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TO: Dressage Competitors

FROM: Jenny Van Wieren, Director of High Performance Dressage Programs

DATE: May 23, 2011

**RE: Qualifying Competitions for the 2012 Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF National Intermediaire I Championship**

Please be advised that the proposed qualifying period for the 2012 Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF National Intermediaire I Championship will begin on June 1, 2011 and is expected to finish on May 27, 2012. Athletes will be required to earn qualifying scores at CDIs. *Scores from all CDI-1\*, CDI-2\*, CDI-3\*, CDI-4\* CDI-5\*, CDI-Ws, and CDIOs both within and outside of the USA, will automatically count unless the rider notifies Jenny Van Wieren, USEF Director of High Performance Dressage Programs, no later than 48 hours prior to the veterinary inspection for that event that they do not want the score to be counted.* The proposed Championship Procedures require that athlete/horse combinations will complete the FEI Prix St. Georges test and the FEI Intermediaire I test in combination at two CDI competitions. Athlete/horse combinations must also complete one FEI Intermediaire I Freestyle test at a CDI competition; however, the Intermediaire I Freestyle test score will not be used in the calculation of an athlete/horse combination's final average. For calculation purposes, FEI Prix St. Georges and FEI Intermediaire I test will each be counted **50%** towards the athlete/horse combination's overall average from a Qualifying Competition.

If an athlete/horse combination completes the FEI Prix St. George and FEI Intermediaire I in combination at three or more CDI, the athlete/horse combination's lowest FEI Prix St. George test and lowest FEI Intermediaire I test will each be automatically dropped, respectively (regardless if the Intermediaire I Freestyle test was ridden).

The fifteen (15) athlete/horse combinations with the highest overall average (FEI Prix St. Georges and FEI Intermediaire I scores) will be invited to compete in the Championship. No rider may qualify more than two horses for the Championship. If an athlete(s) qualifies two horses in the top fifteen (15) ranked athlete/horse combinations, the next athlete/horse combination will be invited to attend up to a maximum of fifteen (15) riders. In the event of ties there will be more than fifteen riders invited to the Championship.

This preliminary information is being provided to assist you with your competition planning. Please remember that this information is based on the recommendations of the USEF Dressage Eligible Athletes Committee and USEF Dressage High Performance Committee and require finalization and approval by the USEF High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee and are therefore subject to change.