



USDF

# UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force

Objective: To evaluate USDF'S current state regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion, and make suggestions that could be implemented to improve its position.

# COMPETITORS' CLOSET

*One impediment to showing can be having the proper clothes. Offering a resource to re-purpose riding and show clothes, that may no longer work in someone's current situation, could be gladly offered to riders just starting out in shows. Listed below is an outline of how to start this coordination for your GMO. Once a "Closet" has been established, and to encourage growth in the GMO and shows, it's suggested that the information be solicited to local trainers, coaches, and barns of all disciplines. Not all "Closets" will follow all these suggestions and, when you've established yours, please give feedback on your success.*



# THINGS TO CONSIDER



- **Location**
  - who will collect
  - where will it be stored
- **Items**
  - what will be accepted
    - Dressage/Hunt/Western
    - no helmets (unless brand new in the box)
    - no tack
- **Check out**
  - daily/monthly/seasonally
  - free or rental fee
    - who is recipient of money earned
  - bookkeeping of rentals/fees
  - a credit card on hold for damages/non-returns
- **Returns**
  - must be returned cleaned/pressed
  - penalty for late returns
- **Incentive to donate**
  - show bucks
  - credit towards show costs
  - special recognition at GMO/Chapter year end awards banquets
  - offer a drawing for a gift basket
  - free advertisement in GMO newsletter for trainers/coaches/barns