



United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.

The National Governing Body for Equestrian Sport

DRESSAGE - CRITERIA to Compete in CDI5*, CDIOs and Foreign CDIs/CDI-Ws Senior, Young Rider and Junior Athletes October 31, 2011

SENIOR ATHLETES

1. BASIC CRITERIA FOR ALL ATHLETES AND HORSES

- a) Both the athlete and horse must be in good standing with United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) as of the date of the foreign competition.
- b) The athlete must be at least 16 years of age, as determined by current FEI rules, a U.S. citizen, and a current Senior or Junior member of USEF.
- c) The horse must be at least 7 years old to compete up to the FEI Intermediate I level and at least 8 old to compete at the FEI Grand Prix level, possess a valid FEI Passport, and be life recorded with the USEF.

2. APPLICATION TO COMPETE IN FOREIGN COMPETITIONS

All Athletes must have permission to compete in Foreign Competitions according to GR Art. 828. Applications to be considered to compete abroad should be submitted to USEF Athlete Services (fax) (908) 719-7588, P.O. Box 83 Gladstone, NJ 07931, at least 58 days prior to the start date of the competition with the relevant application fee. After that date, USEF may not be able to secure an invitation. In any case, the application MUST be received no later than 5 working days prior to the Nominated Entry date for that competition.

Application to compete abroad: \$75.00
Waiver Application Fee: \$200.00

All applications, forms and procedures can be downloaded here:

http://www.usef.org/_IFrames/competitions/competingAbroad.aspx?pageDescription=international

3. CDI/CDI-W EVENTS IN CANADA

To be considered, athletes must meet the following minimum criteria at the time of application to compete:

- a) **Big Tour:** Athletes and horse combinations must have achieved minimum average of 60% at 2 different National Grand Prix Competitions judged by a minimum of 2 S judges and above.

- b) Small Tour: Athletes and horse combinations must have achieved a minimum average of 60% at 2 different National Intermediate 1 Competitions judged by a minimum of 2 S judges and above.
- c) U25 Tour: Athlete and horse combinations must have a have a minimum average of 60% in 2 YR Grand Prix or Grand Prix tests at 2 different National Events.

4. EUROPEAN CDI3*/CDI4*/CDI-W EVENTS

To be considered, athletes must meet the following minimum criteria at the time of application to compete:

- a) Big Tour: For all European CDIs the athletes and horses must be currently listed on either of the USEF Grand Prix Long List (A & B Long Lists – found on the USEF website www.usef.org) at the time of application to compete.
- b) Small Tour: For all European CDIs the athletes and horses must be currently listed on the current USEF Intermediate 1 National Championship List – found on the USEF website: www.usef.org at the time of application to compete **or** have a minimum average of 64% in 2 Intermediate 1 tests at 2 different CDI/CDI-W at the time of application to compete.
- d) U25 Tour: Athlete/horse combinations must have a have a minimum average of 64% in 2 YR Grand Prix or Grand Prix tests at 2 different CDI/CDI-W at the time of application to compete.

5. CDI5* EVENTS IN THE US AND EUROPE

To be considered, athletes must meet the following minimum criteria at the time of application to compete:

US: Athlete/horse combinations that have achieved the minimum FEI Criteria to compete at CDI5* events, may submit an Application to compete at CDI5* events to Jenny Van Wieren-Page, Director HP Dressage, jvanwieren@usef.org, (859)225-6949.

Athlete/horse combinations currently on the Grand Prix A and B lists will be given first and second preference. All such applications will be subject to approval and selection by the Technical Advisor Dressage/USEF High Performance Dressage Committee.

Europe: Athlete/horse combinations that have achieved the minimum FEI Criteria to compete at CDI5* events, may submit an Application to compete at CDI5* events to USEF Athletes Services. Athlete/horse combinations currently on the Grand Prix A and B lists will be given first and second preference. All such applications will be subject to approval by the Technical Advisor Dressage/USEF High Performance Dressage Committee.

6. CDIO EVENTS IN US AND ABROAD

Applications to compete at a CDIO (Team Competition) should be received at least 58 days prior to the start day of the CDIO. Athlete/horse combinations on the Grand Prix A and B lists will be given first and second preference for CDIOs. All such applications will be subject to approval and selection by the Technical Advisor Dressage, USEF High Performance Dressage Committee and the HP Working Group. Applications to compete in a CDIO shall be submitted to Jenny Van Wieren-Page, Director HP Dressage. jvanwieren@usef.org (859)225-6949.

7. OVERSUBSCRIPTION AT CDI/CDI-W EVENTS

Should there be an oversubscription of athlete applications, over the number of invitations received, 14 days before the deadline of Nominated entries for foreign CDI/CDI-W Events, the Technical Advisor

Dressage/USEF High Performance Committee/ may select which combinations shall be nominated based on their placing on the Grand Prix A and B list or necessity to obtain qualification scores for Championships, Games, World Cup or other Series as so deemed by the HP Dressage Committee. In addition, USEF Grant athletes may receive priority over other athletes for foreign CDI/CDI-W when general invitations are issued to USEF and may receive approval to compete in at least 2 CDI/CDI-W depending upon the circumstances.

8. WAIVERS

Under extraordinary circumstances, the USEF Dressage Credentials Committee may grant waivers to the above criteria to compete at European CDI/CDI-Ws. In order to submit a waiver request the applicant **must first meet** the following minimum criteria for their requested level to be considered:

Unproven combinations that apply for European CDI/CDI-W events and require a waiver must as a minimum at the time of application have

- 1) Competed in at least 2 European CDNs (National Event) with 2 or more judges officiating and have received scores averaging a minimum of 64% **or**
- 2) Competed in at least 2 US CDNs with 2 or more S or FEI judges officiating and have received scores averaging a minimum of 64% **and** competed in at least 1 European CDN with 2 or more judges officiating and have received scores averaging a minimum of 64% **or**
- 3) Competed in at least 1 European CDNs (National Event) with 2 or more judges officiating and have received scores averaging a minimum of 64% **and** have completed a test-ride at a CDI, judged by 5 FEI judges and achieved a minimum score of 64% .

These CDNs/Test rides must have taken place within 6 months preceding the start date of the CDI/CDI-W applied for.

Athletes must send USEF Athlete Services their scores as well as the names of the judges who officiated at each of the competitions so the USEF Dressage Credentials Committee can determine if applicant meets the level of competition for which he or she is applying and should thereby receive a waiver.

NB: Athletes Services will not request invitations to a CDI/CDI-W until a waiver has been granted by the Credentials Committee.

Pony, Junior and Young Rider Athletes

9. BASIC CRITERIA FOR ALL ATHLETES AND HORSES

- a) Both the athlete and horse must be in good standing with United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) as of the date of the foreign competition.
- b) The athlete must meet the definition of a Pony, Junior or Young Rider, as determined by the current FEI Dressage Rules, a U.S. citizen, and a current Senior or Junior member of USEF.
- c) The horse/pony must be at least 6 years old to compete up to the FEI Pony level, FEI Junior level and at least 7 years old to compete at the Young Rider (Prix St Georges) level, possess a valid FEI Passport, and be life recorded with the USEF.

10. APPLICATION TO COMPETE IN FOREIGN COMPETITIONS

See point 2.

11. CDI/P/J/Y IN CANADA

In order to be considered, athletes must meet the following minimum criteria at the time of application to compete:

Pony Riders must have an average score of 60% combining FEI Pony Team Test and FEI Pony Individual Test. scores using a minimum of two Official Designated USEF/USDF Qualifying Competitions **or** CDI/P Events. These scores (2 PT and 2 PI) must have been achieved within 6 months of the start date of the Event. Copies of complete results/score sheets with Judges must be submitted with the application

Junior riders must have an average score of 60% combining FEI Junior Team Test and FEI Junior Individual Test. scores using a minimum of two Official Designated USEF/USDF Qualifying Competitions **or** CDI/J Events. These scores (2 JT and 2 JI) must have been achieved within 6 months of the start date of the Event. Copies of complete results/score sheets with Judges must be submitted with the application

Young Riders must have an average score of 60% combining FEI YR Team Test and FEI YR Individual Test (PSG) scores using a minimum of two Official Designated USEF/USDF Qualifying Competitions **or** CDI/Y Events. These scores (2 YRT and 2 PSG) must have been achieved within 6 months of the start date of the Event. Copies of complete results/score sheets with Judges must be submitted with the application

12. CDI/J/Y IN EUROPE

In order to be considered, athletes must meet the following minimum criteria at the time of application to compete:

Pony riders must have an average score of 64% combining FEI Pony Team Test and FEI Pony Individual Test. scores using a minimum of two Official Designated USEF/USDF Qualifying Competitions **or** CDI/P Events. These scores (2 PT and 2 PI) must have been achieved within 6 months of the start date of the Event. Copies of complete results/score sheets with Judges must be submitted with the application

Pony Riders based overseas may use scores from the above-mentioned FEI pony tests from CDNs and with a minimum average of 64%. These scores (2 PT and 2 PI) must have been achieved within 6 months of the start date of the Event. Copies of complete results/score sheets with Judges must be submitted with the application.

Junior riders must have an average score of 64% combining FEI Junior Team Test and FEI Junior Individual Test. scores using a minimum of two Official Designated USEF/USDF Qualifying Competitions **or** CDI/J Events. These scores (2 JT and 2 JI) must have been achieved within 6 months of the start date of the Event. Copies of complete results/score sheets with Judges must be submitted with the application

Junior Riders based overseas may use scores from the above-mentioned FEI Junior tests from CDNs and with a minimum average of 64%. These scores (2 JT and 2 JI) must have been achieved within 6 months of the start date of the Event. Copies of complete results/score sheets with Judges must be submitted with the application.

Young Riders must have an average score of 64% combining FEI YR Team Test and FEI YR Individual Test (PSG) scores using a minimum of two Official Designated USEF/USDF Qualifying Competitions **or**

CDI/Y Events. These scores (2 YRT and 2 PSG) must have been achieved within 6 months of the start date of the Event. Copies of complete results/score sheets with Judges must be submitted with the application

Young Riders based overseas may use scores from the above-mentioned FEI Young Rider tests from a minimum of two CDNs and with a minimum of average of 64% (2 YRT and 2 PSG). These scores must have been achieved within 6 months of the start date of the Event. Copies of complete results/score sheets with Judges must be submitted with the application

13. WAIVERS

Under extraordinary circumstances, the USEF Dressage Credentials Committee may grant waivers to the above criteria to compete at foreign CDI/J/Y. If you or your horse does not meet the established criteria, in order to be considered, you must send a Waiver request to the USEF Athletes Services Office explaining the extraordinary circumstances under which a waiver should be granted. Recent competition records must be enclosed.

October 25, 2011:

USEF Dressage Department
USEF Dressage Credentials Committee
USEF Eligible Dressage Athletes Committee
USEF High Performance Dressage Committee