



Memo

Date: October 25, 2023
To: AMHA Star Show Managers, Secretaries, and Show Committee Chairs
From: The American Morgan Horse Association, Inc.
Subject: USEF Competition Lite Licensing Information

The American Morgan Horse Association, Inc. is excited and ready to help any show that would like to transition to USEF Competition Lite to provide benefits to their exhibitors including:

- 1) Qualification for the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show®
- 2) AMHA recording of show results into AMHA's permanent registry records
- 3) Show Results that count towards AMHA's Champion Title program (CH and GCH)
- 4) Offering of AMHA Medal Equitation classes
- 5) All the benefits that a USEF governed competition offers such as providing a level playing field, standardized rules and regulations for the safety and well-being of equines and equestrians alike, and administrative and legal support to show management and officials

AMHA has worked closely with USEF to make the transition from AMHA STAR status to USEF Competition Lite as simple as possible and this letter serves to advise you of the many resources available.

First, you should know that **there is a presidential modification in place that waives the \$50 competition lite license fee for 2024**. If you have already paid your 2024 competition lite license fee – contact USEF for a refund due to this recent decision.

Second, there are a multitude of resources available to you to navigate the transition, but **AMHA is prepared to personally assist you through this process** if you need guidance, help, or feel USEF's resources need further explanation. If you would like AMHA's assistance with this transition process, feel free to reach out to either Executive Director, Carrie J. Mortensen (execdir@morganhorse.com or 859-405-0746) or Executive Assistant, Kathie Morrow (kathie@morganhorse.com or 859-308-1544).

The USEF Website where these materials are available is <https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/lite-competition-program>. (Go to www.usef.org, then click on Compete and when the drop-down menu appears, you will see the USEF Lite tab under the Resources & Forms category.) AMHA's Competition Lite information page is available at <https://www.morganhorse.com/media-events/competitions/usef-competition-lite/>. (Go to www.morganhorse.com, then click on News/Events, then click on the USEF Competition Lite – Resource tab.)

Also, **there are two different grant programs to consider** if your show qualifies. **USEF has a grant program for those Competition Lite shows that hire a "learner" steward or technical delegate** (goal to increase their steward and technical delegate pool). **AMHA has a grant program for those Competition Lite shows to assist with the overall cost of ALL licensed officials**. An AMHA grant application is enclosed for your convenience.

Finally, we are including some quick reference guides for a simple review – kind of like "quick start" instruction guidelines. We look forward to working with your show and assisting you with the process. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.