

We are in the middle of a new way of doing things for our USDF Executive Board Spring meetings as I write this. The world has definitely turned a different direction than we had anticipated for this year. I had expected to be in Las Vegas right now, watching the World Cup and having our in-person USDF meetings. Instead, we're working on solutions to the current situations by Zoom and it's quite a new and interesting challenge.

Currently, USEF has a competition "ban" in effect until May 3rd, but by the time some of you read this, it may have been extended or we may have been released to return to competition. I know as a competitor, licensed official and show manager, I'd love to see everyone again, but I also understand the need for safety and social distancing. When horse shows do come back, there will be some new ways of doing things and it will be interesting to see how the year progresses.

The number of qualifying scores now needed for NAYC and Festival of Champions has been decreased and as we see how things progress, other changes may occur. Please be sure to read your emails and if you are a social media person, please tune in to the USDF and USEF Facebook feeds.

During our spring Board meetings, sites were selected for the 2021 Regional Championships and will soon be released to the membership by USDF. Stay tuned! The agenda kept us very busy for quite a few hours but a lot was accomplished and our leadership is working very hard.

I will hopefully be able to share more in June if we start to get back to "normal" or a new "normal".

I hope everyone stays healthy and safe.

If you have news you'd like to share, please let me know, we're happy to get it out and about for you.

Happy Spring!

Till next month!
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