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# **Administrative Council Committee Reports**

## Bylaws Committee Report

**Chair:** Chris Trentelman, FL

**Liaison:** Sarah Garn

### ***2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX***

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Janine Malone, NC	Sue Hughes, MI
Barbara Cadwell, FL	Robert Higgins, FL
Carrie Cross, NE	Heather Petersen, CO
Gaye McCabe, OR	Peter Rothschild, WA
Diane Nell, CA	Bess Bruton, TX*

\*New member(s) of the Bylaws Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To provide for the fair and equitable governance of the United States Dressage Federation.

#### **Goals:**

1. Recommend bylaw amendments as needed.
2. Present amendments to the USDF Board of Governors (BOG) General Assembly for ratification.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Recommend proposed bylaws amendments as needed.
2. Discuss and draft bylaws amendments as required by the USDF Executive Board, committees, and members to be presented to the BOG in the future.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- The proposed bylaws amendments that were approved by the 2023 BOG were incorporated into the USDF Bylaws document.
- The revised Bylaws document was posted on the USDF website and distributed to USDF's governance representatives.
- At the request of the Executive Board, created a non-voting GMO category to incorporate into the Bylaws. The proposed language will go before the 2024 BOG for approval.
- Reviewed and provided feedback on language to incorporate para dressage into the Bylaws. The proposed language will go before the 2024 BOG for approval.
- Reviewed and provided feedback on a proposal submitted by committee member and PM delegate Peter Rothschild regarding the concept of an Affiliate Membership/Affiliate Member. While the Bylaws Committee itself will not be putting the proposal forward, in the event it is brought forward from the floor of the BOG, the committee made an official decision to report to the BOG that the amendment conformed to the Bylaws as to form and content, and that any decision as to its fate should be left up to the BOG. The committee informed the Executive Board of this as well. Feedback was also gathered from the Group Member Organizations and Competition Management Committees on the proposal.

#### **2025 Objectives:**

1. Recommend proposed bylaws amendments as needed.

2. Discuss and draft bylaws amendments as required by the USDF Executive Board, committees, and members to be presented to the BOG in the future.
3. Develop and formalize policies and procedures for how the Bylaws Committee deals with proposed amendments submitted by a third party member (not the Bylaws Committee, Executive Board, or USDF staff).

**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None

## Group Member Organizations Committee Report

**Chair:** Loretta Lucas, FL

**Liaison:** Jill Chamblin

### ***2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX***

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Dr. Lisa Toaldo, NJ	Jeri Fuller-Matheny, KY
Megan Ward, IA*	Bobbi Lehman, AZ
Kathryn Lewis, WA	Michele Ng, CA
Regina Antonioli, CA*	Dawn Mackenzie, MA
Jennifer Jarvis, TX	

\*New member(s) of the Group Member Organizations Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To accelerate the growth and development of Group Member Organizations (GMOs) to broaden and strengthen the dressage community and increase access to education.

#### **Goals:**

1. To promote the education of GMO leadership.
2. To offer support and materials.
3. To provide a network of others with experience.
4. To administer the GMO awards.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Continue promotion of GMO educational programs and material.
2. Choose topics and moderators for GMO roundtable discussions.
3. Request USDF Executive Board approval for a GMO educational session at the annual convention, providing suggestions for a topic and lecturer.
4. Continue to provide questions quarterly for the USDF GMO trivia challenge.
5. Make GMO Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) pins available to members that earn them.
6. Secure judges for the 2024 USDF GMO Awards Program.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- In cooperation with the USDF Dressage Radio Show book club and the Adult Programs Committee, we are promoting the book club and will be recognizing the GMOs with the highest participation rate.
- We continue to promote GMO education programs via regional Facebook pages, as well as posting on the GMO Officials Facebook group.
- Topics and moderators have been chosen for the GMO roundtable discussions at convention.
- Topic and presenter were secured for the GMO education session at convention.
- The trivia challenge was modified to a "Did You Know?" listing due to very low participation rates.
- GMO VIP pins were delayed but are now in the office. GMO contacts have been notified. Pins will be sent to the individual GMOs to distribute.
- Judges for the GMO awards were selected and nominations have been judged.

- In an effort to assist GMOs in membership retention and growth, the committee will review a marketing plan that will reach out to Participating Members (PMs) who are not Group Members (GMs), which will be implemented for the 2025 membership year.

**2025 Objectives:**

1. Complete outreach to PMs and encourage participation in their local GMO.
2. Continue promotion of GMO educational programs and material.
3. Choose topics and moderators for GMO roundtable discussions.
4. Request USDF Executive Board approval for a GMO educational session at the annual convention, providing suggestions for a topic and lecturer.
5. Continue to provide "Did You Know?" topics for the newsletter..
6. Make GMO VIP pins available to members that earn them.
7. Secure judges for the 2025 USDF GMO Awards Program.
8. Complete outreach to PMs who are not GMs.
9. Discuss and develop ways to reach out to other equestrian groups and encourage membership in USDF GMOs.
10. Discuss and develop ways to help smaller and new GMOs meet their challenges.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None

## Historical Recognition Committee Report

**Chair:** Jennifer Bryant, PA

**Liaison:** Chelsey Burris

### ***2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX***

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Lauren Annett, PA	Margaret Freeman, NC*
Bettina Longaker, VA	Anne Moss, PA
Roz Kinstler, FL	Charlotte Trentelman, FL
Roberta Williams, FL	Annalucy Keller, ID
Terry Wilson, CA	Sally Davenport, MA*

\*New member(s) of the Historical Recognition Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To recognize and celebrate the rich heritage of dressage in America through education and promotion.

#### **Goals:**

1. Oversee and coordinate Hall of Fame, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Member of Distinction selection.
2. Work with USDF and assist in the development and selection of materials and criteria for the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame building.
3. Gather and archive information on the heritage of USDF.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Nominate suitable candidates for the Hall of Fame, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Member of Distinction.
2. Provide input regarding content for the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame.
3. Continue the concerted effort to collect historical information regarding the GMOs, acting as voluntary repository.
4. Continue recording interviews or other video content with the Hall of Fame inductees and Lifetime Achievement Award recipients for use in USDF educational resources, on the USDF website, and the National Education Center.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- Put forward Carol Lavell as Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame inductee and William (Bill) Woods as Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. Both were approved for recognition by the Executive Board and will be honored at the annual convention.

#### **2025 Objectives:**

1. Nominate suitable candidates for the Hall of Fame, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Member of Distinction.
2. Provide input regarding content for the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame.
3. Continue recording interviews or other media content with the Hall of Fame inductees and Lifetime Achievement Award recipients for use in USDF educational resources, on the

USDF website, in USDF Connection, on YourDressage.org, and/or the National Education Center.

4. Evaluate recognition categories and potentially recommend new or altered criteria.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None



## Nominating Committee Report

**Chair:** Linda Mendenhall, MA

**Liaison:** Sarah Garn

### **2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX**

#### **2024 Regional Representatives:**

Region 1:	Lori Kaminski, MD	Region 2:	Molly Fine, IL
Region 3:	Barbara Cadwell, FL	Region 4:	Lin Nelson-Mayson, MN
Region 5:	Virginia Sorenson, UT*	Region 6:	Tabitha Hopp, WA*
Region 7:	Paula Langan, CA	Region 8:	Kate O'Connor, MA
Region 9:	Alecia Daniel, TX		

\*New member(s) of the Nominating Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To procure quality candidates to govern the United States Dressage Federation.

#### **Goals:**

1. Secure nominations for regional Participating Member (PM) delegates and the USDF Executive Board.
2. Ensure that all Group Members (GMs) are represented on the Board of Governors (BOG) by Group Member Organization (GMO) delegates.
3. Educate the membership about the candidates and oversee the election process.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Procure nominations for PM delegates in all nine regions by April 15.
2. Procure nominations for the following USDF Executive Board positions by June 1, aiming for each position to have one or more qualified candidates: president, treasurer, and regional director in USDF Regions 2, 4, 6, and 8.
3. Obtain GMO delegate and proxy appointments when designated by each GMO.
4. Oversee the election process.
5. Notify each GMO who fails to respond to delegate and proxy-holder requests that they lacked representation at the BOG.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- GMOs who failed to respond to delegate and proxy-holder requests and lacked representation at the 2023 BOG meeting were notified.
- PM delegate nominees were secured in all nine regions. The PM delegate elections took place June 1-30 and election results were published in July.
- The following Executive Board nominations were secured by June 1 for the elections that will take place at the 2024 BOG meeting. Nominations for these positions will also be accepted from the floor of the BOG meeting.
  - President: Kevin Reinig (CA)
  - Treasurer: Steven Schubert (FL)
  - Region 2 Director: Debby Savage (OH)
  - Region 4 Director: Anne Sushko (IA)
  - Region 6 Director: Noah Rattner (OR)

- Region 8 Director: Helen van der Voort (NY)
- There will be a special election at the 2024 BOG meeting for Region 7 Director to serve the remainder of the term (January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025) for that position. Nominations are currently being accepted and will also be accepted from the floor of the BOG meeting. At the time of this report, there is one nominee for Region 7 Director, which is Regina Antonioli (CA), who was appointed by the Executive Board as the interim Region 7 Director in August 2024.
- Biographies and Q&A for USDF Executive Board candidates were posted on the USDF website and USDF convention website, Delegate Facebook Group, and were published in the September/October issue of *USDF Connection*.
- GMO delegate and proxy appointments are being secured leading up to the 2024 convention.

**PM Delegate Voting Returns**

	2023 Mailed	2023 Online	2023 Total % Return	2024 Mailed	2024 Online	2024 Total % Return
Region 1	0	641	20.764%	0	667	22.315%
Region 2	0	533	24.194%	0	516	24.409%
Region 3	0	490	16.633%	1	565	17.737%
Region 4	0	214	27.089%	0	214	30.014%
Region 5	0	189	19.385%	0	224	22.603%
Region 6	0	310	25.726%	0	291	24.979%
Region 7	1	322	18.358%	0	360	20.112%
Region 8	0	372	19.507%	0	374	20.871%
Region 9	0	258	21.078%	0	218	18.258%

\*2023 = 20.689% of PMs voted; 2024 = 21.520% of PMs voted\*

**2025 Objectives:**

1. Procure nominations for PM delegates in all nine regions by April 15.
2. Procure nominations for the following USDF Executive Board positions by June 1, aiming for each position to have one or more qualified candidates: vice president, secretary, and regional director in USDF Regions 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9.
3. Obtain GMO delegate and proxy appointments when designated by each GMO.
4. Oversee the election process.
5. Notify each GMO who fails to respond to delegate and proxy-holder requests that they lacked representation at the BOG.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None

# **Technical Council Committee Reports**

## Competition Management Committee Report

**Chair:** Marinea St. Amand, WA

**Vice Chair:** Kevin Bradbury, MI

**Liaison:** Elena Sandidge

### ***2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX***

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Kathryn Grisolia, KY	Andrea Davenport, AL
Carlie Evans, FL	Debra Reinhardt, FL
Heather Petersen, CO	Michael Taylor, ID
Regina Antonioli, CA	Anita Jaffe, NY
Marilyn Kulifay, TX	

\*There are no new members of the Competition Management Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To provide a network of competition managers and secretaries to promote quality and compliant dressage competitions.

#### **Goals:**

1. Provide competition management education.
2. Increase the number and quality of recognized competitions.
3. Review and communicate United States Equestrian Federation rule change proposals.
4. Provide the appropriate tools and processes for successful competitions.
5. Strengthen the communication between the Competition Management Committee and other committees, as well as the USDF office staff.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Assist new competition managers and secretaries through the mentor program.
2. Provide educational opportunities to competition management.
3. Review and address other issues relevant to competition management.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- The committee had many opportunities to review and give feedback on rule proposals.
- Planned an education session for the 2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention titled, "Management Coping Strategies."

#### **2025 Objectives:**

1. Continue to support and assist new up-and-coming managers and secretaries.
2. Provide educational opportunities for competition management.
3. Review and address issues relevant to competition management.
4. Continue to work with other committees and the USDF office.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None

## Instructor/Trainer Development Program Committee Report

**Co-Chairs:** Lilo Fore, CA and Sarah Geikie, CT

**Liaison:** Katherine Robertson

### ***2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX***

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Debbie Bowman, VA	Bailey Cook, NC
Kathryn Fleming-Kuhn, IL	Christopher Hickey, FL
Sarah Martin, FL	William McMullin, FL
Cathy Zappe, AL	Janet (Dolly) Hannon, CO
Kathy Simard, CO	Lendon Gray, NY
Ann Guptill, CT	Vicki Hammers-O'Neil, CT
Fern Feldman, CT	

\*There are no new members of the Instructor/Trainer Development Program Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To promote the pursuit of excellence in dressage instruction and training.

#### **Goals:**

1. To provide education from the grassroots to the professional level.
2. To provide access to online resources and learning modules.
3. To set instructor certification standards of proficiency.
4. To provide instructor certification opportunities.
5. To align the education of dressage participants at every level to the standards and levels of proficiency from Training Level through Grand Prix.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Host FEI workshop and exam.
2. Host professional development assessment and exam.
3. Host dressage seminars in all three areas: riding/training, teaching, and lungeing.
4. Host the 2024 FEI level trainers conference.
5. Continue review of manuals.
6. Develop supplemental videos.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- Hosted seven dressage seminars: three riding, one lungeing, two teaching, and one combined lungeing/teaching.
- Hosted seven professional development education series sessions via Zoom. Topics for these sessions have varied, all with approximately 15-20 people in attendance. Faculty members who have led these webinars include Sarah Martin, Heidi Chote, Lendon Gray, Dolly Hannon, Kathy Simard, Sarah Geikie, Vicki Hammers-O'Neil, Bill McMullin, Kathryn Fleming-Kuhn, and Lilo Fore. All sessions are available for on demand viewing for all certified instructors. Our final session of the year will be held in November with Ann Guptill and Debbie Bowman.
- Continue to accept applications for the professional development pathway. As of the date of this report, we have 28 instructors participating in this aspect of the program.

- Developed mentor program.
- Created Facebook group for professional development participants.
- Reviewed and updated materials for riding, lungeing and teaching seminars.
- Reviewed and began development of expanded online learning modules.

**2025 Objectives:**

1. Continue review of curriculum and manual updates.
2. Review, update, and develop online education modules.
3. Host 2025 FEI level trainers conference.
4. Host nine dressage seminars: three riding, three lungeing, and three teaching.
5. Host two professional development assessments, followed by needed exams.
6. Host one FEI level workshop and exam.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None

## Judges Committee Report

**Chair:** Gary Rockwell, FL  
**Vice Chair:** Michael Osinski, WA  
**Liaison:** Sharon Vander Ziel

### **2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX**

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Jeanne McDonald, PA	Marilyn Heath, FL
Amy Bradley, FL	Janet Foy, CO
Janet (Dolly) Hannon, CO*	Joan Darnell, WA
Teresa Stewart, WA	Kristi Wysocki, WA
Lois Yukins, MA	

\*New member(s) of the Judges Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To promote the pursuit of excellence in dressage judging.

#### **Goals:**

1. Provide educational opportunities for all levels of judges.
2. Continue to improve the training of individuals currently licensed or aspiring to be licensed judges.
3. Recognize progressive development of judges.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Provide educational opportunities for all levels of judges and L graduates through the USDF Continuing Education (CE) Programs.
2. Review and update mission and goals as needed for the new committee structure.
3. Host the judges roundtable via Zoom over the winter.
4. Work with the L Program Committee to carry on with "The Judge's Box" in *USDF Connection* to further open communication and promote educational opportunities within the area of judge education.
5. Continue to review/revise the licensed officials training programs, including quizzes and exams.
6. Provide input on proposed rule changes that pertain to judges and judging tests.
7. Streamline communication between working groups involved in judging, judge training, and test writing, including equitation, freestyle, and sport horse.
8. Monitor complaints about judges submitted by USDF members.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- The judges roundtable webinar was held January 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am-12:30 pm EST. It was well attended with 269 attendees.
- The four presentations developed as remote programs (Freestyle, Taste of the L Program, Know the Movements, and Focus on Collectives) are also being used as classroom presentations and are a valuable resource for GMOs.
- Working groups within the Judges Committee developed the online exams now required for the USEF dressage judge designations for freestyle, equitation, and young horse.

- Janet Foy authored “The Judge’s Comments: A Guideline to Better Performance” for the “The Judge’s Box” in *USDF Connection*. It was featured in the November/December issue.
- There were 20 CE in Dressage Judging Programs in 2024. Attendance for these programs totaled over 500.

Start Date	Title	Host/region	GMO	Instructor
1/30/2024	Know The Movements	2	IDS	Kathy Rowse
2/3/2024	Continuing Education in Judging Freestyle	1	SVDA/VADA	Joan Darnell
2/4/2024	Practice Judging	1	ESDCTA	Marilyn Payne
2/12/2024	Focus on Collective Marks (2 sessions)	8	D4K	Margaret Freeman
2/17/2024	Continuing Education in Judging Freestyle	9	Dallas	Joan Darnell
2/19/2024	Focus on Collective Marks	1	VADA/NOVA	Lisa Schmidt
3/24/2024	Know The Movements- Classroom	4	KCDS	Jodi Lees
3/30/2024	Know the Movements - Classroom	1	Three Rivers	Debbie Savage
3/19/- 4/16/2024	Know The Movements- remote	3	River's edge	Jodi Lees
4/27/2024	Upgrade your Judging Eye I&II	5	Sante Fe	Dolly Hannon
4/29/2024	Taste of the L Program (2 sessions) remote	8	D4K	Lisa Schmidt
5/7/2024	Know the Movements Remote	2	WDCTA	Jayne Ayres
5/21/2024	Focus on the Collective Marks- remote	3	River's edge	Jodi Lees
6/8/2024	Know the Movements- classroom	2	NODA	Debbie Savage
7/2/2024	Musical Freestyle- remote	3	Goodhorseman	Dolly Hannon
8/3/2024	Up Grade your Judging Eye I	9	Galloping Springs	Dorie Vlatten Schmitz
8/4/2024	Up Grade your Judging Eye II	9	Galloping Springs	Judy Downer
8/12/2024	Focus on Collectives- remote	2	IDS	Sue Kolstad
8/27/2024	Focus on Collectives- remote	1	SVDA/VADA	Joan Darnell
10/12/2024	Continuing Education in Judging Freestyle	5	RMDS	Dolly Hannon

### 2025 Objectives:

1. Provide educational opportunities for all levels of judges and L graduates through the USDF CE Programs.



2. Work with the L Program Committee to carry on with “The Judge’s Box” in *USDF Connection* to further open communication and promote educational opportunities within the area of judge education.
3. Continue to review/revise the licensed officials training programs, including quizzes and exams.
4. Support the Test Writing Working Group in the revision process for the 2027 test cycle.
5. Provide input on proposed rule changes that pertain to judges and judging tests.
6. Streamline communication between working groups involved in judging, judge training, and test writing, including equitation, freestyle, and sport horse.
7. Monitor complaints about judges submitted by USDF members.

**Items to come before the Executive Board: None**

## L Program Committee Report

**Chair:** Joan Darnell, WA

**Vice Chair:** Kathy Rowse, VA

**Liaison:** Sharon Vander Ziel

### **2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX**

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Debbie Rodriguez, VA

Jayne Ayers, WI

Marilyn Heath, FL

Janet (Dolly) Hannon, CO\*

Dorie Vlatten-Schmitz, AZ

Lois Yukins, MA

Lisa Schmidt, NJ

Judy Downer, FL\*

Jodi Lees, SC

Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez, CO

Michael Osinski, WA

\*New member(s) of the L Program Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To provide a comprehensive educational program for the entire dressage community to learn about the equestrian discipline of dressage from the judge's point of view.

#### **Goals:**

1. Provide trainers, instructors, competitors and spectators insight into the evaluative techniques of judging dressage.
2. Prepare and evaluate candidates who wish to pursue entry into the USEF 'r' Judge Training Program.
3. Provide continuing education for licensed judges and L graduates.
4. Select and provide teaching materials to L faculty members.

#### **2024 Objectives**

1. Continue to develop and enhance the USDF L Education Program website to supplement what is presented in the classroom setting and to provide continuing education for L graduates and USEF-licensed dressage judges.
2. Work with the Judges Committee to carry on with "The Judge's Box" in *USDF Connection* to further open communication and promote educational opportunities.
3. Continue communication with competition managers to promote the importance of their support of the Part 2 sessions.
4. Host a Zoom meeting for L participants and candidates to answer questions and listen to suggestions to enhance the program.
5. Continue to review the USDF L Education Program process to ensure the quality of candidates applying to the USEF 'r' Judge Training Program.
6. Select appropriate L faculty candidates to start the apprentice program.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- A webinar on "How to be Successful in the L Program" was held April 24<sup>th</sup>. A panel of L faculty members included Joan Darnell, Kathy Rowse, Marilyn Heath, Judy Downer, and USDF staff member Sharon Vander Ziel. Approximately 150 members attended and plenty of time was allowed to answer questions.

- Videos were created from the webinar and are posted on the USDF website, L website and L program Facebook groups.
  - Introduction to the L Program – Posted on the L education information page on the main website.
  - How to be Successful in the L Program, Part 1– Posted on the introduction page of the L program website.
  - Judging Tips – Posted on the L candidates and graduates Facebook group.
- Jayne Ayres authored an article on rider biomechanics for the July/August issue of *USDF Connection*.
- The L Program Part 1 Facebook group has 1,414 members.
- The closed Facebook group for L candidates (in Part 2) and graduates has 667 members.
- There are 175 current L graduates with distinction and 166 current L graduates listed on the USDF website.
- Worked in cooperation with the US Eventing Association to allow the Association to use the A Session presentation for their judge education clinic in September. L faculty member Debbie Rodriguez will be the presenter.
- To date, there are 23 L Education Program sessions scheduled for 2024. Programs are being hosted by:
  - Central States Dressage and Eventing Association, WI (Region 2) – Part 1
  - Central Texas Dressage Society, TX (Region 9) – Part 2
  - Delaware Valley Combined Training Association, PA (Region 1) – Part 1
  - Georgia Dressage and Combined Training Association, GA (Region 3) – Part 2
  - GLASS-ED, MI (Region 2) – Part 1
  - Houston Dressage Society, TX (Region 9) – Part 2
  - Indiana Dressage Society, IN (Region 2) – Parts 1 and 2
  - Lower Puget Sound Dressage Club, WA (Region 6) – Part 2
  - New England Dressage Association, MA (Region 8) – Part 1
  - Virginia Dressage Association, VA (Region 1) – Part 1
- Three final exams were scheduled for 2024. Exams were held in Regions 3 and 6.

**2025 Objectives:**

1. Continue to develop and enhance the USDF L Education Program website to supplement what is presented in the classroom setting and to provide continuing education for L graduates and USEF-licensed dressage judges.
2. Work with the Judges Committee to carry on with “The Judge’s Box” in *USDF Connection* to further open communication and promote educational opportunities.
3. Continue communication with competition managers to promote the importance of their support of the Part 2 sessions.
4. Continue to review the USDF L Education Program processes to ensure the quality of candidates applying to the USEF ‘r’ Judge Training Program.
5. Update L faculty application and apprentice process to help ensure appropriate L faculty candidates are selected to start the apprentice program.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None

## Technical Delegates Committee Report

**Chair:** Jean Kraus, MO

**Liaison:** Bonnie Barr-Briggs

### ***2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX***

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Michelle King, VA	Angela Goodwin-Volpert, IN
Cheryl Tobey, GA	Dianne Stanley, FL
Susan Lang, KS	Kaye Phaneuf, OR
Doris North, CA	Paul Cormier, MA
Marilyn Kulifay, TX	Carolyn Vandenberg, TX

\*There are no new member(s) of the Technical Delegates Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To provide education and an organized voice for technical delegates (TDs).

#### **Goals:**

1. Provide educational programs for TDs and aspiring TDs.
2. Review United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) rules and rule change proposals.
3. Establish regular contact with all TDs through regional coordinators.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Continue our efforts to grow the ranks of licensed dressage TDs with help from the Veronica Holt Fund.
2. Continue to build our TD public relations and communications efforts to educate competitors, judges, and competition management about the role of the TD.
3. Continue to find the best approaches to keeping TDs as informed as possible.
4. Continue in our efforts to build communication between TDs and competition management.
5. Continue to develop new, and update existing, educational learning modules.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- The TD Resource Management Working Group has worked to keep the TD resource document current. The document has been maintained with quarterly updates.
- Hosted two USDF TD townhall meetings, held virtually, with approximately 60 TDs attending each one.
- Hosted a USEF/USDF TD Clinic virtually, with 28 TDs attending.
- Hosted a live USEF/USDF TD Clinic during the 2023 convention.
- Continued to utilize the TD communication tree where committee members from each region reach out with important information to the TDs in their region.
- A think tank session was held to explore the effectiveness of TD education and resources and explore possible options for improvements.
- The committee members reviewed all the TD education/information content that is posted on the TD resource page of the USDF website in order to make sure that all items are current.
- There is a case study learning module under construction.

- The 2024 Veronica Holt Fund, which provides funds for the education of TD applicants or TDs going for promotion, was not utilized this year as there were no applicants. We need to promote this fund more.

**2025 Objectives:**

1. Continue our efforts to grow the ranks of licensed dressage TDs with help from the Veronica Holt Fund. As this fund was not utilized in 2024, we need to develop a plan for encouraging our TDs and TD applicants to utilize it.
2. Continue to build our TD public relations and communications efforts to educate competitors, judges, and competition management about the role of the TD.
3. Continue to find the best approaches to keeping TDs as informed as possible.
4. Continue in our efforts to build communication between TDs and competition management.
5. Continue to develop new, and update existing, educational learning modules.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None

# **Activities Council Committee Reports**

## Adult Programs Committee Report

**Chair:** Holly Hilliard, FL

**Vice Chair:** Gwen Ka'awaloa, CO

**Liaison:** Evelyn Lancione

### **2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX**

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Jill Ekis, PA

Ken Levy, IN

Tashina Hadley Heiser, FL\*

Carrie Cross, NE\*

Kelly Vallandingham, MN

Frances Haupt, OR

Sarah Denham, TX

\*New member(s) of the Adult Programs Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To encourage, increase and enrich adult participation in dressage by providing educational opportunities and recognition of achievement.

#### **Goals:**

1. Provide concepts for new adult education programs.
2. Increase the number of and participation in USDF supported adult programs.
3. Improve communication and networking within and between regions, GMOs and the Adult Programs Committee to increase support of and participation in adult education.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Increase awareness of the GMO Education Initiative (GEI) and grant opportunities.
2. Increase awareness of USDF education opportunities.
3. Develop topics for virtual education series and produce a minimum of four programs.
4. Continue to work with GMOs to identify education chairs.
5. Continue efforts to improve communication with USDF members.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- There are 121 educational programs, events, and activities that have either taken place or are scheduled to occur in 2024. Throughout the 92 events that have already been held, over 2000 members participated or attended, earning USDF University credits.
- USDF University will be awarding the following certificates and diplomas for the 2024 academic year:

<b>Certificates</b>	120
<b>Diploma</b>	58
<b>Bronze Diploma</b>	40
<b>Silver Diploma</b>	34
<b>Gold Diploma</b>	22
<b>Platinum Diploma</b>	10
<b>Diamond Diploma</b>	17

- In 2024, five GEI events were approved and hosted.

- Four applications received were turned down due to noncompliance with guidelines.
- One applicant was given feedback on how to clarify their application information, but did not respond.
- To date, in 2024 there have been five GEI grants distributed in 2024.

<b>GMO</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
California Dressage Society	1/21/2024	CDS Annual Meeting & Health Faire - Unmounted event, Purpose of the Movements presented by Sarah Geikie
Gulf Coast Chapter – Deep South Dressage & CTA	3/2 – 3/3/2024	Clinic with Matt McLaughlin - 2-day riding clinic with 45-minute private lessons, horses & riders of all levels
Oklahoma Dressage Society	4/20-4/21/2024	ODS Spring Symposium with Shelly Francis - 2-day symposium with Shelly Francis including private lessons; auditors welcome
Central Texas Dressage Society	5/18-5/19/2024	CTDS Equine Conditioning for Performance and Soundness with Jec Ballou - 2-day symposium with Jec Ballou, Masterson Method presentation by Kelly Jefferson
Indiana Dressage Society	10/4-10/6/2024	IDS Adult Dressage Camp 2024 - Kate Fleming-Kuhn, Karen McGoldrick & Jennifer Grant conducting lessons; auditors welcome; unmounted education sessions

**2025 Objectives:**

1. Increase awareness of the GEI and grant opportunities.
2. Increase awareness of and participation in USDF education opportunities.
3. Continue to develop topics for virtual education series and produce a minimum of four programs per year.
4. Continue efforts to develop GMO contact lists for education chairs.
5. Continue efforts to improve communication with USDF members.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None



## Awards Committee Report

**Chair:** Amy Bradley, FL

**Liaison:** Cristen Brown

### **2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX**

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Jessie Ginsburg, VA	Deborah Garris, IL
Jan Brons, FL	Mickayla Frederick, IA
Marie Maloney, KS	Cecilia Cox, NM
Jo Renn, WA	Doris North, CA
Diane Holston, MA	Elizabeth Clifton, MS

\*There are no new members of the Awards Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To encourage participation in dressage by recognizing excellence and rewarding progressive achievement.

#### **Goals:**

1. Organize and provide awards for horse of the year, freestyle, junior/young rider, adult amateur, vintage cup, all-breeds, performance certificates, individual rider awards, DSHB horse of the year, and materiale horse of the year.
2. Review existing awards requirements and programs.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Finalize design and draft proposal for an additional award per level in the Horse Performance Certificate Program.
2. Draft proposals for a national level and FEI level Born in the USA year-end award perpetual trophy.
3. Generate online tutorials of relevant USDF Awards Program subject matter.
4. Explore opportunities to promote USDF Awards Programs.
5. Evaluate additional award options for senior riders.
6. Examine possible award options for year-end award champion riders.
7. Review and evaluate any possible changes to the current awards program's requirements and prizes.
8. Confirm award requirements provided in the *USDF Member Guide* are clear and up to date.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- Completed a proposal to rebrand the current Horse Performance Certificate Program. The updated program will be called the USDF Horse Performance Recognition Program and will include a stall plaque in addition to a certificate.
- Drafted a proposal for a national level and FEI level "Bred in the USA" year-end award perpetual trophy.
- Created an online tutorial "Navigating Your USDF Dashboard - Awards."
- Promoted the USDF Awards Programs on *YourDressage*, social media, and the USDF eNewsletter.
- Discussed potential new rider awards.

- Approved the Sport Horse Committee’s proposal for a new Four-Year-Old Dressage Prospect year-end award.
- Reviewed the *USDF Member Guide* to ensure that all award requirements and descriptions were straightforward and concise.
- Began discussion on potential changes to the prizes offered to year-end award champions and reserve champions.
- Began discussion regarding potential USDF store products to provide additional recognition opportunities for USDF award recipients.

**2025 Objectives:**

1. Explore the possibility of a dressage seat equitation year-end award.
2. Create an online awards tutorial featuring USDFScores.com.
3. Continue discussion of potential changes to the year-end awards for champions and reserve champions.
4. Evaluate Intermediate A and B for possible inclusion in the year-end awards.
5. Investigate the Young Horse awards for possible changes.
6. Explore marketing opportunities for the USDF Awards Programs.
7. Confirm the award requirements displayed in the *USDF Member Guide* are clear and up to date.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None

## FEI Youth Committee Report

**Chair:** Roberta Creek Williams, FL

**Liaison:** Sarah Delahanty

### **2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX**

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Region 1: Deborah DelGiorno, DE

Region 3: Elizabeth Molloy, GA

Region 5: Joan Clay, CO

Region 7: Ann Boehning, CA

Region 9: Marsha Lewis, TX

Region 2: Roz Kinstler, FL

Region 4: Nancy Gorton, MO

Region 6: Nicki Grandia, WA

Region 8: Roberta Carleton, CT

Advisors – Laura Roberts, USEF Director of Dressage and Sarah Hollander, USEF Director Dressage Performance & Event Support

\*There are no new member(s) of the FEI Youth Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To develop educational opportunities and international competition experiences for riders, ages 12-21, who ride at the FEI sanctioned Pony, Children, Junior, and Young Rider levels.

#### **Goals:**

1. Select and provide teams for the North American Youth Championships (NAYC).
2. Promote team spirit and competition among riders.
3. Provide clinics and educational opportunities.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Monitor the progression of FEI youth and their participation in the NAYC and the Festival of Champions.
2. Continue to identify clinic sites in response to demand.
3. Oversee NAYC Program.
4. Provide feedback on the NAYC qualifying calendar.
5. Provide input into the NAYC selection procedures.
6. Review and revise the *NAYC Handbook and Guidelines* for regional coordinators.
7. Create guidelines for chefs d'equipe.
8. Work with the National Youth Programs Committee to review youth outreach clinics.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

##### **FEI Youth Clinics**

- There have been nine FEI Youth Clinics scheduled. George Williams, Lilo Fore and Sabine Schut-Kery are the clinicians for these clinics.
  - Region 1: November 23-24 at Hilltop Farm, Inc. with George Williams
  - Region 2: October 19-20 at Duncan Run Farm with Lilo Fore
  - Region 3: November 16-17 at Noble Steed, LLC with George Williams

- Region 4: July 6-7 at Providence Farm with Sabine Schut-Kery
- Region 5: October 19-20 at Nighthawk Equestrian Center with George Williams
- Region 6: November 2-3 at DevonWood Equestrian Centre with Sabine-Schut-Kery
- Region 7: November 23-24 at B & B Farm with Lilo Fore
- Region 8: June 29-30 at Weatogue Stables with Lilo Fore
- Region 9: November 2-3 at Paragon Farm with George Williams

**NAYC**

- The date and location of the 2025 NAYC has been announced. The event is scheduled for July 29-August 3, 2025, in Traverse City, MI. This will be the inaugural year of the Children’s division.
- The 2024 NAYC was held July 30-August 4 in Traverse City, MI. This was the fourth time this competition has been held at the Flintfields facility.
  - A special thanks to all the volunteers and team at Traverse City who made this event as special as it was.
  - Overall, the event ran smoothly. Traverse City was a lovely facility, and the dressage competitors enjoyed the good atmosphere and accommodating management. The new permanent stabling was well received.

**Statistics for the number applying versus the number representing each region as a team or individual:**

**Juniors:**

	2019		2020*		2021		2022**		2023		2024	
	Applied	Team	Applied	Team	Applied	Team	Applied	Team	Applied	Team	Applied	Team
Reg 1	12	4	7	NA	9	4	11	4	10	4	5	4
Reg 2	15	4	11	NA	14	4	11	4	9	4	8	3
Reg 3	9	4	5	NA	9	3	4	2	8	4	9	4
Reg 4	8	4	1	NA	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	1
Reg 5	4	0	2	NA	7	3	7	4	4	3	2	1
Reg 6	4	1	4	NA	3	2	4	0	6	3	7	4
Reg 7	4	1	5	NA	7	4	8	4	5	3	3	2
Reg 8	7	4	4	NA	11	4	5	4	6	3	4	1
Reg 9	11	4	9	NA	10	4	4	1	7	0	6	4
	74	26	48	NA	74	31	57	26	58	26	46	24

**Young Riders:**

	2019		2020*		2021		2022**		2023		2024	
	Applied	Team	Applied	Team	Applied	Team	Applied	Team	Applied	Team	Applied	Team
Reg 1	12	4	7	NA	6	4	6	1	7	1	7	4
Reg 2	5	2	7	NA	10	4	6	2	7	1	5	2
Reg 3	16	4	7	NA	7	4	7	2	8	4	4	3
Reg 4	6	3	5	NA	8	4	5	1	5	2	3	1

Reg 5	2	0	1	NA	3	1	5	2	5	4	2	1
Reg 6	5	2	3	NA	4	2	2	1	2	0	2	2
Reg 7	7	1	8	NA	7	4	8	4	9	2	7	4
Reg 8	6	4	5	NA	9	2	6	3	6	3	7	1
Reg 9	1	0	1	NA	4	3	2	2	2	2	4	2
	60	20	44	NA	58	28	47	18	51	19	41	20

\* NAYC cancelled due to Covid

\*\* Minimum qualifying scores raised from 62% to 64%

- Takeaways from the above statistics:
  - Overall, participation on a Junior Team was down by two riders in 2024 (24 riders) over the 26 riders in 2019 (pre-Covid).
  - Participation on a Young Rider Team remained the same in 2024 as it was in 2019. These numbers reflect the numbers of riders actually selected for teams.

Juniors	2019	2024	Change		Young Riders	2019	2024	Change
Region 1	4	4	0		Region 1	4	4	0
Region 2	4	3	-1		Region 2	2	2	0
Region 3	4	4	0		Region 3	4	3	-1
Region 4	4	1	-3		Region 4	3	1	-2
Region 5	0	1	+1		Region 5	0	1	+1
Region 6	1	4	+3		Region 6	2	2	0
Region 7	1	2	+1		Region 7	1	4	+3
Region 8	4	1	-3		Region 8	4	1	-3
Region 9	4	4	0		Region 9	0	2	+2

- In 2019, there was a total of six full Junior Teams and no combined Junior Teams. In 2024, there were five Young Rider Teams, of which three were full teams and two were combined.
- In 2024, there was five Junior Teams, of which three were full teams and two were combined teams. In 2024, there were five Young Rider Teams, of which two were full teams and three were combined.
- It is anticipated that the incidence of combined teams will stay the same or increase in the Junior and Young Rider divisions. In the case of the Children's division, in the initial development years, it is anticipated that combined teams will be the norm. The combining of teams cannot take place until the definite entries are finalized. As a result, there will be an increased emphasis on USDF and USEF working together to ensure as completely as possible the team experience of youth athletes representing the USA.

- The placings for the 2024 NAYC were as follows:
  - Young Rider Team
    - Gold – Regions 3/5 with 207.707 points
    - Silver – Canada with 207.118 points
    - Bronze – Regions 2/4/8 with 197.000 points
  - Junior Team
    - Gold – Region 3 with 198.455 points
    - Silver – Regions 4/5/7 with 197.060 points
    - Bronze – Region 9 with 197.302 points
  - Young Rider Individual
    - Gold – Kat Fuqua (Region 3)/Dreamgirl with 70.971
    - Silver – Kiara Williams-Brown (Canada)/Fortissimo with 69.941%
    - Bronze – Anna Swackhammer (Canada)/Fabienna GVI with 69.765%
  - Junior Individual
    - Gold – Virginia Woodcock (Region 3)/ Mollegardens Sans-Souci with 71.088%
    - Silver – Olivia Martz (Region 6)/Rihanna Ymas with 70.706%
    - Bronze – Claire Tucker (Region 4)/Finnur with 70.029%
  - Young Rider Freestyle
    - Gold – Kat Fuqua (Region 3)/Dreamgirl with 74.355%
    - Silver – Eva Levy (Jamaica)/Living Diamond with 73.400%
    - Bronze – Alicia Berger (Region 3)/Aqua Marin with 72.350%
  - Junior Freestyle
    - Gold – Virginia Woodcock (Region 3)/ Mollegardens Sans-Souci with 72.635%
    - Silver – Claire Tucker (Region 4)/Finnur with 72.150%
    - Bronze – Laila Edwards (Region 1)/Farah-Jade with 71.400%
- The winner of the Fiona Baan Pursuit of Excellence Award was Kat Fuqua, Region 3, with her mount Dreamgirl.
- The winner of the Amanda Johnson Pursuit of Excellence Award was Olivia Martz, Region 6, with her mount Rihanna Ymas.
- The winner of the Patsy Albers Award was Angela Jackson for Regions 2/4/8.
- The 2024 qualifying period began on July 23, 2024. It is anticipated that the qualifying period will finish a minimum of seven days prior to the nominated entry date.
- The 2024 Festival of Champions competition was still held as scheduled on August 19-25, 2024, at HITS Chicago at Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, IL.

**2025 Objectives:**

1. Monitor the progression of FEI youth and their participation in the NAYC and the Festival of Champions.
2. Help facilitate the inaugural debut in 2025 of the Children’s division at NAYC.
3. Continue to identify clinic sites in response to demand.
4. Oversee NAYC Program.
5. Provide feedback on the NAYC qualifying calendar.
6. Provide input into the NAYC selection procedures.
7. Review and revise the *NAYC Handbook and Guidelines* for regional coordinators.
8. Create guidelines for chefs d’equipe.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None

## Regional Championships Committee Report

**Chair:** Angela Goodwin-Volpert, IN

**Vice Chair:** Janine Malone, NC

**Liaison:** Lacy Jinks

### ***2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX***

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Ellen Brindle-Clark, NJ\*

Anneliese Vogt-Harber, GA

Jean Kraus, MO

Kelly Irving-Burris, WA\*

Camille Kopcik, NY

Anne Kuhns, KY

Roberta Williams, FL

Jessica Greer, CO\*

Kevin Reinig, CA

Carolyn VandenBerg, TX

\*New member(s) of the Regional Championships Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To promote and recognize the pursuit of excellence by providing a showcase competition that meets established quality standards for riders within each USDF region.

#### **Goals:**

1. Establish and update guidelines for qualifying as needed.
2. Educate championship management.
3. Provide recognition and rewards.
4. Promote the championships.
5. Increase the number of participants.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Review regional championship surveys to determine compliance with rules and requirements, and to identify areas for future improvements.
2. Review and amend the host site application.
3. Review rules and requirements for regional championships.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- Reviewed regional championships surveys to identify areas for future improvement.
- Reviewed the 2025 host site application.
- Reviewed and approved the 2025 Regional Championship Program Rules.
- The committee updated the dressage seat equitation class guidelines to make the procedures more streamlined and efficient.
- Provided feedback on judge training session and/or exam at regional championships.
- Discussed raising the minimum qualifying scores for some regional championship levels. After analyzing the data on the number of rides that would not qualify under the proposed increase, it was determined that several regions would be significantly harmed by such an increase and therefore no increase is proposed at this time.
- Discussed how to manage the size of shows in larger regions (such as 1, 2, 3, and 8) without adding requirements that would be detrimental to other regions. It was noted that some regions have one or only a few facilities that have the number of rings required for the larger regional championships.

**2025 Objectives:**

1. Review regional championship surveys to determine compliance with rules and requirements, and to identify areas for future improvements.
2. Review and amend the host site application.
3. Review rules and requirements for regional championships.
4. Continue to review dressage seat medal protocol.
5. Review award ceremony protocol.
6. Review current regional championship qualification criteria.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None



## Sport Horse Committee Report

**Chair:** Kristi Wysocki, WA

**Vice Chair:** Regina Milliken, LA

**Co-Liaisons:** Bonnie Barr-Briggs and Cristen Brown

### ***2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX***

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Natalie DeBerardinis, MD\*

Janine Malone, NC

Melanie Sloyer, PA

Susan Mandas, OH

Anne Sparks, NM

Jennifer Vanover, NY\*

Caitlin Gallegher, PA\*

Christine Smith, VA

Megan Dischler, WI

Deborah Davenport, KS

Kevin Reinig, CA

\*New member(s) of the Sport Horse Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To foster and advance the breeding and development of the highest quality dressage sport horses and to promote a strong foundation for the dressage sport horse development pipeline in the United States.

#### **Goals:**

1. To educate breeders, owners, buyers, handlers, trainers, and judges about the ideals of both dressage sport horse prospects and breeding stock.
2. Encourage and acknowledge the efforts of USDF member breeders in producing the highest quality dressage sport horse.
3. Provide dressage sport horse competition management, owners, and breeders with competition guidelines and opportunities.
4. Promote USDF horse recordings and tracking of competition results.
5. Nurture and develop future generations for the dressage sport horse breeding industry.
6. Review and update all proposed USDF sport horse score sheets and instruction documents.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Host a USDF Sport Horse Seminar in conjunction with a USEF/USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) Training Program and Clinic.
2. Host a USDF Youth Sport Horse Breeder Seminar at Devon Dressage Show.
3. Host a USDF Handler Clinic.
4. Continue dressage judges' education for Materiale classes.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- Approved a proposal for Four-Year-Old Prospect Horse of the Year (HOY) awards for mares and stallions/geldings. The Four-Year-Old Prospect divisions were added to the Breeder Championship Series in 2023. These awards are designed to provide equivalent opportunities for horses in this division as in all other divisions of sport horse.
- The 2024 USDF Handler Clinic was postponed.
- The USDF Sport Horse Seminar was held in conjunction with the USEF/USDF DSHB Judge Training Program and Clinic on July 27-29, 2024, at Haras de Vess Stables in Wichita, KS.

A total of seventeen people attended, four participated in the DSHB Judge Training Program, one 'r' candidate tested, and one 'R' candidate tested.

- The USDF Dressage Sport Horse Youth Handler/Breeder Seminar was held at Dressage at Devon, September 23-24, 2024. The age restriction was lifted to encourage more participation.
- USEF/USDF DSHB Judges Clinic (virtual) will be held October 22-23, 2024, with Kristi Wysocki and Sue Mandas. The clinic will also feature three guest speakers: Janet Foy, Ludwig Christmann, and Hilary Clayton.
- Added Gwen Ka'awaloa as a new member of the Sport Horse Seminar Faculty.
- Supported the Awards Committee proposal for a new perpetual trophy recognizing the US bred horse with the highest median score in the dressage HOY standings. Additionally, the Sport Horse Committee suggested that two awards be presented, one for the highest median national level horse and one for the highest median FEI level horse. The perpetual trophies were approved by the Executive Board.
- Seven Breeder Championship Series Finals were held in 2024 (North Central, North West, South East, Southern, North East, Rocky Mountain, and East Coast Series). The Midwest Series and Western Series were not held in 2024. A summary of the numbers of competitors in each division follows this report.

**2025 Objectives:**

1. Host a USDF Sport Horse Seminar in conjunction with a USEF/USDF DSHB Training Program and Clinic.
2. Host a Dressage Sport Horse Prospect Forum.
3. Host a USDF Handler Clinic.
4. Continue dressage judge's education for materiale classes.
5. Review policy and methods for acceptance of breed registry papers. The digital world has changed many things, including how registries provide registry documentation. USDF has always required hard copy papers, but some registries don't provide that in current times.
6. Create a tutorial for the USDF website on the Breeder Series Championship Finals Program, how it works, qualifier competitions, finals, awards and more.

**Items to come before the Executive Board:**

1. New member of the Sport Horse Prospect Development Forum faculty.

# Breeders Championship Series Final In-Hand Championship Participation

## 2021 - 2024

East Coast	CY C/G	CY Filly	Y C/G	Y Filly	2 YO C/G	2 YO Filly	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO P M	4 YO P S/G	MH Stallion	MH Bred M	MH Y/MM
2021	4	10	3	3	5	4	10	8	2	5	4	5	9
2022	7	5	5	3	5	10	3	2	3	2	5	2	7
2023	10	2	4	3	6	9	3	2	7	3	3	3	11
2024	7	5	8	7	5	8	3	9	3	5	3	1	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>

Mid-West	CY C/G	CY Filly	Y C/G	Y Filly	2 YO C/G	2 YO Filly	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO P M	4 YO P S/G	MH Stallion	MH Bred M	MH Y/MM
2021	1	1	2	1		3	2	2		3	3		1
2022	2		2	2	1	2	2	1		2	1	1	2
2023													
2024													
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

North Central	CY C/G	CY Filly	Y C/G	Y Filly	2 YO C/G	2 YO Filly	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO P M	4 YO P S/G	MH Stallion	MH Bred M	MH Y/MM
2021	2	1	2	3	2	3				1	1	2	2
2022	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2		1	1	2	
2023	2	2	1	2	2			1	1	1	1	2	1
2024					3		1	3	1				2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

North East	CY C/G	CY Filly	Y C/G	Y Filly	2 YO C/G	2 YO Filly	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO P M	4 YO P S/G	MH Stallion	MH Bred M	MH Y/MM
2021	1	1	1	5	2	1		3	1		2	1	1
2022	5	4	2	3	3	4	1	2	2		2	1	6
2023	2	3		6	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	3
2024	4	2	2	3	1		1	2	1	2	1	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>

Northwest	CY C/G	CY Filly	Y C/G	Y Filly	2 YO C/G	2 YO Filly	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO P M	4 YO P S/G	MH Stallion	MH Bred M	MH Y/MM
2021	1		1		1	1	1	2			1		3
2022			1		1	1	1	2			1		3
2023				3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1		2
2024*		1				5	1		1			1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>

\*Entries down due to possible biohazard

Rocky Mountain	CY C/G	CY Filly	Y C/G	Y Filly	2 YO C/G	2 YO Filly	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO P M	4 YO P S/G	MH Stallion	MH Bred M	MH Y/MM
2021			1	1	2	1	2	1	1				
2022	1		2	1	2		2						1
2023							1	1	1		1		4
2024			1		2			2			1		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

South East	CY C/G	CY Filly	Y C/G	Y Filly	2 YO C/G	2 YO Filly	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO P M	4 YO P S/G	MH Stallion	MH Bred M	MH Y/MM
2021													
2022													
2023	2		2	7	4	6		4	2		3		5
2024	6		5	2	2	4	2	5	1	1	1	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

Southern	CY C/G	CY Filly	Y C/G	Y Filly	2 YO C/G	2 YO Filly	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO P M	4 YO P S/G	MH Stallion	MH Bred M	MH Y/MM
2021	4	4		1	2	2	1	4	2	2			3
2022	3	5	5	5	2	5		3	2	2			3
2023	2	3	4	3	5	4	2	2	1	1			4
2024	1	2	1	2	3	2		2	1				3
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

Western	CY C/G	CY Filly	Y C/G	Y Filly	2 YO C/G	2 YO Filly	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO P M	4 YO P S/G	MH Stallion	MH Bred M	MH Y/MM
2021	4	4	5	3	3	2		3	2	1			1
2022													
2023													
2024													
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Division	CY C/G	CY Filly	Y C/G	Y Filly	2 YO C/G	2 YO Filly	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO P M	4 YO P S/G	MH Stallion	MH Bred M	MH Y/MM
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>95</b>

**Breeders Championship Series Final Materiale Championship Participation  
2021 - 2024**

East Coast	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO S/G	4 YO Mare	5 YO S/G	5 YO Mare
2021	5	3	6	5	3	5
2022	3	4	8	4	7	2
2023	3	3	6	7	7	3
2024	2	7	9	6	3	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>

Mid-West	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO S/G	4 YO Mare	5 YO S/G	5 YO Mare
2021	1		2		1	1
2022	1	1	2		1	1
2023						
2024						
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

North Central	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO S/G	4 YO Mare	5 YO S/G	5 YO Mare
2021			1			1
2022		1	2	1		1
2023		1	1	2	1	
2024				1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

North East	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO S/G	4 YO Mare	5 YO S/G	5 YO Mare
2021		1		1	1	1
2022		3	2	2		2
2023			1	1	1	
2024					1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

Northwest	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO S/G	4 YO Mare	5 YO S/G	5 YO Mare
2021	1	1			1	1
2022	1	1		2		
2023		2		1	1	2
2024*				1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

\*Entries down due to possible biohazard

Rocky Mountain	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO S/G	4 YO Mare	5 YO S/G	5 YO Mare
2021			1			
2022		1	1			
2023				1		2
2024			1	1	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

South East	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO S/G	4 YO Mare	5 YO S/G	5 YO Mare
2021						
2022						
2023		1		3		
2024	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Southern	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO S/G	4 YO Mare	5 YO S/G	5 YO Mare
2021			2	2	2	2
2022	1	1	2	2		
2023			1	2	2	2
2024		1	1	1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

Western	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO S/G	4 YO Mare	5 YO S/G	5 YO Mare
2021		3		1	3	1
2022						
2023						
2024						
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

Division	3 YO C/G	3 YO Filly	4 YO S/G	4 YO Mare	5 YO S/G	5 YO Mare
<b>Overall Total</b>	22	37	50	48	38	37

## National Youth Programs Committee Report

**Chair:** Roz Kinstler, FL

**Liaison:** Sarah Delahanty

### ***2024 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, December 4-7 Houston, TX***

#### **2024 Committee Members:**

Jennifer Koch, PA	Kathy Rowse, VA
Laurie Moore, MI	Elizabeth Molloy, GA
Janie Pride, GA	Sophia Shults, FL*
Roberta Williams, FL	Julie Barringer-Richers, CO
Rebecca Harris, CA*	Lendon Gray, NY

\*New member(s) for the Youth Programs Committee for 2024.

**Mission:** To promote dressage to young equestrians while providing for the future of the sport.

#### **Goals:**

1. Provide educational opportunities.
2. Provide recognition programs.
3. Encourage and increase youth membership and participation.
4. Promote youth sportmanship.

#### **2024 Objectives:**

1. Explore opportunities to connect with youth.
2. Explore opportunities to connect with youth instructors.
3. Continue to promote USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals.
4. Continue outreach to GMOs to include youth in their programs.
5. Promote and encourage participation in the Youth Dressage Rider Recognition Pin Program, Shining Star Sportsmanship Award, and the Dressage Spirit Award.
6. Continue to publish youth eNewsletter in order to keep youth members informed of programs offered.
7. Explore opportunities that engage the younger generation in the governance structure of USDF and the sport.
8. Explore partnering opportunities with other youth organizations.
9. Plan 2025 Young Rider Graduate Program.
10. Continue to promote the Youth Outreach Clinic Program.

#### **2024 Accomplishments:**

- The Dressage Spirit Award, implemented in 2022, had five individuals receiving the award this year:
  - Harper Kane, Corneilus, NC
  - Hayden Kane, Corneilus, NC
  - Finley Peterson, Woodstock, VT
  - Trinity Schatzel, Eagle, ID
  - Sophie Shohet, Las Vegas, NV
- There are five Shining Star recipient this year:
  - Genevieve Oliver, Coatesville, PA

- Taiwan Parrish, Milford, NJ
- Ryleigh Koch, Fogelsville, PA
- Marley McCourt, Atco, NJ
- Ella Austino, Voorhees, NJ
- The USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year received four applicants. Lillian Frenzel of Bluffton, SC was selected.
- Four applicants received the USDF Youth Convention Scholarship Award.
  - Tayla Damyanovich, Hibbing, MN
  - Marley McCourt, Atco, NJ
  - Ryder Mosqueda, Hemet, CA
  - Katie Staib, Allentown, PA
- Three individuals were awarded the Ravel Education Grant.
  - Genevieve Oliver, Coatesville, PA
  - Taiwan Parrish, Milford, NJ
  - Ryleigh Koch, Fogelsville, PA
- There were three Youth Outreach Clinics organized; Region 5 (October 2024), Region 6 (November 2024), and Region 9 (June 2024).
- The “Youth Corner” youth eNews continues to be released quarterly to all youth members, regional coordinators, regional directors, all members of the National Youth Programs Committee, as well as GMO youth contacts.
- The 2024 USDF Youth Recognition Pin Program saw a slight increase in participation from 2023.

Region	2024			2023			2022							2021					
Year	1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	3	1	3	2	2	1	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
2	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
6	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
8	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
9	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
10 (Bermuda)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

**First Year Recipients:**

- Chloe Adrian-Giannetto, Santa Barbara, CA
- Juliet Bradley, Santa Barbara, CA
- Piper Hill, Vermillion, MN
- Laura Kosjek, Westfield, NJ
- Chloe Luedtke, Odenton, MD
- Genevieve Morehead, Cedar Park, TX
- Sophia Paliotto, Hayden, ID
- Adeline Shelton, Liberty Hill, TX
- Mariska Sherlin, Mesa, AZ



- Felicity Thunes, Gilbert, AZ
- Madelyn Weller, Millerstown, PA
- Arlena Worm, Borden, IN

**Second Year Recipients:**

- Candice Christopher, Parker, CO
- Walker Lefkowitz, Las Vegas, NV
- Adelyn Nelson, Marion, IA
- Teagan Niles, Stafford, VA
- Finely Peterson, Woodstock, VT
- Natalie Porto, Cooperstown, NY
- Britney Richwine, Jamestown, IN

**Third Year Recipient:**

- Lauren Anderson, Effort, PA
  - Kaylin Bowman, Dallas, TX
  - Harper Kane, Cornelius, NC
  - Hayden Kane, Cornelius, NC
- There were 26 participants across 13 universities for the 2024 USDF/IDA National Quiz Challenge.
    - Grand Prize winner: Sami Scigouski, Miami of Ohio University. Sami was the winner of the First Level division.
    - The level winners were:
      - Upper Training Level – Lily Drew, Johnson & Wales University
      - Lower Training Level – Alexandria Davis, Averett University
      - Intro Level – Evangeline Li, Rutgers University

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**Items to come before the Executive Board:** None