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## UNITED STATES SPORT HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION INSTITUTES MEMBER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

### Members to Earn Cumulative Awards for Competition Success of U.S. Bred Horses in Sport

BARNESVILLE, MARYLAND, May 31, 2018: The United States Sport Horse Breeders Association (USSHBA) is pleased to announce its new USSHBA **Member Recognition Program**, aimed at celebrating the competition achievements of horses bred by USSHBA members in the USA. This program is effective immediately, and all USSHBA members are invited to participate.

Using the annual USEF Leading Breeder Rankings, USSHBA members will submit their ranking in any of the following six categories in which they are listed: Dressage, Eventing, Hunters, Jumpers, Dressage Breeding, and Hunter Breeding; and, USSHBA will award points to Member for all eligible horses.

The USSHBA has established five *Levels of Recognition*; Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond. Each Level of Recognition has a points threshold that needs to be met, and, customized stall plaques will be awarded to participating USSHBA members for each level achieved.

*"One of the core missions of the USSHBA is to raise awareness of the accomplishments of American sport horse breeders. USSHBA's Member Recognition Program will highlight the success of our breeders in producing horses that are competitive at top levels across the disciplines. We are very excited about launching this program that will bring attention to the efforts of breeders." --Mary O'Connor, USSHBA President.*

The United States Sport Horse Breeders Association was created to strengthen the presence and recognition of breeders throughout the US sport horse community. Founded in 2012, the USSHBA received IRS 501(c)3 non-profit status in 2014. The USSHBA is designed to serve as a united voice available to sport horse breeders within all registries and disciplines in matters of sport governance, and as a bridge connecting breeders to each other and to owners, riders, and trainers across the national equestrian sport.

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