

USEF/WDAA Competition Comparison Chart

Main areas of requirement	USEF Regular Competition	USEF Local Competition	USEF Lite Competition	WDAA Recognized
USEF Membership	Yes, or pay \$45 for a show pass for the day	No, only amateurs or exhibitors who want to be eligible for HOTY points	No, only those who want to be eligible for HOTY points	No
Drug Fee	\$16	\$16	No	No
Judge	USEF-Licensed Western Dressage or Dressage judge	USEF-Licensed Western Dressage or Dressage judge	USEF-Licensed Western Dressage or Dressage judge or someone enrolled in USEF Western Dressage judge licensing who has attended the WDAA Judges Seminar in the past 2 years	USEF-Licensed Western Dressage judge or Dressage judge
Steward	USEF-Licensed C2 Steward	USEF-Licensed C2 Steward	No – USEF-Licensed or someone knowledgeable of rules	No – USEF-Licensed or someone knowledgeable of rules
Cost to License the Competition	\$100 for new competitions or those with 299 or fewer horses the year before, \$250 for those with 300 or more horses the year before - 60 days before the show	\$50 – At least 30 days before the show	\$50 – At least 30 days before the show; shows USEF licensed the year before are ineligible	\$35

Medical Personnel	Certified EMT or other trauma-trained individual	Certified EMT or other trauma-trained individual	Qualified medical personnel must be on the grounds unless there is emergency service within 15 miles of the venue or cell service is available at the venue. The competition organizer shall post the name and contact information for nearest emergency care facility in the area that is accessible 24 hours per day.	Optional
Farrier	Optional or On Call	Optional or On Call	Optional	Optional
Safety Coordinator	Must be designated per prize list	Must be designated per prize list	Anyone but the Steward	Optional
Vet	Optional or On Call	Optional or On Call	Not on grounds/ Must post names of two vets	Optional
USEF Manager and Secretary	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
\$1 Million Insurance	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Turn in results within 10 days after show	Yes	Yes	Yes	Within 14 days to WDAA
USEF Entry Blank Language (See GR916 Page 116-117)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Regulations Process – Protest Charges (unpaid checks)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Use of USEF General and Discipline Rules	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Horse Proof of Vaccination	Yes	Yes	No	No
HOTY points	Yes, if horse has an HID Number & rider membership	Yes, for USEF members	½ Points for USEF members	No
WDAA WHLPAP points	No	No	No	Yes
Must turn in prize list	Yes – 60 days prior	Yes – 30 days prior	No	No
Can USEF Western Dressage judges apprentice?	Yes, if the presiding judge is a licensed USEF Western Dressage judge or Dressage judge with experience judging Western Dressage.	Yes, if the presiding judge is a licensed USEF Western Dressage judge or Dressage judge with experience judging Western Dressage.	Yes, if the presiding judge is a licensed USEF Western Dressage judge or Dressage judge with experience judging Western Dressage.	Not unless the show is also licensed as a USEF Regular, Local, or Lite show and the judge is a USEF Western Dressage judge or Dressage judge with experience judging Western Dressage.