

USEF-Licensed and WDAA Recognized Show Comparisons

Main Areas of Requirement	USEF Regular Competition	USEF Local Competition	USEF Lite Competition	WDAA Recognized Show
USEF Membership Required	Yes, or pay \$45 for show pass for the day	No, only amateurs or exhibitors who want to be eligible for HOTY points	No, only those who want to be eligible for HOTY points	No
Drug Fee	\$23	\$23	No, but horses may still be tested	No
Judge	USEF-licensed Western Dressage *See WD124 for rail class judging exceptions	USEF-licensed Western Dressage *See WD124 for rail class judging exceptions	USEF-licensed Western Dressage or someone enrolled in USEF Western Dressage licensing who has attended WDAA Judges Seminar in the past 2 years *See WD124 for rail class judging exceptions *HOTY points received ONLY when judge is USEF licensed Western Dressage	Only USEF-licensed Western Dressage judges are eligible to judge WDAA recognized shows: USEF-licensed 'r' Western Dressage judges are eligible to judge Intro through Level 1 and all rail classes. USEF-licensed 'R' Western Dressage judges are eligible to judge all tests at all levels and all rail classes.
Steward	USEF-licensed C2 Steward	USEF-licensed C2 Steward	No, USEF-licensed Steward or someone knowledgeable of rules	No, USEF-licensed Steward or someone knowledgeable of rules
Competitions Licensing Cost	\$100 for new competitions or those with 200 or fewer horses the previous year; \$250 for competitions with 300 horses or more the previous year Due at least 60 days before show	\$50, due at least 30 days before the show	\$50, due at least 30 days before the show	\$35, due before the show
Medical Personnel	Certified EMT or other trauma-trained individual	Certified EMT or other trauma-trained individual	Qualified medical personnel required on grounds unless emergency service is within 15 miles of show, or cell service is available at venue Organizer must post name and contact information of nearest emergency care facility that is accessible 24 hours/day.	Optional
Farrier	Optional or on call	Optional or on call	Optional	Optional
Safety Coordinator	Must be designated per prize list	Must be designated per prize list	Anyone but the Steward	Optional

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Vet	Optional or on call	Optional or on call	Not required on grounds, but must post names of 2 vets	Optional
USEF Manager & Secretary	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
\$1 Million Insurance	Yes	Yes	Yes, USEF must be listed as additional insured	No
Results Reported Within 10 Days	Yes	Yes	Yes	14 days to WDAA
USEF Entry Blank Language (per GR9126)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Regulations Process-Protest Charges (unpaid checks)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Use of USEF General & Discipline Rules	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Proof of Horse Vaccination	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
HOTY Points	Yes, if horse has HOTY recording and owner is current USEF member	Yes, if horse has HOTY recording and owner is current USEF member	Yes, only ½ points, if horse has HOTY recording and owner is current USEF member	No
WDAA WHLPAP Points	No	No	No	0.5x points for online shows 1x points for “schooling” shows 1.5x points for WDAA International online show 2x points for USEF-licensed show 3x points for WDAA World Championship Show
Must Submit Prize List	Yes, 60 days prior to show	Yes, 60 days prior to show	No	Yes, prior to the show
Who Can Apprentice at Shows	Small ‘r’ or large ‘R’ Western Dressage applicants if the presiding judge is a USEF-licensed Western Dressage judge (also see USEF GR1005)	Small ‘r’ or large ‘R’ Western Dressage applicants if the presiding judge is a USEF-licensed Western Dressage judge (also see USEF GR1005)	Small ‘r’ or large ‘R’ Western Dressage applicants if the presiding judge is a USEF-licensed Western Dressage judge (also see USEF GR1005)	Small ‘r’ or large ‘R’ Western Dressage applicants if the presiding judge is a USEF-licensed Western Dressage judge (also see USEF GR1005)