



USDF Instructor/Trainer Development Program FEI Candidate Application



The USDF Instructor/Trainer Development Program was developed to promote the pursuit of excellence in instruction and training.

Participation in the USDF Instructor Certification Program is voluntary. Certification implies recognition by the USDF of the candidate's achievements and capabilities. To be certified means that the candidate has demonstrated the knowledge and abilities necessary to teach the concepts of dressage and meet specified standards of proficiencies.

FEI Certification is offered at two Levels: **FEI B (PSG - Intermediate I/A/B)**
 FEI A (Intermediate II - Grand Prix)

NAME: _____

USDF Number (must be a USDF Participating Member): _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ BUSINESS PHONE: () _____

FAX NUMBER: () _____ CELL NUMBER: () _____

EMAIL: _____

Are you current a USDF Certified Instructor? Yes No

If yes, what level: Training – First Level Second Level Third – Fourth Level

Are you a member of the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program Faculty or Examiner: Yes No

If yes, indicate level or type: Training – First Level Faculty Faculty Senior Faculty Examiner

The following items must accompany all applications:

FEI Level B Certification

- USDF Participating Member
- Proof of First-Aid Certification
- Five (5) written recommendations, include Contact Information
- Submit a resume showing five (5) years teaching and training experience
- From Applicant** Six (6) scores at 60% or higher on at least two (2) or more horses, with a combination of PSG and/or Intermediate I/A/B or higher, with a minimum of three (3) scores being at Intermediate I/A/B or higher. A lifetime median score of 60% or above must be achieved at PSG and Intermediate 1, as verified on USDFScores.com.
- From Students** - Two (2) or more students who have a combined total of six (6) scores at 60% or higher at Prix St. Georges, Intermediate I/A/B or higher.

FEI Level A Certification

- USDF Participating Member
- Proof of First-Aid Certification
- Submit a resume showing five (5) years teaching and training experience
- Five (5) written recommendations, include Contact Information
- From Applicant** - Six (6) scores at 60% or higher on at least two (2) horses at Intermediate II and/or Grand Prix, with a minimum of three (3) scores being at Grand Prix. A lifetime median score of 60% or above must be achieved at Intermediate II and Grand Prix, as verified on USDFScores.com.
- From Student** - Two (2) or more students who have a combined total of six (6) scores at 60% or higher at Intermediate II or Grand Prix.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Provide the indicated number of written recommendations. These should be people who can verify your teaching and training ability and attest to your character. Preferred recommendations will be from Judges, Certified Instructors, or other dressage professionals. Please provide the contact information below, including phone number and/or email address:

1.	_____		
	Name	Address	

	Phone	Email	Years Known
2.	_____		
	Name	Address	

	Phone	Email	Years Known
3.	_____		
	Name	Address	

	Phone	Email	Years Known
4.	_____		
	Name	Address	

	Phone	Email	Years Known
5.	_____		
	Name	Address	

	Phone	Email	Years Known

INSTRUCTOR/TRAINER PROGRAM CODE OF ETHICS

As a USDF Certified Instructor or Instructor Candidate Applicant, and member in good standing of the United States Dressage Federation, I acknowledge my obligation to uphold the highest standards of horsemanship both at home and when in the public eye.

As a horseman, I place my student's safety and horse's welfare above all else.

At competitions, whether participating as a trainer or as a competitor, I will know and comply with all rules of the USEF, and when applicable, the FEI, and will ensure that my students know and comply with these rules as well.

As an instructor, I acknowledge the importance of continuing my own education in order that I may pass this knowledge to my students.

I also understand that as a USDF member and Certified Instructor, I serve as a representative of my sport, the USDF, and the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program. I will endeavor to reflect credit on them through my conduct, dress and behavior by maintaining a professional demeanor at all times.

I further understand that individuals who are suspended, put under probation or expelled by either the USEF or the USDF will lose their USDF Instructor Certification.

I acknowledge my membership in this professional community and my responsibility to demonstrate respect for my fellow professionals at all times.

Your signature below indicates that by applying to become a USDF Certified Instructor/Trainer, you agree to comply with the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program Code of Ethics (1/12).

Date _____ Signature _____

Please mail, fax or email to: USDF, Attn: Instructor/Trainer Liaison, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington KY 40511; FAX: 859-971-7722;
email instructorcertification@usdf.org