

## 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 \$25 you can become a **USEA Subscribing Member** and receive an annual subscription to *Eventing USA*,

the only magazine in the U.S. devoted solely to the sport of eventing. This award winning full-color, bi-monthly publication provides in-depth coverage on everything from how to improve your dressage test to profiles of top riders, trainers, and competitions. As a Subscribing Member, you will also receive a USEA decal, 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 the following:



## USEA Life, Full and Junior Members Receive:

- **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 to keep in your tack room or trailer. (Contact the USEA for ordering info or visit the USEA website for details).
- **USEA Omnibus**, a listing of registered competitions, including all the information vital to the eventing competitor. Printed three times a year as Winter/Spring, Summer, and Fall issues, and is available to view and print from our website for free, or order a hard copy (Contact the USEA for more details or visit the USEA Web Store [www.ShopUSEA.com](http://www.ShopUSEA.com) to place your order).



- **Eventing USA**, a lively and informative, full color, bi-monthly 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.
- Annual membership is valid from December 1 - November 30.
- USEA decal to display on their truck, trailer, or tack trunk.
- USEA membership card.
- Voting privileges.

If you don't want to compete, you can opt for a **Non-Competing Membership**.

With this reduced rate membership, you receive everything on the list above, except for competition privileges.

If someone in your family (who lives at your address) is a full or life member, you can become a **Family Member**. With this you will have the right to compete at Novice and Training level USEA recognized competitions, but from the list will only receive the last six items.

## Other Membership Benefits:

**Rider Awards Program** Open to USEA members who have completed three events placing 1st thru 5th, three times at a USEA recognized event. Certificates are awarded from the Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced levels, including two-day events, and three- and four-star three-day events. In addition, the member's name/horse's name will be published on the USEA website. Riders are responsible for reporting their results.



A separate medal will be awarded for a horse registered with the USEA, based on the same scores. Results are retroactive from the date of this program. In addition, 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.
- 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.

- Recognition through the Volunteer Certification program.

After volunteering at three or more events during the year, submit your qualifications and you'll receive a certificate as well as see your name in print in *Eventing USA*.

## 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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## Eventing Medal Program

Effective February, 2009 – An individual member may earn a Bronze, Silver, and/or Gold medal at Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, and Preliminary.



Your ticket to ride!

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# U.S. Eventing Association Membership Application

A full size application form may be found on our website, or join on-line at [www.useventing.com](http://www.useventing.com).

## Types of Membership:

**Life Member: \$1,500.00**

**Full Member: \$85.00**

Includes *Eventing USA* publication. Young Riders must state birthdate.

**Family Member(s): \$60.00 each**

May only be attached to a Full or Life Member residing at the same address, and may ONLY compete at the Novice and Training Levels. Limit four per household. Includes *Eventing USA* publication.

**Junior Member: \$60.00**

Under 18. (In the year of your 19th birthday you will be required to upgrade to a Full membership for an additional \$25). Includes *Eventing USA* publication.

**Non-Competing Member: \$46.00**

**Subscribing Member: \$25.00**

Receives six issues of the bi-monthly *Eventing USA* color magazine only.

## Join Now:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check enclosed for the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

VISA  MasterCard  AmEx Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 medallists at the 2007 Pan American Games, the individual bronze medallist 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 recognised 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 prescribed classical 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!



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!