

# Need to Know News for the 2021 Competition Season

## USDF Adds Regional Schooling Show Awards



The US Dressage Federation has launched a new awards program specifically for regional organizations that offer schooling shows. The program is meant to highlight success in dressage at the schooling show level within USDF group members.

Riders must have a USDF Group Membership that is recorded by the Group Member Organization at the time each score is earned. Scores can be earned in any USDF region from December 1 through November 30. Owners must have at least a USDF non-member number and the horse must have at least a USDF horse identification number at the time scores are earned.

Riders can change division status during the program year as the rider's status will be determined at the end of the program year. It is up to the rider to submit scores to USDF online no later than 21 calendar days after the last day of each competition.

There is a yearly nomination fee of \$35 per horse/rider combination.

USDF has broken the awards program into four divisions and seven levels. Divisions include Open, Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur and Non-Professional. The levels of competition are Introductory, (which is only open to Junior/Young Rider, Adult Amateur and Non-Professional divisions), Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth and FEI. The FEI level combines Prix St. Georges, Intermediate I, Intermediate II and Grand Prix scores.

Here in Maryland, the Potomac Valley Dressage Association has signed on to the program by nominating many of its schooling shows for 2021.

For more information and to register, please

visit [usdf.org](http://usdf.org) and search for "USDF 2021 Regional Schooling Show Awards Program Rules."

## USHJA Approves Various Rule Changes

The US Hunter Jumper Association published a list of key rule changes that were discussed and approved at its annual meeting, held December 11, 2020. The rule changes that were approved and are in effect for the 2021 season:

1. Mules are now allowed to compete in Jumper divisions.

2. Earbuds are now prohibited in any area designated for schooling and exercise.

3. Jumper classes will be limited per section per day in the interest of horse welfare.

4. A new Jumper and Equitation English and corresponding metric fence height chart for Hunter class cross entry and eligibility was created.

5. Amateur Owners have been removed from the Jumper sections leaving only Amateurs. A separate year-end award will still be available for recorded owners.

For more information and a complete 2021 rulebook, please visit [ushja.org](http://ushja.org).

## New Modified Classic Division

The "Classic Three-Day Event" is a series of events that follow the original "long" format of eventing with dressage, followed by roads and tracks and cross-country, and finishing with show jumping. Previously, the US Eventing Association held a Classic Series for the Novice, Training and Preliminary levels. For 2021, it has added Modified.

The Modified level was first introduced in 2017 to bridge the gap between the Training and Preliminary levels. In 2020, the new CCI\* was added to give an FEI equivalent to the national Modified level.

As of press, the only events in the country to

officially add this level are the Spokane Sport Horse Farm Fall Horse Trials in Washington and the Waredaca Classic Three-Day Event and Horse Trials here in Maryland. The Waredaca event will be held October 22-24 in Laytonsville.

Details on how to qualify for this event and the specifications for each phase of the Classic can be found on [useventing.com](http://useventing.com).

## USHJA Outreach Program Updates

The US Hunter Jumper Association announced last December several changes to its USHJA Outreach program for the 2021 calendar year. The USHJA Outreach program was created to provide members an opportunity to earn national recognition and awards for competing at the local and unrecognized events.

For this season, Outreach classes have been broken into three categories: Outreach classes held within an unrecognized show, Outreach classes held as a standalone competition, and Outreach classes held in conjunction with a USEF-rated competition.

There is now an added point tracking for horses and trainers in addition to an adjusted flat point scale. Competitors can also trade points in towards year-end awards including ribbons, stall signs and other USHJA merchandise. In addition, members can earn Certificates of Merit throughout the year. The highest placed Gold Level Certificate of Merit rider from each Zone will earn a Golden Backstage Pass for 2021, which gives them the opportunity to attend the USHJA National Championships and compete in the Affiliate Championships.

The program has also added a High Point Trainer award for 2021. The Jumper section has been expanded to include O.60m to 1.20m fence heights. A Hunter Walk/Trot Poles class has been added to the Hunter class offerings.