



# EXIBITOR “HOW TO GUIDE” FOR LITE LICENSED COMPETITION

The US Equestrian Federation welcomes you in participating in a Lite Licensed competition. The USEF Lite Competition Program was developed as an accessible competition product for competitors who wish to “test drive” competing in a USEF licensed competition. This program provides access to equestrians who are interested in competing under the framework of organized equestrian sport, involving rules and policies that support the safety and welfare of equestrians and their horses and offer a fair and level playing field.

This How to Guide will aid exhibitors in the understanding of what a Lite licensed competition has to offer and how an exhibitor can step into the world of a Lite licensed competition with ease. Within this guide you will find quick links for information, a reference chart for Lite specific competitions, USEF staff contact information, and more.

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# QUICK FACTS RELATED TO LITE LICENSED COMPETITION

## ***Do I need a Competing Membership to compete in a Lite licensed competition?***

No, a competing membership is only needed if USEF HOTY points are desired.

## ***Is a Show Pass required to compete in a Lite licensed competition?***

No, non-members who are not seeking USEF HOTY points may compete at a Lite licensed competition without a Show Pass

## ***Does my horse need a recording to compete in a Lite licensed competition?***

No, a horse only needs a recording when the Owner, who has a competing membership, is seeking USEF HOTY points.

## ***Does the USEF Safe Sport Policy apply to non-members while at a Lite licensed competition?***

Participants in a Lite competition will be under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Center for SafeSport and will be subject to the U.S. Center of SafeSport Code and USEF Safe Sport Policy and afforded all related protections. However, the SafeSport Training is only required for USEF Competing Members over the age of 18, whomever is signing as Trainer/Coach on the entry blank, Competition Manager(s), Secretary, and any person acting in the role of a licensed official.

## ***Do I need a USEF Amateur Card to compete in Amateur classes at a Lite licensed competition?***

No, eligibility for Amateur classes at Lite licensed competitions are based on honor. Amateurs seeking USEF HOTY points must be competing members to be eligible for USEF HOTY points.

## ***Does my Trainer or Coach need a competing membership?***

Yes, anyone signing the entry blank as a Trainer or Coach must have a competing membership and have completed the SafeSport Training prior to the first day of competition.

## ***Do the Trainer/Coach fields need to be signed if I do not have a Trainer or Coach with me at a Lite competition?***

Yes, if you are an adult and do not have a Trainer or Coach with you, then you yourself will sign as the Trainer/Coach and must have a competing membership and have completed the SafeSport training prior to the first day of competition.

If you are a Junior/Youth member and do not have a Trainer or Coach with you, then your parent or guardian will sign as the Trainer/Coach and must have a competing membership and have completed the SafeSport Training prior to the first day of competition.

## ***Are drug fees collected at Lite Licensed competitions?***

No, a drug fee is not collected at a Lite competition, but the drug rules do still apply, and drug testing can occur.

## ***Do owners and their horses obtain USEF HOTY points when competing at a Lite licensed competition?***

Yes, for HOTY Points Associated with the Horse. Lite Competitions will award half- value points to all USEF Recorded horses, whose owner is a Federation Active Competing Member and meets any applicable breed/discipline required memberships.

For HOTY Points Associated with the Rider. Lite Competitions will award half- value points to all riders who are Federation Active Competing Members and meet any applicable breed/discipline required memberships.

# LINKS TO KEY COMPONENTS NEEDED TO HOST A LITE COMPETITION

## USEF SAFE SPORT INFORMATION

USEF Safe Sport Information for Competitors

<https://www.usef.org/safe-sport/competitors>

USEF Safe Sport Information for Trainers

<https://www.usef.org/safe-sport/trainers>

USEF Safe Sport Ineligibility List

<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/ineligibility-list>

## BENEFITS INFORMATION

Health Coverage Options

<https://www.usef.org/join-usef/health-insurance/?benefit=177>

Member Benefits

<https://www.usef.org/join-usef/membership-benefits>

Personal Liability Insurance

<https://www.usef.org/join-usef/health-insurance/equisure>

## COMPETITION INFORMATION

Confidential Competition/Licensed Officials Evaluation

<https://www.usef.org/compete/competition-evaluation/select-competition>

Drugs & Medications Homepage

<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/drugs-medications>

Complaint Information

<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations>

## GENERAL INFORMATION

USEF Breed/Discipline Rules (see tiles for individual chapters)

<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/rulebook>

Horse Application

<https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/KNqXKeFmPhM/2/us-equestrian-horse-application>

Lite Licensed Competition Rules (GR310.6)

[https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/\\_wkXxv2A1WA/gr3-competition-licensing](https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/_wkXxv2A1WA/gr3-competition-licensing)

Membership Application

[https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/d\\_jqOXjpYpc/2/us-equestrian-membership-application](https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/d_jqOXjpYpc/2/us-equestrian-membership-application)

## RESULTS INFORMATION

Horse Report (a report which depicts all competitions/classes a horse has participated in)

<https://www.usef.org/search/horses>

- Once the horse is found, click “Horse Report”

Rankings/Results (a search tool which depicts the various award types and their current standings)

<https://www.usef.org/compete/rankings-results>

# USEF HORSE OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Record your horse and start collecting points toward Year-End Awards. You have probably heard your trainer, friends, or other equestrians talk about tracking points and winning year-end awards through the Horse of the Year Program.

The Horse of the Year Program is one of the oldest nationally recognized multi-breed awards programs in the country. National and regional/zone awards are presented in over 150 recognized divisions. Celebrating your horse's achievements from throughout the year, over 5,000 awards are presented with National Champions and Reserve Champions invited to be honored at the USEF Annual Meeting Gala. Annual and lifetime recordings are offered with discounts on lifetime recordings for foals, yearlings, and two-year-olds.

Recording your horse/pony automatically enters it in the USEF Horse of the Year Program provided the owner is an Active member or Recorded Farm/Business of the Federation.

For more information and assistance recording your horse, contact one of our Member Services agents who will be happy to assist you, call 859-258-2472.

## HELPFUL LINKS RELATED TO THE HOTY PROGRAM

Chapter 11 provides details on the HOTY program and breaks down the awards by breed/discipline

<https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/Rmg3Xf7F6mw/gr11-federation-records-awards>

Horse Report (a report which depicts all competitions/classes a horse has participated in along with which award categories the points earned fall under)

<https://www.usef.org/search/horses>

- Once the horse is found, click "Horse Report"

Points Inquiry (a reference page to use if questions arise for points earned)

<https://www.usef.org/compete/points-inquiry>

Rankings/Results (a search tool which depicts the various award types and their current standings)

<https://www.usef.org/compete/rankings-results>

# EXAMPLE OF A HORSE REPORT

A Horse Report provides a multitude of information for an owner.

- The top portion of the report will provide a summary the horse's information
- Next, each competition will be listed with the below information
  - ◊ Competition number, name, start-end dates, state
  - ◊ Owner as listed on the entry blank for that competition
  - ◊ Section title (which HOTY award the classes listed under them will belong to)
  - ◊ Class #, class title, entry #, placing, how many National and Regional points were earned (good versus bad points), and rider name
  - ◊ Good points are earned if the owner is a competing member of USEF and the horse has a recording
- After each competition within the inputted timeframe has been listed, the bottom of the report will contain a Report Total which breaks down each award category that has earned points and provides a total of the points earned

Date Range: 12/1/2021 - 11/30/2022



## US Equestrian Horse Report

Breed: [REDACTED]  
 Foal Date: [REDACTED]  
 Owner: [REDACTED]

Sire: [REDACTED]  
 Dam: [REDACTED]

Breeder: [REDACTED]  
 Microchip: [REDACTED]

2604 2022 CITRUS CUP [REDACTED] Start Date 4/13/2022 End Date 4/16/2022 State: FL Region: 4

### SECTION: MORGAN WESTERN PLEASURE AMATEUR

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	ENTRIES	PLACING	NAT.PNT	ZRD.PNT	RIDER
18	MOR Western Pleasure Ladies Amateur	3	1	20.00 / 0.00	20.00 / 0.00	[REDACTED]
196	MOR Western Pleasure Amateur Championship	7	1	20.00 / 0.00	20.00 / 0.00	[REDACTED]
38	MOR Western Pleasure Masters Amateur	7	2	12.00 / 0.00	12.00 / 0.00	[REDACTED]
TOTALS				52.00 / 0.00	52.00 / 0.00	

426 2022 SOUTHERN STATES CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW [REDACTED] Start Date 5/25/2022 End Date 5/28/2022 State: NC Region: 3

### SECTION: MORGAN WESTERN PLEASURE AMATEUR

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	ENTRIES	PLACING	NAT.PNT	ZRD.PNT	RIDER
133	Morgan Western Pleasure Amateur Masters	3	1	20.00 / 0.00	20.00 / 0.00	[REDACTED]
18	Morgan Western Pleasure Ladies Amateur	2	1	20.00 / 0.00	20.00 / 0.00	[REDACTED]
222	Morgan Western Pleasure Amateur Championship	4	1	40.00 / 0.00	40.00 / 0.00	[REDACTED]
89	Morgan Western Pleasure Amateur Stallions/Geldings	4	3	8.00 / 0.00	8.00 / 0.00	[REDACTED]
TOTALS				88.00 / 0.00	88.00 / 0.00	

341514 2022 BLUE RIDGE CLASSIC [REDACTED] Start Date 7/19/2022 End Date 7/23/2022 State: NC Region: 3

### SECTION: MORGAN WESTERN PLEASURE AMATEUR

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	ENTRIES	PLACING	NAT.PNT	ZRD.PNT	RIDER
126A	Morgan Western Pleasure Amateur Masters	3	1	5.00 / 0.00	5.00 / 0.00	[REDACTED]
190	Morgan Western Pleasure Amateur Championship	7	4	1.00 / 0.00	1.00 / 0.00	[REDACTED]
2	Morgan Western Pleasure Amateur	10	7	0.00 / 0.00	0.00 / 0.00	[REDACTED]
TOTALS				6.00 / 0.00	6.00 / 0.00	

# USEF CONTACT INFORMATION

## CONTACTS FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS

### **USEF SAFE SPORT QUESTIONS OR NEEDING TO REPORT A USEF SAFE SPORT VIOLATION: [SAFESPORT@USEF.ORG](mailto:SAFESPORT@USEF.ORG)**

- General USEF Safe Sport Policy questions regarding training requirements and Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policies
- Reporting a USEF Safe Sport violation and misconduct at a competition

### **AMATEUR STATUS OR RULES: [AMATEURINQUIRY@USEF.ORG](mailto:AMATEURINQUIRY@USEF.ORG)**

### **COMPETITION LICENSING AND CHANGES TO LICENSES: [DATES@USEF.ORG](mailto:DATES@USEF.ORG)**

- For new licenses, date or name changes, manager & secretary updates, and license renewal questions. (Changes must be submitted in writing)

### **DRUG FEES: [MEDEQUESTRIAN@AOL.COM](mailto:MEDEQUESTRIAN@AOL.COM) OR CALL 800-633-2472**

- Questions about drug fee requirements, testers, drug/medication questions and inquires

### **MEMBERSHIP: [CUSTOMERCARE@USEF.ORG](mailto:CUSTOMERCARE@USEF.ORG)**

- Questions regarding current memberships, membership options, and competing membership requirements

## BREED AND DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC POINTS OF CONTACTS

Questions regarding Breed and Discipline rules, HOTY points, and Exhibitor or Horse eligibility please email the point of contact from the National Breeds & Disciplines Department:

- Danielle Aamodt - [daamodt@usef.org](mailto:daamodt@usef.org)
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  - ◇ Second Contact – Sam Robinson: [srobinson@usef.org](mailto:srobinson@usef.org)