

## USDF REGION 1 ADULT TEAM COMPETITION

1. RULES: Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the USDF Region 1 Adult Team Competition (“ATC”) shall be run in accordance with the current USDF Adult Team Competition Organizer Guidelines (“Organizer Guidelines”).

2. INFORMATION/PRIZE LIST: The official prize list and other information related to the ATC shall be posted on the Region 1 website ([www.USDFRegion1.org](http://www.USDFRegion1.org)). The host GMO should also post the prize list on the GMO’s own website and if possible include the prize list in the Region 1 Omnibus.

3. SCHEDULING/CLASSES OFFERED: The ATC shall be held over two days. Introductory Level through FEI shall be offered. Musical Freestyles and warmup classes may be offered at the discretion of show management. Whenever possible rides shall be scheduled in accordance with the USDF Adult Team Competition Organizer Guidelines. The ATC does not need to be licensed with the USEF.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRIES: Entries will be accepted on a space available basis, first come, first served. If the show fills before the closing date, show management is not required to accept additional entries. Entries shall be notified as promptly as possible if they are not accepted, and a waiting list may be maintained.

5. TEAMS: A team consists of 3 or 4 riders of the same or Mix level. Entries containing a team of fewer than 3 riders will not be accepted unless a scramble team can be assembled. Teams may represent a GMO, farm, sponsor or other group.

6. SCRAMBLE TEAMS: Show management is encouraged to maintain a list of alternates and create “scramble teams” containing riders from different GMOs, farms or groups. Scramble teams will not count toward an overall GMO ranking described in 11 below.

7. RESTRICTIONS ON RIDER LEVEL: A horse/rider combination may not compete more than one level below the highest level the combination competed during that competition year. For example, a combination that began the year at First Level but moved up to Second and then Third Level during the season may compete at Second or Third Level at the ATC but may not compete at First Level. A musical freestyle may be ridden at the level the rider is competing at the ATC or one level below. For purposes of this rule, the competition season shall begin on Jan. 1 of the year in which the ATC is held.

8. LIMITS ON RIDERS: Due to scheduling complications, (a) a rider may compete on no more than two horses at the ATC; and (b) a rider may not ride more than one horse per team.

9. VOLUNTEERS: All GMOs or Team Organizers (TOs) are encouraged supply volunteers to assist the host GMO. The host GMO is encouraged to provide volunteer gifts and/or other recognition to all volunteers.

10. SCORING: All scores from each team member will be counted. No scores will be dropped. Any rider eliminated from the test or who withdraws from the competition will be counted as 25%. The total percentage from each team member will be added together and divided by the number of team members to compute the team placings. Three and four member teams may be in the same division. Only warm up and freestyle rides, if offered, will be pinned individually.

11. HOTZ TROPHY: The Edgar Hotz Memorial Trophy is sponsored by ESDCTA in memory of long time member, International judge, and USDF Hall of Fame inductee Dr. Edgar Hotz. A GMO must field a minimum of 3 teams to be eligible for the Hotz trophy, which shall be awarded to the GMO with the highest overall average of all team tests (warm up classes and freestyles not included.) The Hotz trophy will remain at USET headquarters in Gladstone, NJ. A keeper trophy will be provided by ESDCTA for the winning team at each ATC.

12. AWARDS: Mounted award ceremonies are encouraged. To the extent practical, the Host GMO should follow the Award Ceremony instructions in the USDF Organizer Guidelines, however at all times the safety of horses and riders is paramount, and facility and weather conditions may necessitate changes. If necessary for safety of horse or rider, riders may, with prior permission of show management, appear for ceremonies unmounted but dressed in show attire. Mounted riders may request to be excused from the victory round. USDF provides High Score ribbons and neck medals for the ATC. In addition, the Host GMO is encouraged to provide neck ribbons for the horses, as well as additional prizes for the winning teams.