



# UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

**USDF**

**L Education Program hosted by Virginia Dressage Association**

## Part 1 “A Judge’s Perspective” Participant Application

GMO/Host: Virginia Dressage Association

Are you a VADA member? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

1. Goals: (check all that apply)

- \_\_\_\_\_ I intend to take the program to learn to identify correct performance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I intend to become a USDF L Program Graduate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I intend to enter the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) “r” Judge Training Program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I intend to participate in Part 1 only (A – C Sessions).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I intend to participate in Part 1 and Part 2 (if accepted into Part 2).

2. Prerequisite: Current USDF member (GM/EM/PM)

USDF Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a current member of USDF.

3. What is the highest level at which you have competed in USEF- licensed/USDF- recognized competition?

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4. If accepted as a participant, I will make a commitment to attend:

Sessions A, B, and C

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Please note:** Organizers are not required to host Part 2 of the “L” Education Program. Only 10 participants can be accepted into Part 2. Participants need to attend all three sessions in Part 1 and meet the requirements below to attend a Part 2.

**The minimum score requirement to enter Part 2 are three scores from three USEF-licensed dressage judges, two scores of 65% or higher at the highest test of Second Level and one score of 62% or higher at Third Level or above. Three scores of 62% or higher at Third Level or above from three different, or any combination of these requirements would also meet the requirements to enter Part 2. Only scores from USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competition(s) will count.**

Anyone wishing to complete the L Education Program or retest that has exceeded five years from their last session will be required to participate in or audit all Part 1 sessions and purchase access to the current L Education Program material.

**Participants will be registered following the guidelines below:**

1. On a first-come, first-served basis according to the date each application is received by the organizer. Any USDF member may attend Part 1 sessions as a Participant.
2. Only 30 Participants can be accepted into Part 1 per USDF Program Guidelines. A “wait list” will be created once 30 Participants have been approved.
3. Applications may continue to be accepted after the October 12, 2024 closing date if space is available.

**If accepted into the VADA “L” Education Program as a Participant, I understand:**

1. I am committed to attending all sessions. I commit to paying for all three sessions even if I cannot attend all three.
  - a. Session A: December 14-15, 2024
  - b. Session B: February 8-9, 2025
  - c. Session C: March 22-23, 2025
2. The total fee for all three sessions is \$1000 for VADA members; \$1050 for non-VADA members.
  - a. Checks will be made payable to VADA and sent to the address below.
  - b. Lunch is included both days.
  - c. Scholarships may be available by direct application to: The Dressage Foundation, your USDF Dressage Region, or your USDF Group Member Organization.
3. If cancelling participation PRIOR to October 12, 2024, VADA will refund the Participant’s payment in full. After October 12, 2024, Participant must notify the organizer ASAP if unable to attend one or more sessions. The Participant, assisted by the program organizer and USDF staff, can try to locate a replacement candidate for one or more of the missed sessions. If a replacement is identified and attends, the original Participant will be reimbursed for each session minus a \$50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be issued for sessions not attended by a replacement Participant.

As a member in good standing of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and participant in the USDF L Education Program (L Program) I acknowledge I have read and agree to follow the protocols and procedures outlined in the current edition of the Participant Guide. I acknowledge my responsibility to act in a professional and ethical manner while attending the L Program sessions and while meeting any requirements to complete the program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form by: October 12, 2024**

**To: Becky Buehren 7279 Figuly Road Mechanicsville, VA 23111**

*Updates, final schedules and any changes will be updated on VADA’s website. Please check there often.*