

Adult Education Committee report

Hope everyone will be coming to convention in Salt Lake!
Education events are still being planned but know have:
Dr. Winter who's doing a session on trauma situations
Heidi Zorn who's doing a session on footing
Adequan –hopefully bringing a vet this year

Not confirmed yet on:

Something on the young horse tests/competition and training.
And working on a mega panel(2 hours) on the Pyramid of Training, training and competing up the levels.

For NEI:

We have 6 more programs set to go for this year and have had 10 events happen so far this year. Not all of the programs have ended up needing the entire grant and we had one that didn't end up needing it at all. But these were generally new events and ended up being more popular than anticipated which brought in a bit of extra auditor dollars.

As you may recall, a new Strategic Plan for USDF was approved, effective May 1, 2017. As part of the Strategic Plan, the Executive Board has been doing a review of all USDF programs and the use of our resources (monetary, material and personnel) and the level of member interest and participation in these programs. One of the first programs under review was the Adult Team Competitions.

Currently USDF processes applications for the Team Competitions and sends the competition neck medals and Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons to award at their competition as well as a USDF banner. There is no application fee received for the Team Competitions. USDF receives and archives results from these competitions but does not publish the results. Some team competitions are integrated with USEF-licensed/USDF- recognized competitions while others are part of schooling shows or stand-alone "fun" competitions.

After a thorough review of information and statistics covering the past five years, the Executive Board has voted to discontinue the Adult Team Competitions, effective December 1, 2018. As a point of reference, the Youth Team Competitions are also being discontinued.

The Executive Board reviewed the following statistics before making their decision:

The Adult Team Competition program incurs expense to USDF with no revenue stream. There are eighteen competitions per year allowed (two per region). The stats and participation rates are:

Adult Team Competitions Held:

- 2013 – Six
- 2014 – Seven

- 2015 – Six
- 2016 – Eight
- 2017 – Eight (with 83 members and 24 non-members competing = 107)

Average Annual Budget for the Competitions:

Adult Team Competitions

- Administrative time \$1,500
- Ribbons/medals \$1,500
- \$3,000**

We understand that some competitions, GMOs, etc. might still wish to host team competitions in their area, even though they will no longer be USDF supported. Therefore, we have prepared a new "***Team Competition Organizer Guidelines***" document to assist them with their planning. This document will be included on our website under the FAQ heading once our website changes regarding team competitions are made, which will be around November 1, 2018. Please review the attached document and provide any input by August 1st. Keep in mind this document will serve as a guide for both Youth and Adult Team Competitions.

Going forward, staff will be taking the following steps:

- In July and August, we will be notifying competition management teams that have previously hosted a Team Competition about this decision.
- Team Competition information will be removed from the Member Guide and the website as the timing fits, based on the final competition for 2017.
- The website will be updated with an FAQ and the new guidelines, as the timing fits based on the final competition for 2017.

Respectfully submitted
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