

# USEF Rules and Show Information

1. All Creek Hollow Ranch Dressage Shows are covered by the current rules and regulations in the USEF Rule Book. 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. The most recent Rule changes can be referenced on the US Equestrian Federation website at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).
2. **ENTRIES:** Entries close and must be received or postmarked by closing date (14 days prior to show). Correct fees and copies of association memberships for owner/rider/trainer/horse must accompany each entry form. Entries accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. No numbers will be issued without complete entries, full payment, signatures, fees and copies of association memberships. Parents or guardians must sign entry blanks of minors.

**LATE ENTRIES:** Entries received or postmarked after the closing date will be subject to a late fee of \$35.

**CHANGES and SPECIAL REQUESTS:** All entry changes made after the closing date, at the request of the competitor, will be subject to a change fee of \$25. Special Requests for scheduling time, specific judge, etc. will be subject to a special request fee of \$10.

**SCRATCHES:** Scratches made prior to the closing date will be refunded, minus a \$25 administration fee. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to inform the show manager of their intention to scratch. No refunds will be given after the closing date, regardless of the reason. A Show credit of all fees, minus a \$25 administration fee, will be given for any show in the current competition show year. There will be no carry-overs of show credit into the following competition year. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**POST ENTRIES:** Post entries will be accepted to fill scratches if the schedule permits. Horses already entered in the show will receive priority.

**RETURNED CHECKS:** All checks returned by the bank will be charged an additional penalty of \$35. Accounts will be given 10 days to be paid in full with cash or equivalent or they will be turned over to the USEF for further disciplinary action.

**CHANGES/SUBSTITUTIONS:** Any change of the horse/rider is the responsibility of the rider/owner/trainer. Changes must be reported to the show secretary prior to the start of the class. With a veterinarian's certificate, another horse may be substituted for the scratched horse.

**UNPAID FEES:** Any exhibitor leaving the show with an unpaid balance of entry or stabling fees will be billed for these fees and a \$35

billing fee will be added to the total. Until these fees are settled, all future entries of rider and horse owner will not be accepted.

**INCOMPLETE ENTRY:** Each entry will be assessed \$20. If entry is complete and correct, the \$20 will be refunded at the show.

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:** Payment by credit card will incur a \$6 processing fee.

**COWBOY DRESSAGE:** A separate designated entry must be completed for cowboy dressage class competitors.

- 3. 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 nonmember 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.**
- 4. AMATEURS, JUNIOR AND YOUNG RIDERS:** Amateurs are defined by the rules and specifications of the current USEF Rule Book. All riders entering the Amateur classes must possess, or have applied for, an USEF Amateur Card prior to riding in the class. All riders in Amateur Divisions must present a USEF Amateur Card when picking up their number or they will not be allowed to show in the Amateur Division. Amateur Cards may be applied for at the show office. Jr/YR classes are offered to anyone 21 and under (may compete until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 21). Young Riders are eligible for FEI Young Rider classes from 16-21 years of age.
- 5. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:** Every horse entered for competition will be under the control of Horse Show Management, but the Horse Show

Management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold Creek Hollow Ranch, Inc., it's directors, staff, officials and volunteers harmless for any loss or accident to a horse, horses or equipment which may occur from accident, sickness, fire or otherwise.

- 6. SHOW MANAGEMENT:** Show management reserves the right 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 Show Management and their decision will be final. Show management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally, or to cancel any entries, disqualify riders or exhibitors, prohibit exhibitors of entries and cancel award prizes, without claim to damages; to change, cancel, divide or combine any classes, to reschedule classes after due notice to exhibitors, or to change rings or substitute judges. The judges decisions are strictly their own and Management accepts absolutely no responsibility for those decisions.
- 7. RESPONSIBILITY:** All owners and exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage occurred by them, their agents, or employees, to stalls, buildings and other properties on the show grounds and shall be billed accordingly.
- 8. MINOR EXHIBITORS:** Parents or guardians of minor exhibitors shall hold Creek Hollow Ranch, Inc., show staff, officials and volunteers harmless of injury to such minor. No minor's entry will be accepted unless signed by a parent or guardian.

**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.**

- 9. GROUNDS FEE:** There will be a \$25 grounds fee for each horse not renting a stall.
- 10. RAIN CANCELLATION:** In the event of rain prior to the show, it is the competitor's responsibility to contact show management to determine whether the show is cancelled. Shows are not cancelled due to rain unless footing is deemed unsafe by the Technical Delegate. If a rain date cannot be secured, all monies will be refunded minus a \$25 office fee. Call (760) 789-4875 for competition status.
- 11. RIDE TIMES:** Provisional ride times will be posted at [www.foxvillage.com](http://www.foxvillage.com). It is the rider's and/or trainer's responsibility to inform the show management of a conflict within four days prior to the scheduled rides. Every effort will be made to accommodate and eliminate any conflicts prior to the show. Failure to enter the ring by the specified time will result in elimination from the class.
- 12. TESTS:** The current USEF, USDF and FEI tests will be used. FEI, USDF, USDF Musical Freestyles, Dressage Seat Equitation, USDF DSHB, and Cowboy Dressage classes are offered.
- 13. ARENAS:** All tests will be ridden in 20 x 60 meter sand arenas. Only horses entered in show are permitted use of show facilities, warm-up and show arenas. No one on foot is allowed in warm-up arenas. Horses in the warm-up arena must wear their competition numbers. Arenas must be vacated while equipment is being used. Horses are not to be left unattended in arenas at any time. No one may ride a horse entered in the competition on the competition grounds without a signed entry form. Horses are not permitted in competition arenas on a show day at any time other than scheduled riding times. VIOLATION will be cause for ELIMINATION.
- 14. LUNGEING:** Absolutely no lungeing in the warm-up arenas. Lungeing in designated areas only.
- 15. SCORED TESTS:** Scored tests will be given to riders or their authorized representative after the results have been finalized. If a mathematical error on the score sheet is discovered, it must be brought to the attention of competition management within one hour of the official posting of the scores from the last class of that

competition day.

- 16. DOGS:** We ask that you leave your dogs at home or have them secured away from the riding arenas at all times. All dogs must be on a leash. Any dog becoming a nuisance will be asked to leave the grounds.
- 17. PROTESTS:** Any USEF member who is a rider, owners, trainer, handler agent or parent of a junior exhibitor may file a protest with the Show Committee or the USEF alleging violation(s) of the Federation rules. Said protest must be on the appropriate form and accompanied by a \$200 deposit, or \$300 if said protest is made by a USEF non-member. The deposit will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- 18. RIBBONS AND AWARDS:** Ribbons will be awarded through fifth place. In classes where three or more compete in the same division, the winner will receive an award. Awards and/or ribbons may be given for High Point Open, Adult Amateur and Junior divisions. For Breed Shows: In group classes, only first place winners will only receive a ribbon and/or award. In each championship class, Champion and Reserve will be receive an award and DSHB Qualifier neck sash.
- 19. GREAT AMERICAN/USDF QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:** In order to qualify for a Regional Championship, horse/rider combinations may qualify by earning a minimum of two qualifying scores at two official GREAT AMERICAN/USDF recognized competitions from two different judges in any region. Riders may now ride in Qualifying classes both days. Go to [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) to find the minimum qualifying scored required for each level. Non US Citizens may ride in Qualifying classes.
- 20. SCHOOLING HORSES:** Horses not entered in the show must be registered with the horse show office and will be given a number to be worn at all times outside of the stall. Appropriate stall or grounds fees, drug fees and a **\$35 per show day schooling fee must be paid.** Any person(s) riding a horse for schooling purposes must have signed an official entry blank and/or release form. School horses are allowed in the competition warm-up arenas as long as their presence is not disruptive and there is room for them to school. This determination will be made solely at the discretion of show management. There may be other areas on the show grounds for schooling purposes. There will be no schooling of horses in or around competition arenas during the competition. After the completion of competition in an arena, schooling is permitted, but only after the last competitor has

left the arena. No horse will be allowed to enter either the competition arena or school around the arena without a judge present, or without the permission of show management. Schooling in or around a competition arena without permission from show management could incur elimination from the show.

- 21. STABLING:** Stabling consists of 40 portable 10 x 10 stalls of solid wall construction with regular stall doors. Feed and shavings are not included, but may be purchased separately. No straw is permitted. A \$50 disposal fee will be assessed for straw. Please advise show management if you are requesting stabling for a stallion, or have other special stabling requests. If you need to arrive before Thursday or stay longer than Sunday, you must call to make special arrangements. Stall fees are: use of stall during one competition day - \$40; Overnight (1 night) \$65; 2 nights - \$90; 3 nights - \$115. Tack room-\$20 per day.
- 22. PARKING:** Parking of cars, truck and trailers is allowed in designated areas ONLY!
- 23. FOOD:** Food will be available on the ground throughout the show.
- 24. MEMBERSHIP FEES:** USEF Admin. Fee \$8, USEF Drug/Med Fee \$7. CDFA drug fee \$5. USEF non-member fee \$30. USDF non-member fee \$20. CDS non-member fee \$10. CDS Travel Grant Fee \$2. SD-CDS Chapter Circuit Fee \$3. DASC non-member fee \$5. DASC Championship Show Fee \$1. NOTE: DASC members do NOT have to pay a CDS non-member fee. CDS members do NOT have to pay a DASC non-member fee. CDS members who participate in a CDS recognized show may not be required to pay non member fees to any other organization (USEF or National Breed Organization exempted) in order to participate in the show. These fees apply per show. Only horses entered into GAIG/USDF qualifying classes are required to have a USEF horse number. Copies of current membership cards MUST accompany entry form. If current card copies are not included a \$10 per association fee for on-line verification will be charged.
- 25. SHARPS DISPOSAL:** Competition management may fine any individuals including trainers, owners, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments. Competition management will provide required sharps containers for competition at show office.