



UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION

Group Member Organization (GMO) FAQs

USDF

Q What does a Group Membership (GM) entitle me to?

A A USDF GM makes you eligible for USDF Rider Awards. In addition, Group Members receive the award winning *USDF Connection* magazine, eligibility to earn university credits, and eligibility to receive member discount rates for USDF events. Group Members also have the inside track on local dressage happenings and GMO-sponsored USDF educational clinics and programs. (*Supporting Family members do not receive a subscription to the USDF Connection – one magazine per “family”*)

Q Is a GM sufficient to qualify for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships?

A No. In order to be eligible to qualify for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, both the owner and rider of the horse must be Participating Members and the horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) at the time the scores are earned. (Horses may be owned by a current USDF Business Member)

Q Is a GM enough to make me eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards?

A No. USDF strongly encourages dressage riders to become members of their local GMOs. However, a USDF Participating Membership (PM) is required to be eligible for all Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, including horse of the year, adult amateur, all-breeds, etc. (Horse must have a USDF LHR, be owned by a USDF Participating Member or Business Member, and be ridden by a USDF Participating Member at the time scores are earned)

Q Is a GM enough to make me eligible for Adequan®/USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding (DSHB) year-end awards?

A No. To be eligible for DSHB awards, the owner must be a USDF Participating Member or USDF Business Member.

Q Does a GM make me eligible to compete in Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeder’s Championship (USDFBC) Qualifiers and Finals classes?

A Qualifiers: Yes. In Great American Insurance Group/USDFBC Qualifier classes, any type of USDF membership or USDF Non-Membership is acceptable for the owner. There are no membership requirements for the trainer/handler/assistant.

Finals: No. As an owner of a horse competing in Great American Insurance Group/USDFBC Finals classes, you must retain a USDF Participating or Full Business Membership.

Q What is the membership year for Group Members?

A The USDF GM year is December 1 through November 30. GM is for a full 12-month period, regardless of when the membership is submitted on a roster to USDF.

Q Do Group Members receive a USDF card?

A Yes, if you do not have a current PM, you will receive a USDF Group Member card. However, if you have a current PM and GM, you will not receive a card as you will receive a PM card, which is the higher level of membership (*your USDF number will be the same for your PM and GM—USDF numbers do not change*).

Q Can Group Members receive any type of refund if they are members of more than one GMO?

A Yes. There is a form on the USDF Web site to request the refund of multiple GMO dues. On the form you must declare one GMO as your primary GMO and list the ones for which you want refunded. All Multiple GMO Dues Refund Requests must be submitted to USDF between April 1 and August 1 of the current GMO year, as this will affect membership counts for delegate voting. (*This refund is not applicable for Supporting Family Members*)

Q Why am I not listed as a Current GM with USDF when I have paid dues to my GMO? Will this affect my eligibility for USDF Rider Awards?

A Due to the high volume of GMO rosters that come into the USDF office at the start of a new membership year, there is some lag time in the processing of the rosters. Once your GM has been updated in our office, a copy of your current Group Member card will be available on the USDF Web site the following day. This lag time will not affect eligibility for USDF Rider Awards as GM is retroactive to the first day of the current GM year.

Questions? Contact the GMO coordinator at (859) 971-2277 or via e-mail at gmo@usdf.org.