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USEF Web Page for FEI & CDI Information

In an effort to provide more easily accessible FEI information for organizers, we have created a new 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, saved copies of this newsletter, and FEI dressage tests. Please send us your suggestions for additional web page content!

FEI Administrative Procedures Update

USEF has reorganized management of FEI procedures and administration:

- Jen Brown has returned to USEF as the International Competition Services Liaison. She will once again be the key contact for FEI paperwork, including draft/definite schedules, invoicing, and results. Jen may be reached via e-mail to jbrown@usef.org or (859) 225-2020.
- CDI applications will now be processed by the Competitions Department. This will help ensure consistency with national licenses. Primary contact will be Leigh Anne Claywell (Director), lclaywell@usef.org or (859) 225-6959. This department will continue to work in close cooperation with discipline directors for application and calendar approvals.
- FEI clinics/courses and FEI officials' licenses are now administered by our Licensed Officials Department. Officials who have questions regarding licenses may contact Director Mary Smith, msmith@usef.org or (859) 225-6948. For FEI clinics and course information, please contact Chuck Walker, Assistant Director, at cwalker@usef.org or (859) 225-6970.

Reminder – 2009/2010 CDI Applications

The application process for CDI 1* & 3* events for the 2009 calendar year is now open. If you have not returned your application, please be advised the deadline is **MAY 1, 2008**. Please be reminded – if your CDI application is not received by May 1, 2008, 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!

As an early reminder, USEF will soon be asking for **2009/2010 CDI-W applications** (for competitions from June 2009 through mid-March 2010) for the 2010 FEI World Cup™ qualification in the North American League. Applications will be e-mailed to organizers and available on the USEF website.

Reminder of Approval Process for CDI-W's in the U.S.

As you may be aware, for the 2008/2009 World Cup season in the North American League, the FEI changed their application process for CDI-W's. The FEI is now looking at CDI-W's according to World Cup season, not just by calendar year. Please be aware that even though the USEF may approve an event as a CDI-W, the FEI retains the final right to select which events will be granted CDI-W status, and has limited the number of events approved as World Cup qualifiers in North America. The FEI has also limited the World Cup qualifying season, which will now not begin until June 1st of each year and will run through mid-March of the following year.

Because of the FEI's change in the CDI-W approval cycle, for the next round of applications, we will be requesting applications from CDI's scheduled for June 2009 through mid-March 2010 (see "Reminder – 2009/2010 CDI Applications" – above). Don't forget – an FEI franchise fee of CHF 1250 will apply to all approved CDI-W events (this must be paid in addition to regular organizing dues).

Awards Requirements for 2008/2009 CDI-W's

The FEI now requires each CDI-W organizer to present a ***“rug for the winning horse and fifteen (15) stable plates for the competitors in the FEI World Cup Dressage Freestyle competition...”*** The USEF recognizes the additional financial burden which these new FEI CDI-W award requirements will place on each event. **Therefore, USEF will be providing a winner's embroidered dress sheet and a maximum of fifteen (15) stable plates for your event – at no cost to the organizer.** I will be in touch with each organizer to confirm number of entries and shipping addresses for these awards prior to your event.

2008/2009 North American League CDI-W Calendar

The calendar of CDI-W qualifying events for the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final for the North American League is now final and is as follows:

FEI World Cup™ Dressage NAL 2008/2009

	<u>Event</u>	<u>NF</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	Raleigh, NC	USA	5/30 – 6/2, 2008
2	Blainville	CAN	6/19 – 22, 2008
3	Blainville	CAN	6/24 – 28, 2008
4	Pebble Beach, CA	USA	7/3 – 6, 2008
5	Toronto	CAN	8/7 – 11, 2008
6	Saugerties, NY	USA	9/10 – 14, 2008
7	Devon, PA	USA	9/23 – 28, 2008
8	Del Mar, CA	USA	11/7 – 9, 2008
9	Toronto RWF	CAN	11/12 – 13, 2008
10	West Palm Beach, FL	USA	1/23 – 25, 2009
11	Burbank, CA	USA	2/20 – 22, 2009
12	Loxahatchee, FL	USA	2/26 – 3/1, 2009
13	Wellington, FL	USA	3/12 – 15, 2009
14	Del Mar, CA	USA	3/12 – 15, 2009

The FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final will be returning to Las Vegas, Nevada, April 15 – 19, 2009!!!

FEI Rule Clarifications for CDI-W's for 2008/09 Season

Organizers please note: The FEI has issued several rule clarifications, restrictions and recommendations as part of the new 2008/2009 North American League qualifying rules for the 2009 FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final. While these rules are still pending final approval by the FEI, as a “heads-up” please note the following language is proposed:

“Riders in the North American League may start **one horse in the qualifying Grand Prix Test** for the Grand Prix Freestyle Test – FEI World Cup™ Dressage qualifier. In the event of a Grand Prix Special also being offered (with opting) the rider may start additional horses in the Grand Prix at the discretion of the Organizing Committee. **A declaration as to the choice of horse for the Grand Prix level Freestyle Test - FEI World Cup™ Dressage qualifier must be made prior to entering the Grand Prix while at the same time declaring the other horse/horses for the Grand Prix Special Test (the best placed horse being able to go forward).** It is advisable for Organizers when there are more than 20 starters in the Grand Prix to divide the competitions into two tours: Grand Prix – Grand Prix Freestyle and Grand Prix – Grand Prix Special.”

CDI-W organizers should note that your schedules may need to be adjusted accordingly to reflect the above information. Even if there are less than 20 starters, organizers of CDI-W events may choose to offer **separate Grand Prix classes** (one for Freestyle – World Cup qualifying and one for the Special) in order to avoid confusion and possible conflicts between North American League qualifying rules and overall FEI Dressage Regulations. For organizers' and competitors' reference, more information regarding FEI World Cup™ qualification, including complete rules (once finalized by the FEI) will be posted on the USEF website www.usef.org.

2008 FEI World Cup™ Dressage for Young Riders

The FEI World Cup™ Dressage for Young Riders is an incredible competitive opportunity for the world's future dressage stars. The FEI World Cup™ for Young Riders will once again take place in Frankfurt, Germany, December 18 – 21, 2008. The United States will receive an invitation for one (1) representative. Riders may earn qualifying freestyle scores in U.S. CDI-Y competitions from January 1 – October 27, 2008, and scores are automatically tracked and rankings maintained by USEF. More information and rankings will soon be available on the USEF website www.usef.org.

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 secretaries are responsible for checking that all entries have obtained the required numbers, and per FEI rules, **horses and/or riders without numbers must not be allowed to start:**

"1. All competitors must be registered with the FEI, where stipulated by the Sport Rules, and with their own or their host NF before they can be permitted to take part in an international event". [FEI General Regulations, 22nd Edition, effective 1 June 2007, Article 134 - Registration of Competitors]

USEF must uphold all FEI Regulations, Statutes, and Sport Rules, per the USEF Rulebook, GR902.3.I: *"FEI rules take precedence as to international classes and events over Federation rules at all FEI Sanctioned Competitions"*.

Thus, every competitor must be FEI Registered in order to compete in an International class. Additionally, **foreign competitors** cannot be allowed to compete in FEI competitions without both **a letter of permission** (in English) from their home NF stating that they have permission to compete and they are a current member in good standing of that NF and meet any and all other requirements as necessary (i.e. - amateur status, etc.), **as well as having a current FEI Registration** (see USEF GR1309.2.a.[7], USEF GR828.4, and FEI, GR Article 121.2 for details).

For questions, contact Andrea Kimmel, FEI Registration Coordinator, at akimmel@usef.org or (859) 225-6995.

Athlete Drug Testing – it's not just for horses!

As a reminder, per the FEI General Regulations, Article 145.5, any international competitor may be tested for prohibited substances according to the World Anti-Doping Code. **This means that any rider competing in your CDI may be required to submit to drug testing while at the competition.** It is possible that Doping Control Officers (DCOs) may arrive at your show with no advance notice, and you will be asked to provide a venue for athlete drug testing. Guidelines for a suitable “doping control station” are: reserved solely for doping control; handicap accessible; restricted access; secure storage of equipment; private; at least two tables; chairs; a trash can; appropriate lighting; and would ideally be comprised of a waiting room, processing room, and male/female bathrooms. **Sara Ike** is the USEF's USADAWADA liaison; for questions, she may be reached in our Gladstone office at (908) 326-1164 or sara.ike@usef.org.

FEI “C” Judges for CDI Panels

Please note new language within Article 437 of the FEI Dressage Regulations:

*“9. **For CDI 3***, the President and the other members of the Jury are appointed by the NF or the Organizing Committee, in agreement with the FEI, from the FEI lists of Official International Judges, International Judges and/or International Candidate Judges . **One (1) Candidate judge should be invited to judge in the big tour.**”*

Due to the fact that many FEI Candidate Judges are only invited to judge the small tour at CDI's, they lack the necessary number of judged Grand Prix/Grand Prix Special/ Grand Prix Freestyle competitions to be promoted to International Judges. Therefore, Organizing Committees are strongly encouraged to invite at least one Candidate Judge to their event (with 5 judges or more) and that this judge also is appointed to judge the Large Tour.

Cancellation by Officials

Reminder from the FEI office: “Following incorrect changes of appointment of Judges in contradiction to approved Schedules, we would hereby like to draw your attention to Article 437 of the Dressage Regulations which state ***‘The Ground Jury at a CDI3* must consist of a minimum of 5 FEI members including 3 foreign judges of different nationalities.’***”

“Should a Ground Jury be composed with 3 National FEI judges and 2 foreign FEI judges be used, the results for riders will not count for FEI World Dressage ranking list points and the event may be demoted to a 2* event.”

In the unfortunate circumstance of illness or urgent last minute cancellation by a ground jury member, and where a replacement cannot be found, please immediately notify the USEF Dressage Department so that our staff may contact the FEI to request a possible exception to the rules. Exceptions to published schedules may only be considered and granted by the FEI.

Clarification from FEI Regarding Open Scoring

“The FEI Dressage Committee has decided that **Open Scoring (with score per judge per movement) only can be used when it is not visible to the Judges and/or riders but that a Running Average Percentage (e.g. 68.000%) shall be used instead.** The winning score (score to beat) can also be used in conjunction with the running percentage. AIDEO is currently working on Guidelines for Organizers to be published as soon as possible.”

Advertising/Publicity on Arena Fences at CDI-W's

As a reminder to CDI-W organizers: the FEI holds the sole right to publicity on the dressage arena fence for all FEI Championships and FEI World Cup Dressage events (CDI-W's). Consequently, For FEI Dressage Championships and **World Cup Dressage qualifiers no publicity may be applied to the Dressage fence without prior FEI approval.** The OC must apply to the FEI for permission to use publicity on the fence by submitting a request stating the number of meters of publicity and example of publicity to be exposed on the dressage fence. For any other International Dressage event, a maximum of 44 metres as outlined in Article 429 is allowed. The FEI has stated that they will impose sanctions for non-compliance with this rule.

FEI News Sign-Up & Bulletins

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.

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Upcoming CDI Calendar

April 3 – 6, 2008 CDI 3*/Y/J/P Rancho Murieta, CA (Golden State Dressage)

Contact: Connie Davenport davenport@saber.net

April 25 – 27, 2008 CDI 3*/Y/J Del Mar, CA (Del Mar National)

Contact: Regina Antonioli egconcepts@earthlink.net

May 9 – 11, 2008 CDI 3*/Y/J Batavia, OH (Paxton Farm Spring Classic)

Contact: Janet Paxton mainoffice@paxtonfarm.com

May 16 – 18, 2008 CDI 3*/Y/J Wayne, IL (Dressage at Lamplight)

Contact: Lloyd Landkamer llandkamer@aol.com

- May 24 – 26, 2008** CDI 1*/Y Lexington, KY (KDA 22nd Annual Spring)
Contact: Sheila Woerth swoerth@insightbb.com
- May 30 – June 1, 2008** CDI-W/Y/J Raleigh, NC (Capital Dressage Classic)
Contact: Janine Malone JEMRPH@aol.com
- June 20 – 22 & 27 – 29, 2008** Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF Dressage
Festival of Champions (USEF Dressage Selection Trials)
San Juan Capistrano, CA Contact: Glenda McElroy glenda@glenroys.com
- July 3 – 6, 2008** CDI-W/Y/J Pebble Beach, CA (Pebble Beach Dressage)
Contact: Connie Davenport davenport@saber.net
- July 29 – Aug. 3, 2008** FEI North American Junior & Young Riders Championships
Parker, Colorado Contact: Glenda McElroy glenda@glenroys.com
- August 15 – 17, 2008** CDI 3*/Y/J/P Saugerties, NY (Centerline Events @ HITS on Hudson)
Contact: Debra Reinhardt debra@centerlineevents.com
- September 10 – 14, 2008** CDI-W/Y/J Saugerties, NY (NEDA Fall Festival)
Contact: Beth Jenkins bjenkins@ix.netcom.com
- September 23 – 28, 2008** CDI-W/Y/J Devon, PA (Dressage at Devon)
Contact: Patsy Albers patsyalbers@yahoo.com
- November 7 – 9, 2008** CDI-W/Y/J Del Mar, CA (The Del Mar Classic)
Contact: Kim Keenan keenandressage@yahoo.com
- January 23 – 25, 2009** CDI-W/Y West Palm Beach, FL (Gold Coast Opener)
Contact: Noreen O'Sullivan nosullivan@harborfs.com
- February 20 – 22, 2009** CDI-W/Y Burbank, CA (Mid-Winter Dressage Fair)
Contact: Glenda McElroy glenda@glenroys.com
- Feb. 26 – March 1, 2009** CDI-W/Y Loxahatchee, FL (Palm Beach Dressage Derby)
Contact: Evelyn O'Sullivan pbderby@aol.com
- March 12 – 15, 2009** CDI-W/Y/J Del Mar, CA (The Dressage Affaire)
Contact: Kim Keenan keenandressage@yahoo.com
- March 12 – 15, 2009** CDI-W/Y/J Wellington, FL (WEF Dressage Classic)
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*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. Thank you!*