

Reasons Why You Should Consider Joining the USEA

1. The U.S. Eventing Association (USEA) is the national Eventing organization for the United States. It is responsible for
 - monitoring and assuring rider and horse safety while competing in events and for analyzing causes of accidents that do occur while Eventing -- and improving conditions accordingly
 - with the U.S. Equestrian Federation, the creation and implementation of rules for national recognized event competitions
 - running via its USEA Areas young rider and adult rider educational and competitive programs
 - running an event instructor education and certification program for improvement of instruction, nationwide
 - research into horse health, rider health and psychology, and many other content areas as those become the focus of current national and international equestrian attention
 - development of younger riders and younger horses from whom a cadre of top riders and horses are selected and trained by the U.S. Eventing Olympic team coach for international U.S. team performance.
- 2 Membership in the USEA is necessary to competing in USEA-recognized events at the Novice Level and above. Beginner Novice Riders must pay a non-member fee at each competition entered. Beginner Novice horses & riders must be registered to be eligible for Championships and Year End Awards
- 3 Yearly USEA annual membership is available at several levels: \$85, \$60, and \$35. For recognized competition purposes, one must participate at the \$85 level unless one is of junior age or is attending college (\$60). The \$35 membership supports the work of the USEA as described above and provides you with a subscription to its 6-issue magazine, *Eventing USA*.
- 4 In the U.S., there is no public money supporting equestrian sport, including eventing, the way there is in so many other countries. For instance, in Britain, there is a national public lottery whose earnings undergird the nation's sports teams. We Americans, as private individuals -- you and I! -- are U.S. Eventing's main financial supporters. The USEA and the sport of U.S. Eventing depend upon us to maintain the good and necessary work that the USEA does.
- 5 Every time you ride on an unrecognized event's XC course that is used also for a USEA-recognized event, you are enjoying the footing, the jump types, the jump placements that have been assessed and deemed safe by the technical delegate whose okay is required for every USEA-recognized event. Also, the person organizing and managing that unrecognized event has the experience and wisdom acquired from organizing and managing recognized events.

So, please consider supporting with your own annual USEA membership the organization -- the USEA - - which your event organizer/manager supports with her or his own membership and with implementation of the event conditions and rules that better assure that Eventing is safe, fun, and educational for you and your horse and for all other riders and horses who participate.