



The 2011 Great American Insurance Group and USDF Regional Championships

The GAIG/USDF Regional Dressage Championships program is designed to promote and recognize the pursuit of excellence by providing a showcase venue for riders within each of the nine USDF regions. Riders can qualify for the Regional Championships by riding in designated qualifying classes at USDF recognized competitions. The Regional Championship competitions provide an excellent opportunity for spectators to view the top horses and riders in their region. Details of The GAIG/USDF Regional Dressage Championships program can be found in the Program Rules accessible in the Competitions Handbook.

General Explanation

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 2011 Regional Championships will be sponsored by the Great American Insurance Group, as the title sponsor. The official title of the regional championships shall be:

GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE GROUP/UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION REGIONAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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In each region, USDF Regional Championship classes must be offered at each level through Intermediate I, in three divisions: Open, Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider. FEI Junior Team Test and FEI Young Rider Team Test Championship classes must also be offered. At Intermediate II and Grand Prix, only Open champions may be named. Freestyles at First, Second, Third, Fourth Level, Intermediate I and Grand Prix must also be offered in the Open division. If Freestyle classes are combined, Championships must be awarded at each level competed. Dates and locations of the 2011 Regional Championships will be available from USDF after Dec. 1, 2010.

An official GAIG/USDF Regional Championships Master Omnibus Prize List will be published by USDF and may be downloaded from the USDF website after May 1, 2011. This omnibus will contain complete prize lists of all nine Regional Championships. A printed copy of this prize list may be obtained from USDF. Call USDF at 859-971-2277 or email to: regchamps@usdf.org.

MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFYING & CHAMPIONSHIPS

Go to www.usdf.org/Programs/RegionalChampionships for complete rules and info

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. Horse registration must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record. If a current lease recording is on file with USDF, the lessee is recognized as "owner" for all USDF membership requirements.

- Must be USEF (Annual or Lifetime) recorded at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships. Horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record.
- 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 qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.
- At least one owner must meet the USDF and USEF membership requirements.

MINIMUM QUALIFYING SCORES

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

The minimum percentages are as follows:

Level	Open	AA	Jr/YR
Training Level (Test 3)	68%	63%	63%
First Level (Test 3)	66%	62%	62%
Second Level (Test 3)	64%	61%	61%
Third Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
Fourth Level (Test 3)	62%	60%	60%
FEI Jr. Rider Team Test			60%
FEI Young Rider Team Test			60%
Prix St. Georges	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate I	60%	60%	60%
Intermediate II	60%		
Grand Prix	60%		
Freestyle			
First Level	65%		
Second Level	65%		
Third Level	65%		
Fourth Level	63%		
Intermediate I	63%		
Grand Prix	63%		

For complete information on rules, visit the USDF Website at <http://www.usdf.org/Programs/RegionalChampionships>.

Region 1 GAIG/USDF Championships, October 20-23 2011
at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA, hosted by VADA

Complete prize lists can be obtained at
www.horsecenter.org or www.VADAFallshow/info

Region 1 competitions are listed on the Region 1 website - www.usdfregion1.org