

## ARE YOU READY TO COMPETE?

Before you submit your entry form, ensure you are qualified for the division(s) that you are entering! To help simplify the process, we have created this quick-reference guide to help you double-check if you are qualified for a certain division.



#### **MEMBERSHIP & HORSE REGISTRATIONS**

- Join/Renew your USEA 2024 Full Rider membership
- Your horse must hold a USEA Registration (either Limited or Full depending on the level).
  - Limited: For horses competing in Starter, Beginner Novice, Novice, Training divisions or the YEH/NEH programs.
  - Full: For horses competing at the Modified level and above.

#### PLANNING TO MOVE UP A LEVEL THS YEAR?

- You must have achieved one (1) Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) within 12 weeks of the Event for which it is needed when moving from one (1) level to the next.
- As of December 1, 2023, Athletes with **20 or more MERs** (within a 4 year period) **at the level they are moving up to** are exempt from having to obtain one (1) MER within 12 weeks.

### COMPETING AT THE UPPER LEVELS? CHECK YOUR QUALIFICATIONS!

- Modified Riders must have obtained an MER at two (2) Horse Trials at the Training level or higher.
- **Preliminary/Intermediate/Advanced Riders** must have obtained an MER at six (6) Horse Trials at the next lowest height level or higher.
- Preliminary/Intermediate/Advanced Horses must have obtained an MER at four (4) Horse Trials at the next lowest height level or higher
  - One (1) of the four (4) MERs must be as a combination with the rider.

# ARE YOU ESTABLISHED AT THE UPPER LEVELS BUT YOUR HORSE IS NOT? CHECK IF YOU ARE QUALIFIED!

- Riders already established at Preliminary level or above with 20 or more MERs must ensure that the horse has obtained
  - An MER at two (2) Horse Trials at the Training level or higher (as a combination not required).
  - o Or one (1) MER at a Horse Trial at the Training level or higher as a combination
    - Riders established at Preliminary level or above with 10 or more MERS are exempt from completing one (1) MER with horse in combination.
- Riders not established at Preliminary or above must ensure that the horse has obtained the four (4) required MERs at the next lowest height level.