



2017 USDF Breeders Championship Series

The USDF Breeders Championship Series (USDFBCS) is a program intent on recognizing quality bloodlines and dressage prospects across the nation. Through a combination of in-hand and materiale classes, the USDFBCS program strives to provide top-notch competition opportunities for prospect and breeding stock horses. The USDFBCS is scheduled on a calendar year basis, which means that the USDFBCS competition year runs from January 1-

December 31. A series must have a minimum of three qualifying events in order to host a series final competition, with series boundaries being determined by USDF. Please be advised that the boundaries of any given series may cross the regional boundaries established for dressage competitions. All Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) and USDFBCS exhibitors and management staff are responsible for knowing the rules pertaining to USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions holding DSHB classes, as well as USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions in general. The USEF Rule Book Chapter Dressage, Subchapter DR-2, contains the DSHB class rules, and can be found online at www.usef.org. All recent rule changes in the online USEF Rule Book will be noted in color.

IN-HAND CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

A. Horse Registration and Membership Requirements for Eligibility (In-Hand Classes)

1. All horses entered in any USDFBCS qualifying class must have either a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) or USDF Horse Identification Number (HID), and submit identification information. Horses registered with a breed organization must have a copy of their registration papers submitted directly to USDF. Any horse participating in the series final classes must have a LHR with USDF. The HID fee will apply toward the LHR fee.
2. Owner is not required to be a USDF member for qualifying events. If the owner does not have a current USDF Group, Participating, or Business Membership, non-member fees will apply. However, owner must have a current USDF Participating Membership (PM) or Business Membership (BM) for their horse to compete in the series final class.
3. Neither USDF membership nor a USDF non member fee is required for the handler.
4. Horses participating in USDFBCS qualifying or final events are not required to be registered with any studbook, but "if a horse is registered with any breed organization, the name of the breed, sire, dam, damsire, and breeder must be given on the entry blank. For unregistered horses competing in DSHB classes, the information is strongly recommended, if available." (GR907).
5. It is strongly recommended that horses not registered with a breed registry be listed as "unregistered".
6. It is the responsibility of the horse owner to ensure that their USDF membership and USDF horse registration are correct and current prior to the start of the series final class.

B. Requirements for USDFBCS Qualifying Events (In-Hand Classes)

1. Classes must be offered and judged according to DR209.
2. All divisions must offer Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand and Breeding Stock In-Hand classes.
3. Only a single set of Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand and Breeding Stock In-Hand Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes may be offered to serve as qualifying classes for the USDFBCS. These classes must be open to all horses and ponies of the appropriate age and sex, and not subject to any entry restriction.
4. A separate championship class must be held for all divisions, even those that have only one class or one horse in the division. For example, if there is only one class of mares, the top two mares from that class would then be shown in the championship class. If there is only one stallion in the one stallion class, that stallion would then show again in the championship class. All horses must be reevaluated by the judge(s) at both the walk and the trot in the championship class. If any one of the judges adjudicating this class has not previously judged all of the horses in this class, conformation must also be reevaluated on every horse.
5. Each qualifying event must offer a current year filly class, a separate current year colt/gelding class and a current year foal championship class. This current year foal championship class is a series final qualifying class. This class must be held and judged (i.e. re-evaluated at the walk and the trot, and conformation if required) in accordance with DR210.

The current year foal championship class, at qualifying events, must be open to first and second place winners of Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand classes for all foals of current calendar year, as listed below. First and second place (and third if desired) fillies and colts/geldings of current year will compete against each other in the same class. (Organizers have

the option of including third placed horses in qualifier championship classes.) No scores are given. Ties are not allowed.

Current Year Foal Championship:

Fillies of current calendar year

Colts/Geldings of current calendar year

- The champion and reserve champion current year foals at each qualifier event are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBCS series final class. A third place foal in the championship class must be named as well.
6. Each qualifier event must offer a Filly Championship class and a Colt/Gelding Championship class. These classes are USDFBCS qualifying classes. These classes must be held and judged (i.e. re-evaluated at the walk and the trot, and possibly the conformation) in accordance with DR210.

The filly and colt/gelding championship classes must be open to first and second placed winners of Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand classes for all horses, as listed below. (Organizers have the option of including third placed horses in qualifier championship classes). No scores are given. Ties are not allowed.

Filly Championship:

Yearling Fillies

Two-year-old Fillies

Three-year-old Fillies

Colt/Gelding Championship:

Yearling Colts/Geldings

Two-year-old Colts/Geldings

Three-year-old Colts/Geldings

The champion and reserve champion filly and the champion and reserve champion colt/gelding at each qualifier event are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBCS series final class. A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well. Current Year Foals ARE NOT ALLOWED in Filly Championship and Colt/Gelding Championship classes.

7. Each qualifying event must offer a Mare Championship class and a Stallion Championship class. These championship classes are USDFBCS qualifying classes. These classes must be held and judged (i.e. re-evaluated at the walk and the trot, and possibly the conformation) in accordance with DR210.

Mare and Stallion Championship classes must be open to first and second placed winners of Breeding Stock In-Hand classes for horses age four years old and over, as listed below. (Organizers have the option of including third placed horses in qualifier championship classes). No scores are given. Ties are not allowed.

Mare Championship:

Mare classes may be divided by age, competition and/or breeding status (as of January 1st of the current competition year), as in the following example:

- Four-year-old and older maiden mares – never bred
- Four-year-old and older yeld mares – previously bred but not currently bred or nursing
- Four-year-old and older broodmares – in foal or currently nursing (mare only to be judged).

For details on determining breeding status for competition purposes, please refer to DR203.

Stallion Championship:

Stallion classes may be divided by age or competition status, as in the following example:

- Four-year-old and older stallions showing only in-hand
- Four-year-old and older stallions showing also under saddle

The champion and reserve champion mare and the champion and reserve champion stallion at each qualifier event are eligible to compete in their respective USDFBCS series final class. A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well.

8. Age/sex eligibility is determined as follows:
 - a. Fillies, colts, and geldings three years of age or under may show ONLY as sport horse prospects, not in breeding stock classes/categories.
 - b. Mares and stallions age four and over, may show ONLY in breeding stock classes/categories. Note: Two and three-year-olds are ONLY eligible to compete in the filly or colt/gelding championships. They are NOT eligible for the mare or stallion championships.

- c. Geldings of any age may NOT show in breeding stock classes/categories. Geldings age three and under may show ONLY in sport horse prospect classes.
9. Scoresheets: Age group classes must be judged using the appropriate scoring categories and percentages. Sport horses three years old and under MUST be evaluated on the current USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospect In-Hand scoresheets and breeding stock MUST be evaluated on the current USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock scoresheets.
10. Horses in all USDFBCS qualifying classes must be evaluated for movement according to DR210. Each horse competing at a USDFBCS qualifying show will have only ONE opportunity to qualify for the championship class appropriate to their age/sex category.
11. During the same or separate awards ceremonies, the current year foal champion and reserve, the filly champion and reserve, the colt/gelding champion and reserve, the mare champion and reserve, and the stallion champion and reserve, must be named USDFBCS qualifying champions and reserve champions for the show. A third place horse in each championship class must be named as well. NO ties allowed. Announcements must identify sponsors and horses' breeding information.
12. Each qualified champion and reserve champion (up to ten) must be presented with a qualifier ribbon. These ribbons will be supplied to the show by USDF. Only the champion and reserve champion will receive the qualifier ribbons, even if they have previously qualified. The third place horse in the qualifier championship class will not receive a qualifier ribbon. The qualifier ribbons for champion and reserve champion are identical.
13. All champions and reserve champions will be eligible to compete in the USDFBCS series finals. In the event that a champion and/or reserve has already qualified for the final, the third-placed horse from the pertinent qualifying championship class will be eligible to compete in the final. Competition management is required to have judges place qualifying championship classes to three places, with no ties. In addition, any other horse receiving a 77.00 percent or better in its age/sex class will be qualified and eligible to compete in the USDFBCS series finals.
14. A list of qualified horses is maintained, by series, on the USDF website.
15. Horses must qualify in the same series in which they enter the final. Exception: Horses that have qualified for a series final which is either not scheduled or is cancelled may participate in the final of any other USDFBCS series in the same calendar year, without having to re-qualify for that series final. Owners of horses that have qualified for a final that is not held must indicate which series their horse qualified in on their entry form for the alternative final.
16. Horses may compete in qualifying events in any series, but if qualified for more than one series final, they may participate in only one final class.
17. If there is a change of ownership of the horse, the new owner(s) may choose to participate in the series final where they reside, regardless of where the horse qualified, provided that the new owner contacts the USDF office and initiates the transfer of ownership at least 30 days prior to the new series final date.

C. Conduct of In-Hand Finals Classes at Series Final Competitions

1. At least two USEF DSHB judges (DR202) must officiate in each series final class; one of the two required judges must be a USEF 'R' DSHB judge. Each judge will evaluate each entry independently, and scribes must be provided for each judge. Winners will be determined by the average of all judges' scores. The highest scoring horses will be declared champions and the second highest will be declared reserve champions.
2. Ties in series final classes must remain unbroken.
3. There are five championship classes in USDFBCS series final competitions. Current year foal champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBCS current year foal final class. Filly champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBCS filly final class. Colt/gelding champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBCS colt/gelding final class. Mare champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBCS mare final class. Stallion champions and reserves from each qualifying event will compete together in the USDFBCS stallion final class.
4. A grand champion and reserve grand champion current year foal, a grand champion and reserve grand champion filly, a grand champion and reserve grand champion colt/gelding, a grand champion and reserve grand champion mare, and a grand champion and reserve

- grand champion stallion will be named at each USDFBCS series final event. Grand and Reserve champions will receive awards and prizes provided by USDF. Third through sixth placed horses in series final classes will receive ribbons provided by USDF. After the final event, special certificates will be available from USDF via the website to owners of all horses that competed in USDFBCS series final classes.
5. USDF reserves the right to change, alter, or retract any placings and/or prizes for up to 60 days after the last day of the championship if an error or violation is discovered.
6. Horses must be shown individually on the triangle at the walk and trot, and standing for conformation. Each horse must be evaluated in the same manner. Callbacks are permitted. If horses may be recalled, the prize list or program must state that this procedure will be used. (DR209)
7. Owner must enter the qualified horse in the USDFBCS series final championship class. The horse is NOT automatically entered in the finals class because it qualified earlier in the day or at another show.
8. Horses in the current year foal final class, filly final class and the colt/gelding final class MUST be evaluated using the USDF Dressage Sport Horse Prospect **In-Hand** scoresheets. Horses in the mare final class and the stallion final class MUST be evaluated using the USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Stock scoresheets.
9. Management must collect USDF Lifetime Horse Registration and/or Participating or Business Memberships applications and fees prior to commencement of the series final classes for eligible entries that wish to participate in the series final classes. These applications and fees must be submitted to the USDF office within 24 hours of the series final classes.
10. Series final events must agree to allow late entries in series final classes for horses that qualified for the series final event after the official closing date.

MATERIALE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Materiale Championships will be held at each USDFBCS series final competition. Each USDFBCS series final will hold a Three-Year-Old Materiale Championship class and a Four/Five-Year-Old Materiale Championship class. Fillies, colts, mares, stallions, and/or geldings, will compete in the same championship classes of their respective age groups. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be named for both the three-year-old championship class and the four/five-year-old championship class at each series final event. These specific age categories of three-year-olds and four/five year-olds are the only eligible categories to be offered as USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.

A. Horse Registration and Membership Requirements for Eligibility (For Materiale Classes)

1. All horses entered in any materiale class held at a USEF/USDF recognized Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) or dressage competition must have either a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) or USDF Horse Identification Number (HID), and submit identification information. Horses registered with a breed organization must have a copy of their registration papers submitted directly to USDF. Any horse participating in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes must have a LHR with USDF. The HID fee will apply toward the LHR fee.
2. Owner is not required to be a USDF member for a horse to compete in materiale classes or earn USDFBCS materiale championship qualification scores at USEF/USDF recognized DSHB or dressage competitions. If the owner does not have a current USDF Group, Participating or Business membership, non-member fees will apply. However, the owner must have a current USDF Participating Membership (PM) or Business Membership (BM) for the owner's horse to compete in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class.
3. **Rider is required to have a current USDF PM at the time a horse's qualifying score is earned and at the time of the USDFBCS Materiale Championship class.**
4. Horses participating in USDFBCS qualifying or final events are not required to be registered with any studbook, but "if a horse is registered with any breed organization, the name of the breed, sire, dam, sire and breeder must be given on the entry blank" (GR907).
5. It is strongly recommended that horses not registered with a breed registry be listed as "unregistered".
6. It is the responsibility of the horse owner to ensure that the owner's and rider's USDF membership and USDF horse registration are correct and current.

B. Requirements for Materiale Championship Qualification

1. A horse may qualify for competition in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class by receiving one score of 72.0% or higher in a materiale class held at any USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized DSHB or Dressage competition during the relative competition year.
2. Scores must be earned at competitions licensed by USEF as dressage competitions. Scores earned at competitions licensed by USEF as Regular or Local competitions are not eligible to be used as qualifying scores for the USDFBCS Materiale Championships.
3. The USDFBCS Materiale Championships will run on the same calendar year as the USDFBCS (January 1-December 31).
Qualifications to compete in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class must be earned in the calendar year that the championship will occur. Any qualifications earned in other calendar years will not apply.
4. Qualifying scores must be earned in materiale classes run under DR134 and DR204. Fillies and/or mares may not be combined in classes with colts, geldings and/or stallions (exception: championship materiale classes – see DR204).
5. At each USDFBCS series final competition, two age group materiale championship classes will be held. All qualified horses regardless of sex will compete against one another in their respective age groups. This means that all qualified three-year-olds will compete in one class to determine the USDFBCS Materiale Champion Three-Year-Old, and all four-and-five-year-olds will compete in a separate class to determine the USDFBCS Materiale Champion Four/Five-Year-Old.
6. Horses will be evaluated according to the criteria listed on the current “USDF Materiale Class” scoresheet, and classes must be conducted according to the current USDF “Procedures to Host USDF Materiale Classes”.
7. Qualifying scores to compete in a class may be earned up until the championship class occurs.
8. Once a horse has qualified to compete in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class, the horse is eligible to compete at the USDFBCS series final of the owner’s choice. This means that the horse does **not** have to attend the series final being held within the same geographical area or series that the qualifying score was earned in. However, a horse may only compete in one USDFBCS Materiale Championship class in a given calendar year.
9. A list of qualified horses is maintained on the USDF website.
10. A horse may qualify with a different rider than the rider who competes the horse in the championship class.
11. Dressage competitions with materiale classes scheduled after the USDFBCS series finals are held, are not eligible to participate in the USDFBCS program, and will not be qualifying events for the next year’s series final.

C. Conduct of Materiale Championship Classes at the Series Final

1. At least two USEF DSHB judges must officiate in each USDFBCS Materiale Championship class. One of the two required judges must be a USEF ‘R’ DSHB judge. The other judge may be a USEF ‘T’ DSHB judge or may have an appropriate guest card. Each judge will evaluate each entry independently, and scribes must be provided for each judge. Winners will be determined by the average of all judges’ scores. The highest scoring horse will be declared grand champion, and the second highest will be declared reserve grand champion for their respective age-group classes. Scores must be awarded to all competitors competing in materiale classes, as well as USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.
 - a. Ties in USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes must remain unbroken.
 - b. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be named for both the three-year-old and four/five-year-old USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes at each series final competition. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions will receive awards and prizes provided by USDF. Third through sixth placed horses in these materiale championship classes will receive ribbons provided by USDF.
 - c. After the conclusion of the last scheduled series final competition, special certificates will be available from USDF via the website to owners of all horses that competed in USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.
 - d. USDF reserves the right to change, alter, or retract any placings and/or prizes for up to 60 days after the last day of the championship if an error or violation is discovered.
 - e. Owner must enter the qualified horse in the horse’s appropriate USDFBCS Materiale Championship class prior to commencement of the class. The horse is NOT automatically entered in the class because the

horse qualified earlier in the day or at another show. All appropriate memberships and horse recordings must also be correct prior to commencement of the class.

- f. Management must collect all USDF Lifetime Horse Registration and/or Participating or Business Membership applications and fees for eligible entries that wish to participate in a USDFBCS Materiale Championship class prior to commencement of the class. The applications and fees then must be submitted to the USDF office within 24 hours of the USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.
- g. USDFBCS series final events must agree to allow late entries in the USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes for horses that qualified for the championship after the official closing date.
- h. Series final events must hold materiale classes allowing for qualification opportunities prior to holding the USDFBCS Materiale Championship classes.

AWARD CEREMONIES

A. Requirements

1. For all finals, a USDF sponsor banner must be prominently displayed. If the banner is misplaced or damaged, the event will be responsible for the cost of repair or replacement. Banners must be returned to USDF within 30 days of the competition.
2. In addition to the general requirements above, the awards presentation ceremonies and award presenters at each series final event must be arranged in cooperation with USDF. USDF will contact sponsors to determine if they or a representative plan to attend the award ceremonies. USDF will forward this information to the appropriate management team.
3. All USDFBCS sponsors (or their representatives) should be invited to participate in the final event award ceremonies. Award ceremony announcements must identify the sponsoring organizations. Any sponsors in attendance at these events should be provided with a complimentary copy of the competition program and be given free admission to the event.
4. Management must send two champion photos of in-hand competitors, as well as two champion photos of materiale competitors, electronically to USDF for publication with the final results. Persons and horses in the photos must be identified. A photographer’s release must also be submitted.
5. Public announcements must be made, which credit the title sponsor and promote the program to the public. These announcements are required to be made throughout the event, in particular, during the awarding of Current Year Foal, Filly, Colt/Gelding, Mare and Stallion Championships and Three-Year-Old Materiale and Four/Five-Year-Old Materiale Championships. The name of the breeder(s) must be announced during award ceremonies. It is also strongly recommended that breeder(s) and owners of placing horses be invited to participate in award ceremonies.
6. All unused ribbons and prizes must be returned to USDF within 30 days of the competition. If awards are misplaced or damaged, the event will be responsible for the cost of replacement. For series qualifiers, USDF will provide ten qualifier ribbons (two per division). For series finals, USDF will provide neck sashes and prizes for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion and ribbons for third through sixth place. Ribbons and prizes will be sent directly to the designated competition contact about two weeks prior to the event.
7. Show management is responsible to have a professional photographer for USDFBCS series final competitions.

COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

A. Applying for and Scheduling Qualifier and Final Events

1. The USDFBCS is scheduled on a calendar year basis (January 1-December 31).
2. A series must have a minimum of three qualifying events in order to hold a series final. All shows in the series, including qualifier classes held in conjunction with the series final, are qualifying events.
3. Competitions intending to host USDFBCS qualifying classes must submit their USDFBCS qualifier application to USDF no less than sixty days prior to the start of the competition. Any competitions submitting USDFBCS qualifier applications less than sixty days prior to the start of the competition will be considered on a case-by-case basis and subject to a \$50 late application fee.
4. Competitions may not advertise themselves as being qualifying opportunities for the USDFBCS prior to submitting a qualifier application and related \$75 fee to USDF.

5. The official USDFBCS host site application form for qualifiers and series finals will be available from the USDF office during the summer prior to the start of the next competition year. USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions interested in hosting a final for a series must submit a completed USDFBCS event application form and contract to the USDF office by October 1 of the year prior to the series final to request consideration for hosting the series final.
6. The final event of each series is often the last USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competition holding DSHB classes scheduled in a particular geographical area of the United States. However, a series final must also be held in conjunction with a USDFBCS qualifying event. Host sites of series finals will be designated on or about November 1 of the year prior to the series final year. Competitions which submit a host site application past November 1 of the year prior to the series final year will be subject to a \$50 late application fee and reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
7. The series final must meet the minimum requirements for a series final: 1) minimum USEF Level 2 competition 2) Show manager and secretary must both be members of USEF and USDF (USDF Participating or Group Membership is required) at the time of championships. 3) all other requirements as stated in the USDFBCS Series Final Host Site Application.
8. It is recommended that a series final be held in conjunction with a USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition unless it has a proven stand-alone history.
9. All applications for a series final will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
10. A series final will be considered "definite" when at least three qualifying events have registered with USDF to participate in the series for the year. If it meets the minimum requirements, a series final will be considered "tentative" until at least three events have registered for the series.
11. If two or more qualified events in the same series wish to host the series final, a working group appointed by the Sport Horse Committee, will select the host site of the series final, after consultation with the chair of the Sport Horse Committee, the regional director(s) of the region(s) with qualifying events in the series and the Sport Horse Committee liaison. Priority for the final will be given to 1) the date of event, which must be after all qualifying events are normally scheduled, and ideally, between August 1 and October 1 of the series final year. 2) the most prestigious DSHB show, or USDF Regional Dressage Championship in the geographical area. 3) location and accessibility to competitors. 4) experience of the competition management with DSHB competitions and 5) history of rule compliance with USEF and USDF.
12. All USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions with DSHB classes scheduled prior to the series final in the same calendar year and geographical area are eligible to participate in the USDFBCS program. Dressage competitions with DSHB classes scheduled after the series final in their area are not eligible to participate in the USDFBCS program, and will not be qualifying events for the next year's series final.
13. Only one USDFBCS series, or part of a series, may be held in any particular geographical area in the same calendar year. The boundaries of a series will be determined by USDF in consultation with regional directors and the chair of the Sport Horse Committee. Series will include clusters of DSHB shows, and may cross the regional boundaries established for dressage competitions.
14. If a USDFBCS series does not have at least three qualifying events recognized by USDF by June 1 of the series final year, the final will not be held.

B. Advertising and Promotion

1. In order to receive full promotional benefits from USDF, qualifying and final events must be approved at least six months prior to the competition.
2. Qualifiers and final events must be approved by USDF in writing each year before they advertise that they are participating as qualifying or final events in the USDFBCS program.
3. "USDFBCS" or "USDF Breeders Championship Series" must be used in its entirety if included as the title of an event, or if referred to anywhere within the prize list or program. (In other words, you cannot title a competition the "XYZ Breeders Competition").
4. The title "USDF Breeders Championship _____ Series Final" must be prominently listed in the final event official prize list.

show program, promotional materials, and advertisements once the competition has received written approval of its status as a designated USDFBCS series Final competition.

5. Unless a competition has received written confirmation from USDF of the Federation's approval to host a USDFBCS series final competition, the competition cannot utilize any competition name or title that would include a USDFBCS series final designation. Any failure on the part of the competition management to follow this protocol will result in a \$100 fine.

C. Prizes

1. Prizes will be awarded during the finals competition award ceremonies.
2. Prizes and/or other awards may be withheld by USDF to series winners if the following information is not provided to USDF or show management by required deadlines: name of owner; name, age and sex of horse; and if known, the breed of horse, sire, dam, damsire, and breeder.
3. Prizes and/or other awards may be withheld by USDF if it is found that a series award winner or owner was not in compliance with USDF series final membership and horse registration requirements.

D. Rules Regarding Contracts and Recognition

1. Qualifying and final events must be USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competitions and all classes must be conducted under USEF rules.
2. USDFBCS event application, contract and rules for the upcoming competition year will be available to show managers during the summer of the year prior to each USDFBCS competition year.
3. Rule changes and requirements will be fully approved and publicized by July 1 of the year prior to each USDFBCS competition year.
4. Changes of rules, requirements, or contract obligations for competition management (and/or competitors, if applicable) are not permitted after August 1 of the year prior to the start of the USDFBCS competition year, except when changed by the USEF and/or USDF Executive Board.
5. USDFBCS rules and procedures must be listed in the official prize list for the event, and must be available sufficiently in advance to all potential competitors, or the event may be in violation of USEF rules.
6. For qualifying events whose dates fall after the closing date for their series final event, the results must be emailed to USDF at results@usdf.org within 24 hours of completion of the qualifying event. USDF will verify those horses who have qualified with the series final event secretary.

E. Conduct and Competition Standards for USDFBCS Qualifying and Final Events

Series Final events must meet the minimum requirements for a series final:

1. A minimum Level 2 competition.
2. Show manager and secretary must both be members of USEF and USDF (USDF Participating or Group Membership is required) at the time of championships. All other requirements are as stated in the USDFBCS Finals Host Site Application.
3. DSHB competitions are not permitted to exclude horses from competing in an event that have previously qualified for a USDFBCS series final. Such exclusion is not permitted by USEF rules, and penalties could result.
4. Neither foals nor horses of any other age may be shown loose.
5. Note the following clarification on "stallion": No geldings may compete in the USDFBCS classes for stallions even if they are gelded after qualifying for the finals and are breeding via frozen semen.

LICENSED OFFICIALS

A. Requirements

1. According to DR202 a competition with a USEF- licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) division must have a USEF- licensed DSHB judge and a USEF- licensed dressage technical delegate (TD). Guest Cards to judge DSHB classes are granted only to currently licensed foreign FEI Dressage Judges and approved foreign breeding experts (GR1011). Competition management must apply to USEF for guest cards at least 21 days prior to the competition.
2. Apprentice judging is NOT permitted during USDFBCS series final classes.
3. Hunter Breeding judges or USEF judges with other licenses or in other disciplines are NOT permitted to judge DSHB classes.
4. It is recommended that the USEF (TD) officiating at a USDFBCS series final have significant experience officiating as a TD at DSHB shows.