

## **USDF MATERIALE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016**

### **2016 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders Championship Series MATERIALE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Materiale Championships will be held at each Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders Series Final competition. Each USDFBC series final will hold a Three-Year-Old Materiale Series Final Championship class and a Four/Five-Year-Old Materiale Breeders Series Final 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 USDF Breeders Series Final 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 the Breeders Series Final 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 USDFBreeders Series materiale championship qualification scores at USEF/USDF recognized DSHB or dressage competitions. If the owner is not a USDF Group, Participating or Business member, nonmember 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 USDF Breeders Series Final 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 USDF Breeders Series Final Materiale Championship class.
4. Horses participating in USDFBC 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, dam sire and breeder must be given on the entry blank" (GR907.2).
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 USDF Breeders Series Final 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 USDFBC series finals materiale championships.

3. The materiale championships will run on the same calendar year as the USDFBC series (January 1-December 31). Qualifications to compete in a 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 USEF rule DR134 and DR 204.1. Fillies and/or mares may not be combined in classes with colts, geldings and/or stallions (exception: championship materiale classes – see USEF rule DR 204.2.d).

5. At each USDFBC series final, 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 USDFBC series material champion three-year-old, and all four-and-five-year-olds will compete in a separate class to determine the USDFBC series 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 USDFBC Series Final Materiale Championship class, the horse is eligible to compete at the USDFBC 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 USDFBC Series Final 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 that competes the horse in the class.  
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11. Any materiale score earned at any USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized dressage competition with materiale classes scheduled prior to the USDFBC series final material championship class entered in the same calendar year are eligible for qualification to participate in that USDFBC series final.

12. Dressage competitions with materiale classes scheduled after the USDFBC series finals are held, are not eligible to participate in the USDFBC program, and will not be qualifying events for the next year’s series final.