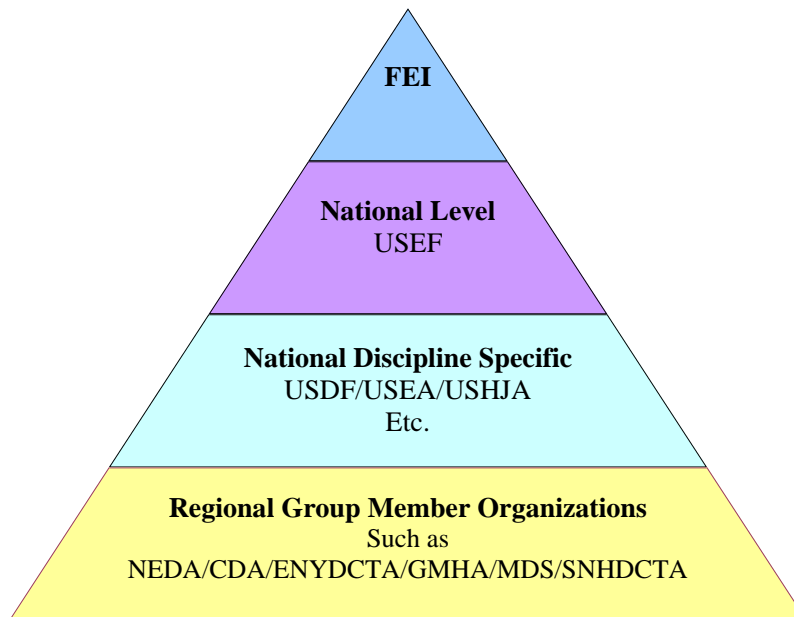


# Governing Bodies of Horse Sports



## **FEI – Federation Equestre Internationale** ([www.horsesport.org](http://www.horsesport.org))

- The international governing body for horse sports.
- Ruling body for international level events, including the Olympic Games, World Equestrian Games, Pan Am Games, etc.

## **USEF – United States Equestrian Federation** ([www.USEF.org](http://www.USEF.org))

- The national governing body for horse sports in the United States. Formerly known as American Horse Show Association.
- Ruling body for horse shows of most disciplines. Writes rules and regulations for USEF recognized shows.
- Bestows recognition for shows that meet guidelines.
- Accredits the Judges and Technical Delegates (TDs).
- Also trains, selects, and funds the United States Equestrian Teams for international level shows such as the Olympics and Pan Am Games.

## **USDF – United States Dressage Federation** ([www.USDF.org](http://www.USDF.org))

- The national governing body specifically for dressage.
- Recommends rules and regulations that are presented to USEF regarding recognized dressage shows.
- Provides educational opportunities on a national level.
- Offers training for judges and TDs.
- Offers certification for instructors.
- Bestows recognition for shows that meet both USEF and USDF guidelines.
- Formulates general direction of dressage in the United States.

## **GMO – Group Member Organization of USDF** ([www.neda.org](http://www.neda.org))

- Local organizations such as NEDA, ENYDCTA, GMHA, CDA, SNHDCTA, MDA, and CVDA, which also happen to be the GMOs that helped to support these workshops.
- Pay a fee to USDF to gain access to USDF programs.
- Provides area specific education, clinics, and shows.
- Often offer "unrecognized" schooling shows.