



# UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

## USDF US Dressage Finals Eligibility

The US Dressage Finals is an Invitational competition using the USEF/USDF Regional Championship program to qualify. Qualifying takes place at each of the nine Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, based on either 1) Ranking in a Regional Championship Class or 2) Wild Card Eligibility. Either must be achieved at a Regional Championship in a class and eligible division offered at the US Dressage Finals. **NOTE: Riders who qualified for the US Dressage Finals in 2020 are eligible to compete in the 2021 US Dressage Finals pending all requirements have been met.**

### I. Qualification Based on Ranking in a Regional Championship Class:

**Champion and Reserve Champion horse/rider combinations for each level and eligible division from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited, provided the following three requirements are met: US Citizenship; Declaration of Intent completed by the deadline; and earning an eligible ranking in a Regional Championship class.**

***Note: Since Freestyle classes at Regional Championships are not split by division, the top two declared Open horse/rider combinations and the top two declared Adult Amateur horse/rider combinations for each level from each of the nine Regional Championships will be automatically invited. In addition, to be eligible for the Adult Amateur division in the Freestyles at the US Dressage Finals, competitors must check the AA box on the Regional Championship entry form and must provide proof of Adult Amateur status prior to competing in their Regional Championship classes.***

- 1) **United States Citizenship Requirement: To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen.**
- 2) **Declaration Requirement: The horse/rider combination must declare their intention to participate** by completing the Declaration of Intent form by midnight on the day prior to the first day of their Regional Championship competition (including any open class day before the start of championship classes). **There is no fee to declare, but horse/rider combinations must declare at the level(s) and eligible division(s) they intend to compete in at the US Dressage Finals. Go to [www.usdressagefinals.com](http://www.usdressagefinals.com) to declare.**
- 3) **Ranking in a Regional Championship Class: Eligibility to enter US Dressage Finals classes is based on a horse/rider combination's ranking in a Regional Championship class. Champions and Reserve Champions in eligible classes will be automatically invited, as long as they have declared by the deadline. *Note: In order to be named Champion and Reserve Champion in a Regional Championship class, a horse/rider combination must have achieved a score of 57% or higher.***

**In the event that the Champion and/or Reserve Champion declines the invitation, or are ineligible to compete in the US Dressage Finals, the horse/rider combination that has the next highest ranking in the class will be eligible, providing they:**

1. **Are a US citizen.**
2. **Completed the Declaration of Intent for that particular level and division by the deadline.**
3. **Achieved the pre-requisite score of 57% or higher.**

**If that combination declines, the same process will be followed down through the fifth ranked declared horse/rider combination for that Finals level and division.**

**No notifications will be issued beyond the fifth ranked, of declared horse/rider combination except as may be eligible through the Wild Card invitations described below.**

### II. Qualification Based on Wild Card Eligibility:

Horse/rider combinations who are not otherwise qualified to compete in the US Dressage Finals based on their Regional Championship ranking (see above) may be invited to participate in a Finals class by earning a Wild Card score achieved at one of the nine Regional Championships, provided the following two requirements are met: US Citizenship and earning an eligible Wild Card score in a Regional Championship class.

- 1) United States Citizenship Requirement: To compete in any US Dressage Finals class, the rider must be a US citizen.
- 2) Eligible Wild Card Score: Eligibility to enter US Dressage Finals classes is based on a Wild Card score earned in a Regional Championship class. For all levels and divisions from Training through Grand Prix, a horse/rider combination that competes in a Regional Championship class and achieves a score at or above the score listed below for that level and division may compete in the same level and division at the US Dressage Finals.

*Note: Horse/rider combinations are not required to have filed a "Declaration of Intent" in order to receive a Wild Card invitation.*

	<u>OPEN:</u>	<u>AA:</u>
Training:	72%	68%
First:	72%	68%
Second:	68%	65%
Third:	68%	65%
Fourth:	68%	65%
Prix St. Georges:	68%	65%
Intermediate I:	66%	64%
Intermediate II:	66%	64%
Grand Prix:	66%	64%
All Freestyles	68%	68%

### III. Invitations:

Invitations and notifications will be emailed to eligible/qualified horse/rider combinations immediately after each Regional Championship. There will be three categories of emails:

- 1) Invitation emails will be sent to the top two of the top five declared horse/rider combinations.
- 2) Invitation emails will be sent to combinations eligible for a Wild Card.
- 3) Notification emails will be sent to the third to fifth declared horse/rider combinations, notifying them that they are on the reserve/alternate list and reminding them to check the website for any status changes that would make them eligible for an invitation.

In the event that an invited horse/rider combination scratches, invitations may be issued up to the start of the competition.

*Note: Competitors do not need to receive an actual invitation to nominate themselves for the US Dressage Finals. The entry system will have their eligibility status and they can nominate prior to receiving an email invitation.*

### IV. Nomination Requirement:

Nomination, including payment of the nomination fee, is required for participation in US Dressage Finals classes, whether qualifying through ranking in a Regional Championship class or by Wild Card Eligibility. The nomination deadline is midnight, 96 hours after the last championship day in the regional championship show in which the horse/rider combination competed. Each US Dressage Finals horse/rider combination is required to complete the nomination (preliminary entry) process including the horse/rider combinations on the reserve/alternate list. The Nomination fee paid will be applied to the total amount due at Closing Date.

### V. Entry Requirements

Completed entries for the US Dressage Finals *must be received* by the closing date, October 25, 2021 midnight Eastern Time. Priority for all stabling requests (including stabling in Alltech Barns and for double stalls) will be based on the date of receipt of the COMPLETE online entry. Due to COVID-19 Best Practices, each online entry must include the following: full payment, fully signed 2021 US Dressage Finals entry form and signed USEF Waiver, current negative Coggins test and current Flu/Rhino Vaccine Record. All documents must be uploaded when you receive your online entry confirmation from Horseshowoffice.com, that is

emailed immediately to you after you enter online. The last factor in determining stabling priority will be the allotted number of Alltech stalls available per region.

US Dressage Finals Deadlines		
Regional Championship	Declaration	Nomination
1	Wednesday, October 13, 2021	Thursday, October 21, 2021
2	Wednesday, October 6, 2021	Thursday, October 14, 2021
3	Thursday, October 7, 2021	Thursday, October 14, 2021
4	Wednesday, September 22, 2021	Thursday, September 30, 2021
5	Wednesday, September 15, 2021	Thursday, September 23, 2021
6	Wednesday, September 22, 2021	Thursday, September 30, 2021
7	Wednesday, September 22, 2021	Thursday, September 30, 2021
8	Wednesday, September 22, 2021	Thursday, September 30, 2021
9	Wednesday, October 6, 2021	Thursday, October 14, 2021
<p><i>Above deadlines are midnight in the time zone of the specific Regional Championship</i></p> <p>Entry Closing Date is October 25, 2021 midnight Eastern Time</p> <p><b>See Official Prize List for more information.</b></p>		

For evolving event and competitor information, [usdressagefinals.com](http://usdressagefinals.com) will be your source.