



## **USEF DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING HANDLER/ASSISTANT HANDLER ENTRY & RELEASE FORM**

**\*\*\*ALL HANDLERS/ASSISTANT HANDLERS MUST READ AND SIGN THIS FORM OR A COMPETITION ENTRY FORM PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN A USEF-RECOGNIZED COMPETITION AS A HANDLER OR ASSISTANT HANDLER.\*\*\***

This Handler/Assistant Handler Entry & Release Form should be used for all Handlers and Assistant Handlers who have not signed an original entry form. The entry number of EVERY horse, which the Handler/Assistant Handler may handle or assist with in the competition ring must be listed in the space provided.

**Competition Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Competition Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_ **USEF Recognition #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location (City, State):** \_\_\_\_\_

### **HANDLERS/ASSISTANT HANDLERS – Please note the following:**

#### **GR1502. Agreement.**

1. Every entry at a Recognized Competition constitutes an agreement that the person making it, owner, lessee, trainer, manager, agent, coach, driver, rider, handler, vaulter, longeur, and the horse are subject to the Bylaws and the rules of the Federation and the local rules of the competition. Exhibitors are cautioned to abide by restrictions concerning exhibiting horses before judges as provided for in GR804.
2. Every exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, coach and trainer or his/her agent(s) must sign an entry blank. In the case of a rider, driver, handler, vaulter or longeur under the age of 18, his/her parent or guardian, or if not available, the trainer, must sign an entry blank on the minor's behalf. If any of the above persons fails to do so, his/her first entrance into the ring as an exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, vaulter or longeur shall be construed as his/her acceptance of the rules of the competition involved and of the Federation and shall ipso facto render him/her subject to said rules. **Upon the failure of an owner, trainer, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, coach or agent(s), or parent or guardian or trainer of a minor rider, driver, handler, vaulter or longeur, to sign an entry blank as required, and upon confirmation of any such violation(s) by the steward or secretary of the competition, such person(s) shall be subject to an automatic fine of \$250. imposed for each such violation.**
3. Violation of the rules in connection with entries may be cause for disqualification of the exhibitor, rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, coach and trainer by the Directors of the Recognized Competition (see GR1216.2) and for report to the Federation.

**ENTRY AGREEMENT:** By entering a USEF-Recognized Competition and signing this entry blank as the Handler, and on behalf of myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents, I agree that I am subject to the Bylaws and Rules of the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (hereinafter "the Federation") and the local rules of the competition. I agree to be bound by the Bylaws and Rules of the Federation and of the competition. I will accept as final the decision of the Hearing Committee on any question arising under the Rules, and agree to release and hold harmless the competition, the Federation, their officials, directors, agents and employees for any action taken under the Rules. I represent that I am eligible to enter and/or participate under the Rules, and every horse I am entering is eligible as entered. I also agree that as a condition of and in consideration of acceptance of entry, the Federation and/or the competition may use or assign photographs, videos, audios, cablecasts, or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the competition, sport, or the Federation. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way as to jeopardize amateur status. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release any rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation. The construction and application of Federation Rules are governed by the laws of the State of Kentucky, and any action instituted against the Federation must be filed in Kentucky. See GR1502.5.

**United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification:** *This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.*

I AGREE in consideration for my participation in this Competition to the following: I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in the Competition as a handler. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports and the Competition involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death ("Harm"). I AGREE to release the Federation and the Competition from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or the horse I have agreed to handle (hereinafter "the Horse") and for any Harm caused by me or the Horse to others, even if the Harm resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition. I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me or the Horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation or the Competition. I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and the Competition and to hold them harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me or the Horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me or the Horse at the Competition. I have read the Federation Rules about protective equipment, including GR318 and GR1713, and I understand that I am entitled to wear protective equipment without penalty, and I acknowledge that the Federation strongly encourages me to do so while WARNING that no protective equipment can guard against all injuries. I AGREE that the "Federation" and "Competition" as used above includes all of their officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and affiliated organizations. I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this Competition. BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all applicable Federation Rules and all terms and provisions of this entry blank.

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**Signature of Handler/Assistant Handler**                      **Date**                      **Printed Name of Handler/Assistant Handler**

**USEF Number** \_\_\_\_\_ *(All Handlers must be USEF members or Non-Member rules will apply. Assistant Handlers are exempt from USEF membership requirements, but all Federation rules apply. See GR1401.9)*

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Numbers of all Horses for which you will be Handler/Assistant Handler:**

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