



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

USDF

US Dressage Finals Eligibility NEW PROTOCOL FOR 2026!

The US Dressage Finals is an Invitational competition using the USEF/USDF Regional Championship program to qualify. Qualifying takes place at each of the nine Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, based on either 1) Placing in a Regional Championship Class or 2) Wild Card Eligibility. Either must be achieved at a Regional Championship in a class and eligible division offered at the US Dressage Finals.

I. Qualification Based on Placing in a Regional Championship Class:

The top four placed horse/rider combinations for each level and eligible division from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited, provided the following requirements are met: US Citizenship and earning an eligible placing in a Regional Championship class.

- 1) **Placing in a Regional Championship Class:** Eligibility to enter US Dressage Finals classes is based on a horse/rider combination's placing in a Regional Championship class. The top four placed horse/rider combinations in eligible classes will be automatically invited as long as they have achieved the prerequisite score of 57% or higher.
- 2) **United States Citizenship Requirement:** To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen at the time they compete in the US Dressage Finals.

II. Qualification Based on Wild Card Eligibility:

Horse/rider combinations who are not otherwise qualified to compete in the US Dressage Finals based on their Regional Championship placing (see above) will be invited to participate in a Finals class by earning a Wild Card score achieved at one of the nine Regional Championships, provided the following two requirements are met: US Citizenship and earning an eligible Wild Card score in a Regional Championship class.

- 1) **Eligible Wild Card Score:** Eligibility to enter US Dressage Finals classes is based on a Wild Card score earned in a Regional Championship class. For all levels and divisions from Training through Grand Prix, a horse/rider combination that competes in a Regional Championship class and achieves a score at or above the score listed below for that level and division may compete in the same level and division at the US Dressage Finals.
- 2) **United States Citizenship Requirement:** To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen.

	OPEN:	AA:	Jr/YR:	<u>Freestyles</u>	OPEN:	AA:
Training:	72%	68%	68%	First:	70%	68%
First:	70%	67%	67%	Second:	70%	68%
Second:	68%	65%	65%	Third:	70%	68%
Third:	68%	64%	64%	Fourth:	70%	68%
Fourth:	67%	64%	64%	Intermediate I:	68%	67%
Prix St. Georges:	67%	64%	64%	Grand Prix:	68%	67%
Intermediate I:	67%	63%	63%			
Intermediate II:	65%	63%				
Grand Prix:	65%	63%				

III. Invitations:

Invitations will be emailed to eligible/qualified horse/rider combinations immediately after each Regional Championship. There will be two categories of emails:

- 1) Invitation emails will be sent to the top four placed horse/rider combinations that have achieved the minimum score of 57%.
- 2) Invitation emails will be sent to combinations eligible for a Wild Card.

Note: Competitors do not need to receive an actual invitation to enter the US Dressage Finals. The entry system will have their eligibility status, and they can enter prior to receiving an email invitation.

IV. Entry Requirements

Completed entries for the US Dressage Finals **must be received** by the closing date, Saturday, October 10th midnight Eastern Time.

Each online entry must include the following: full payment, fully signed 2026 US Dressage Finals entry form and signed USEF Waiver, current negative Coggins test and current Flu/Rhino Vaccine Record. All documents must be uploaded when you receive your online entry confirmation from Horseshowoffice.com, that is emailed immediately to you after you enter online.

For evolving event and competitor information, usdressagefinals.com will be your source.