places a premium on good care and soundness throughout the horse's life.

While supporting the concept of animal welfare in its broadest form, the United States Dressage Federation, Inc., also recognizes that it is unrealistic to ascribe human emotions and responses to the horse which in its wild state is a creature of flight, living a hard and precarious existence. Under domestication, the horse is assured of ample food, water, and shelter, as well as protection against infectious diseases and damaging parasites, thus leading a longer and healthier life with a high rate of survival.

As an educational organization, USDF has numerous programs, which teach people how to pursue the accepted, humane training methods. A program of certifying instructors also emphasizes protecting the horse's welfare in pursuit of dressage training.

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Dressage Sport Horse Breeding [DSHB] Individual Breed Class [IBC] Class List

CLASS LIST

USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospects In-Hand Classes

- 300 2011 Fillies of current year — *with or without dam, foal judged only*
- 301 2010 Yearling Fillies In-Hand
- 302 2009 2-Year-Old Fillies In-Hand
- 303 2008 3-Year-Old Fillies In-Hand
- 304 2011 Colts/geldings of current year — *with or without dam, foal judged only*
- 305 2010 Yearling Colts/Geldings In-Hand
- 306 2009 2-Year-Old Colts/Geldings In-Hand
- 307 2008 3-Year-Old Colts/Geldings In-Hand

USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock Classes

- 308 Broodmares, 4-Year-Old and Older with Foals — *mare judged only*
- 309 Maiden/Yeld Broodmares, 4-Year-Old and Older
- 310 Stallions, 4-Year-Old and Older

GAIG/USDF In-Hand Breeders Championship Classes

Classes 311,312,313,314 and 315, are GAIG/USDFBC Qualifying Championships Classes.

The Champion and Reserve horses are invited to compete in the GAIG/USDF Breeders Championship,

- 311 Foal Championship [Current Year] *open to 1st & 2nd places in classes 300 & 304*
- 312 Filly Championship *open to 1st & 2nd places in classes 301, 302 & 303*
- 313 Colt/Gelding Championship *open to 1st & 2nd places in classes 305, 306 & 307*
- 314 Mare Championship *open to 1st & 2nd places in classes 308 & 305*
- 315 Stallion Championship *open to 1st & 2nd places in class: 310*

Group Classes

- 316 Produce of Dam — *2 or 3 offspring, any age*
- 317 Get of Sire — *2 or 3 offspring, any age*
- 318 Breeder's Group — *2 or 3 horses, any age or sex, all bred by exhibitor*

Amateur Handler Class - Amateur or Junior/Young Rider

- 319 Amateur Handler Class

Individual Breed Classes - Open

- 320 American Warmblood [AWS]
- 321 Andalusian & Lusitano [IALHA]
- 322 Appaloosa
- 323 Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian [AHA]
- 324 Canadian Warmblood
- 325 Connemara
- 326 Dutch Warmblood [KWPN of NA]
- 327 Danish Warmblood
- 328 GOV/Oldenburg of NA [OHBS of NA, gov]
- 329 Hanoverian [AHS]
- 330 Holsteiner [AHHA]
- 331 Irish Draught
- 332 ISR/Oldenburg of NA
- 333 North American Studbook Association [NASA]
- 334 Morgan
- 335 Paint
- 336 American Quarter Horse
- 337 Rheinlander-Pfalz-Saar [RPSI]
- 338 Selle Francais
- 339 Swedish Warmblood [SWANA]
- 340 Thoroughbred
- 341 Trakehner [ATA]
- 342 Westfalen [WHA]

Materiale Classes

- 350 3-Year-Old Fillies
- 351 4 & 5-Year-Old Mares
- 352 3-Year-Old Colts/Geldings
- 353 4 & 5-Year-Old Stallions/Geldings



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Competition Division(s) and Rating(s): _____


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USDF Membership Benefits: USDF is dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For details on member benefits, including educational programs, awards, and other opportunities, refer to the *USDF Competitor & Member Guide* or the USDF Web site at www.usdf.org.

Membership Requirements for USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Competitions: Owners and riders, including foreign riders and owners who are not residents of the US, wishing to participate in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition as a rider or owner/lessee, must have either a USDF Group Membership, Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF NM fee. (Note: USDF business members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their USDF BM.) Individuals cannot compete at a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition with a USDF Education Membership.

Horses competing at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions must have either a USDF Horse Identification (HID) number or a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR). Proper credentials or verification certificates must be presented to the competition secretary.

Riders and owners wishing to participate in a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition, and not able to present the competition secretary with verification of a USDF membership or NM identification, and USDF LHR or USDF HID, must complete a USDF Competition Affidavit Form and pay the \$5 affidavit filing fee. A copy of a completed affidavit form from another competition may also be used for verification purposes for up to 60 days. (Exception: Affidavits cannot be used at Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships.)

Exceptions:

- Horses competing only in Individual Breed Classes (IBCs) at DSHB competitions, sires and dams of horses in DSHB group classes, where those sires or dams are not actually competing in the same competition, horses competing only in breed restricted dressage or DSHB classes at Regular Competitions (e.g. all Arabian, all Friesian, or all Morgan classes), or in USDF Introductory Level tests, Pas de Deux, Quadrille, FEI ParaEquestrian classes, are exempt from this requirement. Also exempt are horses ridden in leadline, exhibitions, games and races, classes for 4-H members, walk-trot, academy and opportunity classes. For foreign-owned horses competing in a CDI, USDF accepts copies of the horse identification pages from an FEI passport in lieu of a USDF HID or LHR number.
- Riders and owners/lessees competing only in classes which are exempt from the USDF HID requirements are also exempt from the USDF NM identification number and NM fee requirements. Also exempt are handlers of horses competing in DSHB In-Hand or Group classes.

Memberships Defined

Participating Membership (PM): A membership issued to an individual directly by USDF. The membership year is December 1 through November 30. PMs are available for 1-year (\$75), 5-years (\$300), or life (\$1,500). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for individuals who have not reached their 21st birthday by December 1 of the current membership year (\$60). A PM allows the member to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions and to participate as a rider and/or owner/lessee for all Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals and the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship program.

Group Membership (GM): A membership issued to an individual by USDF when the member name and dues are submitted to USDF through an affiliate Group Member Organization (GMO). The GM year begins December 1 and ends November 30. A GM allows the member to compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions and participate in the USDF Rider Awards program.

Business Membership (BM): A membership that runs December 1 through November 30 and is issued to a business or organization directly by USDF. The USDF BM (\$200) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

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

Non-Member (NM) Identification Number: For each USDF NM owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a USDF NM fee of \$25 and a USDF NM form per competition that must be collected by the show secretary and submitted to USDF along with the USDF Report of Fees document and the \$5 affidavit fee if the person cannot provide a copy of their USDF NM card. Owners/lessees or riders exempt from the NM number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF NM fee. If there are multiple owners of a horse and all are NMs, only one of the owners must pay the NM fee. If the horse has at least one owner who is a current USDF member there is no NM fee assessed. Competition management will be invoiced for all applicable USDF NM fees not received with the USDF post competition paperwork, along with a report listing all USDF NMs. Competition management is then required to submit the NM fees within 30 days to the USDF. An individual with a USDF NM identification number is not eligible for any USDF membership benefits. Once a USDF NM number has been assigned, a USDF NM card can be obtained from the USDF Web site.

Horse Identification (HID) Number: A one-time tracking number for horses (\$25). Scores earned by a horse with an HID number will be recorded, but will NOT be counted towards Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID number is not eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying or championship classes or Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals. An HID number can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$70. If a horse has a USDF LHR it does not need an HID number. An HID number is a one-time fee that does not need to be renewed.

Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR): A horse with an LHR (\$95) is eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, and eligible to compete at Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship Series Finals and Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional qualifying and championship classes, assuming requirements for the owner and rider are met. If a horse has an LHR it does not need an HID number. An LHR does not need to be renewed.

How to Join USDF

Applications for USDF Participating Membership (PM), Business Membership (BM), Horse Identification (HID) number, and Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) may be found in the following locations:

- On the USDF Web site: www.usdf.org. You can submit the application online or download the form and fax or mail it to the USDF office.
- In the show office at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions classified by USEF as Dressage Competitions, and Regular Competitions which are open to all breeds.
- By calling or writing the USDF office at (859) 971-2277, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511

The effective date of membership is the date the form and correct fees are received in the USDF office or, if applying at a competition, the date received by the competition secretary, provided the application is signed and dated by the competition secretary, member, and/or horse owner on that same day.



2011 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championship (USDFBC) Series Rules

The USEF Rulebook Chapter Dressage, Subchapter DR-2, contains the Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) class rules. The rulebook is available on line at www.usef.org. All recent rule changes in the on-line rulebook are noted in RED.

A. Applying For and Scheduling Qualifier and Final Events

1. The USDFBC series is scheduled on a calendar year basis (January 1-December 31).
2. A series must have a minimum of three qualifying events in order to hold a series final. All shows in the series, including qualifier classes held in conjunction with the series final, are qualifying events.
3. The final event of each series is often the last USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competition holding DSHB classes *scheduled* in a particular geographical area of the United States as of July 1 of the year prior to the series final year. However, a series final may also be held at either a separate dressage or DSHB show, which does not offer other DSHB classes, and is not a USDFBC qualifying event. Host sites of series finals will be designated on or about August 1 of the year prior to the series final year.
4. The official USDFBC host site application form for qualifiers and series finals will be available from the USDF office by June 15, prior to the start of the next competition year. USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized-dressage competitions interested in hosting a final for a series must submit a completed USDFBC event application form and contract to the USDF office by July 1 of the year prior to the series final to request consideration for hosting the series final.
5. All applications for a series final will be considered on a 'case by case' basis.
6. A series final will be considered "definite" when at least three qualifying events have registered with USDF to participate in the series for the year. If it meets the minimum requirements, a series final will be considered "tentative" until at least three events have registered for the series.
7. In case two or more qualified events in the same series wish to host the series final, the regional director(s) of the region(s) with qualifying events in the series will select the host site of the series final, after consultation with the chair of the USDF Sport Horse Committee and the USDF Sport Horse Committee liaison. Priority for the final will be given to (1) the date of event, which must be after all qualifying events are normally scheduled, and ideally, between August 1 and October 1 of the series final year, (2) the most prestigious DSHB show, or USDF Regional Dressage Championships in the geographical area, and (3) location and accessibility to competitors, and (4) experience of the competition management with DSHB competitions.
8. All USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions with DSHB classes scheduled prior to the series final in the same calendar year and geographical area are eligible to participate in their USDFBC series final. Dressage

competitions with DSHB classes scheduled after the series final in their area are not eligible to participate in the USDFBC program, and will not be qualifying events or the next year's series final.

9. Only one USDFBC series, or part of a series, may be held in any particular geographical area in the same calendar year. The boundaries of a "geographical area" will be determined by USDF (in consultation with regional directors and the chair of the USDF Sport Horse Committee), will include cluster(s) of DSHB shows, and may combine regions or cross regional boundaries. However, a maximum of two USDFBC series will be scheduled in the same USDF region in the same calendar year.
10. If a USDFBC series does not have at least three qualifying events recognized by USDF by June 1 of the series final year, the final will not be held.

B. Advertising and Promotion

1. In order to receive full promotional benefits from USDF, qualifying and final events must be approved at least six months prior to the competition.
2. Qualifiers and final events must be approved by USDF each year *before* advertising that they are participating as qualifying or final events in the USDFBC program.

C. Prizes

1. Prizes will be awarded during the finals competition award ceremonies.
2. Prizes and/or other awards may be withheld by USDF to series winners if the following information is not provided to USDF or show management by required deadlines: name of owner; name, age and sex of horse; and if known, the breed of horse, sire, dam, dam sire, and breeder.

D. Rules Regarding Contracts and Recognition

1. Qualifying and final events must be USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized Dressage competitions and all classes must be conducted under USEF rules.
2. USDFBC event application, contract and rules for the upcoming competition year will be available to show managers by July 1 of the year prior to each USDFBC competition year.
3. Rule changes and requirements will be fully approved and publicized by July 1 of the year prior to each USDFBC competition year.
4. Changes of rules, requirements, or contract obligations for competition management (and/or competitors, if applicable) are not permitted after August 1 of the year prior to the start of the USDFBC competition year, except when changed by the USEF and/or USDF Executive Board.
5. USDFBC rules and procedures must be listed in the official prize list for the event, and must be available sufficiently in advance to all potential competitors, or the event may be in violation of USEF rules.
6. For qualifying events whose dates fall after the closing date for their series final event, the results must be emailed or faxed to USDF within 24 hours of completion of the

qualifying event. USDF will verify those horses who have qualified with the series final event secretary.

E. Horse Registration and Membership Requirements

1. All horses entered in any USDF Breeders' Championship Series qualifying class must have either a USDF Life Registration (LHR) or USDF Horse Identification Number (HID), and submit identification information. A copy of breed registry papers (if available) must be submitted directly to USDF. Any horse participating in the series final classes must have a LHR with USDF. The HID fee will apply toward the LHR fee.
2. Owner is not required to be a USDF member for qualifying events; however, owner must have a current USDF Participating Membership (PM) or Business Membership (BM) to compete at the series final class.
3. No USDF membership is required for the Handler.
4. Horses participating in USDFBC qualifying or final events are not required to be registered with any studbook, but "if a horse is registered with any breed organization, the name of the breed, sire, dam, dam sire and breeder must be given on the entry blank. For unregistered horses competing in DSHB classes, the information is strongly recommended, if available." (GR 907.1)
5. It is strongly recommended that horses not registered with a breed registry be listed as "unregistered".
6. It is the responsibility of the horse owner to ensure that their USDF membership and USDF horse registration are correct and current.

F. Requirements for USDFBC Series Qualifying Events

1. Classes must be offered and judged according to USEF DR 209.
2. All divisions must offer Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand and Breeding Stock In-Hand classes.
3. A separate championship class must be held for all divisions even those that have only one class or one horse in the division. For example if there is only one class of mares, the top two mares from that class would then be shown in the championship class. If there is only one stallion in the one stallion class that stallion would then show again in the championship class.
4. Each qualifying event must offer a **Current Year Foal Championship** class. This class is a USDFBC series qualifying class. This class must be held and judged (i.e. re-evaluated at the walk and the trot).

The current year foal championship class, at qualifying events, must be open to first and second place winners of Sport Horse Prospect In Hand classes for all horses of current calendar year, as listed below. First and second place (and third if desired) fillies and colts/geldings of current year will compete against each other in the same class. (Organizers have the option of including third placed winners in championship classes)

Current Year Foal championship:

Fillies of current calendar year

Colts/Geldings of current calendar year

5. Each qualifying event must offer a **Filly Championship** class and a **Colt/Gelding Championship** class. These classes are USDFBC series qualifying classes. These classes must be held and judged (i.e. re-evaluated at the walk and the trot.)
The filly and colt/gelding championship classes must be open to first and second placed winners of Sport Horse Prospect In Hand classes for all horses, as listed below.

(Organizers have the option of including third placed winners in championship classes.)

Filly championship:	Colt/gelding championship:
Yearling Fillies	Yearling Colts/Geldings
Two-year old Fillies	Two-year old Colts/Geldings
Three-year old Fillies	Three-year old Colts/Geldings

The champion and reserve champion filly and the champion and reserve champion colt/gelding are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBC series final class. A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well.

6. Each qualifying event must offer a **Mare Championship** class and a **Stallion Championship** class. These championship classes are USDFBC series qualifying classes. Mare and Stallion Championship classes must be open to first and second placed winners of Breeding Stock In Hand classes for horses age four years old and over, as listed below. (Organizers have the option of including third placed winners in championship classes.)

Mare championship:

Mare classes may be divided by age, competition and/or breeding status, as in the following example:

- Four-year old and older maiden mares – never bred
- Four-year old and older yield mares-never bred or not currently bred or nursing
- Four-year old and older broodmares – In foal or currently nursing-(mare only to be judged).
- For details on determining breeding status for competition purposes, please refer to USEF Rule 203.16.

Stallion championship:

Stallion classes may be divided by age, competition and/or breeding status, as in the following example:

- Four-year old and older stallions showing only in hand
- Four-year old and older stallions showing also under saddle

The champion and reserve champion mare and the champion and reserve champion stallion are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBC series final class. A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well.

7. Age/sex eligibility is determined as follows:
 - a) Fillies, colts and geldings three years of age or under may show ONLY as sport horse prospects, not in breeding stock classes/categories.
 - b) Mares and stallions age four and over may show ONLY in breeding stock classes/categories.
Note: Two and three-year olds are ONLY eligible to compete in the filly or colt championships. They are NOT eligible for the mare or stallion championships.
 - c) Geldings of any age may NOT show in breeding stock classes/categories. Geldings age three and under may show ONLY in sport horse classes/categories.
8. Score sheets: Age group classes must be judged using the appropriate scoring categories and percentages. Sport horses MUST be evaluated on the (yellow) USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In Hand score sheets and breeding stock MUST be evaluated on the (pink) USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock score sheets.
9. Horses in all USDFBC Series qualifying classes must be evaluated according to USEF DR210.5.7.
10. During the same or separate awards ceremonies, the current year foal champion and reserve, the filly champion and reserve, the colt/gelding champion and reserve, the mare

champion and reserve, and the stallion champion and reserve, must be named USDFBC series qualifying champions and reserve champions for the show. **A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well.**

Announcements must identify sponsors and horses' breeding information.

11. Each of the ten qualifying horses must be presented with a qualifier ribbon. These ribbons will be supplied to the show by USDF. Only the champion and reserve champion will receive the qualifier ribbons, even if they have previously qualified. The third place horse in the qualifier championship class will not receive a qualifier neck sash. The qualifier ribbons for champion and reserve champion are identical.
12. All champions and reserve champions (ten qualifying horses from each competition) will be eligible to compete in the finals. In the event that a champion and/or reserve have already qualified for the final, the third-placed horse from the pertinent qualifying class will be eligible to compete in the final. Competition management is required to have judges place qualifying classes to three places. In addition, any other horse receiving a 77% or better in its age/sex class will be eligible to compete in the final (Effective, 2009 competition year).
13. A list of qualified horses is maintained, by series, on the USDF website.
14. Horses must qualify in the series in which they enter the final. Exception: Horses that have qualified for a series final which is either not scheduled or is cancelled may participate in the final of any other USDFBC series in the same calendar year, without having to re-qualify for that series final. Owners of horses that have qualified for a final which is not held, may enter another series final, but must indicate which series they qualified at on their entry form.
15. Horses may compete in qualifying events in any series, but if qualified for more than one series final, they may participate in only one final class.
16. If there is a change of ownership of the horse, the new owner(s) may choose to participate in the series final where they reside, regardless of where the horse qualified, provided that the new owner contacts the USDF office and initiates the change at least 30 days prior to the new Series Final date.

G. Conduct of Finals Classes at the Breeders Series Championship Final

1. At least two judges (see USEF DR 202) must officiate in each series final class. Each judge will evaluate each entry independently, and scribes must be provided for each judge. Winners will be determined by the average of all judges' scores. The highest scoring horses will be declared champions and the second highest will be declared reserve champions.
2. Ties in USDFBC Finals classes must remain unbroken.
3. There are five championship classes in the USDFBC Series Finals. Current year foal champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBC current year foal final class. Filly champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBC filly final class. Colt/gelding champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBC colt/gelding final class. Mare champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBC mare final class. Stallion champions and reserves from each

qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBC stallion final class.

4. A grand champion and reserve grand champion current year foal, a grand champion and reserve grand champion filly, a grand champion and reserve grand champion colt/gelding, a grand champion and reserve grand champion mare, and a grand champion and reserve grand champion stallion will be named at each series final event. Grand champions will receive awards and prizes provided by USDF. Third through sixth placed horses in final classes will receive ribbons provided by USDF. After the final event, special certificates will be available from USDF via the website to owners of all horses that competed in USDFBC series final classes.
5. USDF reserves the right to change, alter, or retract any placings and/or prizes for up to 60 days after the last day of the championship if an error or violation is discovered, after which no changes will be made.
6. Horses must be shown individually on the triangle at the walk and trot, and standing for conformation. Each horse must be evaluated in the same manner. Callbacks are permitted. If horses may be recalled, the prize list or program must state that this procedure will be used. (USEF DR 209.1.c)
7. Horses in the current year foal final class, filly final class and the colt/gelding final class MUST be evaluated using the (yellow) USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In Hand score sheets. Horses in the mare final class and the stallion final class MUST be evaluated using the (pink) USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock score sheets.
8. When USDFBC series qualifying classes are held at the same event as series final classes, management must collect USDF Lifetime Horse Registration and/or Participating or Business Memberships applications and fees for eligible entries that wish to participate in the series final classes and submit these applications and fees to the USDF office within 24 hours of the series final classes with competition results.
9. Series final events must agree to allow late entries in the series final classes for horses that qualified for the Series final event after the official closing date.

H. Conduct and Competition Standards for Qualifying and Final Events

1. DSHB competitions are not permitted to exclude horses from competing in an event that have previously qualified for a USDFBC series final. Such exclusion is not permitted by USEF rules, and results from the event may not be counted for USDF DSHB HOY awards.
2. Neither foals nor horses of any other age may be shown loose.
3. Note the following clarification on "stallion": No geldings may compete in the USDFBC classes for stallions even if they are gelded after qualifying for the finals and are breeding via frozen semen.

I. Licensed Officials

1. According to USEF DR 202.1 a competition with a Federation Licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding division must have a Federation licensed Dressage Sport Horse breeding judge and a Federation licensed dressage technical delegate. Guest Cards to judge DSHB classes are granted only to currently licensed foreign FEI Dressage Judges and approved foreign breeding experts (See USEF GR1011).
2. Shows must apply to USEF for guest cards at least 21 days prior to the competition.
3. Hunter Breeding judges or USEF judges with other licenses or in other disciplines are NOT permitted to judge DSHB classes.