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## **CDI MANAGERS' e-NEWSLETTER**

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### **2009 CDI Calendar (Non-World Cup Qualifiers)**

The following events have been approved by the USEF Dressage Committee and USEF Executive Committee, and have been put forward to the FEI for final approval at the FEI General Assembly meeting November 17 – 23 in Buenos Aires:

December 5 – 7, 2008	CDI 3*/Y/J/P Wellington, FL
January 29 – February 1, 2009	CDI 5*/3* Wellington, FL
February 6 – 8, 2009	CDI 3*/Y West Palm Beach, FL
March 26 – 29, 2009	CDI 3*/Y Burbank, CA
April 2 – 5, 2009	CDI 3*/Y/J Rancho Murieta, CA
April 24 – 26, 2009	CDI 3*/Y/J Del Mar, CA
May 8 – 10, 2009	CDI 3*/Y/J Batavia, OH
May 15 – 17, 2009	CDI 3*/Y/J Wayne, IL
May 22 – 24, 2009	CDI 1*/Y/J Lexington, KY
August 14 – 16, 2009	CDI 3*/Y/J/P Saugerties, NY

***Applications which were submitted earlier this year for North American League qualifying events for the 2009/2010 World Cup™ season (which begins June 2009) are also currently under review by the FEI and the calendar will be announced shortly.***

# New USEF Membership Categories Announced

*By Lisa Owens, Assistant Executive Director of Member Services*

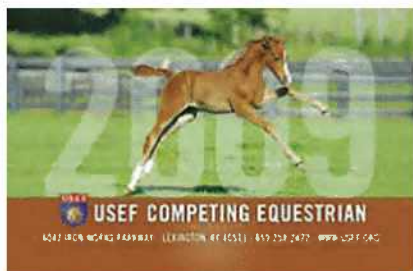
In an effort to simplify the membership fee structure, the United States Equestrian Federation Board of Directors approved the categories listed below to be implemented for the 2009 competition year. If you have any questions about the new memberships, please call one of our Customer Care Agents at (859) 258-2472. The membership categories are as follows:

**Competing Membership:** The competing membership is offered for individuals who desire to participate in Federation Licensed Competitions (Bylaw 211 and 212). The USEF Competing Equestrian membership categories are:

1. **Life Members** - those persons who have made a single lifetime payment of dues. The fee is \$2,500.00.
2. **Senior Active Member** - Those persons who have reached their eighteenth birthday (in accordance with the applicable Federation Rules), who have paid the requisite dues. The fee is \$55.00.
3. **Junior Active Member** - Those persons who have not reached their eighteenth birthday (in accordance with the applicable Federation Rules), who have paid the requisite dues. The fee is \$55.00. Life members who have not reached their eighteenth birthday are also Junior Active Members.

## **2009 USEF COMPETING MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

The USEF Competing Equestrian, USEF Competing Equestrian Life and USEF Competing Equestrian/USHJA Active Member cards are below:



**Non-Competing Membership:** Non-Competing membership is offered for individuals who do not desire to participate in Federation Licensed Competitions. Non-Competing membership categories are:

1. **USEF Equestrian** - this includes insurance and MemberPerks. The fee is \$35.00.
2. **Club Equestrian** - this includes MemberPerks. The fee is \$15.00.

**Please note: Non-Competing members are not eligible to compete in USEF Licensed Competitions unless they pay a non-member fee.** (Competition Managers and Secretaries are not considered Non-Competing Members as they do participate in an official capacity at a competition.)

## 2009 USEF NON-COMPETING MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The two Non-Competing membership cards are featured below and are distinguished from the USEF Competing Equestrian Membership by their **BLUE** color.

***If a member presents one of these Blue cards, they will be unable to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, coach, trainer, competition manager or competition secretary at a USEF licensed competition.*** The online cards will state "Club Equestrian" or "USEF Equestrian" and will have the words "Non-Competing" printed on them.



**Non-Members:** Starting December 1, 2008, there will no longer be an affidavit for payment of non-member fees. GR1309.2.b states, "If an exhibitor does not submit the proper membership documentation to the competition and the competition cannot verify such information (with the exception of Federation measurement cards), the exhibitor will be responsible to pay a \$30 non-member fee which is non-refundable." This is payable to the competition and the competition will submit these payments to the Federation via the post-competition report.

Questions about the new membership rules? Please contact Lisa Owens, AED of Member Services, at [lowens@usef.org](mailto:lowens@usef.org).

## USEF & FEI Competition Fees for 2009

**Competition Fees:** GR208 Competition Fees. [Chapter 2. Membership Classifications] **Effective 12/1/08:** 1. For every horse participating in any national competition licensed by the Federation, a **\$15** Federation fee will be collected (\$7 shall be an Equine Drugs and Medication fee to provide for research, inspection, and enforcement of rules regarding use of medications and drugs; see GR407.1, .2 and .3). Exception: Horses entered in classes exempted from the Equine Drugs and Medication fee are also exempt from the balance of the Federation fee.

**FEI Competition Fee:** For 2009 CDI's, the FEI competition fee will be **\$23.00** (\$15.00 D&M fee and \$8.00 Federation fee). Please amend your entry forms accordingly.

# New International High Performance (IHP) Rule

Starting December 1, 2008, there are some changes to the IHP fee. Please see USEF rule GR207.3 International High Performance below:

- a. In order for an individual to be eligible to compete as a rider, driver, or vaulter, in international competition as defined herein, said individual must be a member of the Federation and must pay an International High Performance (IHP) Discipline Fee established annually by the Federation as noted below.
- b. **The IHP fee is \$35 per entry at defined competitions as noted below for each discipline.** The fee is capped at \$420 per competition year. Please refer to USEF website for policy and instructions on requesting reimbursement for payments over \$420 in the same competition year.
  1. **For purposes of this rule, an entry is defined as each horse,** horse/vaulter combination, vaulting team, or driving single, pair or team.
  2. **Competition secretaries are responsible for collecting the fees and sending them to USEF with the post-competition report.**
- c. **Dressage**
  1. **FEI Recognized Competitions/Classes (CDI).**
  2. **The North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) and/or European Junior and Young Rider Championships require an IHP fee.**
- d. Eventing
  1. FEI Recognized Competitions/Classes.
  2. The North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) and/or European Junior and Young Rider Championships require an IHP fee.
- e. Jumping
  1. FEI Recognized Competitions/Classes (CSIO/CSI) including for Children, Young Riders, and Seniors.
  2. USEF recognized Grand Prixes included on the USEF Computer List (National and International levels).
  3. The North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) and/or European Junior and Young Rider Championships require an IHP fee.
- f. Driving
  1. FEI Recognized Competitions/Classes at the Advanced Level.
- g. Endurance
  1. FEI Recognized Competitions/Divisions.
- h. ParaEquestrian
  1. FEI Recognized competitions/divisions in the U.S. at the 3\* level or above.
- i. Reining
  1. FEI Recognized Competitions/Classes.
  2. The North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) and/or European Junior and Young Rider Championships require an IHP fee.
- j. Vaulting
  1. FEI Recognized Competitions/Divisions.
- k. **In order to compete in International Competitions in the US as defined above, foreign competitors must be a member in good standing of their National Federation and are required to pay the \$35 IHP per entry fee as listed above.**

## In Summary...

- A \$35 IHP fee must be collected for **every entry** in your CDI (for dressage, this is based upon each horse entered). Please amend your entry forms to accommodate inclusion of this fee.
- This fee now applies to every CDI entry, regardless of nationality.
- IHP fees are sent to USEF with the Post-Competition Report.

Questions about the new IHP rule? Please contact Lisa Owens, AED of Member Services, at [lowens@usef.org](mailto:lowens@usef.org).

## New FEI Dressage Tests & Rule Changes for 2009

The FEI has just notified USEF that they will be issuing new dressage tests, which will become effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup>! Unfortunately, these tests have not been finalized yet...the FEI has stated *"it is our intention to send the 2009 Dressage tests to all NF's and to post them on the FEI website by mid-November."* Therefore, while we apologize that we do not have more information available at this time, but as soon as we receive the new tests we will immediately notify all organizers and distribute links for downloading of new tests.



As with the dressage tests, all National Federations have been notified by the FEI that **rule changes to the Dressage Regulations are pending, and if approved, will become effective January 1<sup>st</sup>**. These rule change proposals are pending final approval at the FEI General Assembly meeting November 17 – 23. As soon as USEF receives notification regarding the final changes approved by the General Assembly, we will immediately notify all organizers and provide links for downloading the new Dressage Regulations. Thank you for your patience.

## USEF Rule Change Alert for your 2009 CDI...

In planning officials for your CDI, please note the following USEF rule change which will take effect as of December 1, 2008:

***"DR125.5. Dressage Competitions holding both a national competition and a CDI must have a separate Dressage Technical Delegate in addition to the FEI Chief Dressage Steward." (see also GR1211.3)***

Please hire your 2009 officials accordingly!

# FEI World Cup™ Finals Return to Las Vegas!

Excitement is building as the FEI World Cup™ Dressage & Jumping Finals will be returning to Las Vegas, Nevada, April 15 – 19, 2009. Tickets are now on sale! Visit [www.worldcuplasvegas.com](http://www.worldcuplasvegas.com) for complete event information. Only six dressage qualifying events remain, and include the following:

- ❖ November 7 – 9, 2008 CDI-W Del Mar, CA
- ❖ January 23 – 25, 2009 CDI-W West Palm Beach, FL
- ❖ February 20 – 22, 2009 CDI-W Burbank, CA
- ❖ Feb. 26 – March 1, 2009 CDI-W Loxahatchee, FL
- ❖ March 12 – 15, 2009 CDI-W Del Mar, CA
- ❖ March 12 – 15, 2009 CDI-W Wellington, FL



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## Important FEI Competition Reminders

*By Jen Brown, USEF International Competition Services Liaison*

Please note the following reminders for your 2009 event:

- **FEI Schedules:** Schedules are due 18 weeks prior to the event; should the schedule not be received in a timely manner, USEF reserves the right to revoke a competition's FEI status. All changes to schedule should be made in writing. No changes are allowed in the final 2 weeks before the event. The new 2009 FEI Draft Schedule template is still not yet available from the FEI, but we will continue to use the 2008 version in this interim.
- **FEI Results:** Submission of results using the Fox Village software, but there has been confusion regarding different final score report formats. CDI secretaries should send USEF all the formats which include the FEI information and the freestyle information - \*.dat file, PDF, etc.
- **Distribution of Prize Money:** There is still some lingering confusion about this...please refer to clarification included in the USEF CDI Newsletter #3 (available on the USEF website).
- **2009 FEI Registration:** The FEI is putting their foot down on this...beginning in 2009, standings will not count if the competitor/horse has not registered BEFORE the event.
- **2009 FEI Fees are the same as 2008 with the exception of Passport charges.**

As always, if you need further assistance with FEI Schedule or FEI Results matters, please contact Jen Brown, International Competition Services Liaison, at [jbrown@usef.org](mailto:jbrown@usef.org).



*Electronic scoreboard in use at the USEF Young & Developing Horse Dressage Championships in Lexington, KY this September. Scoreboard services provided by The Scoreboard Guys, LLC.*

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## **Scoreboard Requirement for CDI-W's**

Per Article 435.6 of the FEI Dressage Regulations, "Open scoring/running score (showing judges' marks on scoreboard during test) is compulsory for CDI-W's and recommended at CDI's." As recently clarified by Eva Salomon at the FEI, **a scoreboard is required for every CDI-W event which shows the system of running score/score to beat on the scoreboard** (the FEI does not want the score per movement system to be visible for judges and riders any more and therefore should not be used – use running score/score to beat instead). ***Exceptions to the scoreboard rule for U.S. CDI-W's may be considered by the FEI but must be requested through USEF.***

If you are looking for a scoreboard for your competition, The Scoreboard Guys LLC may be able to help. Owned by Tom Blankenship, this company provided the scoreboard services for the USEF Pony Finals and the USEF National Young & Developing Horse Dressage Championships at the Kentucky Horse Park, and we would like to thank Tom for his outstanding service. The Scoreboard Guys are now booking dates for 2009 and will be happy to quote service for events anywhere in the country. Please contact Tom at [toblank@bellsouth.net](mailto:toblank@bellsouth.net) or (317) 443-5853.

## **Important Links to Bookmark**

Looking to stay on top of what's going on in the world? Anyone can sign up for FEI news releases at this link: [http://www.fei.org/Media/News\\_Centre/Pages/Subscribe.aspx](http://www.fei.org/Media/News_Centre/Pages/Subscribe.aspx).

In an effort to provide more easily accessible FEI information for organizers, USEF maintains a page on the USEF website devoted to FEI and CDI information. By visiting our USEF national dressage programs page at this link, click on "FEI & CDI Information": <http://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allDressage/natdressage.aspx>. There you will find quick links to various pages of the FEI website, plus the CDI calendar, saved copies of this newsletter, and FEI dressage tests.

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When drawing for starting order, please remember to have a current FEI/BCM World Dressage Ranking List available at your event. This list is updated regularly and is posted at this link: <http://www.fei.org/Disciplines/Dressage/Results/Pages/Rankings.aspx>.

## **Upcoming CDI Calendar (through March 31, 2009)**

*Events which are shaded are pending final approval from the FEI.*

**November 7 – 9, 2008 CDI-W/Y/J Del Mar, CA** (The Del Mar Classic)

Contact: Kim Keenan [keenandressage@yahoo.com](mailto:keenandressage@yahoo.com)

**December 5 – 7, 2008 CDI 3\*/Y/J/P Wellington, FL** (Dressage at the Holiday & Horses)

Contact: Lloyd Landkamer [llandkamer@aol.com](mailto:llandkamer@aol.com)

**January 23 – 25, 2009 CDI-W/Y West Palm Beach, FL** (Gold Coast Opener)

Contact: Noreen O'Sullivan [nosullivan@harborfs.com](mailto:nosullivan@harborfs.com)

**January 29 – February 1, 2009 CDI 5\*/3\* Wellington, FL** (World Dressage Masters)

Contact: Lloyd Landkamer [llandkamer@aol.com](mailto:llandkamer@aol.com)

**February 6 – 8, 2009 CDI 3\*/Y West Palm Beach, FL** (Wellington Classic Challenge)

Contact: Noreen O'Sullivan [nosullivan@harborfs.com](mailto:nosullivan@harborfs.com)

**February 20 – 22, 2009 CDI-W/Y Burbank, CA** (Mid-Winter Dressage Fair)

Contact: Glenda McElroy [glenda@glenroys.com](mailto:glenda@glenroys.com)

**Feb. 26 – March 1, 2009 CDI-W/Y Loxahatchee, FL** (Palm Beach Dressage Derby)

Contact: Evelyn O'Sullivan [pbderby@aol.com](mailto:pbderby@aol.com)

**March 12 – 15, 2009 CDI-W/Y/J Del Mar, CA** (The Dressage Affaire)

Contact: Kim Keenan [keenandressage@yahoo.com](mailto:keenandressage@yahoo.com)

**March 12 – 15, 2009 CDI-W/Y/J Wellington, FL** (WEF Dressage Classic)

Contact: Lloyd Landkamer [llandkamer@aol.com](mailto:llandkamer@aol.com)

**March 26 – 29, 2009 CDI 3\*/Y Burbank, CA** (Festival of the Horse)

Contact: Glenda McElroy [glenda@glenroys.com](mailto:glenda@glenroys.com)

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