



2007 USEF “Brentina Cup” Program

USEF National Young Adult Dressage Championship

Gladstone, New Jersey June 14 – 17, 2007

The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) is the National Governing Body (NGB) for equestrian sport. The USEF Dressage Committee will oversee the selection process, which process subsequently shall be reviewed and approved by the USEF Executive Committee. Any member of the USEF Dressage Committee who has a conflict of interest or a substantial appearance of a conflict of interest as defined in the USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy must recuse himself/herself and not participate in the selection process.

The USEF “Brentina Cup” Championship will be conducted under the auspices of the Federation Rule Book. The purpose of the USEF “Brentina Cup” Program is to assist U.S. Young Riders make the transition to Senior Grand Prix competitor.

APPLICATION:

1. In order to be considered for the 2007 USEF “Brentina Cup” Championship, an **Application of Intent** must be completed and submitted to USEF. Applications received by the USEF Dressage Department on or before **April 16, 2007** will require an application fee of \$50. Applications received after April 16, 2007 but on or before May 15, 2007 will require payment of a \$150 fee. **No applications will be accepted after May 15, 2007.** A separate application must be received for each horse/rider combination. The Application of Intent is available on the Federation website or by contacting the USEF Dressage Department.
2. It is the responsibility of the owners and riders of horses to ensure that they know and understand the USEF Rules.
3. Qualifying scores may be earned prior to submission of Application of Intent.

ELIGIBILITY:

FOR RIDER:

1. Riders must be United States citizens.
2. Riders must be Active Members in good standing of USEF at the time of all qualifying performances and the Championship.
3. Riders are eligible from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 26.

FOR OWNER(S):

1. Must be an Active Member in good standing with USEF or his/her National Federation at the time qualifying scores are earned and during the Championship, and must be an Active Member in good standing of USEF or have proof, in English, of membership in good standing from his/her National Federation.
2. Must be willing to pay for all expenses incurred for the inclusion of the horse/rider combination in this competition, including but not limited to, transportation.
3. Qualification goes with the horse/rider combination; ownership may change during the qualifying period and for the Championship as long as the new owner(s) meet all of the above criteria.

FOR HORSE:

1. Horses **must be Annual or Life Recorded** with USEF at the time of all qualifying performances and the Championship. **Horse Identification (HID) Numbers DO NOT fulfill this requirement.**
2. This Championship will be held as part of a USEF-Licensed Competition (not a CDI); therefore, **an FEI passport will NOT be required for this Championship.**
3. Ponies and mules will not be allowed to qualify for or compete in this Championship.

FOR HORSE/RIDER COMBINATION: Qualification is based upon horse/rider combination.

QUALIFYING PROCEDURES:

1. **QUALIFYING PERIOD:** The qualifying period shall begin January 1, 2007 and end June 3, 2007.
2. **QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS:** A series of competitions throughout the U.S. have been designated as Qualifying Competitions for the USEF Developing Dressage Programs. A list of these Qualifying Competitions is available on the Federation website or by contacting the USEF Dressage Department. Qualifying scores for the USEF "Brentina Cup" Championship may only be earned at these designated Qualifying Competitions. Each horse/rider combination must earn scores in at least **two (2) different Qualifying Competitions.**
3. **TESTS:** The FEI Intermediaire II Test (2001 edition) must be used for qualification.
4. **NUMBER OF SCORES:** **At least two (2) qualifying scores must be earned** which meet all qualification requirements outlined herein.
5. **DROP SHOW:** If more than two (2) qualifying scores are earned at designated Qualifying Competitions, the score from the one (1) competition that has the lowest score will be dropped. **Only one (1) score may be dropped.** All remaining scores will be used to calculate each horse/rider combination's overall average.

6. **JUDGES:** Qualifying tests must be **judged by a panel of at least two (2) FEI or USEF “S” officials**. For tests to be counted towards qualification, **at least one (1) judge must differ per panel**.
7. **SCORE CALCULATION:** USEF will automatically track scores for horse/rider combinations which are earned at designated Qualifying Competitions. Submission of score sheets to USEF is not necessary for this Championship unless requested by USEF staff.
8. **MINIMUM AVERAGE:** A minimum overall average of 62% from a horse/rider combination’s two (2) highest qualifying scores must be maintained for consideration to this Championship.
9. **DRESS & SADDLERY:** Please refer to USEF Rules for dress and saddlery requirements (DR 120 – 121).
10. **FOREIGN COMPETITIONS:** Competitors may qualify for the Championship in foreign countries by competing in CDIs. Only CDIs may be used for this method of qualification. Competitors must submit a written notification to the USEF Dressage Department of their intent to earn a qualifying score in a foreign competition – this notification must be received by the USEF Dressage Department at least two (2) weeks prior to the first day of competition. Competitors qualifying internationally will be responsible for reporting of scores to the USEF Dressage Department within five (5) days of the conclusion of the competition.

INVITATION TO THE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

1. All horse/rider combinations that have submitted an Application of Intent as outlined above (see “Application”) and have qualified by the method outlined above (see “Qualifying Procedure”) **will be ranked according to scores and be accepted up to the numbers of entries available**.
2. In the case of a tie, the horse/rider combinations shall remain tied, but shall take up two places so that if tied for first place, the next ranked horse/rider combination shall be #3.
3. Horse/rider combinations will be notified of their final Championship qualification status by e-mail, phone, and/or fax no later than June 6, 2007.

CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION:

1. The 2007 USEF “Brentina Cup” Championship shall be held June 14 – 17, 2007 in Gladstone, New Jersey. USEF Championship Rules will be followed.
2. The number of entries for each age group accepted for the Championships competition will be limited as determined by the organizing committee.
3. Horses will be examined for soundness. A jog will be scheduled prior to the Championship classes, at which time all horses must be presented to the treating veterinarian and a member of the judging panel for examination.
4. Tests shall be ridden from memory and **WHIPS ARE FORBIDDEN**. Please refer to USEF Dressage Division Rules for complete dress and saddlery requirements.
5. Starting order shall be determined by an open draw.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT:

1. **DAY 1 – INTERMEDIAIRE II TEST:** All entries in the Championship will compete in Day 1's Intermediaire II Test. The FEI Intermediaire II Test* (2001 edition) will be used. This test will count towards **50%** of overall average. Starting order will be determined by open draw. This test will be judged by **at least three (3) officials** (two of which must be FEI judges, one USEF "S" judge may be used).
2. **DAY 2 – "BRENTINA CUP" TEST:** All entries will compete in Day 2's "Brentina Cup" Test. The USEF "Brentina Cup" Test* (2007 edition) will be used. This test will count towards **50%** of overall average. Starting order will be determined by open draw. This test will be judged by **at least three (3) officials** (two of which must be FEI judges, one USEF "S" judge may be used) and at least one (1) of which must differ from those judging the "Intermediaire II Test"). *Placings, including National Champion and Reserve Champion, will be determined based upon overall average: Intermediaire II Test – 50%, "Brentina Cup" Test – 50%.*

**The USEF "Brentina Cup" Test (2007 edition) and FEI Intermediaire II Test (2001 edition) are available on the Federation website or by contacting the USEF Dressage Department.*

CODE OF CONDUCT: Riders, horse owners and trainers will be required to sign and abide by the USEF Code of Conduct prior to entry into the Championship.

DRUG TESTING: All horses shall be subject to drug testing at the USEF "Brentina Cup" Championship, and the horse must meet all Federation drug rules. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected at any time during the competition. Samples collected from horses will be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden and/or controlled by USEF; in the event a substance is detected for which the Federation has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of this substance will be quantified and reported to the USEF Dressage Committee. Any horse whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than Federation limits shall be disqualified from the Championship and may be subject to further sanctions by the USEF Hearing Committee.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No person involved in the Selection Process, including but not limited to members of the Dressage Committee, members of the Executive Committee, and veterinarians, shall have had, during the entire Selection Process, any financial or other interest, including as coach, trainer, or otherwise, in an applicant horse, or have had financial dealings with the rider or owner or members of their families, nor be a member of the family of an applicant rider or owner. If within the entire Selection Process an individual has had any financial or other interest as outlined above, he/she shall excuse himself/herself from the selection process. Further, each decision maker in the selection process shall be required to fill out a conflict of interest statement, disclosing any potential conflicts with any of the applicants. Potential conflicts as disclosed will be reviewed by the Dressage Committee, or by the Executive Committee if involving a member of the Dressage Committee, and a decision will be made as to whether or not the stated conflict is deemed disqualifying.

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