

Opening Date: January 25, 2017

Closing Date: Feb. 24, 2017 postmark
Mar. 6, 2017 on-line

Deadline for Coggins, release signatures & membership cards is March 6.



THE FIRST DANCE

One USEF Level 2 Dressage Competition
Recognized by USEF/USDF 328782, SEDA

Qualifying Competition for 2017 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships
2017 Southwest Dressage Championships
Dover Adult Amateur Medal

Amen Corner Farm, Folsom, LA

March 18-19, 2017

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To: Houston, TX 77253

Online entries: www.EquestrianEntries.com

COMPETITION LICENSEE: Rene Kurzius

Warning - Under Louisiana law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to R.S. 9:2795.1.1.

All rules are in effect and will be enforced from the time a competitor arrives on the show grounds.

Anyone mounted on a horse must wear protective headgear. Anyone mounting, getting on, riding or trying a horse at the facility during the weekend of the show (including Friday) must sign a show release.

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.

Please read prize list carefully, some information and procedures have changed.

1. Class List: Please see Class List. All listed classes to be held both days, unless otherwise noted on the class list. Tests used will be those current as of the USEF 2017 competition year.

2. Awards: Introductory through FEI levels - Award and ribbon to 1st place, ribbon to 2nd through 6th place in each division (Open, Amateur, Jr/YR) in each class. Qualifying classes (Great American and SWDC) are run concurrently with the division class, there will be no separate ribbons awarded. *Championships* for the weekend at each level, for each division will be awarded on Sunday. You must ride in at least 2 classes at a level to be eligible, and you must show both days (but you don't have to ride the same level both days). The championship will be awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest score at the level, reserve champion will go to the next combination with the second highest score. *High Percentage Awards* will be awarded each day for each division (O, A, J), and will be based on a simple high point percentage. *Dover Adult Amateur Medal* – Awarded to Adult Amateurs only, class will be Second Level Test 3 on Saturday. Other awards may be available by show time, check with the secretary for eligibility. For breed awards, submit copy of breed registry papers.

3. Entries: Amen Corner Horse Shows and their show management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify riders or exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries and cancel award prizes, without claim for damages; to cancel or combine any unfilled classes, to reschedule classes; to change rings or rotate judges; to limit the number of rides per rider in order to facilitate the time schedule. All horses brought on the show grounds must provide current negative Coggins Test and vaccination proof **in advance**, complete an entry form and be issued a number. Non-showing horses must pay office fee and non-compete fee in addition to stabling or grounds fees.

Coggins: Entries must be accompanied by a copy of a Negative Coggins Test dated on or after March 20, 2016. **Horse's name on the Coggins form MUST MATCH horse's name listed on USDF/USEF Horse Recordings, or it will not be accepted. Entries must also include a proof of vaccination pursuant to USEF Rule GR845.** Except for Intro/Opportunity classes, entries must also include copies of all USDF and USEF memberships for owner & rider, USEF memberships for trainer & coach as well as copies of USDF and USEF horse recordings, registrations or HIDs. Print copies of cards from www.eqverification.org (one sheet) if mailing your entry, online entry will do this automatically. No telephone entries will be accepted. ALL FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY. A \$50.00 NSF fee will be charged if check is not honored by competitor's financial institution. Funds must be made good before a horse/rider can get a bridle number and compete or if after the show, within 10 working days and must be in the form of a cashier's check or money order and include the \$50.00 fee. Entries must be postmarked by Feb. 24, 2017, or entered on-line by Mar. 6, 2017. Entries received after the closing date will be accepted **only if submitted online** and accompanied by a \$25.00 post entry fee on a space-available basis and at the discretion of show management/secretary. Any changes in classes after the closing date is at the discretion of show secretary and will be charged a \$10.00 change fee. **ONLY** the Show Secretary may reassign rides.

NEW! Substitution Fees: After closing date, one horse may be substituted for another for a \$30.00 substitution fee per show, if horse status (USDF/USEF memberships) and classes and divisions (O, AA, Jr) entered are the same and a note is provided from a veterinarian that the entered horse has been injured or is ill. New separate entry form per show must be filled out with substituted horse's information, cards, Coggins and signatures as soon as possible. A horse may also be substituted for one that is sold. Sale papers must be shown to show secretary. If class and divisions are not the same, change fees will apply. Depending on when substitution occurs, some change classes may not be able to be scheduled. Adequate notice must be given to show secretary. Riders may be substituted for one another if the rider's status (and division) is the same regarding memberships and they are able to ride in the class that was entered by the original rider (i.e. open, amateur or junior) with a doctor's note that the entered rider became ill or injured. Must be same classes & divisions. See above - must fill out new entry blanks with Coggins, signatures, etc. A horse or rider may be substituted, but not both.

Acknowledgement of Entries will be sent through Fox Village, so make sure to check your spam folder if you have not received an acknowledgement of your entry, then email show secretary. Once acknowledgement has been received, please check carefully to make sure that your paperwork has been received and noted and that your information and classes are correct. Then Accept if okay, or Decline and note the issue or problem.

4. Official Ride Times: Tentative ride times will be e-mailed (if address is provided) by the Wednesday prior to the horse show. You may also check www.foxvillage.com or www.amencornerfarm.com for ride times. No cards will be sent. Management reserves the right to change the time schedule after tentative times have been sent. A list of final ride times will be posted at the show grounds by noon Friday, March 17, however, if there are excessive scratches, the time schedule may be revised per the rules. Check the schedule posted on the scoreboard for any updates.

5. Stabling: Permanent stabling is available on the show grounds, 10' x 10' wooden stalls with doors will be used. Tack stalls will be available at the same stall fee. No initial bedding will be provided, please purchase on entry form, \$10.00 per bag. Stalls will be available beginning Friday 11:00 am, March 17. During the show, additional shavings orders must be received by noon to be delivered the same day. When not stabling, grounds fee of \$35.00 per day must be paid.

6. Sharps Containers: Containers to hold used syringes will be available in the barn area and in the show office. It is illegal to use garbage cans to dispose of needles and syringes. Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100.00 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.

7. Arenas/Footing: Competition arenas are 20m X 60m outdoor arena with sand/limestone footing. An outdoor sand/limestone arena will be available for warm-up, with a separate longeing area (no longeing in warm-up arena). Introductory and Training Level (non-qualifying) classes may be ridden in a 20m X 40m arena.

8. Farrier/Veterinarian: Veterinarian – Allison Barca, DVM, on call. Contact number will be posted at show grounds.

Farrier – Andy Jones will be located on showgrounds. Contact information will be posted at show grounds.

9. Location: Amen Corner Farm, LLC, 27519 Polo Rd., Folsom, LA. (985) 796-3712.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS: From I-12 (from Hammond or Slidell), take exit #57, (the Madisonville/Goodbee exit for Hwy 1077) NORTH, towards Goodbee. Cross Hwy 190, continue north for 11.5 miles. NOTE: do not turn when Hwy 1077 takes a right, but KEEP STRAIGHT, and the road takes a sharp left, then sharp right to become Turnpike Road. Continue until you reach Polo Road on your left. The trailer entrance to the farm is just north of Polo Road on Turnpike Road. From New Orleans, once you have crossed the Causeway, continue straight on Hwy 190 up to I-12, head west on I-12, and proceed as above.

10. Fee Schedule: Please make check payable to **Amen Corner Horse Shows** and ensure that it includes all fees.

This is one show. Please put all classes, fees and stabling on one entry.

Office Fee	\$40	USEF Show Pass fee	\$30
Late Fee	\$25	USDF Non-member fee	\$25
Change Fee	\$10	USDF Affidavit fee	\$5
Opportunity classes	\$35	NSF check fee	\$50
Intro & Training Level	\$35	Grounds fee (no stabling)	\$35 per day
All other levels/classes	\$40	Stall/Tack weekend (F-Sun)	\$100
Great Am./USDF Qual., add	\$10	Extra night stall (Th or Sun)	\$40/night
SWDC Qualifier, add	\$8	One-day stall	\$50
USEF Fee (\$8 D&M, \$8 USEF)	\$16	Shavings	\$10/bag
Non-Compete Fee	\$45	RV hookups	\$20/night
Substitution Fee	\$30	Incomplete Entry Fee	\$15 (missing Coggins, cards, or release signatures)

11. Lodging: The following hotels are all near the intersection of Highway 190 and Interstate 12 in Covington, about 15 miles from the showgrounds:

Best Western Northpark	625 N. Hwy 190	(985) 892-2681
Country Inn	130 Holiday Blvd.	(985) 809-0467
Courtyard by Marriott	101 Northpark Blvd	(985) 871-0244
Clarion Inn & Suites	501 N. Hwy 190	(985) 893-3580
Hampton Inn	68700 Hwy 190 Svc. Rd.	(985) 809-0019
Homewood Suites	101 Holiday Square Blvd.	(985) 809-6144
Comfort Inn & Suites	30 Louis Prima Dr.	(985) 809-1234
Super 8 Motel	120 Holiday Blvd.	(985) 892-4470

Located at the intersection of Highway 21 and Interstate 12 (one exit closer):

La Quinta	200 Pinnacle Pkwy.	(985)871-0356
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12. Refunds: No refunds after online closing date – Mar. 6. No refunds in the event of cancellation of classes due to severe weather, acts of God, terrorism, or other emergency. All requests for refund must be made in writing by the March 6 closing date. Entry fees less the \$40.00 office fee will be refunded only if the secretary receives a certificate from the veterinarian on or before March 6, 2017. After on-line closing date no refunds will be given for any reason.

13. Dogs of a pleasant nature will be allowed on the grounds, but must be leashed at all times. No dogs will be allowed to be left tied in the aisles in the stabling area. **Dog owners are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from their dogs' behaviors.** Dog owners failing to comply with this rule are subject to penalty under Chapters 6 and 7 of the USEF General Rules, including warning cards. Loose dogs will be impounded and the owner may be assessed a fine up to \$50.00 per occurrence. **No other pets or livestock other than dogs and horses allowed on grounds.**

14. Concessions: The Winner's Circle Grill will be providing food during limited lunch hours. Complimentary donuts/coffee/juice will be available starting at least an hour before the show.

15. Management: Horse Show Management reserves the right to itself to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to or arising out of any incident in the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these rules and regulations shall be decided by the Horse Show Management; their decision will be final. The Horse Show Management reserves itself the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify riders or exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries and cancel award prizes, without claim to damages; to change, cancel or combine any classes, to reschedule classes after due notice to exhibitors, or to change rings or rotate judges.

16. Vaccination Rule - Competitor to provide flu/rhino vaccination proof with entry – must be within 6 months of show BUT should be no later than 7 days before the show.

GR845 Equine Vaccination Rule

1. At Federation licensed competitions, horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers' or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian.

2. In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration.

3. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine' and date of vaccine administration.

4. In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested.

5. Competition Management may not amend or enhance vaccination requirements without prior approval of the Veterinary Committee. BOD 1/17/15 Effective 12/1/15.

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 Show Pass 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 4-H 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.

FEDERATION ENTRY AGREEMENT

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaultor or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of The First Dance (Competition). I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cablecasts, broadcasts, internet, film, new media or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

Tentative Schedule: All standard dressage classes will be offered. See following class list. Indicate Division on entry form, i.e. Open, AA or JR/YR. Divisions: O=Open, AA=Adult Amateur, JR/YR=Junior/Young Rider

Class Number			
Sat.	Sun.	Class	Division
4	404	Intro A	O
5Q	405Q	Intro B SWDC Qual for AA, JR/YR	O, AA, JR/YR
6	406	Intro C	O
7	407	Dressage Eq 13 & under	JR/YR
8	408	Dressage Eq 14-18	JR/YR
51	451	Training 1	O, AA, JR/YR
52	452	Training 2	O, AA, JR/YR
53Q	453Q	Training 3-Great Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O, AA, JR /YR, P-SWDC
55Q	455Q	Training Freestyle – SWDC Qual	O
11	411	First 1	O, AA, JR/YR
12	412	First 2	O, AA, JR/YR
13Q	413Q	First 3-Great Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O, AA, JR/YR, P-SWDC
15Q	415Q	First Freestyle-Gr Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O
21	421	Second 1	O, AA, JR/YR
22	422	Second 2	O, AA, JR/YR
23Q*	423Q	Second 3-Gr Am/USDF/SWDC Qual/AA Dover Medal	O, AA, JR/YR
25Q	425Q	Second Freestyle-Gr Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O
31	431	Third 1	O, AA, JR/YR
32	432	Third 2	O, AA, JR/YR
33Q	433Q	Third 3-Gr Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O, AA, JR/YR
35Q	435Q	Third Freestyle-Gr Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O
41	441	Fourth 1	O, AA, JR/YR
42	442	Fourth 2	O, AA, JR/YR
43Q	443Q	Fourth 3-Gr Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O, AA, JR/YR
45Q	445Q	Fourth Freestyle-Gr Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O
63Q	XXX	FEI Young Rider Team-Gr Am/USDF Q	YR
XXX	464Q	FEI Young Rider Freestyle-SWDC Qual	YR
68Q	XXX	FEI Junior Rider Team-Gr Am/USDF Q	JR
XXX	469Q	FEI Junior Rider Freestyle-SWDC Qual	JR
70Q	470Q	Prix St. Georges-Gr Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O, AA, JR/YR

71Q	471Q	Intermediate I-Gr Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O, AA, JR/YR
72Q	472Q	Intermediate I Frstyle-Gr Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O
76	476	Intermediate A	O, AA, JR/YR
77	477	Intermediate B	O, AA, JR/YR
73Q	473Q	Intermediate II-Gr Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O, AA, JR/YR
74Q	474Q	Grand Prix-Great Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O, AA, JR/YR
75Q	475Q	Grand Prix Freestyle-Gr Am/USDF/SWDC Qual	O

***This class is designated as the USDF/Dover Medal class for Adult Amateurs**

Note that the FEI Young Rider/Junior Team tests only qualify for Great Am/USDF qualifying (not NAJYRC & SWDC).

Note: If competitor intends to enter a Great American/USDF Qualifier class as a qualifier include the qualifying fee of \$10.00 in addition to the class fee. If competitor intends to enter a Southwest Dressage Championships Qualifier class as a qualifier, include the qualifying fee of \$8.00. If competitor wants Training or First Level Test 3 scores to count for SWDC Pony qualifying, must indicate with a "P", but cannot simultaneously count for another SWDC division.

Qualifying classes held concurrently with the class of the highest level.

80	480	Materiale Fillies 3 year old	O
81	481	Materiale Mares 4 & 5 year old	O
82	482	Materiale Colts/Geldings 3 year old	O
83	483	Materiale Stallion/Geldings 4 & 5 year old	O
89	489	Pas de Deux (state level and riders)	O
84	484	USEF Four Year Old Test	O
85	485	FEI Five Year Old Test – Final	O
86	486	FEI Six Year Old Test – Final	O
87	487	USEF Developing Horse PSG Test	O
88	488	USEF Developing Grand Prix Test	O
151	551	Training Level Test 1 Opportunity Class #	O
152	552	Training Level Test 2 Opportunity Class #	O
211	511	First Level Test 1 Opportunity Class #	O
212	512	First Level Test 2 Opportunity Class #	O
300	500	Rider Test – Training Level	O
301	501	Rider Test – First Level	O
302	502	Rider Test – Second Level	O

Freestyle Entries NOTE: USEF Rule DR128.9 – Except for U.S. Equestrian/USDF Championship classes and for FEI Pony Riders, FEI Junior and Young Rider Freestyles, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 60% in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class. Training Level Freestyles are not eligible to qualify for Great American/USDF Regional Championships.

Opportunity Classes Per GR821.2e(5), horses and riders competing in "opportunity" classes are exempt from USEF and USDF membership requirements, and do not have to pay non-member or HID fees. Per GR821.3&4, horses entered only in "opportunity" classes are exempt from the Federation fee, including the Drugs & Medications fee. However, horses entered in these classes are still subject to and must comply with all D&M rules and are subject to testing. USEF Dressage rules for dress, saddlery, and bits will also apply. Cross-entering between Opportunity and regular Dressage classes is allowed, however all required memberships and registrations must be included for regular classes or non-member fees will apply.

ATTENTION COMPETITORS

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers (USDF, USEF) for horse, owner, rider, trainer and coach, 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 Membership and Registration Requirements

All horses entered in USEF/USDF recognized shows must have at least a USDF HID (Horse Identification) number in order to participate. Exempt from this requirement are horses showing in Opportunity and Intro classes. If riding in qualifying classes, see the USDF Championship page in this prize list for membership and registration requirements.

Master Verification - all memberships on one page!

You can go to www.eqverification.org , and with just a few clicks print out official membership verifications for horse, rider and owner from both USEF and USDF. All USEF verifications print down one side of the paper, and all USDF verifications print down the other side! You must have additional copies of cards for trainer and coach if different from owner or rider.

Operation of Motorized Vehicles

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. ***The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation.*** 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.

2017 USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program

The USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program is designed to specifically recognize and encourage adult amateurs riding at Second Level. **Awards:** 1. Medal Recipient: The eligible rider with the highest score of 60 percent or better in the designated Second Level Test Three class or applicable test of choice USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal class at a participating competition will receive a medal and neck ribbon. Winners will receive a gift certificate for the first three medals they win during the competition season. 2. National Merit Award: A National Merit Award will be awarded to riders winning three medals in the same competition year. 3. Year -End Awards: The National Champion and Reserve Champion are determined from the average of the top three winning ride scores during the competition year. The champion and reserve champion will receive a gift certificate. **Rider Eligibility:** 1. Rider must have a current USDF Participating or Group Membership and be a member in good standing of USDF when the scores are earned. 2. Rider must be an adult amateur in accordance with Article GR1306 of the USEF rules and be designated with USEF as an adult amateur at the time the scores are earned. **Owner & Horse Eligibility:** 1. Horse and owner must meet minimum competition eligibility requirements at the time scores are earned. **Additional Information:** For additional information and an updated list of competitions offering the USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program, please visit <http://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/adultmedalprogram.asp>.

USDF Statement on Animal Welfare

The United States Dressage Federation, Inc. (USDF), a federation of over 100 independent organizations throughout the United States with a membership of nearly 30,000 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.

United States Dressage Federation
4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511
Phone: 859-971-2277, Fax: 859-971-7722, usdressage@usdf.org, www.usdf.org



Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorships: At the beginning and end of the class or level sponsored, the announcer will announce that the class had been sponsored by a “generous donation from _____” and can say a few words about the business (location, services, etc). Please forward any information you wish to be used in the announcement. If you choose to sponsor a specific class or level please provide a second and third choice as sponsorships are assigned on a first come basis or indicate if you wish to share sponsorship for your preferred choice. All sponsors will be listed in the Program and posted on the Show grounds.

- Single Class (per day).....\$20
- Division within a Level (ie First Level Jr/YR).....\$60
- Level, all divisions (per day).....\$75
- (FEI classes may be sponsored as a group)
- Breed Award (or other).....Donated prize item
- Door Prize SponsorDonated gift item

General sponsors are announced throughout both show days in the same format as class/level sponsors, and may include promotional material in competitor packets if supplied:

- Platinum** Sponsor (full page ad in program).....\$500
- Gold** Sponsor (half page ad in program).....\$250
- Silver** Sponsor (¼ page ad in program)...\$125

Any artwork provided must be camera-ready.

Please provide the following information:
(Please attach any information for announcer)

Name: _____

Sponsorship level(s) desired, and day(s):

Donated Award (Breed or Other awards):

Make Checks Payable to **Amen Corner Horse Shows** and return to:
Amen Corner Farm
27519 Polo Rd
Folsom, LA 70437



2017 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships

A single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF), will be held in each of the nine USDF regions. In addition, Alaska and Hawaii may each hold state championships if an official request from a Group Member Organization (GMO) is received by April 1 of the prior year. The Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF website at www.usdf.org. Please refer to the 2017 USDF Member Guide for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships

Rider:

- Must have a USDF Participating* Membership (PM) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must have a USEF membership (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

Horse:

- Must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must have a USEF (Annual or Lifetime) Membership recorded at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- USDF horse registration and USEF horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record.
- A horse is not required to have breed registry papers.

Owner:

- Must have a USDF membership (PM* or Business Membership (BM)) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must have a USEF membership (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

* PMs are USDF members who join USDF directly. USDF Group Members (GM) are ineligible.

Minimum Qualifying Scores: One set of nationally-standardized qualifying scores has been established for all USEF/USDF Regional Championships, for Training Level through Grand Prix, in three divisions: open, adult amateur and junior/young rider. FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider classes have only one respective division. Freestyles have only open divisions.

The minimum percentages are as follows:

	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
Training Level (Test 3)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 3)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 3)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
FEI Junior (Team Test)	—	—	60%
FEI Young Rider (Team Test)	—	—	60%
Prix St. Georges	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	60%	60%	60%
Grand Prix	60%	60%	60%

FREESTYLE	OPEN	AA	JR/YR
First Level	63%	—	—
Second Level	63%	—	—
Third Level	63%	—	—
Fourth Level	63%	—	—
Intermediate I	63%	—	—
Grand Prix	63%	—	—

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 Member Guide* or the USDF website at www.usdf.org.

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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 (GM), Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF Non-Member (NM) fee. (Note: USDF Business Members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their USDF Business Membership.) 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 or quadrille, 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.
- 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 (EM): 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 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 and Competition Affidavit Form 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 PM, GM, or BM 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 website.

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 website: 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 accepted by the competition secretary, provided the application is signed and dated by the competition secretary, member, and/or horse owner on that same day.

Southwest Dressage Championship 2017 Qualifying Percentages

Level	AA	JR/YR	OPEN
Walk/Trot (USDF Intro B Test)	63%	63%	
Training Level	61%	61%	64%
First Level	60%	60%	63%
Second Level	59%	59%	62%
Third Level	58%	58%	60%
Fourth Level	57%	57%	58%
Prix St. Georges	57%	57%	58%
Intermediate I	57%	57%	58%
Intermediate II	57%	57%	58%
Grand Prix	57%	57%	58%
Musical Freestyle Training Level			62%
Musical Freestyle 1st Level			62%
Musical Freestyle 2nd Level			62%
Musical Freestyle 3 rd Level			62%
Musical Freestyle 4 th Level			62%
Musical Freestyle FEI			60%
Pony Championship – Training Level			56%
Pony Championship – First Level			56%

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The intent to qualify for a particular division must be designated on the entry form and the qualifying fee PAID before the ride.

2017 Qualifying year 9/26/2016 – 9/25/2017

Check www.swdressage.org for complete Rules and Updates

Important Considerations for Qualifying

1. A horse/rider combination may qualify for the SWDC Championship by earning two qualifying scores in qualifying classes at SWDC recognized shows during the SWDC qualifying year. Qualifying classes are the highest test at each level, with the exception of Walk Trot which will use Intro Test B. Winning or placing in the class is not necessary as long as the score is earned. These scores must be earned at two different competitions from two different judges.
2. An \$8.00 fee is added to the regular entry fee when entering a Qualifying Class at an SWDC recognized competition. \$5.00 of

this fee is allocated for prize money at the Championships, \$1.00 of the fee is to provide for the volunteers' services at the Championships, and the remaining \$2.00 will be used to help pay for awards.

3. One score may be earned at a show that is not approved by the SWDC as long as: a. The show is outside of Region 9 and recognized by USEF/USDF. b. The rider submits the score (a copy of the front of a signed dressage test) and a fee of \$25.00 to the SWDC Qualifying Secretary within two weeks of the end of the competition. If the score is not received within the two weeks, it will not apply.
4. A horse/rider combination having won the Championships at a certain level and division may not compete at that level and division or below in the Championships in subsequent years (except Grand Prix). However, the horse may compete at any level with a different rider.
5. Riders in the Walk/Trot level must not have competed in a recognized show above First Level.
6. Each rider must declare the division in which they are competing prior to each attempt at a qualifying ride at SWDC qualifying shows or for a score submitted under Rule 4 (Amateur, Open, or Junior/Young Rider) and must provide proof of eligibility in the case of Amateur and Junior/Young Rider. The intent to qualify for a particular division must be designated on the entry form. Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Riders and Ponies may also qualify for the Open division. Separate qualifying scores must be earned for each division. At the SWDC Championships they must enter each division separately and will ride in each division separately. If a competitor is found to have entered a division in which they are **NOT ELIGIBLE** they must default to show in the Open division if their qualifying scores are sufficient to qualify in that division.
7. In qualifying classes with more than one judge, scores among the judges of the ride will be averaged. For purposes of obtaining qualifying scores from two judges, so long as one judge in the judging combination is changed, it will constitute a different judge.
8. Qualifying rides must be ridden in an unmodified standard 20m x 60m arena.
9. Competitors wishing to qualify for the Training or First Level Open Pony Championships may ride a qualifying test at Training or First Level in any division. These qualifying scores do not have to be earned in classes restricted to ponies but the competitor must declare prior to the start of the ride their intent to qualify for the SWDC Pony Championship class. Failure to do so will result in the default to the open division. Ponies must meet height requirements set by the USEF (DR135) in order to be eligible for this division at the Championships.
10. Junior Riders may qualify for the SWDC Open Third Level Freestyle Championship Class using qualifying scores obtained from Junior Rider Freestyle and Young Riders may qualify for the SWDC Open FEI Level Freestyle class using the Young Riders Freestyle. Scores must meet the division percentages and the rider must state the intention to qualify for those classes and pay qualifying fees PRIOR TO THE RIDE.
11. Competitors may check scores by checking www.swdressage.org web site or by emailing the SWDC Qualifying Secretary, at qualifying@swdressage.org. To permit recording, scores will not be available until at least three weeks after the competition.

USEF Competition Name:
Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):

USEF#:



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Sex	Height	Breeder	Sire	Dam	

Horse	Rider/Handler	Owner/Lessee	Trainer	Coach
USEF#	USEF#	USEF#	USEF#	USEF#
USDF#	USDF#	USDF#	Don't forget a copy of current Coggins	

REMINDER: Enclose photocopies of all horse, rider, owner/lessee trainer and coaches cards for show entry when submitted. Horse and Owner/Lessee information must be same on all USEF and USDF cards. Missing photocopies and/or incorrect names constitutes an incomplete entry

Class No.	Test Level	Test Number	Ride Status (Open, AA, JrYr)	Qualifying Fee (Q) +	Class Fee =	Total Class Fee
Subtotal for Total Class Fees						

Owner:

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone (day): _____

Phone (cell): _____

Email Address: _____

Rider:

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone (day): _____

Phone (cell): _____

Email Address: _____

Rider citizenship (If not USA): _____

Jr/Young Rider birthday: _____

Rider Status (circle one): Jr/YR AA Open

Trainer:

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone (day): _____

Phone (cell): _____

Email Address: _____

Subtotal for Total Class Fees (above)	
USEF Drug & Medication Fee (Opportunity classes exempt) \$8.00 USEF + \$8.00 Drug Fee = \$16.00	\$16
USEF Show Pass Fees (if applicable) \$30 per non-member (Owner, Rider & Trainer) Does not apply to Opportunity & Intro classes	
USDF Non-member fee (if applicable) \$25 (Owner, rider)	
USDF Affidavit fee (if applicable) \$5	
Office Fee	\$40
Stabling (horse _____ tack _____) \$100 Fri-Sun per stall, \$40 each additional night (Thurs or Sun)	
Bedding (_____ Bales @ \$10.00/Bag) NO INITIAL BEDDING PROVIDED (Recommend min. of 2 bags per stall)	
Single Day Stall \$50	
Haul-In /Trailer Fee (no stall) (\$35.00/day)	
RV Fee (# _____ Nights @ \$20/ night)	
Post Entry / Late Fee = \$25.00; Change Fee - \$10.00	
Other:	
TOTAL FEES	

Make Checks Payable to: Amen Corner Horse Shows
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By signing this form, I agree to in no way hold Amen Corner Farm, LLC (including its principals, employees, heirs and assigns of each) liable for any damage, loss, theft, injury or death to competitors, horses, pets, individuals or property associated with this competition.

USDF Release

I hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless USDF, its instructors, officers, directors, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability or damage arising from or because of, or in connection with, participation in this competition or related activities, I also hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the show management, show committee and members, officers, directors, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability or damage arising from or because of, or in connection with, participation in this competition or related activities.

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC. ENTRY AGREEMENT

I have read the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") Entry Agreement (GR906.4) as printed in the Prize List for this Competition and agree to all of its provisions. I understand and agree that by entering this Competition, I am subject to Federation Rules, the Prize List, and local rules of the competition. I agree to waive the right to the use of my photos at the competition, and agree that any actions against the Federation must be brought in New York State.

Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing

I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition [The First Dance] to the following:

I AGREE that the "Federation" and "Competition" as used herein includes the Licensee and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and Federation affiliates.

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death ("Harm").

I AGREE to hold harmless and release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm of any nature caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm arises or results, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition.

I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or The Competition.

I AGREE to indemnify (that is to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse while at the Competition.

I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and if applicable EV114, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf. I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition.

I AGREE that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the Federation on the official USEF accident/injury report form.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank and all terms and provisions of this Prize List. If I am signing and submitting this Agreement electronically, I acknowledge that my electronic signature shall have the same validity, force and effect as if I affixed my signature by my own hand. BOD 1/23/22 Effective 12/1/11

Rider Signature (Mandatory)		Owner/Agent Signature (Mandatory)	
Signature		Signature	
Print Name		Print Name	
Trainer (Mandatory)		Coach (If Applicable)	
Signature		Signature	
Print Name		Print Name	

Parent/Guardian Signature (Mandatory if Rider is under 18 years of age)	
Signature	Print Name

Rider Emergency Contact Information (Mandatory)		
Name of Contact:	Relationship to Rider:	Phone:

Stabling Information & Special Requests: Please list only ONE name either individual or barn for entire group (so we can get everyone together)
Stable With:
Special Requests:

Arrival Date at Competition:	Departure Date from Competition:
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Emergency Information For this Competition: Rider _____; Trainer _____; Owner _____; Other (specify) _____ will be staying overnight at: _____ phone number: _____

(Example: Give Hotel Name, Rm # or On Grounds)