



## **LFC's FAQ**

- **What is the mission of the LFC? What does it do?**

The Long Format Club (LFC) was formed in the spring of 2009 to gather the grass roots supporters of the classic, or long, format equestrian three-day event into one place where we can combine our voices and dollars into a meaningful contribution to keep long format eventing alive. By pooling our resources and serving as a conduit between supporters and event organizers, the Long Format Club takes donations and distributes them to organizers who run classic three-day events at the Training or Preliminary levels to help defray the costs of hosting these events. We help organizers meet expenses such as footing preparation for steeplechase/roads and tracks phases, additional officials, clinicians, construction of steeplechase fences, and awards. Organizers send us their "wish lists" and the LFC Directors award funds based on the stated needs of the organizer, the importance of the requested funds to the Classic format, and the present availability of funds.

In addition to offering monetary grants to Classic organizers, the LFC works to promote all the events on the USEA Classic Eventing Series calendar. Through public outreach and education, we direct attention to and generate interest in Classic Eventing!

- **What is a Classic Event? What is long format eventing?**

Eventing is an equestrian competition which combines dressage, cross country, and show jumping. In a traditional/classic/long format event, the cross country phase is an endurance test consisting of four phases:

- A - a roads and tracks phase ridden at a medium pace to warm up
- B - a steeplechase ridden at a fast pace over brush fences
- C - another roads and tracks phase ridden at a slow pace to cool down and recover (the "10-minute box")
- D - cross country jumping over solid obstacles with ditches, water, banks, and drops

Whether you call it a classic, full, or long format event, it is a thrill like no other! The United States is the only country in the world that still offers and sanctions Classic format competitions which incorporate roads and tracks, steeplechase, and cross-country into four phases on speed and endurance day.



- **How do I donate to the LFC?**

On the LFC's website, [www.longformatclub.com](http://www.longformatclub.com), go to the Donate! page and select one of many ways to donate by using Paypal (they take credit cards or payments through a checking account). There are several options for one time donations of varying amounts as well as monthly donations for one year. At the bottom of the Donate! page, there is also a form that can be printed out to main-in a cash or check donation or to donate anonymously.

If you are attending one of the USEA Classic Three-Day Eventing Series competitions, find the LFC booth. You can make a donation there.

- **What does the LFC do with my donation?**

100% of the general donations received by the LFC are awarded back to organizers of the Training and Preliminary USEA Classic Three-Day Event Series events in the form of grants. These grants help the organizers defray the costs of hosting a long format competition. The organizers apply for the grants and the LFC Board of Directors awards funds based on the stated needs of the organizer, the importance of the requested funds to the Classic format, and the present availability of funds. The LFC website will have a page dedicated to each event that discusses the LFC's role in funding that event.

Specific donations are made to help the LFC meet certain operating expenses such as postage and printing costs as well as specific projects such as 501(c)(3) application expenses, communications projects, and merchandise costs. If you would like your donation to go to a specific project, just make a notation with your donation.

- **How can I volunteer with the LFC?**

The LFC maintains a list of volunteer opportunities on the LFC website, [www.longformatclub.com](http://www.longformatclub.com). There is a separate page dedicated to listing the current LFC projects. Contact the LFC at [longformatclub@gmail.com](mailto:longformatclub@gmail.com) to volunteer!



- **Does the LFC have merchandise? How can I buy merchandise?**

Yes, the LFC carries the following items (photos and descriptions are on the LFC website, [www.longformatclub.com](http://www.longformatclub.com)):

- T-shirts screen printed with the LFC logo on the front and back.
- Polo shirts with the LFC logo embroidered on the front.
- Embroidered patches that are perfect to put on saddle pads or jackets!
- Baseball caps with the LFC logo embroidered on the front.
- LFC stickers/decals

You can order merchandise on the LFC's website, [www.longformatclub.com](http://www.longformatclub.com), on the Merchandise page. We use Paypal and accept credit cards or a payment from your checking account. We also have merchandise for sale at the USEA Classic Events at the LFC booth.

- **Do you have a newsletter? How do I get it? Are there other sources to find LFC information?**

Yes, we have a monthly electronic newsletter that is emailed directly to you. You can sign up to receive the newsletter on the LFC website, [www.longformatclub.com](http://www.longformatclub.com). The newsletter is also available to download or read directly on the website.

The LFC also has Facebook fan and group pages. To become a fan or join our group page, just search Facebook for Long Format Club! The LFC also maintains a Twitter account and is active on several bulletin boards and mailing lists including the Chronicle of the Horse (COTH) forums and the YahooGroups T3DE2010 mailing list.

- **Is the LFC a 501(c)(3)? What does that mean exactly?**

The LFC is a non-profit corporation. That means that we operate as a charitable organization and don't intend to make a profit (we distribute all our donations). A nonprofit corporation that applies to the IRS for a "tax exempt" 501(c)(3) designation means that (1) the corporation isn't required to pay any income taxes and (2) people who make donations to the business can deduct those donations as charitable deductions on Schedule A of their personal tax return if they itemize deductions and don't take the standard deduction. The LFC has applied to the IRS for a 501(c)(3) designation and is waiting for confirmation of our status.



- **How do I find out what Classic Events are being held this year and where they will be held?**

Classic Events are held at the Training and Preliminary levels and are part of the United States Eventing Association (USEA) Classic Three-Day Event Series.

Five facilities will offer the Preliminary Three-day Event as part of the SmartPak Equine/USEA Classic Series:

- Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA (Area II), May 21-23
- Coconino Summer, Flagstaff, AZ (Area X), July 15-18
- Event at Rebecca Farm, Kalispell, MT (Area VII), July 22-25
- Hagyard Midsouth, Lexington, KY (Area VIII), October 20-24
- Galway Downs, Temecula, CA (Area VI), November 5-7

Twelve facilities will offer the Training Three-day Event as part of the SmartPak Equine/USEA Classic Series:

- FENCE, Landrum, SC (Area III), April 2-4
- Ram Tap, Fresno, CA (Area VI), April 9-11
- Meadowcreek Park, Kosse, TX (Area V), May 21-23
- Indiana Eventing Association, Edinburgh, IN (Area VIII), June 3-6
- Inavale Farms, Philomath, Oregon (Area VII), June 25-27
- South Farm, Middlefield, OH (Area VIII), July 2-4
- Coconino, Flagstaff, AZ (Area X), July 16-18
- GMHA, South Woodstock, VT (Area I), August 10-13
- Hagyard Midsouth, Lexington, KY (Area VIII), October 20-24
- Waredaca, Laytonsville, MD (Area II), October 21-24
- Galway Downs, Temecula, CA (Area VI), November 5-7
- Rocking Horse, Altoona, FL (Area III) November 5-7

The LFC website, [www.longformatclub.com](http://www.longformatclub.com), has a page dedicated to the Training Classic Three-Day Events (3DE) and another for the Preliminary Classic 3DEs. These pages include the 2010 Calendar of USEA Classic Three-Day Event Series events. The LFC website's home page always lists the next upcoming Training and Preliminary Classic Events.

The USEA's website, [www.useventing.com](http://www.useventing.com), also has a link on the home page called "T3D Series" that includes general information and the list of training and preliminary events for 2010.



- **I want to compete in a Classic Event! What are the rules? Are there any qualifications or requirements I need to meet?**

Effective April 1, 2010, the Federation (USEF) approved national rules specifically for the Training and Preliminary Three-Day Classic format, for inclusion in the 2010 USEF Rules for Eventing. (See specifically EV155-156 and Appendices 3 and 8).

As a USEF Endorsed Competition, the T3D is a qualifier to move up to the Preliminary horse trials level and the P3D, as a USEF Recognized Division, a qualifier for the Intermediate horse trials level and CCI1\*.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Training Three-Day Event (T3D):** Open to competitors of any age, on horses four years of age or older. Both the competitor and the horse must have obtained NQR's at four horse trials at the Training Level or higher, one of which must be attained as a combination. A competitor established at the Preliminary level may compete on a horse which has obtained 2 NQR's at the Training Level or higher.

**Preliminary Three-Day Event (P3D):** Open to competitors beginning the calendar year of their 14th birthday, on horses five years of age or older. Both the competitor and the horse, though not necessarily as a combination, must have obtained an NQR at four horse trials at the Preliminary Level or higher.

#### **National Qualifying Result (NQR):**

A NQR is achieved by completing the entire horse trials and scoring: Not more than 50 penalty points in the dressage test; no jumping penalties at obstacles on the cross-country test, and not more than 90 seconds (36 penalty points) exceeding optimum time; and not more than 16 penalties at obstacles in the jumping test.