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1. Competing Membership(s)

Competing members are those individuals who desire to participate in Federation Licensed Competitions **as Life or Active members as defined in Bylaw 212.**

- a. Life Member. Life Members are **those persons who have made** a single payment of \$2,500. They shall be exempt from annual dues.
- b. Active Member. Active Members are those Members who **have paid the requisite annual dues of \$80. For purposes of these rules, 'Senior Active Members' are those Active or Life Members who have reached their 18th birthday. 'Junior Active Members' are those Active or Life Members who have not reached their 18th birthday, as provided for in GR128. BOD 4/24/17 Effective 12/1/17**

2. Non-competing Membership(s)

Non-competing members are those individuals who do not desire to participate in Federation Licensed Competitions. Non-competing members are not eligible to participate as a licensed official, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, trainer, coach, competition manager, or competition secretary. The non-competing membership options are described on the membership application form.

GR202 Membership Requirements

1. To be eligible to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, Endurance Rides, Reining Competitions, ParaEquestrian Competitions, and Vaulting Competitions, persons must be Members of the Federation as provided in Bylaw 201. No organization, other than the USEF and its Recognized Breed and Discipline Affiliates, may require mandatory membership or a non-member fee as a condition of participation in a USEF Licensed Competition. (See GR1210.13 for further information regarding the collection of mandatory participation fees at USEF licensed competitions).
2. All **Competing** Members of the Federation must designate a primary breed/discipline affiliation upon joining or must do so annually upon renewing. A member will be deemed to continue his or her primary designation unless prior to the record date (November 30 of each year) such Life Member notifies the Federation in writing of change. This shall be considered the member's affiliation for the purpose of allocating Voting Director seats as provided in Bylaw 211. **BOD 4/24/17 Effective 12/1/17**
3. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. If a horse(s) is owned by multiple individuals, only one owner need be a Member or pay a Show Pass fee.
4. If a horse(s) is owned by a farm or any other entity, **at least one of the horse's owners, either Farm/Business or individual,** must also obtain an exhibitor registration pursuant to GR1106. **BOD 1/14/17 Effective 12/1/17**
5. Non-members must pay a Show Pass fee of **\$45.**
6. The competitions will be responsible for forwarding Show Pass forms with the names of individuals who pay Show Pass fees at the competition to the Federation with the post competition report. Payment of Show Pass fees for purposes of competing does not entitle the individual to any other privileges of USEF membership.

GR203 Effective Date of Membership

1. Effective Date of Memberships

- a. Membership is effective the date the correct application and fees are received in the Federation office, with the following exceptions:
 1. For applications submitted at licensed Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 223, Section 1, applications are considered effective on the date the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary provided the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary on that same day.
 2. Applications completed online at any Dressage competition are effective the date the application is submitted.
 3. For applications submitted at all Competitions other than Dressage Competitions, reference Bylaw 223, Section 1, applications are considered effective on the start date of said Competition provided the application and dues are received by the Competition Secretary and the application is signed and dated by the Competition Secretary during the period of the Competition.
 4. Applications completed online at any competition other than Dressage are effective, for points and eligibility to compete only, the start date of the Competition.

SUBCHAPTER 2-B AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

GR204 Affiliated Associations and Associated Youth Organizations

1. Recognized Affiliate Associations

Recognized Affiliate Associations consist of corporations, organizations, and associations in good standing that have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Federation. Recognized Affiliate Associations shall comply with and be bound by these bylaws and the Rules of the Federation and decisions of the Federation including those of the Hearing Committee, and must pay annual fees and/or dues as determined by the Federation. Recognized Affiliate categories shall include:

- a. International Discipline Associations where the discipline is recognized through the Federation to the FEI or the USOC. The Federation may only recognize one International Discipline Association for each discipline recognized by the FEI. International Discipline Associations are sometimes referred to as the “FEI Affiliates”; or
 - b. National Associations where the national breed or discipline has competition rules which have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Federation for inclusion in the Federation’s Rule Book. The Federation may only recognize one national breed/discipline association for each breed or discipline with competition rules in the Rule Book. If a Recognized National Affiliate Association ceases to affiliate with the Federation, the Board of Directors may in its discretion replace the organization that has seceded or been removed for cause with another association involving the same breed or discipline or the Board of Directors may replace the organization with an appropriate Federation Breed or Discipline Committee. Such Committee shall be deemed a Recognized National Affiliate Association for purposes of Bylaw 303. Recognized National Affiliate Association requirements are established by the Board of Directors from time to time. Appeals involving the recognition of any association or committee must be made in writing to the National Office within 30 days of the announcement. Appeals will be heard by the Hearing Committee in the same manner as date disputes. The decision of the Hearing Committee shall be final and shall be deemed to have the force and effect of a ruling in arbitration. Recognized National Affiliate Associations are sometimes referred to as “National Affiliates.”
2. Alliance Partners consist of corporations, associations, educational institutions offering equine related programs, or other organizations approved by the Federation. Alliance Partners must pay annual fees and/or dues as determined by the Federation.
 3. Any Alliance Partner that is also a member of a Federation Recognized Affiliate may utilize only the applicable Breed/Discipline rules contained in the Federation Rule Book as a guideline for conducting non-Federation

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competitions. Such use does not include access to the Federation regulatory process. The use of any other Federation rules is prohibited unless written permission is granted by the Federation.

4. Any non-Federation competitions using the applicable Breed/Discipline rules as described in .3 above must give notice to exhibitors in the prize list that Federation rules do not apply.

SUBCHAPTER 2-C NON-MEMBERS

GR205 Participation

A non-member, who wishes to participate as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, owner, lessee, agent, coach or trainer at Regular Competitions, Eventing Competitions at the Preliminary Level or above, Dressage Competitions, Endurance Rides, Reining Competitions, Vaulting Competitions, and Combined Driving Competitions at the Advanced Level, must pay a Show Pass fee for each competition in which competing. Lessees are considered owners in connection with this membership requirement. In the event of an entry under multiple ownership, only one owner need be a Member or pay a Show Pass fee. The competition is responsible for listing either the active member or the owner that paid the Show Pass fee in the results. The competitions will be responsible for forwarding copies of all Show Pass forms completed at the competition to the Federation with the post competition report. Payment of Show Pass fees for purposes of competing does not entitle the individual to any other privileges of USEF membership.

SUBCHAPTER 2-D FEDERATION FEES AND DUES

GR206 Show Pass Fee

1. Federation Show Pass fee. The amount of the Show Pass fee will be established annually by the Federation. Unless otherwise established, the fee will be \$45 and must be collected by all appropriate competitions and remitted to the Federation (for exceptions see GR901.9). Non-US citizens who are members in good standing of their National Federations are exempt from payment of the Federation Show Pass fee.
2. Recognized Affiliate Association non-member fee. A Federation Recognized Affiliate Association as defined under Bylaw 222, Section 1 (1) and 1 (2) may establish a non-member fee for their respective breed or discipline. If established, the amount of the non-member fee will be determined annually by the applicable Recognized Affiliate Association. This fee must be collected by all appropriate licensed competitions and remitted to the Recognized Affiliate Association (for exceptions see GR901.9).

GR207 High Performance Fees

1. International High Performance
 - a. In order for an individual to be eligible to compete as a rider, driver, vaulter, or longeur, in competitions as defined herein, said individual must be a member of the Federation and must pay an International High Performance (IHP) Fee as noted below: (Exception: GR207.1k)
 - b. The IHP fee is \$35 per entry at defined competitions in the United States as noted below for each discipline. The fee is capped at \$420 per competition year. Please refer to the 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 Events [CDIO/CDI's, including the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC)].

d. Eventing

1. FEI Recognized Events [CCIO/CCI's and CIC's, including the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC)].

e. Jumping

1. FEI Recognized Events [CSIO/CSI's, including for Children, Young Riders, Seniors, and the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC)].
2. USEF recognized Grand Prixes included on the USEF Show Jumping Ranking List (Maximum one fee per horse per competition).

f. Driving

1. FEI Recognized Events (CAIO/CAI's).

g. Endurance

1. FEI Recognized Events (CEIO/CEI's).

h. Para-Equestrian

1. FEI Recognized events (CPEDIO/CPEDI's) at the 3* level or above.

i. Reining

1. FEI Recognized Events [CRIO/CRI's, including the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC)].

j. Vaulting

1. FEI Recognized Events(CVIO/CVI's)

k. In order to compete in 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.

2. All Senior Active Members who receive funding from USEF for High Performance training or competitions, if called upon by the USEF President, shall personally donate at least two days of service for each calendar year in which they have received funding. However, such service is not required to be given during the same calendar year in which funding is received. Such service may be, at the President's discretion, given to either the Federation and/or the members' respective affiliate. In person participation at Board and Committee meetings shall be credited toward fulfilling this service requirement. Such requested service shall not affect a member's amateur status. A member's competition schedules and prior commitments shall be taken into serious consideration by the USEF President when calling upon members to fulfill this requirement. An administrative penalty may be levied by the President for non-compliance at the recommendation of the Director for Sport Programs, and after consultation with the Regulation Director.

GR208 Competition Fees

1. For every horse participating in any competition licensed by the Federation, a \$23 Federation fee will be collected (\$15 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.
2. The following fees may be paid by competitors when applying for membership at a competition: any fees as provided in GR206, GR207, GR208.1, and GR1307.3.