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## **CDI MANAGERS' e-NEWSLETTER**

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### **FEI Rule Changes! Effective Now!**

The FEI has approved rule changes which became effective January 1, 2009, which of course affect every CDI and all FEI officials and exhibitors. Of particular note, changes include the following:

- Re-writing of movement descriptions (Articles 401 – 418);
- CDN vs. CDI (Article 420.3);
- Minimum age for horses (Article 422.3);
- “Opting” for Grand Prix Special & Freestyle (Article 422.9);
- Minimum score requirement for Special & Freestyle raised to 58% (Article 422.12);
- Permission for a rider to take 2 horses forward to Freestyle (Article 422.13);
- Clarification of wild cards, entry process, & substitutions (Article 423);
- Clarification of draw procedure (Article 425);
- Changes to dress requirements (Article 427);
- Bit diameters, whip length, and approval of “rotary” bits & noseband (Article 428);
- Publicity in arenas (Article 429.3-4);
- Time limits to go around & enter arena and technical failure (Article 429 & 430);
- Elimination (Article 430.7);
- Change to scoreboard rule (no longer compulsory for CDI-W's) (Article 435.6);
- Awards ceremony safety (Article 436);
- New judge classifications & requirements (Article 437);
- New FEI Judges' Annex.

A summary of these key points is included with this newsletter. However, please take a few moments to carefully review the **complete** updated FEI Dressage Regulations posted on the FEI website at this link: <http://www.fei.org/Disciplines/Dressage/Pages/Rules.aspx>.

## New FEI Tests Effective as of January 1, 2009

The FEI has issued NEW dressage tests for the following levels, effective January 1, 2009:

- **Prix St. Georges**
- **Intermediaire I**
- **Intermediaire I Freestyle**
- **Intermediaire II**
- **Grand Prix**
- **Grand Prix Special**
- **Grand Prix Freestyle**
- **All Junior Tests** (Prelim, Team, Individual, & Freestyle)
- **All Young Rider Tests** (Prelim, Team, Individual, & FS)
- **Young Rider Grand Prix Test** (ages 16 – 25)



**These new test versions must be used by all USEF-Licensed Dressage Competitions and CDI's beginning January 1, 2009**, and for all 2009 USEF High Performance, USEF National, and NAJYRC qualifying and championships. Of particular note to Young Riders, the Prix St. Georges Test will now be used as the Team Test (not the Individual Test), and a new Individual Test has been issued and must be used.

In addition, the FEI has just announced that following a calculations error (?), the **FEI Young Horse Tests have now also been updated regarding the deductions/penalty points**. The movements remain the same.

FEI tests are available for free download from the FEI website at this link: [http://www.fei.org/Disciplines/Dressage/Organisers/Pages/Dressage\\_Tests.aspx](http://www.fei.org/Disciplines/Dressage/Organisers/Pages/Dressage_Tests.aspx).

Following discussion during the FEI Managers' meeting at the USDF Convention, **USEF has obtained permission from the FEI for U.S. organizers to use the new FEI tests in a legal-size, double-sided format**. Heather Petersen has been kind enough to re-format the new tests and they are available for download from her website at this link: <http://petersendressage.com/Show/FEITests>.

## New FEI Test Collective Marks – Statement from the FEI

Following the release of the new FEI dressage tests on 14 November 2008, concerns were raised by some National Federations during the General Assembly wishing to keep the collective marks at 2,2,2,2. The Bureau/ Headquarters therefore referred the matter to the Dressage Task Force for a second opinion.

We can now inform you that the Dressage Task Force supports the change in Collectives to 1,1,2,2, the opinion of the majority of NF's as well as the opinion of the Working Group for Dressage Tests. Also many riders, trainers, and judges felt that 17-25% of the total marks for the former collectives of 2,2,2,2 was too high, and there is now a better mathematical balance. FEI Headquarters will monitor the effect of the change during 2009 as well as all new tests in use.

## New FEI Dressage Task Force

Following the resignation of the FEI Dressage Committee, the finalized membership of the interim FEI Dressage Task Force is as follows:

**Frank Kemperman (NED)**, chairman and representative of the event organizers;  
**Richard Davison (GBR)**, riders representative;  
**Robert Dover (USA)**, trainers representative;  
**Alain Francqueville (FRA)**, chef d'équipe;  
**Katrina Wuest (GER)**, judges representative;  
**Elizabeth Max-Theurer (AUT)**, owners representative.

The aim of having this representation is to enable the key stakeholder groups to feed into the process and for task force representatives to communicate with stakeholders as appropriate during the year.

The FEI Dressage Task Force has been given the following brief by the Bureau:

1. Review the issues surrounding the very significant area of the training and development, assessment and selection of judges for major championships and Olympic Games; review as part of this development of randomized/computerized judge selection process;
2. The fitness for purpose of the method of judging Dressage competitions needs thorough review – both in terms of the number of judges, their positioning and the judging process;
3. Following significant feedback from NF's, it is clear that the decision to move from four (4) to three (3) riders in a team is not universally accepted as the best for the sport and this therefore needs reviewing;
4. The system for qualification for Championships, and the receipt of Certificates of Capability for Championships, World Cups, and the Olympic Games;
5. Review the consultation process within Dressage and how it affects the structure of the committee going forward to ensure maximum involvement by the key stakeholders both internal to the sport and external within the greater sporting/Olympic/Paralympic environment.

The FEI Dressage Task Force will operate for one (1) year and produce an interim report to the Bureau at its March/April meeting. It is foreseen that during the course of the next year, the process of seeking candidacies for the Dressage Standing Committee could take place as usual, with NF's submitting candidacies through the Nominations Committee, and that the members of the FEI Dressage Task Force will be able to seek to serve on the Standing Committee in the future.

During the course of the year the Dressage Director may refer ongoing Dressage matters to the FEI Dressage Task Force for feedback and advice.

## FEI World Cup™ Finals Return to Las Vegas!

Excitement is building as the FEI World Cup™ Dressage & Jumping Finals will be returning to Las Vegas, Nevada, April 15 – 19, 2009. Tickets are now on sale! Visit [www.worldcuplasvegas.com](http://www.worldcuplasvegas.com) for complete event information. Only six dressage qualifying events remain, and include the following:

- ❖ November 7 – 9, 2008 CDI-W Del Mar, CA
- ❖ January 23 – 25, 2009 CDI-W West Palm Beach, FL
- ❖ February 20 – 22, 2009 CDI-W Burbank, CA
- ❖ Feb. 26 – March 1, 2009 CDI-W Loxahatchee, FL
- ❖ March 12 – 15, 2009 CDI-W Del Mar, CA
- ❖ March 12 – 15, 2009 CDI-W Wellington, FL



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## FEI's Call for Bids – 2011 & 2012 World Cup Finals

National Federations are kindly invited to send in their bids for the following Championship & Events to Sabrina Zeender, Manager of the FEI Secretary General's Office ([sabrina.zeender@fei.org](mailto:sabrina.zeender@fei.org)):

FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final 2011 (season 2010/2011)

FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final 2012 (season 2011/2012)



**Deadline for receipt by FEI Secretary General's Office for all of the above: 15 May, 2009.** The bids for the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final in 2011 will be reviewed by FEI Headquarters and be subsequently allocated by the FEI Bureau during their meeting during the General Assembly in November 2009.

## Reminder – FEI Horse & Rider Registration

Just as a reminder, FEI Horse and Rider Registrations are required for all horses and riders competing in CDI's. **This is a yearly requirement – riders and horses must renew annually.** Applications for numbers must be sent directly to USEF well in advance of competitions as there is no "sign-up" available at the show. CDI managers will be responsible for checking that all entries have obtained the required numbers, and horses and/or riders without numbers must not be allowed to start. ***The FEI is "cracking down" this year and results will not stand for any horses/riders who fail to obtain this registration prior to events, and organizers may be subject to penalty for allowing horses/riders without registrations to start.*** For questions, contact Andrea Kimmel, FEI Registration Coordinator, at [akimmel@usef.org](mailto:akimmel@usef.org) or (859) 225-6995.

## **New International High Performance (IHP) Rule**

Changes to the IHP fee were implemented as of December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see USEF rule GR207.3 International High Performance below:

- a. In order for an individual to be eligible to compete as a rider, driver, or vaulter, in international competition as defined herein, said individual must be a member of the Federation and must pay an International High Performance (IHP) Discipline Fee established annually by the Federation as noted below.
- b. **The IHP fee is \$35 per entry at defined competitions as noted below for each discipline.** The fee is capped at \$420 per competition year. Please refer to USEF website for policy and instructions on requesting reimbursement for payments over \$420 in the same competition year.
  1. **For purposes of this rule, an entry is defined as each horse, horse/vaulter combination, vaulting team, or driving single, pair or team.**
  2. **Competition secretaries are responsible for collecting the fees and sending them to USEF with the post-competition report.**
- c. **Dressage**
  1. **FEI Recognized Competitions/Classes (CDI).**
  2. **The North American Junior and Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) and/or European Junior and Young Rider Championships require an IHP fee.**

Also, GR207.3k states: “In order to compete in International Competitions in the US as defined above, foreign competitors must be a member in good standing of their National Federation and are required to pay the \$35 IHP per entry fee as listed above.”

### **In Summary...**

- A \$35 IHP fee must be collected for **every entry** in your CDI (this is based on each horse entered). Please amend your entry forms to accommodate inclusion of this fee.
- This fee now applies to every CDI entry, regardless of nationality.
- IHP fees are sent to USEF with the Post-Competition Report.

Questions about the new IHP rule? Please contact Lisa Owens, AED of Member Services, at [lowens@usef.org](mailto:lowens@usef.org).

### **Early Reminder – 2010/2011 CDI Applications (non-W's)**

As an early reminder, USEF will soon be asking for 2010/2011 CDI applications for non-World Cup qualifiers. Applications must be received no later than **MAY 1, 2009**. CDI applications go through an extensive review process by several different committees, necessitating the spring deadline. Please be reminded – if your CDI application is not received by May 1, 2009, it will not be reviewed in time for the regular cycle of meetings and therefore may be submitted late to the FEI, incurring late application fees! The 2010/2011 CDI application will be e-mailed to all current CDI managers and will be posted on the dressage page of the USEF website.

## Important Links to Bookmark

In an effort to provide more easily accessible FEI information for organizers, USEF maintains a page on the USEF website devoted to FEI and CDI information. By visiting our USEF national dressage programs page at this link, click on "FEI & CDI Information": <http://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allDressage/natdressage.aspx>. There you will find quick links to various pages of the FEI website, plus the CDI calendar, archived copies of this newsletter, and FEI dressage tests.

Looking to stay on top of what's going on in the world? Anyone can sign up for **FEI news releases** at this link: [http://www.fei.org/Media/News\\_Centre/Pages/Subscribe.aspx](http://www.fei.org/Media/News_Centre/Pages/Subscribe.aspx).

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When drawing for starting order, please remember to have a current FEI/BCM World Dressage Ranking List available at your event. This list is updated regularly and is posted at this link: <http://www.fei.org/Disciplines/Dressage/Results/Pages/Rankings.aspx>.

## Upcoming CDI Calendar (through March 31, 2009)

**January 23 – 25, 2009 CDI-W/Y West Palm Beach, FL** (Gold Coast Opener)  
Contact: Noreen O'Sullivan [nosullivan@harborfs.com](mailto:nosullivan@harborfs.com)

**January 29 – February 1, 2009 CDI 5\*/3\* Wellington, FL** (World Dressage Masters)  
Contact: Lloyd Landkamer [llandkamer@aol.com](mailto:llandkamer@aol.com)

**February 6 – 8, 2009 CDI 3\*/Y West Palm Beach, FL** (Wellington Classic Challenge)  
Contact: Noreen O'Sullivan [nosullivan@harborfs.com](mailto:nosullivan@harborfs.com)

**February 20 – 22, 2009 CDI-W/Y Burbank, CA** (Mid-Winter Dressage Fair)  
Contact: Glenda McElroy [glenda@glenroys.com](mailto:glenda@glenroys.com)

**Feb. 26 – March 1, 2009 CDI-W/Y Loxahatchee, FL** (Palm Beach Dressage Derby)  
Contact: Evelyn O'Sullivan [pbderby@aol.com](mailto:pbderby@aol.com)

**March 12 – 15, 2009 CDI-W/Y/J Del Mar, CA** (The Dressage Affaire)  
Contact: Kim Keenan [keenandressage@yahoo.com](mailto:keenandressage@yahoo.com)

**March 12 – 15, 2009 CDI-W/Y/J/P Wellington, FL** (WEF Dressage Classic)  
Contact: Lloyd Landkamer [llandkamer@aol.com](mailto:llandkamer@aol.com)

~~**March 26 – 29, 2009 CDI 3\*/Y Burbank, CA** (Festival of the Horse)  
Contact: Glenda McElroy [glenda@glenroys.com](mailto:glenda@glenroys.com) **CANCELLED**~~

*This CDI Manager e-Newsletter will be published on a news-worthy basis and distributed to all current CDI Managers. **We're looking for suggestions for newsletter content** – issues affecting your CDI, questions about rules, etc. Please send your ideas to Jennifer Keeler, USEF National Director of Dressage, [jkeeler@usef.org](mailto:jkeeler@usef.org). Thank you!*