

USDF Region 5 April 2024 Update

I'm thankful spring is here and happy to be home again in Colorado. I've enjoyed working with quite a few of the region's GMOs and members on various things throughout the winter. The busy months of summer are ahead of us, lots of time with family, friends and our horses.

The deadline for Participating Member Delegate nominations is **April 15**. Our region will have 5 PM delegates for the 2024 USDF Convention in Houston, Texas December 4-7. You can check the status of our delegate nominees by going to the link below. Please check your status to make sure your acceptance is there if you would like to be a PM delegate candidate. If you are not listed and you would like to be a PM delegate, please contact Virginia Sorenson at g_sorenson@yahoo.com. Please do not commit to be a delegate unless you know you can attend. There is some financial assistance from our Region for those PM delegates who do attend the convention. We really need the representation to help give your Region a voice.

<http://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/nominating/accepted.asp>

If you intend to qualify for Region 5 teams to the North American Youth Championships, then please make sure you take note of the application structure for 2024. Applications submitted between March 13th and April 23rd are \$100 and the final application deadline is May 7th, but it will cost you \$300 to apply between April 24th and May 7th. At this point in time, absolutely no applications will be accepted after May 7th. If you plan to compete for NAYC, please also be sure to contact Joan Clay, our Region Coordinator for the FEI Juniors and Young Riders and let her know your intent. Her email address is jnclay@comcast.net and her phone number is 970.420.0887. The 2024 NAYC will be held at the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival, Flintfields Horse Park, Traverse City, Michigan – July 30 - August 4, 2024. If you're a rider, PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR DECLARATIONS! We currently only have 2 Juniors and 2 Young Riders declared as of the end of March.

For the US Dressage Final – November 7-10, 2024 at the Kentucky Horse Park – new this year! Prix St Georges and Intermediate I Junior/Young Rider Final classes will be offered!

New USEF Horse ID Requirements:

- Effective December 1, 2023, entries for all horses competing in USEF-licensed competitions must include a USEF Horse ID number per [GR1101](#).
- The USEF Horse ID is free, and you can apply to your [USEF Member Dashboard](#).
- Existing ID numbers can be located using the [Horse Search](#).
- Questions? Please contact the US Equestrian Horse Services Department at horseservices@usef.org or 859-225-8733.

The USDF Group Member Organizations Volunteer Incentive Program is a fabulous opportunity for recognition of our members that isn't very well known! The Group Member Organization (GMO) Volunteer Incentive Program is a way for current USDF Group Members to earn recognition by volunteering with their GMO(s). Track your volunteer hours using the GMO Volunteer Incentive Program Hour Log below and have a current GMO officer or official of record with USDF (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, webmaster, roster contact) validate your hours with their signature. Once a milestone has been achieved, submit the form to USDF. Hours can be carried over to the following year(s), allowing you to earn recognition as time allows you to volunteer.

The Dressage Foundation Upcoming Deadlines

[All upcoming deadlines and associated details may be found here](#)

- April 10: Jane Savoie Adult Amateur Fund
- May 15: Military Grant Fund

- June 1: George Williams Fund for Young Professionals
- June 1: Veronica Holt Fund for Dressage Technical Delegates (if not awarded in March)
- June 30: \$25,000 Debbie McDonald Fund for FEI Riders
- July 1: Maryal and Charlie Barnett Continuing Education for Instructors Fund
- July 15: Team Tate Mentorship and Leadership Fund
- July 20: Lynn Palm Western Dressage Individual Fund

There is a new deadline for group events: 75 days before the event. Many grants are available for dressage clubs/groups to host educational events.

Below please also find a tentative list for 2024 of USDF Deadlines that you may need to pay attention to for upcoming events.

Till next month!
Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director

- APRIL 15 - Nominations for Participating Member (PM) Delegates due
- APRIL 24 - USDF/IDA Quiz Challenge Finals (held at Tryon International Equestrian Center)
- MAY 1 - Nominations for Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame individual or equine, Lifetime Achievement award, and Member of Distinction
- MAY 1 - Nominations for USDF Volunteer of the Year due
- MAY 7 - Final application deadline for 2024 NAYC
- JUNE 1 - Nominations for Executive Board positions for 2025 due (President, Treasurer, Regional Directors - Regions 2, 4, 6, and 8 - nominations also accepted from the floor of the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting at the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention)
- JUNE 23 - Last qualifying day for the 2024 North American Youth Championships
- JUNE 30 - Last day to earn hours for Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pin Program (paperwork due July 31)
- JULY 1 - Entries for the Arts Contest due
- JULY 1 - Change of Region form for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships with no late fee
- JULY 2-AUGUST 1 - Change of Region form with late fee for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships
- JULY 31 - Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pin Program paperwork deadline
- AUGUST 1 - All Breeds Awards declarations (\$35 fee for new declarations)
- AUGUST 2-31 - All-Breeds declarations (\$100 late fee for new declarations)
- AUGUST 2 - the closing date of the championship region the rider is declaring for - Change of Region form for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships with a greater late fee.
- AUGUST 15 - USEF Youth Sportsman's Award nominations are due
- AUGUST 26 - Last day to earn qualifying scores for Region 5 Regional Championships
- AUGUST 31 - Applications for the USDF Youth Convention Scholarship are due
- AUGUST 31 - Youth Volunteer of the Year Award nominations are due
- AUGUST 31 - Applications for the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant are due
- AUGUST 31 - Regional GMO Award Nominations due
- SEPTEMBER 30 - 2024 USDF University Certificate credits due
- SEPTEMBER 30 - Deadline for Rider Performance Awards applications to be recognized within the current year
- SEPTEMBER 30 - Deadline for Breeder of Distinction Award applications
- SEPTEMBER 30 - Deadline for Horse Performance Certificate applications to be recognized within the current year

- SEPTEMBER 30 - Deadline to submit birthdate for Vintage Cup and declare for Adequan®/USDF Vintage Cup Awards
- OCTOBER 15 - Young Rider Graduate Program (YRGP) applications are due without a late fee
- OCTOBER 15 Deadline to verify All-Breeds declared horse eligibility AND score corrections