



USEF DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING HANDLER/ASSISTANT HANDLER ENTRY & RELEASE FORM

*****ALL HANDLERS/ASSISTANT HANDLERS MUST READ AND SIGN THIS FORM OR A COMPETITION ENTRY FORM PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN A USEF-LICENSED COMPETITION AS A HANDLER OR ASSISTANT HANDLER.*****

Competition Name: _____

Competition Dates: _____ **USEF License #:** _____

Location (City, State): _____

HANDLERS/ASSISTANT HANDLERS – Please note the following:

GR908. AGREEMENT.

- 1. Every entry at a Licensed Competition constitutes an agreement that the person making it, owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver, rider, handler, vaulter, longeur, and the horse are subject to the Bylaws and the rules of the Federation and the local rules of the competition. Exhibitors are cautioned to abide by restrictions concerning exhibiting horses before judges as provided for in GR1304.**
- 2. Every exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, coach and trainer or his/her agent(s) must sign an entry blank. In the case of a rider, driver, handler, vaulter or longeur under the age of 18, his/her parent or guardian, or if not available, the trainer, must sign an entry blank on the minor's behalf. If any of the above persons fails to do so, his/her first entrance into the ring as an exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, vaulter or longeur shall be construed as his/her acceptance of the rules of the competition involved and of the Federation and shall ipso facto render him/her subject to said rules. Upon the failure of an owner, trainer, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, coach or agent(s), or parent or guardian or trainer of a minor rider, driver, handler, vaulter or longeur, to sign an entry blank as required, and upon confirmation of any such violation(s) by the steward or secretary of the competition, such person(s) shall be subject to an automatic fine of \$250 imposed for each such violation.**
- 3. Violation of the rules in connection with entries may be cause for disqualification of the exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, coach and trainer by the Directors of the Licensed Competition (see GR1218.4) and for report to the Federation.**

Federation Entry Agreement Effective 12/1/09

By entering a Federation-licensed Competition and signing this entry blank as the Owner, Lessee, Trainer, Manager, Agent, Coach, Driver, Rider, Handler, Vaulter or Longeur and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the "Federation") and the local rules of the Competition. I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the Competition, the Federation, their officials, directors and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the Competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cable-casts, **broadcasts, internet, film, new media** or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the Competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the Competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such

use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation rules are governed by the laws of the State of New York, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in New York State. See GR908.4.

Federation Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition (insert name) to the following: **I AGREE that “the Federation” and “Competition” as used herein includes the Licensee and Competition Management, as well as all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and Federation affiliates.** I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death. (“Harm”). I AGREE to **hold harmless and release** the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm **of any nature** caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm **arises or results** resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition. I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition. I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or my horse **while** at the Competition. I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR801 and **if applicable**, EV114, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while **WARNING** that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. If I am a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child’s participation and AGREE to all of the above provisions and AGREE to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child’s behalf. I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition. I AGREE that if I am injured at this competition, the medical personnel treating my injuries may provide information on my injury and treatment to the Federation on the official USEF accident/injury report form. **BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE** to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank.

Signature of Handler/Assistant Handler Date Printed Name of Handler/Assistant Handler

USEF Number _____ *(All Handlers must be USEF members or Non-Member rules will apply. Assistant Handlers are exempt from USEF membership requirements, but all Federation rules apply. See GR901.9)*

Phone _____ **Fax** _____ **Email** _____

Address _____

Entry Numbers of all Horses for which you will be Handler/Assistant Handler:
