

What is the USEA?

The United States Eventing Association, a nonprofit educational organization, is committed to providing eventing enthusiasts with a competitive level suited to their individual skills, assisting and educating them, regardless of age or ability, so they can experience the thrill of this sport.

You don't have to ride to be an important part of the USEA! If you are an eventing enthusiast who prefers to participate from the ground, the USEA has a special place for you—volunteers, sponsors, and spectators are the lifeblood of eventing. Just because you're taking the ride of your life doesn't necessarily mean you have to take it astride!

Join the USEA

The USEA is proudly offering our new members a first-hand glimpse into the development of the sport through the 21st century.

If you're a fan and want to keep up with everything that's going on in the sport, for just \$35 you can become a USEA Supporting Member and receive an annual subscription to *Eventing USA*, the only magazine in the U.S. devoted solely to the sport of eventing. This full-color publication provides in-depth coverage on everything from how to improve your dressage test to profiles of top riders, trainers, and competitions. As a Supporting Member, you will also receive a USEA magnet, membership card, and voting privileges.

Eventing is a considerable riding commitment. Bringing along an event horse is a wonderful and challenging experience, and along the way, the USEA provides you with many benefits.



USEA Life and Full Members Receive:

- Ten issues of *Eventing USA*, a lively and informative, full color magazine mailed right to your door that will help keep you up to date on what's going on in the sport.

- Competition privileges at all USEA recognized events. Recognized competitions provide opportunities to gauge your success and climb the ladder to increased technical skill.

- Notification of USEA recognized clinics and educational activities (more than 250 each year), as well as special USEA member rates.

- Special USEA member discounts to the **USEA Annual Meeting and Convention**, including hotel rooms and registration fees.

- USEA magnet to display on your truck, trailer, or tack trunk.

- Voting privileges.

- Eligibility for the **Blue Ribbon Horse and Rider Achievement Award** which recognizes USEA members for the high level of success attained in the sport of eventing. The USEA will automatically post the names of Blue Ribbon qualified horses and riders on the awards section of the USEA website. Award certificates will also be sent out monthly to each rider who achieves the appropriate qualifications.

- Eligibility for the **Eventing Medal Program** where individual members may earn a Bronze, Silver, and/or Gold medal at Beginner Novice through Preliminary. A separate medal will be awarded for a horse registered with the USEA, based on the same scores. The member's name and/or horse's name will be published on the USEA website.

- Eligibility for championship competitions including the USEA's **American Eventing Championships, Gold Cup Series, Young Event Horse and Future Event Horse Series**, as well as USEA year-end high score awards.

- Access to regional and national **Adult and Young Rider programs**, such as camps, clinics, coaching, and team competitions, including a year-end **Junior and Young Riders' Championship** as well as **Adult Team Challenges** throughout the year.

- Eligibility for scholarship programs administered by the USEA, including the **Worth The Trust Educational Scholarship for Adult Amateurs and Young Adults**.



- Access to the competition records of both you and your horse. If you are looking to buy or sell a horse, this can be a great source of information and a good marketing tool.

- Access to your national headquarters in Leesburg, Virginia with a comprehensive eventing library and a professional and knowledgeable staff.

Important Eventing Information:

- **U.S. Equestrian Federation Rules for Eventing**, so that you can compete safely and fairly. Available to view and print from our website for free, or you may order a hard copy from www.ShopUSEA.com or on your membership form when you join the USEA.

- USEA **Omnibus**, a listing of registered competitions, including all the information vital to the eventing competitor. The most up-to-date version is available on the USEA website. The hard copy is printed three times a year as Winter/Spring, Summer, and Fall issues, and the PDF is available to view and print from our website for free, or you can order a hard copy from www.ShopUSEA.com or on your membership form when you join the USEA.

- The USEA Website at www.useventing.com is the center for all information about the sport of eventing in the U.S. By visiting the USEA website you have daily access to the latest event coverage and news about the sport.

Voucher System

Not ready to join? Give us a try! As a non-member, you can participate in USEA recognized events at the Beginner Novice level, and pay a \$25 Beginner Novice non-member fee per competition in lieu of holding an annual USEA membership.

For all these reasons and more, join the ranks of dedicated USEA members and experience the thrill of eventing!

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Your ticket to ride!



United States Eventing Association

U.S. Eventing Association Membership Application

Join online at <https://services.useventing.com> or
download a full size application form at www.useventing.com.

Types of Membership:

- Life Member: \$1,500.00**
- Full Member: \$85.00**
- Collegiate Program Member: \$60.00** (Open to students of an
Eventing Program whose college/university is an affiliate with USEA)
- Junior Age Discount: \$60.00** (Age 18 and under)
- Supporting Member: \$35.00**

Join Now:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Area Program Fees:

- Adult Rider Program Member: \$25.00**
- Young Rider Program Member (Training and Below): \$50.00**
- Young Rider Program Member (Preliminary and Above): \$75.00**

Additional Items for Purchase:

- USEA Medical Armband Holder & Card: \$10.00**
- USEA Omnibus: \$8.00 each** Winter/Spring Summer Fall
- USEF Rules for Eventing \$10.00**

Amateur Rider Declaration:

(19 and older in the current membership year)

Are you declaring Amateur status in accordance with the USEF rule? Yes No

I Herby declare that I am eligible for Amateur status under the conditions set for in the USEF rule.

Name: (please print) _____

Signature: _____

Payment: (Make checks payable to USEA Inc. in U.S. dollars only)

Check enclosed for the amount of: \$ _____

VISA MasterCard AmEx Exp. Date: _____ CV# _____

Card Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name on card: _____



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Does the sound of thundering hooves get your heart racing? Does the fluidity of a dressage test captivate you? Is an athletic show jumping round your idea of sport? If so, eventing is just what you've been looking for, and the United States Eventing Association is the organization that can introduce you to one of the fastest growing equestrian sports in the world—one in which horses and riders of all ages and abilities can compete.

Membership in the USEA is chock full of benefits for riders, spectators, and volunteers, and once the eventing bug has bitten you, your best bet is to hold on tightly for the ride of your life!

Come and see why more and more spectators are showing up each weekend to experience the thrill of a sport that showcases the bravery and talent of the world's most amazing equine athletes.

Rub shoulders with our country's best. America boasts some of the top-ranked riders in the world, including an individual silver medalist at the 2008 Olympic Games, team gold and individual gold, silver, and bronze medalists at the 2007 Pan American Games, the individual bronze medalist at the 2006 World Equestrian Games, the gold medal winning squad from the 2002 World Equestrian Games, and has fielded medal-winning teams in many Olympic Games. These international-caliber competitors can be found testing their mettle at USEA recognized events held all around the U.S., sometimes alongside horses and riders just starting their eventing careers.

Enjoy a day of fun in the sun and see for yourself just how amazing the hearts and minds of eventing horses really are. Their incredible strength and speed will exhilarate you as they gallop by at full throttle, to the next obstacle and beyond.

What is Eventing?

Eventing is best described as an equestrian triathlon. Dressage, the first phase, tests horse and rider's ability to perform a series of movements on the flat in an enclosed arena. During cross-country, horse and rider gallop over natural terrain, jumping a variety of fixed obstacles along the way. In the show jumping phase, horse and rider jump a series of painted fences in an enclosed arena.

The Competitors:

The Event Horse

With correct training and lots of hard work, almost any horse can have a shot at the top in the sport of eventing. You will find that event horses come in all different shapes and sizes, representing many different breeds and crossbreeds. Having to perform well in three separate disciplines, these horses are the ultimate equine athletes!

The Rider

Event riders are athletes of a very special sort. They strive for a partnership with their horses that allows them to succeed in an incredibly rewarding sport.

Eventing offers levels suited to the skills of all competitors, from the recreational rider to the expert with Olympic goals in sight—or anywhere in between. Over 75 percent of USEA members compete at the Beginner Novice, Novice, and Training levels, which are designed to introduce the sport to the first-time competitor. By offering straightforward dressage tests and moderate jumps, both levels are designed to be within the reach of all would-be eventers willing to train properly.

If success at these levels motivates you to set loftier goals, you can set your sights on the highest levels: Preliminary, Intermediate, and Advanced, where at each level the challenge broadens with more intricate dressage movements and technical questions of speed and distance between fences.

And though at times eventing can be a solitary sport, there is an enormous sense of family at events, where riders offer support and encouragement every step of the way, and where lifelong friendships are made in just a weekend.

So if your definition of success at a competition is having a safe, fun, and positive experience for you and your horse, regardless of your actual placing; and your definition of teamwork is coming back from your cross-country ride and letting the next competitor due on course know about the tricky line at the water complex ... then there's a place for you at the USEA!



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