

**USDF ANNUAL CONVENTION
REGION 5 MEETING – DEC 4, 2014**

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I. Introductions

II. National Championships – 2016-2018

A. Moving next US National Finals cycle West of the Mississippi. Narrowed down to two facilities, but considering moving the dates a week earlier, based upon the facility availability. It is also a USEF rotation year which moves show dates 1 week later. The USDF Staff would like more time for preparing and suggested changing the cutoff for Regional Championships earlier (Oct 9).

B. Region 5 – would like the Regional Championship date to stay where it is at (Oct 16).

III. General Announcements

A. USEF Rules – Changes in Process

B. Saddle Pad Logo Issue

*judges don’t really care about what logos say

C. Vintage Cup Award – being split into Open and Adult Amateur

D. Dressage Seat Equitation – Award program being added

E. On the Levels – new app and DVDs are being produced.

*The app (\$19.95) has a lot more content than the DVD

IV. Sport Horse Committee

A. New Score Sheets

B. Materiale Championship for 3 yr old & 4-5 yr olds at each Breeder Series Finale

C. Jr handlers and Asst Handlers must wear helmets

D. Sport Horse Prospect Forum was at DG Bar this year. Looking at facilities in the middle of the country for 2015. Willy Arts and Scott Hassler will be presenters.

E. Rule Change being proposed – stallion must be handled or ridden by persons 14 yrs or over.

V. USDF NUMBERS

Membership down a little this year, but similar to 2012

Participating Memberships is up

GMO Membership is down (how do we bring more members into the GMO's?)

Regional Championship participation is up

Total Rides – 90,000

Total Horses – 15,000

Region 5 rides– 5,375

Region 5 # horses – 1,073

RMDS – 759

ADA – 317

NMDA – 157

TDA – 180

UDS – 193

Big Sky – 21

Heart Mtn – 41

Paso Del Norte – 48

Cochise – 28

Region 5 Total – 1744

Sport Horse participation is down nationally

USDF BUDGET – is balanced

USDF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS made money this year

VI. FREESTYLE COMMITTEE

A. Tests have been changed - cannot do ANYTHING from the higher levels.

B. It is up to the judge at C to determine if the rider entered in time

C. Must show 12 meters of a lateral exercise for it to count

VII. WESTERN DRESSAGE –

A. Is this a way to build membership in Region 5?

- B. Should USDF recognize this in some way?
- C. WDA is now the group that is recognized by USEF for western dressage.
- D. These classes are a way to help your schooling show and locally recognized shows.
- E. We need to try to creatively be involved in the western dressage to help promote correct education.