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Starr Vaughn I
May 8-10, 2009

This show is an official qualifying competition:

The Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Program
The USEF National Developing Horse Dressage Championship
(Sponsored by the Dutta Corp & PSI)
2009 Collecting Gaits Brentina Cup Championship

2009 FEI North American Junior and Young Riders Championships
2009 USEF National Junior and Young Rider Championships

Starr Vaughn II
November 7-8, 2009

Shows recognized by:



United States Equestrian Federation



United States Dressage Federation



California Dressage Society

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LOCATION OF ALL SHOWS

Starr Vaughn Equestrian, Inc., 7541 Sloughhouse Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624

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Show Date #1: May 8-10, 2009 Starr Vaughn Dressage I

Judges: J. Burton "S", Christine Hastings "S", Ulrich Schmitz "S"

Recognitions: USEF(323378), USDF, CDS

* NAJYRC & USEF Qualifier - see below

Technical Delegate: Rebecca Lewis

Opening Date: March 15, 2009 **Closing Date:** May 1, 2009

Show Date #2: November 7-8, 2009 Starr Vaughn Dressage II

Judges: Nancy Benton "S", Dinah Babcock "S"

Technical Delegate: Susan Lombardi

Recognitions: USEF(323379), USDF, CDS

Opening Date: September 15, 2009 **Closing Date:** October 30, 2009

CLASS No. DESCRIPTION

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101	201	301	Training Level, Test 1	153	253	353	Intermediaire I	Q
102	202	302	Training Level, Test 2	155	255	355	Intermediaire II	Q
103	203	303	Training Level, Test 3	157	257	357	Grand Prix	Q
104	204	304	Training Level, Test 4 Q	159	259	359	Grand Prix Special	
111	211	311	First Level, Test 1	163	263	363	FEI Pony Team	Q
112	212	312	First Level, Test 2	164	264	364	FEI Pony Individual	Q
113	213	313	First Level, Test 3	165	265	365	FEI Test of Choice	Q
114	214	314	First Level, Test 4 Q				(Tests not listed - Q if appropriate)	
121	221	321	Second Level, Test 1	169			Young Horse TOC	
122	222	322	Second Level, Test 2	170	270	370	Freestyle-Level 1-4	Q
123	223	323	Second Level, Test 3	175	275	375	Freestyle-Inter. I	Q
			223 is the USDF/Dover AA Medal	176	276	376	Freestyle - Grand Prix	Q
124	224	324	Second Level, Test 4 Q	177	277	377	FEI Freestyle TOC	Q
							(Tests not listed - Q if appropriate)	
131	231	331	Third Level, Test 1	801	802	803	Para Equestrian (PE), TOC	
132	232	332	Third Level, Test 2	190	290	390	Dressage Seat Equitation	
133	233	333	Third Level, Test 3 Q	191	291	391	Pas de deux	
141	241	341	Fourth Level, Test 1	192	292	392	Quadrille	
142	242	342	Fourth Level, Test 2	193	293	393	Materiale	
143	243	343	Fourth Level, Test 3 Q	1	21	31	USDF Intro, Test A	
151	251	351	Prix St. Georges Q	2	22	32	USDF Intro, Test B	

SATURDAY MAY 9	601	FEI Junior Team Test	NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying	Q	NAJYRC & USEF	QUALIFYING
	602	FEI Young Rider Team Test	NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying	Q		
	603	Brentina Cup Test	USEF Qualifying	Q		
			(Qualifying for the 2009 Collecting Gaits Brentina Cup Championship)			
604	USEF Developing Horse Test	USEF Qualifying	Q			
		(Sponsored by the Dutta Corp. & PSI)				
SUNDAY MAY 10	700	FEI Junior Individual Test	NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying	Q		
	701	FEI Junior Freestyle Test	NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying	Q		
	702	FEI Young Rider Individual	NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying			
	703	FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test	NAJYRC & USEF Qualifying	Q		
	704	USEF Four-Year-Old Test	Markel/USEF Qualifying			
	705	FEI Five-Year-Old Test	Markel/USEF Qualifying			
	706	FEI Six-Year-Old Test	Markel/USEF Qualifying			

Q = Great American Insurance Group/USDF Qualifying

GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. 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. *Quadrille will follow the rules of USDF.*
2. Management reserves the right to arrange for additional judges and to cancel, combine or amend any class, including but not limited to class awards, scheduling and location.
3. Management reserves the right to refuse, accept conditionally or to cancel any entries, disqualify riders or exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, without claim to damages.
4. Show Management reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to, or arising out of, or incident to the show, without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered by these rules and regulations shall be decided by the Show Management and such determinations shall be final.
5. Owner/Agent/Participant agrees that every horse entered, or which they bring to the show grounds, will be subject to the rules of the Horse Show management. However, Show Management will, in no case, be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to any horse entered or on the grounds, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the United States Equestrian Federation, the United States Dressage Federation, the California Dressage Society, Golden State Dressage, Inc., any additional recognizing organizations, the facility at which the event is held (showgrounds), the horse show and its management, employees, volunteers and independent contractors for any loss or accident to his horse, horses or equipment which may occur.
6. All Owners and exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage incurred by them, their agents, employees or animals to stall buildings and other properties on the show grounds and shall be billed accordingly. All bills for veterinary, farrier services and feed are due and payable during the show. The management reserves the right to deduct any unpaid veterinary, farrier and feed bills from premium, stake or prize money, or refunds due the exhibitor. Any exhibitor not meeting obligations to the official veterinarian, farrier or feed supplier will be termed an undesirable exhibitor and entries from that exhibitor may not be accepted at subsequent shows.
7. Competitors are responsible for all **INSURANCE** for themselves, employees, owners, horses, etc. Competitors are personally responsible for damages to third parties caused by themselves, their employees, agents or horses. They are strongly advised to take out third-party insurance providing full coverage for participation in equestrian events at home and abroad and to keep the policy current.
8. Current USEF, FEI, and USDF tests will be used.
9. USEF General Rules, Chapter 6 define the protest procedure.

ENTRIES - SCHEDULING - RIDING TIMES

10. Entries will be accepted on a first-come basis and must include all fees, membership and horse registration proofs, signatures and payment. *Numbers will not be released until this process is complete; entries without payment in full may be returned.* Entries that are received, complete with payment, signatures and proofs will have priority over faxed or emailed entries. Entries received by fax or email and accepted are considered to be legal contracts and are subject to all of the rules of the show, including post/late entry fees. If the show has extended the courtesy of accepting a late, faxed or emailed entry, the responsible party will be liable to pay all class, stable and other fees. Withdrawing at any time will not excuse the responsible party from paying all of the applicable fees. Those who do not comply with this will be turned in to the recognizing authorities and no future entries will be accepted until the matter has been resolved.
11. Management will close the show when it is full and place excess entries on a wait list. Entries that have arrived after the show is declared full and prior to the printed entry closing date will not be subject to late fees. Any entry postmarked after the published entry closing date is considered a post entry and all post entry and late fees will apply.
12. Post entries allowed on a space available basis only, prior to the start of the class and after all forms have been completed, signatures obtained and fees paid. Office fee of \$10/class applied to all post entries. All change requests must be in writing and accompanied by a blank check or cash to cover the cost of the class(es) requested. If the change is granted, the usual class and post entry fees will be charged. Once the show is scheduled, the fee paid for a scratched class will not be applied to a requested class unless the scratch time is filled.
13. Copies of all membership cards are required. The membership requirements of USEF, USDF and CDS will be strictly followed and the show will collect non-member fees for any individual or horse registration that is required and cannot be proven by presentation of the current card. To enter the Adult Amateur Division, the USEF Membership card **MUST** indicate Amateur and the individual must reach the age of 22 in the current year.

If you do not submit proof of Adult Amateur status, you will be entered in the Open division. If you request to switch to Adult Amateur classes after entry closing, all post entry and/or change fees will be applied.

14. Classes will be scheduled to accommodate the judges, riders and management. Rider scheduling preferences, if noted on the entry, will be indulged when possible. The 50 minutes between rides rule will be observed for riders of multiple horses. Requests for specific break parameters will be considered, but not guaranteed. Classes will not necessarily be scheduled in order of difficulty.
15. **Provisional ride times will be EMAILED** and posted on www.svequestrian.com and www.goldenstatedressage.com. It is the obligation of the entrant to contact the Show Secretary at davenport@saber.net if times have not been received. Scheduling conflicts must be emailed to the Show Secretary 48 hours prior to the start of the show. **RIDERS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IF THE NEED ARISES, THE SHOW MANAGEMENT CAN CHANGE RIDE TIMES AS PER USEF GR 830.**

Each exhibitor is responsible to check next day's revised schedule which is posted every evening at the show office.

16. An Exhibitor's Letter with updates may be included with the riding times. Information in this document is considered to be as binding as any other show rule or procedure stated in this Prize List.

SHOWGROUNDS- RV PARKING

17. DOGS must be on leash at all times and owners must be able to provide proof of current rabies vaccination. Dog owners failing to comply with this rule may be subject to penalty under Show Rules 6 and 7, and USEF Rule Book Chapters 6 and 7 as well as issuance of warning cards. Additionally, there is a fine of \$100 per occurrence and owner may be refused entry into future shows.
18. Performance arenas are sand, 20m x 60m. Outdoor warm-ups, 120x260 are sand. Indoor arena (95x222) is eurofooting and sand. Outdoor courts (140x280) are sand, No one on foot allowed in warm-up. Lunging in designated area only. Must vacate arenas when equipment is being used.
19. The assigned bridle number must be worn at all times when the horse is out of the stall.
20. Use of the warm-up arenas is limited to those who are entered in the show and, at the discretion of Show Management, will be restricted to those warming up for class(es) in progress when there is congestion. **NO ONE ON FOOT WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DRESSAGE WARM-UP AREAS AT ANY TIME.** There will be a designated lunge area and lunging may be restricted to pre- and post-competition hours. Schooling in the Main Arena may be limited to those who have classes in that arena.
21. Food will be available on the show grounds.
22. RV hook-ups are available directly from the facility: Starr Vaughn Equestrian 916-689-5121.

STABLING - GROUNDS

23. Owner/Agent/Participant agrees that show management is merely providing stabling for the convenience of the participant and management and sponsoring organizations shall have no responsibility whatsoever for any injury, loss, damage, etc., as a result of using said stabling. Owner/Agent/Participant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold Show Management, their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and affiliated organizations harmless from any loss, damage or claims as a result of said use. **Owner/Agent/Participant assumes all care, custody, and control with regard to this use.**
24. **STABLING:** 10x10 portable stalls with cover and doors, \$155/show and a limited number of 12x12 permanent stalls @ \$175/show, **first come, first served** First bedding of 2 bales of shavings included. All stalls must be reserved and paid for in advance. Move-in is the day before the first day of the show and stalls must be vacated by the end of the show. You must call and make special arrangements to arrive early or stay longer. Feed and bedding are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Shavings and hay are for sale on the grounds and must be ordered before noon for same day delivery. The Stabling Request **MUST** be submitted and paid for with entry. **Once ordered, there is no refund for stalls.** Stabling will be assigned in order of receipt of entry, with consideration for requests made on the entry. Fees apply whether the stall is used for a horse, tack, feed or grooming. There is no day use stabling available.
25. Wash racks and showers are available. Wash horses in designated area only.
26. Grounds Fee of \$25 per horse per day will be charged for all horses not stabled. This fee applies to any horse brought onto the grounds, even if the horse remains on the horse trailer or is ridden or led onto the grounds. See also Rule #30.
27. No straw is allowed. Cost of repair for any damage or defacement of property will be charged to the Exhibitor. **EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE TO INSPECT STALL AND REPORT PRE-EXISTING DAMAGE PRIOR TO USING STALL.**
28. Deposit all manure in designated areas. Waste materials must be disposed of properly, in accordance with State law and USEF rules.

FEES

29.

Office	\$25/entry(horse/rider combination)	
\$5 CDFA	\$5/horse	
CDS TGF	\$2/horse	
USEF -	\$15/horse (\$7 Drug and Medication; \$8 Administration)	
Non-competing	\$50/horse/day (see Rules 26 and 30)	
Grounds/Haul-In	\$25/horse/day (for all horses not stabled - refer also to Rules 26 and 30)	
Stabling	\$155/show - portables	
	\$175/show - permanent (limited availability - first come, first served)	
Late	\$25 and/or \$10/ckass	
Returned check	\$25	
Scratch	\$25 - applied to any refundable amount	
Classes:		
Special Qualifying Classes	\$75	Markel/USEF Young Horse, USEF Developing Horse, Brentina Cup
Intro-Fourth	\$50	add \$10 for Great American/USDF Qualifying, if applicable
Para Equestrian	\$50	
FEI	\$60	add \$10 for Great American/USDF Qualifying, if applicable
All Freestyles	\$65	add \$10 for Great American/USDF Qualifying, if applicable
Pas de deux	\$50	per pair/class
Quadrille	\$60	per team/class
Materiale	\$50	
Equitation	\$30	

30. **NON-COMPETING HORSES.** Each non-competing horse must have a signed release, wear an assigned number, must observe the rules governing the use of the warm-up areas and must pay any required fees, including stabling, haul-in and grounds fees. Any horse brought onto the grounds, including the parking lots, is subject to the rules of the show. This includes horses that never leave a horse trailer. **Violations of this rule will result in double the fees due.**

31. Checks payable to: Starr Vaughn Equestrian, Inc.
32. Billing fee of \$25 for any balance due and all future entries of rider and owner will be returned until balance is paid.

REFUNDS - CANCELLATIONS

33. Scratch fee of \$25 applied to any refundable amount. NO REFUND FOR STALLS ONCE ORDERED. After entry closing, class fees are refundable only if the time is filled and a Veterinarian or Doctor's excuse is submitted, less the scratch fee. Competitors who do not show are liable for all unpaid fees. No refunds due to weather conditions. No class refunds for any scratch that is submitted less than 48 hours prior to the first day of the show. No fees of any type will be refunded unless the entry is officially scratched. **ALL SCRATCHES MUST BE IN WRITING (FAX OR EMAIL).**

34. Checks returned by the bank will be assessed \$25 or the bank fees (whichever is higher) upon the first return and will not be run through a second time. A cashier's check or cash will be needed to clear the entry.

35. **CANCELLATION:** In the event that all or part of the competition is cancelled due to a storm, accident or any other emergency, the competition will not be responsible for refunding entry, stabling, office or any similar fees for the cancelled class or classes.

AWARDS - PRIZE MONEY - FREESTYLES - MISCELLANEOUS

36. **AWARD CEREMONY** procedures will be updated and posted at the Show Office. Show management reserves the right to amend award information by making notification in subsequent advertising and communications such as exhibitor letters and show programs.

37. Scored tests will be given only to riders or their agents and only after the results are finalized and the class is placed. Any disputes concerning scores, divisions entered (AA, JR/YR, Open), and/or placings must be brought to the attention of the Show Office within one hour of the end of the show day. Scores and placings become final at that time.

38. **FREESTYLES:** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have the cued music at the announcer's stand at the start of the ride and a representative at the stand to tell the announcer when to start and stop the music. A sound check will be conducted at each show; please make arrangements directly with the announcer. Exhibitors are responsible for retrieving their own music after the class.

39. Except for USEF/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 USEF Recognized Competition prior to the competition being entered. A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class.

STATE BORDER CROSSINGS:

40. The most recent information available on documents necessary for transporting horses across state lines is available at the following numbers: Nevada Department of Agriculture - (775) 688-1180 and California Department of Agriculture - (916) 654-1447. Be sure to ask if there are any prohibitions against feed as well.

JUNIORS

41. All minors/juniors must be supervised by their parent/guardian or authorized agent at all times while at or on the show grounds, whether riding or on foot. The parent/guardian or authorized agent shall assume all responsibility to protect juniors from any injury, damage, harm and/or loss and shall indemnify, defend and hold show management, its employees, independent contractors and volunteers, the facility at which the event is held, Golden State Dressage, Inc and all affiliated organizations harmless therefrom.

42. USEF GR1301.5: 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 or recognized 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 Rule 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

43. Protective headgear is required of Juniors, except as stipulated in dressage classes.

ALL COMPETITORS

44. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, the Federation, Starr Vaughn Equestrian, Inc. and Golden State Dressage, Inc. strongly encourage all riders, while riding anywhere on the competition grounds, to wear protective headgear with harness secured which passes or surpasses ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use, and is properly fitted and in good condition, and the Federation, Show Committee, and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

45. The Federation, Starr Vaughn, Inc. and Golden State Dressage, Inc. make no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.

ATTENTION COMPETITORS

Each competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers (United States Dressage Federation, United States Equestrian Federation, CDS) 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.

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

GR901.9 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** 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. *EC 7/21/08 Effective 12/1/08*

DIRECTIONS TO STARR VAUGHN, INC.

From the South: Hwy 99 N. to Grantline Rd. From Grantline, turn right onto Sloughhouse Rd, proceeding to 7541 on the right.

From the West: I-80 East to Business 80 (Sacramento area) to Hwy 50 E. Exit Hwy 50 on Bradshaw. Bradshaw to Jackson Rd - Hwy 16, turn left. Right on Sloughhouse Road. Proceed to 7541 on the left.

From the North: I- 5 to Business 80 (Sacramento area), to Hwy 50 East. Exit Hwy 50 on Bradshaw. Follow directions above.

From the East: Hwy 50 from the Tahoe area, exiting to the left on Sunrise Blvd (Rancho Cordova area), then follow the directions to Highway 16. It is also possible to come from the Reno area on Interstate 80, exiting on Sierra College Blvd. (which becomes Hazel). Then go West on Highway 50, South on Sunrise Blvd, East on Jackson Highway. Take Jackson to Sloughhouse Road and turn right.

VETERINARIAN/FARRIER:

Numbers posted in show office.

HOTELS/RV:

Hotels will be listed on website. RV hook-ups available, contact Michele Vaughn at 916-689-5121 to reserve.

Cost is \$35 **PER DAY, NOT PER NIGHT.**

AWARDS:

Ribbons to fifth. Award to first. High percentage pony award at each show. USDF/Dover AA Medal is Class 223 - awarded to highest scoring adult amateur (must be over 58%).

SEASON HIGH PERCENTAGE:

Horse and rider combination must participate in both shows at the same level to be considered for the award.

The shows that count are the May 8-10, 2009 and November 7-8, 2009 shows.

Adjustments to criteria will be posted on www.svequestrian.com.

REMINDER

Complete reading, understanding of and compliance with all of the rules of the show and the sponsoring organizations is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Questions are welcomed; show officials will attempt to explain any rule or policy.

REMINDER

Signing the Entry Release gives up important rights - read the Release!

CALIFORNIA DRESSAGE SOCIETY - STATEMENT ON ANIMAL WELFARE

The California Dressage Society, an organization of approximately 5,000 individual members, supports the concept of humane and ethical treatment of all animals.

Dressage is a classical method of the training of horses in which the horse's natural responses and athletic abilities become a capable responsive partnership with the rider.

To this end the California Dressage Society is committed to ensuring that owners, trainers, exhibitors and their agents use responsible care in the training, handling, transportation and exhibition of horses.

The California Dressage Society supports scientific research on equine health and stress.

The California Dressage Society is committed to the continuous review, revision and development of competition rules and regulations to protect the welfare of horses.

The California Dressage Society firmly believes that horses are a vital part of its members' life experience and as such deserve our protection and compassion. Humans have an inseparable relationship with the natural world and animals. Furthermore, humanity is accountable to a set of laws and concepts that is uniquely a product of human society. Animals cannot be subject to those laws and concepts and therefore do not have the rights of humans.

Humans are responsible for providing adequate food, water and shelter for horses. CDS supports management and training practices which promote health, prevent disease and protect horses from unnecessary pain and injury.

CDS believes that Dressage Competition is the ultimate test of training to determine the development of harmony between horse and rider. All sanctioned CDS competitions and events will be conducted under the organization's rules regarding the well-being and welfare of horses.

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.

UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION

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

**This
competition
is recognized
by USDF
for 2009**

Membership Requirements for USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed Competitions: Owners and riders, including foreign riders and owners who are not residents of the US, wishing to participate in a USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competitions as a rider or owner/lessee, must have either a USDF group membership (GM), intercollegiate/interscholastic membership (IM), participating membership (PM), or have a USDF non-member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF NM fee. (Note: USDF business members (BM) can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their BM.)

Horses competing at USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed shows 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 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 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 Regional Championships.)

Exceptions:

- Horses competing only in Individual Breed Classes (IBC) at DSHB competitions, 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, or 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 and academy 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 Lifetime Horse Registration (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 (\$62), 5-years (\$250), or life (\$1,000). A USDF Youth Participating Membership (YPM) is available for members under 21 (as of December 1 of the current membership year) for \$35. A PM allows the member to compete at USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competitions and to participate as a rider and/or owner 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 USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed competitions and participate in the USDF Rider Awards program.

Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Membership (IM): A membership issued to an individual by USDF when the member name and dues are submitted to USDF through an affiliate Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Member Organization (IMO). The membership year is December 1 through November 30. An IM allows the member to compete at USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed 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 (\$175) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

Non-Member (NM) Identification Number: For each USDF non-member owner/lessee and USDF non-member rider there will be a USDF non-member fee of \$20 and a USDF non-member 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 non-member number requirements are also exempt from paying the USDF non-member fee. If all the owners of the horse are non-members, only one of the owners must pay the non-member fee. If the horse has at least one owner who is a current USDF member there is no non-member fee assessed. Competition management will be invoiced for all applicable USDF non-member fees not received with the USDF post competition paperwork, along with a report listing all USDF non-members. Competition management is then required to submit the non-member 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 (\$20). Scores earned by a horse with an HID will be recorded, but will NOT be counted towards Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards. A horse with an HID 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 can be upgraded to a Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) for a fee of \$65. If a horse has a USDF LHR it does not need an HID. An HID does not need to be renewed.

Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR): A horse with a LHR (\$85) 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 a LHR it does not need an HID. A LHR does not need to be renewed.

How to Join USDF

Applications for participating membership (PM), business membership (BM), non-member (NM) identification number, 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, print, fax or mail it.
- In the show office at USDF-recognized/USEF-licensed 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.



2009 Great American Insurance Group/ USDF Regional Dressage Championships

In 2009, a single Regional Dressage Championship program organized by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), licensed 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 GMO is received by April 1 of the prior year.

The 2009 Regional Championship Program Rules can be found on the USDF Web site at: <http://www.usdf.org/Programs/RegionalChampionships/index.asp>. Please refer to the 2009 USDF Directory for the comprehensive list of rules and requirements for this program.

Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying & Championships:

Rider:

- Must be a USDF Participating* Member at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

Horse:

- Must be USDF Lifetime Registered at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships. Horse registration must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record. If a current lease recording is on file with USDF, the lessee is recognized as "owner" for all USDF membership requirements.
- Must be USEF (Annual or Lifetime) recorded at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships. Horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record.
- Horse does not have to be breed registered.

Owner:

- Must be a USDF member (Participating or Business) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active, or Life) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

**Participating Members are USDF members who join USDF directly*

2009 Minimum Qualifying Scores

One set of nationally-standardized qualifying scores has been established for all USEF/USDF Regional Championships, for levels through Grand Prix, in three divisions: Open, Adult Amateur, and Junior/Young Rider. FEI Junior Rider and FEI Young Rider classes have only one respective division. Freestyles have only Open divisions. The minimum percentages are as follows:

	<u>Open</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>Jr/YR</u>
Training Level (Test 4)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 4)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 4)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
FEI Junior Rider (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%
<u>Freestyle</u>			
First Level	65%	--	--
Second Level	65%	--	--
Third Level	65%	--	--
Fourth Level	63%	--	--
Intermediate I	63%	--	--
Grand Prix	63%	--	--

California Dressage Society
2009 Membership Form

Active Membership\$65.00
Additional Family Member\$55.00
Life Membership\$1,000.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

Email Address _____

Chapter Preference _____

CDS Membership # _____



Would you like to use your Visa or MC?

Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____ visa __ mastercard v-code

Signature _____

Group membership in the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is included with CDS membership. All CDS memberships go from December to December. Anyone joining after Oct. 1 will be a member for the following year.

Please check any of the following that apply:

Renewing member New member Junior birthdate (/ /)

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Competing Amateur Non-Competing Amateur

California Dressage Society
P O Box 417 • Carmel Valley, CA 93924
(831) 659-5696 fax (831) 659-2383
paula@california-dressage.org

USEF Competition Name: Starr Vaughn Equestrian
 Competition Division(s) and Rating(s):

USEF# Dressage I - 323378
Dressage II - 323379

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	Up to 30% off NEXT DAY and 2ND DAY shipping and up to 3% off GROUND shipping services.

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