

USDF Partnership with US Equestrian Federation Yields Dividends for Members

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce the launch of an expanded online membership verification service in cooperation with the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).

Both organizations have been working together for almost a year to provide members with the ability to go online, search for and print up-to-date membership information for the rider, horse and owner for both the USDF and the USEF to be used to submit competition paperwork.

Prior to having this online tool, a member would need to photocopy each of the appropriate membership cards for each show entry submitted.

"We began with just the ability to provide USDF information to our own members and that was a nice thing," stated Stephan Hienzsch, Executive Director. "But by teaming with the National Governing Body, the USEF, we've added horsepower to this tool."

Cindy Vimont, Senior Director of Member Services, adds, "Using the master verification tool saves competitors time and relieves the headache of remembering what cards are required to be submitted to enter. It also brings awareness to errors with memberships and horse registrations before the competition, giving our staff time to work with members to correct problems before they get to the show grounds."

The new USEF/USDF joint verification tool can be accessed through either the USDF or USEF websites or directly by going to <http://www.eqverification.org/index.php?pageid=0> will allow a member to pull up consolidated rider, owner and horse membership information for both organizations in a few easy steps and print that information on one sheet of paper.

"The ability to access the information from anywhere, any time is a big plus," adds Hienzsch. That means, not only does this tool have value for competitors, but it can also be a useful tool for the Technical Delegate or show manager in many situations. We look forward to continuing to work with the USEF to build on this success, streamline the competitions paperwork process and provide value to our members," Hienzsch concluded.