

TOPSIDER FARM

c/o Ginni Cifelli  
6809 Stousland Rd.  
College Station, TX 77845

**TOPSIDER FARM DRESSAGE ONE**

Sunday, March 28, 2010

Judge : Joan Darnell ( S ) Georgetown, TX  
Entries Close ( postmark ) Wednesday, March 10

# TOPSIDER FARM

## \* \* \* DRESSAGE ONE \* \* \*

A Licensed Dressage Show  
Rated Dressage, Level 2

Recognized Through Grand Prix  
USEF \* USDF \* SWDC \* HDS

**SUNDAY March 28, 2010**

Judge : Joan Darnell ( S ), Georgetown, TX

Technical Delegate : Sarah Martin, Montgomery, TX

At TOPSIDER FARM, COLLEGE STATION, TX

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Qualifying Scores Will Count For  
2010 Great American/USDF & SWDC  
Championships,  
USEF, USDF, HDS, BACH Awards

USDF/Dover Adult Amateur Medal Class-  
Second Level Test 3

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Veterinarian ( On Call ) :  
TAMU Large Animal Ambulatory Service 979-845-3541

Farrier ( On Call ) : Jimmy Keese 979-219-5095

Emergency Medical Personnel On Site :  
TAMU Recreational Sports EMT

Concessions Available on Site During The Competition

Secretary / Manager : Ginni Cifelli ginni@flash.net  
Days : 979 - 690 - 6788 Eves : 979 - 696 - 5328

Licensee, Show Management : Topsider Farm, Michele Voorhees, Owner

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USEF & USDF (#310869), SWDC (#20034B)

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2010 Great American/USDF & SWDC Championships,  
USDF Medals, & Year End Awards (except Opportunity Classes)

## STABLING

is extremely limited. A small number of day and overnight stalls is available. Requests granted based on timeliness of request, distance traveled, special needs. Stalls are wooden, from 10'x10' with a wooden partial closure to 12'x12'with doors. Initial bedding provided, additional at \$7/bag.

## MOTELS

Howard Johnson Express 979-693-6810 Days Inn 1-800-Days Inn  
Manor House 1-800-231-4100 Motel 6 979-696-3379

Try MapQuest for more options.

## \*\*\* Pony Classes \*\*\*

No classes are designated as Pony classes. If entering an SWDC Qualifying Class as a Pony Qualifying attempt, write "Pony Qualifying" on entry form.

## \*\*\* Musical Freestyle Entries \*\*\*

USEF Freestyle Rule : A photocopy of a test verifying eligibility (minimum score of 60% in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a USEF recognized show) **must be submitted with the entry** for a freestyle class.

Sound Check opportunities will be available prior to start of the show and during breaks prior to scheduled freestyle classes. **Bring a back-up** copy of music.

## \*\*\* Dressage Whips - Maximum Length 47.2 inches (120 cm) \*\*\*

### (Very) Tentative Schedule of Classes :

USEF requires that a tentative class schedule be included in the prize list. It follows. **Be Advised** that the actual scheduling will depend on several factors including, but not limited to **heat** (upper level rides will go earlier), competitors riding more than one horse, horses being shown by more than one rider, coaches working with multiple horses and students, distances competitors travel, and special needs. In general, the Secretary will attempt to schedule your rides lower test to higher, 30 to 45 minutes apart (50 if riding 2 horses) so one warm-up will do if possible, or enough time to truly rest the horse between warm-ups if not. **If you have special needs or requests for scheduling, Please include a note!** I'll do what I can to accommodate you.

### (Very) Tentative Schedule of Classes

<u>AM :</u>	<u>PM :</u>
FEI Level	1st Level
4th Level	Training Level
3rd Level	Introductory Level
2nd Level	Musical Freestyles Mid-AM, Mid-PM

### FEES :

USEF Fee (drug \$7,USEF \$8)	\$15.00	Show Class Fees: Intro Level	\$30.00
Office Fee (\$5 back if perfect)	\$30.00	Training thru Fourth Level	\$30.00
Late / Change Fee	\$15.00	Musical Freestyle, FEI	\$35.00
Grounds Fee if no stall	\$15.00	Pas de Deux each	\$25.00
Day Stall	\$25.00	USEF Non-Member Fee	\$30.00
Night Stall	\$35.00	USDF Non-Member Fee	\$20.00
Shavings, per bag	\$ 8.00	Qualifying Fees: SWDC Qualifying	\$ 6.00
Non-Competing Horse Fee	\$15.00	Great American/USDF Qualifying	\$10.00
Returned check fee	\$35.00	USDF Affidavit Fee each*	\$ 5.00

\*Affidavit fee payable only if verification documents are unavailable

**WARNING: Under Texas Law (Chapter 87, Civil Practice And Remedies Code), An Equine Professional Is Not Liable For An Injury To Or The Death Of A Participant In Equine Activities Resultant From The Inherent Risks Of Equine Activities.**

# TOPSIDER FARM DRESSAGE ONE

SUNDAY, March 28, 2010

## CLASSES OFFERED

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Qualifying Classes are listed as  
“Gr Am/USDF”; SWDC Qualifying Classes are listed as “SWDC”

1	USDF Introductory Test A	J/Y	AA	
2	USDF Introductory Test B	J/Y	AA	
3	USEF Training Level Test 1 Opportunity	J/Y	Op	
4	USEF Training Level Test 2 Opportunity	J/Y	Op	
5	USEF 1st Level Test 1 Opportunity	J/Y	Op	
6	USEF 1st Level Test 2 Opportunity	J/Y	Op	
7	USEF Training Level Test 1	J/Y	AA	Op
8	USEF Training Level Test 2	J/Y	AA	Op
9	USEF Training Level Test 3	J/Y	AA	Op
10	USEF Training Level Test 4 & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier	J/Y	AA	Op
11	USEF 1st Level Test 1	J/Y	AA	Op
12	USEF 1st Level Test 2	J/Y	AA	Op
13	USEF 1st Level Test 3	J/Y	AA	Op
14	USEF 1st Level Test 4 & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier	J/Y	AA	Op
15	USEF 2nd Level Test 1	J/Y	AA	Op
16	USEF 2nd Level Test 2	J/Y	AA	Op
17	USEF 2nd Level Test 3	J/Y	AA	Op
18	USEF 2nd Level Test 4 & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier	J/Y	AA	Op
19	USEF 3rd Level Test 1	J/Y	AA	Op
20	USEF 3rd Level Test 2	J/Y	AA	Op
21	USEF 3rd Level Test 3 & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier	J/Y	AA	Op
22	USEF 4th Level Test 1	J/Y	AA	Op
23	USEF 4th Level Test 2	J/Y	AA	Op
24	USEF 4th Level Test 3 & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier	J/Y	AA	Op
25	USDF Musical Freestyle Test Of Choice & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier	J/Y	AA	Op
26	USDF Pas de Deux			Op
27	FEI Prix St.-Georges & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier			Op
28	FEI Intermediate I & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier			Op
29	FEI Intermediate II & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier			Op
30	FEI Grand Prix & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier			Op

31	FEI Musical Freestyle Test of Choice & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier			Op
32	FEI Jr Preliminary Test & SWDC Qualifier			Jr
33	FEI YR Preliminary Test			YR
34	FEI Jr Team Test & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier			Jr
35	FEI YR Team Test & Gr Am/USDF & SWDC Qualifier			YR
36	FEI Jr Individual Test & SWDC Qualifier			Jr
37	FEI YR Individual Test & SWDC Qualifier			YR
38	FEI Jr Musical Freestyle & SWDC Qualifier			Jr
39	FEI YR Musical Freestyle & SWDC Qualifier			YR
40	FEI Young Horse Test of Choice			Op

### New: Opportunity Classes

These Training 1 & 2 and First 1 & 2 Classes are offered for people who want to try out a Recognized Show without having to incur the expense of USEF and USDF Membership and Horse fees. There are two Divisions: Jr/YR and Open. The Open Division is for both amateurs and professional riders. (If we had an Adult Amateur Division amateurs would have to pay for a \$30 USEF Amateur Card.) Entrants in Opportunity Classes may cross-enter into Regular classes but then must meet Membership and Horse ID number requirements.

## 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.**

## GENERAL RULES OF THE SHOW

Tentative Start Time : 9:00 A.M.

Show will be held regardless of weather ; rides will be delayed if lightening occurs.

- Every Class Offered Herein Which Is Covered By The Rules And Specifications Of The Current U.S. Equestrian Federation Rule Book Will Be Conducted And Judged In Accordance Therewith.** The competitor is responsible for knowing the rules.
- Show Management reserves the right** to limit entries; to add, split, cancel, and/or combine classes; to add/change officials and arenas; to add or cancel awards and prizes and/or make whatever changes are required by circumstances to the competition specifications listed; to refuse or require withdrawal of an entry for cause deemed sufficient by Show Management.
- To Show in USDF Intro & Opportunity Classes :** No Rider, Owner, Trainer, Coach Memberships or Horse ID Numbers are Required (unless you also enter Regular classes). **USDF Intro Level Classes** are open to Amateur and Junior/Young Riders. Others may show in these classes riding hors de concours. Intro Level entrants must not have shown above Training Level, may not show above Training 2 at this show. Opportunity Class entrants may also enter Regular classes.
- To Show in Regular Classes : USEF: Rider, horse Owner, Trainer** (adult person responsible for the horse on the show grounds), and, if applicable, **Coach** (adult person receiving remuneration for teaching, instructing, schooling the Rider at the show) must show **proof of USEF Competing Membership**, or pay a \$30 non-member fee or join at the show. Exempt : citizens of other countries who show proof of membership in good standing of their national federations. **USDF: Rider and horse Owner must show proof of Group, Participating, or Intercollegiate USDF Membership** (Owner may be a Business Member), or complete and pay \$5 affidavit fee, or pay a \$20 non-member fee or join at the show. **The Horse** have a USDF Registration or ID number or apply at show & may have USEF Recording.
- To Enter Great American/ USDF Qualifying Class :** Rider and horse Owner must be USEF Competing Member and USDF Participating Member (Owner may be a Business Member) or apply at show. Horse must have USEF Recording, USDF Registration or apply at show.
- Each Competitor** is responsible for supplying correct USEF and USDF numbers or scores may not count toward national awards. Names of people and horse must match membership verifications. Riders entering **Jr/YR** classes must supply **birth date** on Entry Form and must be **less than 21 years of age as of January 1, 2009**. **Adult Amateurs** must provide proof of USEF **Amateur status** with Entry or **enter Open classes**, except USDF Intro Classes.
- Signature** of Rider, Owner, Trainer (mandatory), Coach (if applicable) is **required** on the **Entry Agreement** even if the same person. **Minors** (under 18) : parent/guardian signs and prints name in "Parent/Guardian" section. Print minor's name as Rider &/or Owner, but **parent/guardian signs** on signature line. If minor is trainer, print minor's name, parent/guardian signs and writes "(parent)" on signature line. USEF, USDF membership **not** required for parent/guardian signing for a minor.
- Horse Health :** Proof of **negative Coggins within the last 12 months** is required for each horse brought to the Show Grounds. Failure to provide such proof will result in elimination, removal of the horse, and no return of fees. Any horse that appears to have developed a communicable disease may be required to leave the grounds at Management's discretion. Competition Management is not responsible for the health of horses on the grounds. Owners enter horses at their own risk.
- Tests :** Current USEF Dressage Tests (2007) , USDF Introductory Tests (2007), and USDF Musical Freestyle Tests (2007), FEI (2009) will be used.
- Sharps Container :** Located in the stabling area. Needles and other sharp instruments must be disposed of in the "sharps" container .
- Great American/USDF & SWDC Qualifying Classes** will run concurrently with the corresponding non-qualifying classes and will not be pinned separately.
- Ribbons** will be awarded through sixth place. No Awards Ceremonies are planned.
- Returned check fee \$35.**
- Arenas : Competition Arena** is a 20x60 m covered arena with clay base, sand and rubber chip top footing. Intro, Training 1&2 Classes **may** be ridden in a 20x40m arena. All others will be ridden in a 20 x 60 arena. **Warm-Up areas** are grass and include a large field with longeing and riding areas, a grass 20x60 m practice arena.
- Closing Date :** Entries must be **Postmarked by Wednesday, March 10, 2010**.
- Late Entries and Changes** after closing date will be accepted if feasible and will be assessed a Late/Change Fee of \$15.00 per entry or change.
- Refunds : Before Closing Date:** All fees except office fee will be refunded for horses or riders unable to compete for physical reasons as verified by a vet or physician certificate. **Between** Closing Date and 9 AM Thursday before the show these fees will be refunded with vet or physician certificate AND if ride times can be filled. **No Refunds for cancellations after 9 AM Thursday before the show. If Show is canceled** due to weather or other calamity all but office fee will be refunded; **if rescheduled** same will apply for those who cannot attend new date.
- Ride Times : Tentative** ride times available from Secretary after noon on the Wednesday before the show. Competitors may call the Show Secretary for tentative ride times. RIDERS will be notified of tentative ride times by phone, e-mail, or mail by the Thursday before the show. **Ride Times** will be posted on the show grounds by 12:00 P.M. the day before the show. Upon arrival on show grounds check with the Secretary regarding any alterations in the schedule of rides.
- Schooling :** the show grounds will be available for schooling after Noon on the day before the show. The competition arena will be closed at 6 PM for final set-up.
- HARD HATS RECOMMENDED TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES when mounted.** Riders under 18 yrs old must wear an approved safety helmet with harness attached when mounted. Adult riders choosing to wear derbies, bowlers, or top hats do so at their own risk, are encouraged to wear a hard hat during warm-up.
- Bridle number** will be issued, must be worn by the horse when out of stall or trailer.
- Non-Competing Horses** may come to the grounds for show environment experience **If Space Allows** (call Secretary), entry form and waiver are completed, Coggins requirements are met, and Office fee, Grounds/Stabling fee, and Non-Competing Horse fee are paid. Longeing / riding of this horse is allowed if done by the designated handler and without interfering with competitors.
- Children** must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. **Dogs** of a pleasant nature are allowed on grounds, must be leashed AND in hand OR kenneled at all times.

**\*\*\* Special Prizes \*\*\***

**USDF/Dover Adult Amateur Medal** : Open to all USEF Adult Amateurs with USDF Group or Participating Membership riding Second Level Test 3. The highest scoring eligible rider (minimum score 60 %) will win a pewter medal neck ribbon and, for the first 3 wins in a competition year, a \$20 Dover Saddlery gift certificate. Winners of 3 USDF/Dover Medal classes in a single competition year receive a USDF/Dover National Merit Award. The USDF/Dover Saddlery Medal National Champion and Reserve Champion are determined from the average of the top three winning ride scores during the competition year. The Champion receives a \$1000 Dover Saddlery gift certificate, the Reserve Champion a \$500 Dover Saddlery gift certificate.

**Motorized Vehicle Statement**

In accordance with GR 1301.7:

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 Rule 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

**Attention Competitors**

Each Competitor is responsible for supplying management with correct association numbers (USDF, United States Equestrian Federation) for horse, owner, rider and trainer, before the first day(s) of the competition.



The scores of competitors who fail to supply correct numbers may not be counted toward national awards.



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A Participant In Equine Activities  
Resultant From The Inherent Risks Of Equine Activities.**

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



Dressage 2



*USEF Member  
To Do List:*

Mow the fields.  Haul the hay.  Auto Buying Program Paint the barn — and the


house.  Re-order supplements  and office supplies.

 Make sure we're covered  on the road and in the

ring.  Get ready for the big competition.  Win! Ship the trophy

home without a scratch.  Rent a car and drive to the coast. 

Take a vacation. Relax!  You don't have to bet the farm to check

off this season's most important tasks. For details on how you can save big 

with USEF MemberPerks, visit  [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) or call one of our Customer

Care agents at 859.258.2472.

## 2010 Great American Insurance Group/ USDF Regional Dressage Championships

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 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 *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 (LTR) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- Must be USEF (Annual or Lifetime) 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 registry papers.

#### 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 the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

\*Participating Members are USDF members who join USDF directly

*Sports Programs/Competitions Revised 7/09 Sports Programs/Competitions Revised 7/09*

### 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:

#### Open AA Jr/YR

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%

#### Freestyle

First Level 65% -- --

Second Level 65% -- --

Third Level 65% -- --

Fourth Level 63% -- --

Intermediate I 63% -- --

Grand Prix 63% -- --



# Southwest Dressage Championship

## RECOGNIZED COMPETITION

Competition Number:

**20034B**

**Topsider Farm Dressage I  
28 March 2010**

Rules: Southwest Dressage Championship Qualifying Classes will be governed by the rules published in the current SWDC/Region 9 Omnibus and/or on web site [www.swdressage.org](http://www.swdressage.org). 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 the rules (Amateur, Open, or Junior/Young Rider) and must provide proof of eligibility in the case of Amateur and Junior/Young Riders. Adult Amateur and Junior/Young Riders may also qualify for the Open division. Separate scores must be earned for each division. At the Championships, they must enter each division separately although they will only ride once. There is no requirement of citizenship or horse/rider/owner registrations for SWDC, but each horse/rider pair must comply with USEF and competition rules.

### Southwest Dressage Championship Qualifying Percentages:

SWDC Classes	Adult Amateur	Junior / Young Rider	Open
Training Level	61%	61%	64%
First Level	60%	60%	63%
Second Level	59%	59%	62%
Third Level	58%	58%	60%
Fourth Level	57%	57%	60%
Prix St Georges	57%	57%	58%
Intermediare I	57%	57%	58%
Intermediare II	57%	57%	58%
Grand Prix	57%	57%	58%
Musical Freestyle: 1st Level			62%
Musical Freestyle: 2nd Level			62%
Musical Freestyle: 3rd Level			62%
Musical Freestyle: 4th Level			62%
Musical Freestyle: FEI			60%
Pony Championship -- Training Level			58%
Pony Championship -- First Level			58%

Competitors may check scores by checking the [www.swdressage.org](http://www.swdressage.org) web site or by sending an email to Sarah Martin, SWDC Qualifying Secretary, at [qualifying@swdressage.org](mailto:qualifying@swdressage.org). Qualifying scores must be reported within two weeks. To permit recording, scores will not be available until at least three weeks after the competition. For more information call Sarah Martin at 936 597-5439 or [qualifying@swdressage.org](mailto:qualifying@swdressage.org).

### \*\*\* Upcoming Events at Topsider Farm \*\*\*

College Station Schooling Show Series # 1  
Feb 28, 2010 \* Judge: Kim Thompson-Hoblitt, "L", HDS

Topsider Farm Dressage One USDF, USEF Recognized Show  
March 28, 2010 \* Judge: Joan Darnell, "S"

Jeremy Beale Clinic : April 30 – May 2, 2010

College Station Schooling Show Series # 2  
May 9, 2010 \* Judge: Leslie Cummings, "L", HDS

College Station Schooling Show Series # 3  
June 19, 2010 \* Judge: Julie Berry, "L", HDS

Jeremy Beale Clinic: July 9 - 11, 2010

College Station Schooling Show Series # 4  
July 24, 2010 \* Judge: Grace Harris, "L", HDS

Topsider Farm Dressage Two USDF, USEF Recognized Show  
September 19, 2010 \* Judge : TBD

Jeremy Beale Clinic: October 1 - 3, 2010

College Station Schooling Show Series # 5  
October 24, 2010 \* Judge: TBD

Check our website for further information, up-dates

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# 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.

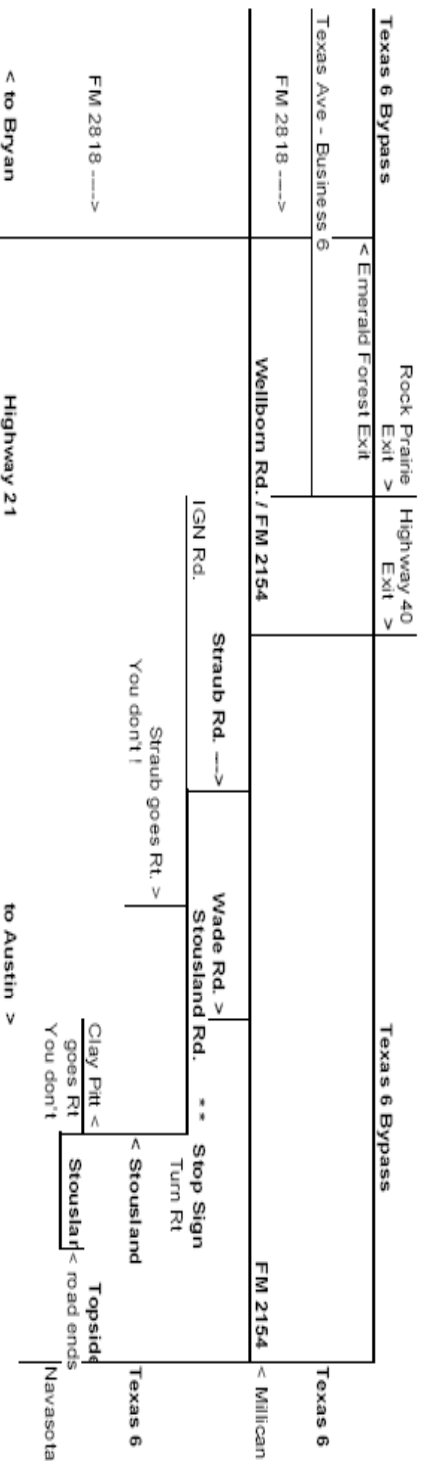
Unlike other horse sports in which horses enter training at a relatively immature state, dressage training is usually not seriously begun until the horse is three or four. The top levels of achievement require five or more years of progressive training and it is not unusual to see horses in international 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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## Map to Topsider Farm \*\*\*979-690-6788



**From Houston :** Get to Texas 6 North, go to Navasota, pass all exits to Navasota. Just beyond last exit pass a Chevron station on left. One half mile further, turn left onto FM 2154 (Wellborn Rd.) to Millican. Travel 1/2 miles. (After about 6 of these miles, go thru a 4-way stop (Millican), proceed.)

About 1/2 mile after the Wellborn Heights sign on the right shoulder, turn left onto Straub Rd.

**From Caldwell, Austin :** Take Highway 21 to FM 2818 (Bryan). Come south on FM 2818 to Wellborn Rd. Turn Right onto Wellborn Rd. (FM 2154), come 5.8 miles to Straub Rd.

**From Points North :** Get to Texas 6 South Bypass; Exit at Emerald Forest, bear Right onto FM 2818 N to Wellborn Rd. (FM 2154); Turn Left. Come 5.8 miles to Straub Rd. or 6 mi to Wade Rd. Turn Right.

**From Straub Rd :** Cross railroad tracks, bear left at fork; stay on paved road, which becomes Stousland Rd.

For a total of 2 1/2 miles, bear left at all forks, turn right at stop sign at new housing development.

**From Wade Rd. :** Cross railroad tracks, follow Wade to Stousland, turn Left. At stop sign turn Right, bear left at fork. **Stousland Rd. deadends at a gate. Topsider is on the left.**

**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 Directory* or the USDF Web site at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).

**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, Participating Membership (PM), or have a USDF Non-Member (NM) identification number and pay the USDF NM fee. (Note: USDF business members can own horses but cannot compete as riders with their USDF Business Membership (BM).)

Horses competing at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized 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 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 \$3 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, 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 rider 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 individuals who have not reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by December 1 of the current membership year (\$35). 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 Championships 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 (\$175) offers a wider variety of advertising benefits. BMs satisfy requirements of horse ownership only.

**Non-Member (NM) Identification Number:** For each USDF NM owner/lessee and USDF NM rider there will be a USDF NM fee of \$20 and a USDF NM 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 \$3 affidavit fee 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 member 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 Web site.

**Horse Identification (HID) Number:** A one-time tracking number for horses (\$20). 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 \$65. 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 (\$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 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), 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](http://www.usdf.org). You can submit the application online, print, fax or mail it.
- 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 received by the competition secretary, provided the application is signed and dated by the competition secretary on that same day.

ENTRY FORM  
TOPSIDER FARM DRESSAGE ONE

SUNDAY March 28, 2010 \*\* Judge: Joan Darnell ("S"), Georgetown, TX

**\*ENTRIES CLOSE Wednesday March 10, 2010 \* MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TOPSIDER FARM\***

**\* Please Print LEGIBLY \* ONE HORSE/RIDER COMBINATION PER FORM \***

RIDER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ USEF # \_\_\_\_\_ USDF # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Eyes \_\_\_\_\_

Status (circle): Ad Am/Open/Jr/YR (birth date) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Days/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name, Relation, Phone \_\_\_\_\_

HORSE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ USEF# \_\_\_\_\_ USDF# \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ USEF # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ USDF # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

TRAINER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ USEF # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

COACH NAME \_\_\_\_\_ USEF # \_\_\_\_\_

Class # \_\_\_\_\_ Class Name \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_ Qualifying? Which? \_\_\_\_\_ Fees \_\_\_\_\_

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Subtotal Class Fees \_\_\_\_\_

**Qualifying Fees** Great American/USDF \$10/class; SWDC \$6/class \_\_\_\_\_

USEF Fee (\$7 Drug fee,\$8 USEF fee) Per Competing Horse (Opportunity exempt) 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

USEF Non-Member Fee Per Rider, Owner, Trainer, Coach (Intro, Opportunity exempt) 30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

USDF Non-Member Fee Per Rider, Owner (Intro, Opportunity exempt) 20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

USDF Affidavit Fee payable only if member/horse numbers are unverified each 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Office Fee : \$30 ( \$5 refund for Perfect Entry ! ) 30.00 **30.00**

Late Entry / Change Fee (each entry, change) 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Competing Horse Fee 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Grounds Fee if not stabling, \$15/horse 15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Stabling: Day Stall \$25; Night stall \$35 (Estimated Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_ ) Extra Shavings \$8/bag \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship x \$15/class; Class(es) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\* COMPLETE AND SIGN RELEASE ON BACK \*\*\*\*

# TOPSIDER FARM DRESSAGE ONE

March 28, 2010 \* COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

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 competition management, show committee and members, officers, directors, agents and volunteers from and against any loss, liability or damage arising from or because of, or in connection with, participation in this competition or related activities.

## **Federation Entry Agreement Effective 12/1/09**

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 The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of the competition. I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and 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, cable-casts, 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 State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

## **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 Topsider Farm Dressage One 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, vaultor, 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, EW114, 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.**

Rider/Driver/Handler/ Vaultor/Longeur (mandatory)      Owner/Agent      Trainer      Coach  
(mandatory)      (mandatory)      (if applicable)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature: (Required if Rider/Driver/Handler/Vaultor/Longeur is a minor)

Print Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Is Rider/Driver/Vaultor a U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_