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II. GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

B. Annual Convention, page 6, paragraph 6

Remove and renumber remaining:

6. USDF will schedule a committee chair orientation session at the beginning of each year's convention.

Submitted by: Sarah Garn Reason for proposal: A committee chair orientation has not been held at the convention since 2019. Instead, governance related information has been shared in advance of the convention with those who may attend the session. Effective: Upon Executive Board approval.

II. GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

B. Annual Convention, page 6, paragraph 7

Change to read:

 USDF will schedule a delegate orientation session Delegates will have two opportunities each year at the annual convention to pick up their credentials for the BOG meeting, at which time they will be provided information to delegates on their responsibilities, BOG protocol and the voting process.

Submitted by: Sarah Garn

Reason for proposal: A delegate orientation has not been held since the 2021 convention. Rather, delegates have been provided the information they need to participate and vote in the BOG meeting at the time they pick up their credentials. Additionally, delegates are made aware of and agree to their responsibilities prior to the time they are elected or appointed, not at the convention.

Effective: Upon Executive Board approval.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

A. Group Member Organizations (GMOs) and Group Members (GMs), page 19, paragraph 12

Remove and renumber remaining:

12. GMs are eligible to participate in the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program.

Submitted by: Sarah Garn Reason for proposal: The USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program has been discontinued.. Effective: Upon Executive Board approval.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

E. International Group Member Organizations, page 22, paragraph 8

Remove and renumber remaining:

8. International GMs are eligible to participate in the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program.

Submitted by: Sarah Garn Reason for proposal: Reason for proposal: The USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program has been discontinued. Effective: Upon Executive Board approval.

VIII. COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

B. General Council/Committee Policies, page 48, paragraph 24

Add new and renumber remaining:

24. Convention registration is complimentary for USDF committee chairs and co-chairs.

Submitted by: Sarah Garn Reason for proposal: To incorporate language for the motion the Executive Board passed at the 2023 spring meeting approving that convention registration be complimentary for committee chairs and co-chairs. Effective: Upon Executive Board approval.

IX. PROGRAMS

C. List of USDF Programs, page 54, paragraph 2

Change to read and renumber remaining:

- 2. List of USDF programs as of January 1, 2022 April 7, 2023:
 - 1) Competition Awards (Rider, Horse Performance, Year-End, All Breeds)
 - 2) Recognition Awards (HOF, MOD, Volunteer, GMO)
 - 3) Annual Convention
 - 4) Regional Adult Amateur Equitation/Regional Final
 - 5) Regional Schooling Show Awards (effective 12/01/19)
 - 6) 5) Junior/Young Rider Clinic Series

(list continues through #37)

Submitted by: Sarah Garn

Reason for proposal: Reason for proposal: The USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program was suspended immediately at the April 7, 2023 spring Executive Board meeting. Effective: Upon Executive Board approval.

X. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A. Nominations, page 56, paragraph 2.g.

Change to read:

- 2. Nomination of Officers and RDs
 - g. The person submitting the nomination to the committee will *may* include a brief biography, for each nominee. This biography will give education, experience and *other* general information on the proposed candidate.

Submitted by: Sarah Garn

Reason for proposal: Those nominating Officer and RD candidates do not always provide a biography and other general information on the nominee. It is more accurate with current practice to make this aspect of the nomination process optional. Effective: Upon Executive Board approval.