

Adult Education Committee Report

The executive board just confirmed the education lineup for this years convention.

This year we have:

The Dressage Seat: A Pilates Perspective with Janice Dulak + morning exercise sessions.
Strategic Planning For Riders with Jen Verharen
Sport Psychology for the Equestrian with Dr. Sandy Venneman
Why Does My Horse Do That? with Dr. Sandy Venneman
Help Your Horse Perform Its Best with Coralie Hughes
Youth Education with Jen Verharen
Featured Education with Dr. Hilary Clayton *TOPIC PENDING *
Drugs, Devices, and Decisions: Understanding Your Options in Managing Equine Degenerative Joint Disease (DJD) with Allyn Mann

You will notice a distinct lack of sponsor sessions(baring Adequan our title sponsor). They did listen, even if it took a few years for contracts to change so we no longer had to offer this. We are going to be having a bit longer sessions this year as well, final schedule is still pending.

Coming out of the EB meeting this spring the executive board has asked staff and committees to look at **all** fees USDF is charging and particularly those that have not been increased in 5 or more years to see if the fees are keeping up with costs for those programs and general inflation. With the adult clinics going away we don't have to worry about those fees, they will stay the same till the series ends this year. The University fees were last increased in 2008. Since then we have seen some increase in shipping banners to these programs and definite increases in the costs for staff time since 2008(namely health insurance changes in the last 10 years). University programs can be pretty staff intensive especially for newcomers to the program. We are looking at recommending a fee increase as below probably would go into effect April 1 of next year. The executive board has the final say on all fees, we can merely make recommendations.

Accreditation Fees	Before 2008	April 1, 2008-Present	Fee recommendations
GMO/USDF Affiliate – More than 30 days	\$25.00	\$35.00-Most popular	\$45.00
GMO/USDF Affiliate – Less than 30 days	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$60.00
Non-USDF Affiliate – More than 30 days	n/a	\$50.00	\$60.00
Non-USDF Affiliate – Less than 30 days	n/a	\$75.00	\$75.00
Online Course – More than 30 days	n/a	\$50.00	\$60.00
Online Courses – Less than 30 days	n/a	\$75.00	\$75.00

With the Adult Ed Clinics going away we have been polling members as to what they want to see for education. We continue to expand ETRAK and are looking at live video streams from clinics which many requested at last years convention.

Respectfully submitted
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