



**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION**  
THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY OF EQUESTRIAN SPORT

TO: Brentina Cup Dressage Competitors – 2012 Festival of Champions

FROM: Dressage Department

DATE: July 29, 2011. Updated September 1, 2011.

RE: **Selection Procedures for the 2012 Festival of Champions - Brentina Cup National Championships**

The United States Equestrian Federation has drafted selection procedures for the 2012 USEF Brentina Cup Championship. These selection procedures will be reviewed for approval by the USEF Dressage Committee and the USEF Executive Committee, after which they will be duly published on the USEF website under:

<http://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/natDressage.aspx>

This Memo serves to advise all Brentina Cup Dressage athletes of the following;

**Qualifying period:** The proposed qualifying period will begin on **August 2, 2011 and finish on May 28, 2012.**

**Qualifying competitions:** A list of designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions in the U.S. commencing as of August 2, 2011 can be found on the USEF website

<http://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/2012NatDresschampQualify.aspx>

Foreign CDI qualifying competitions can be found on the FEI website [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org)

**Eligibility:** **NEW!** Riders are eligible from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of **16** until the year which they reach the age of **25**.

**Dressage Tests:** **NEW!** At designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions the USEF Young Adult Brentina Cup test (current edition) **or FEI Young Rider Grand Prix 16-25 test** (current edition) must be used for qualification.

**Declaration of intent** Athletes wishing to be considered for the 2012 USEF Brentina Cup Championship Dressage Championship must complete an online Declaration of Intent and submit the appropriate declaration fee to the USEF. Declarations can be submitted by February 1, 2012 for a \$50 fee and by no later than March 1 for a fee of \$150. The online application will be available at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) as of January 1, 2012. No applications will be accepted after March 1, 2012.

This preliminary information is being provided to assist you with your competition planning. Please remember that this information is based on draft selection procedures that have been proposed by the USEF and require finalization and approval by the USEF Dressage Committee and USEF Executive Committee and are therefore subject to change.