



## **2024 USEF Dressage National Championship Qualifying Requirements** **Grand Prix, Intermediaire I, and Brentina Cup**

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The 2024 USEF Dressage National Championships (“Championships”) Qualifying Requirements published herein are effective on October 16, 2023 unless stated otherwise. The qualifying requirements published herein are subject to additions or revisions. These qualifying requirements pertain to the following divisions:

- Adequan®/USEF Brentina Cup Dressage National Championship
- USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship
- USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship

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### **Application, Membership and Registration Requirements for Qualifying and Championships.**

#### **Application:**

1. In order to be considered for these Championships, an Application of Intent must be completed and submitted to USEF no later than June 13, 2024 at 11:59pm, ET. The Application of Intent is made available on the USEF website [here](#) no later than September 14, 2023 at 11:59pm, ET.
  - a. Applications of Intent received by the USEF on or before May 15, 2024 at 11:59pm, ET will require an application fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per horse.
  - b. Applications of Intent received between May 16, 2024 and June 13, 2024 at 11:59pm, ET will require a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per horse.
  - c. An Application of Intent is considered complete once the confirmation email is received. If the athlete does not receive the confirmation email, it is the athlete’s responsibility to contact USEF ([festival@usef.org](mailto:festival@usef.org)).
  - d. Additional horses must be added to an existing Application(s) of Intent by June 13, 2024 at 11:59pm, ET and will require a fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per horse.
  - e. Combinations without a complete Application of Intent by the closing date will be removed from their respective ranking list.
2. No Application of Intent will be accepted after June 13, 2024 at 11:59pm, ET and no refunds will be given after the closing date.
3. For these Championship divisions, qualification is based upon athlete/horse combination. Athletes are permitted to compete at these Championships with only those horses named on the athlete’s Application of Intent.
4. Scores are permitted to be earned prior to the submission of the Application of Intent.

#### **Athlete Membership:**

1. Athletes must be U.S. Citizens to earn scores toward their respective ranking list and to compete in the Championships.
2. If the athlete has an FEI Registration, they must have designated the USA as their Sport Nationality with the FEI prior to earning scores towards their respective ranking list and to compete in the Championships.
3. Athletes must be an Active Competing member of USEF in good standing for scores to count towards their respective ranking list and at the time of application.

- Athletes must be an Active Competing member in good standing of USEF at the time of invitation through the conclusion of the Championships.
- Athletes must meet FEI eligibility and membership requirements to compete in CDIs. Athletes must be in good standing with the FEI at the time of invitation through the conclusion of these Championships.
- Brentina Cup:** FEI Rider Registration is NOT required to earn scores or to compete in this Championship.

#### **Horse Membership:**

- Horses must be Annual or Life Recorded with USEF in good standing in order for scores to count towards their respective ranking list and at the time of application.
- Horses must be Annual or Life Recorded with USEF and in good standing at the time of invitation through the conclusion of the Championships.
- Horse Identification (HID) Numbers DO NOT fulfill the above requirements.
- Horses must meet the FEI General and Dressage Rules when competing at a CDI. Horses must be in good standing with the FEI at the time of invitation through the conclusion of these Championships.
- Brentina Cup:** An FEI Horse Registration, FEI passport, or FEI Recognition Card is NOT required to earn scores or to compete in this Championship.

#### **Horse Owner(s) Membership:**

- Owners must be Active Competing members with USEF in good standing for scores to count towards the combination's respective ranking list and at the time of application.
- Owners must be Active Competing members in good standing with USEF at the time of invitation and through the conclusion of the Championships.
- Ownership may change during the qualifying period and up to the close of entries for the Championships as long as the new owner(s) meets all of the above criteria.
- All of the above owner requirements apply to all listed owners on file with USEF, including all owners of a partnership, farm, company, corporation, etc. if a horse is recorded as owned by that type of entity.

*USEF strongly encourages all athlete, horse, and owner membership requirements be completed by June 6, 2024, or rush fees may be required to submit the Application of Intent by 11:59pm, ET on June 13, 2024.*

#### **II. Division and Age Requirements for Athlete/Horse.**

Athletes are not permitted to compete with more than two (2) horses or ponies (where applicable) in each Championship division. The same combination is permitted to only participate in one division at these Championships. A horse is permitted to be competed in one division at the U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions. Ponies and Mules are not permitted to qualify for or compete in these Championships. Per DR119.10, the horse's age is counted from January 1 of the year of birth to January 1 of the current competition year. FEI Rules apply in CDI competition. Refer to FEI Dressage Article 433.

#### **Brentina Cup:**

- Athletes are eligible to compete in the qualifying competitions and the Championship from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of sixteen (16) until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of twenty-five (25).
- Horses must be at least eight (8) years old or older.

**Once an athlete has taken part in a National or FEI Dressage Championship at a higher level, the following restrictions apply to competing at Dressage National Championship at a lower level beginning January 1 of the following year:**

- Once an athlete has taken part in a National or FEI Dressage Championship for Brentina Cup (16-25), they are no longer eligible to compete at a Dressage National Championship for Pony Rider or Junior.
- If a combination places in the top three (3) in the Brentina Cup (16-25) National or FEI Championship, the same combination is no longer eligible to compete at a National Championship for Young Riders.

**If the above restrictions do not apply to an athlete, the following rules apply to qualifying and Championship participation for athletes meeting the eligible age requirement:**

- An athlete is permitted to compete in the Pony Rider (12-16), Junior (14-16), Young Rider (16-21), and Brentina Cup (16-25) divisions; however, they are not permitted to compete in more than one of these divisions at the same qualifying competition(s) with the same mount.
- An athlete is permitted to compete in the Young Rider and Brentina Cup (16-25) National Championships within the same year; however, they are not permitted to compete in these divisions at the National Championships with the same mount.

#### **Intermediaire I and Grand Prix:**

1. Athletes are eligible to compete in the qualifying competitions and the Championship from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of sixteen (16).
2. Horses must be eligible to compete at the Intermediaire I and Grand Prix levels under FEI rules.

### **III. Qualifying System.**

#### **Qualifying Period:**

The qualifying period shall begin on July 25, 2023, and is scheduled to end July 22, 2024, unless otherwise noted by USEF no later than February 1, 2024.

#### **Qualifying Competitions:**

Competitions throughout the U.S. have been designated as national USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competitions (Qualifying Competitions) and a list of these Competitions is available on the USEF website [here](#). The 2023 FEI Calendar can be found [here](#) and please note that the 2024 FEI Calendar will not be published on this link until approved by the FEI, no later than December 31, 2023. Scores must only be earned at these national Qualifying Competitions or CDIs.

For all divisions, please check regularly for updates to the FEI Calendar and the USEF Qualifying Calendar as changes to competitions may be posted at any time.

All tests must be held as individual classes which are specifically designated as USEF qualifying ("Test of Choice" classes will not count except for the FEI Freestyle Test – see below). National Qualifying Competitions held over the course of a weekend are considered one qualifying opportunity, even if they have separate license/recognition numbers. Only one score per respective Test may be earned over the course of weekend. See Section IV for Judging Panels.

1. Brentina Cup:
  - a. Qualifying competitions include all U.S. and foreign CDI-U25, CDIO-U25 or CDI2\* events or national Qualifying Competitions to be eligible for an invitation to the Championship.
  - b. A combination cannot earn a score in a national Qualifying Competition if a CDI-U25 is also held at the event. Exception: if a CDIO-U25 is held, a combination may earn scores from the CDI-U25 or national qualifying classes if offered by the competition.
  - c. Combinations must achieve a minimum overall average of 65% to receive an invitation to this Championship.
  - d. At least two (2) scores must be earned in the current edition of the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test and at least two (2) scores must be earned in the current edition of the FEI Intermediate II Test. Combinations may also earn scores in the FEI Intermediate II Test at any CDI2\*.
  - e. FEI Grand Prix Freestyle – Combinations must complete one (1) Freestyle Test between December 1, 2023 and July 22, 2024. The Freestyle Test score must be earned in an FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test, or an FEI Freestyle Test of Choice class held at a national Qualifying Competition or a CDI. This score will not be used in the calculation of a combination's final average. Freestyle scores will be noted on the ranking list.
2. Intermediaire I
  - a. Qualifying competitions include all U.S. and foreign CDI1\*, CDIO, or CDI-Am events as well as national Qualifying Competitions. Combinations must compete in a minimum of one (1) CDI1\*, CDIO, or CDI-Am event. The 2023 FEI Pan American Games is considered a qualifying competition.

- b. A combination cannot earn a score in a national Qualifying Competition if a CDI is also held at the event.
  - c. Combinations must achieve a minimum overall average of 66% to receive an invitation to this Championship.
  - d. At least three (3) scores must be earned in the current edition of the FEI Prix St. Georges Test and at least three (3) scores must be earned in the current edition of the FEI Intermediate I Test.
  - e. FEI Intermediate I Freestyle - Combinations must complete one (1) Freestyle Test score within the qualifying period. The Freestyle Test score must be earned in an FEI Intermediate I Freestyle Test or an FEI Freestyle Test of Choice class held at a national Qualifying Competition or a CDI. The Freestyle Test score will not be used in the calculation of an athlete/horse combination's final average. Freestyle scores will be noted on the ranking list.
3. Grand Prix
- a. Qualifying Competitions include all U.S. and foreign CDI2\*, CDI3\*, CDI4\*, CDI5\*, CDIO, CDI-Am, or CDI-W events as well as national Qualifying Competitions. Combinations must compete in a minimum of one (1) CDI2\*, CDI3\*, CDI4\*, CDI5\*, CDIO, CDI-Am, or CDI-W event. The 2023 Pan American Games and the 2024 FEI World Cup Finals are considered qualifying competitions.
  - b. A combination cannot earn a score in a national Qualifying Competition if a CDI is also held at the event. Exception: a CDI2\* event may offer the FEI Grand Prix Special Test as a qualifying class in the national portion of their event; however, it must be scheduled on the day(s) following the conclusion of the CDI Grand Prix.
  - b. Combinations must achieve a minimum overall average of 66% to receive an invitation to this Championship.
  - c. At least three (3) scores must be earned in the current edition of the FEI Grand Prix Test or FEI Short Grand Prix Test and at least three (3) scores must be earned in the current edition of the FEI Grand Prix Special Test.
  - d. FEI Grand Freestyle Test - Combinations must complete one (1) Freestyle Test score within the qualifying period. The Freestyle Test score must be earned in an FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test or an FEI Freestyle Test of Choice class held at a national Qualifying Competition or a CDI. The Freestyle Test score will not be used in the calculation of a combination's final average. Freestyle scores will automatically be noted on the ranking list.
  - e. Scores from FEI Consolation Competitions, if scheduled, will not count towards calculation of the ranking list.
5. Certificate of Capability
- In addition to the above outlined qualifying process, combinations are required to earn a Certificate of Capability within the qualifying period.
- a. **Brentina Cup:** A Certificate of Capability is not required for this Championship.
  - b. **Intermediaire I:** Combinations must earn a Certificate of Capability by attaining a minimum score of 67% in the FEI Intermediate I Test completed at a CDI1\*, CDIO, or CDI-Am event.
  - c. **Grand Prix:** Combinations must earn a Certificate of Capability by attaining a minimum score of 67% in either the FEI Grand Prix Test, FEI Short Grand Prix Test, or the FEI Grand Prix Special Test completed at a CDI2\*, CDI3\*, CDI4\*, CDI5\*, CDIO, CDI-Am, or CDI-W event.
  - d. The Certificate of Capability score will be noted on the final ranking list.

### Score Calculation:

Submission of score sheets to USEF is not necessary for these Championships unless requested by USEF Staff. For all divisions, scratches, eliminations, and withdrawals will not be penalized on the ranking list with the following exception: *In the case of a combination who applied for the Grand Prix or Intermediaire I Championships is disqualified by USEF or the FEI for a medication rule violation from a sample collected in connection with a Qualifying Competition (CDI or National), that score will be marked as E (Elimination) on the final ranking list but will not be counted in the overall average.*

- 1. Ranking List
  - a. For calculation purposes:

- **Brentina Cup:** Only those scores earned in the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test and the FEI Intermediate II Test (each counting 50%) will be used to calculate the overall average.
  - **Intermediaire I:** Only those scores earned in the FEI Prix St. Georges Test and the FEI Intermediate I Test (each counting 50%) will be used to calculate the overall average.
  - **Grand Prix:** Only those scores earned in the FEI Grand Prix Test or FEI Short Grand Prix Test and the FEI Grand Prix Special Test (each counting 50%) will be used to calculate the overall average.
  - **Brentina Cup, Grand Prix and Intermediaire I:** The Freestyle Test score(s) will not be used in the calculation of an athlete/horse combination's final average.
- b. Percentages are carried out to the third decimal point with numbers of five (5) and above rounded up (63.4555% = 63.456%). USEF is not responsible for inaccurately reported scores. If errors are detected, athletes are encouraged to contact the USEF Dressage Department at [festival@usef.org](mailto:festival@usef.org) immediately.
- c. USEF will automatically track scores for combinations, which are earned at national Qualifying Competitions.
- d. **CDI Scores:**
- **Brentina Cup:** Scores earned in a CDI will automatically count towards a combination's final average with the following exception: If an athlete does not want the scores from a CDI to count towards their final average, they must submit their request via email to the USEF Dressage Department at ([festival@usef.org](mailto:festival@usef.org)) prior to the start time, as published in the FEI Definite Schedule, of the veterinary inspection for that event. This request must include the name of the horse(s) they will compete at the CDI. If the USEF Dressage Department does not receive the request prior to the start time of the veterinary inspection, as published in the FEI Definite Schedule, the score(s) will count toward their final overall average. It is the sole responsibility of the athlete to confirm with the USEF Dressage Department that their request has been received.
  - **Intermediaire I and Grand Prix:** Scores earned in a CDI will automatically count towards a combination's final overall average and will be tracked by USEF. A minimum of one CDI score must be earned.
- e. **Drop Scores:**
- **Brentina Cup:** If a combination completes three (3) or more of either of their respective Test, the lowest score earned in this Test will be dropped. A maximum of one (1) score will be dropped from either Test. All remaining scores will be used to calculate a combination's overall average.
  - **Intermediaire I and Grand Prix:** If a combination completes four (4) or more of either of their respective Test, the lowest score earned in this Test will be dropped. The score earned for the Certificate of Capability may serve as a drop score. A maximum of one (1) score will be dropped from either Test. All remaining scores will be used to calculate a combination's overall average. *Exception: If a combination competes in only one CDI, these scores earned will not serve as drop scores and will automatically count towards the combination's final overall average. The lowest scores earned in a national Qualifying Competition within the qualifying period will serve as a drop score(s) towards the combination's final overall average.*
- f. **Withdrawals:** Withdrawals must be submitted in writing to [festival@usef.org](mailto:festival@usef.org). Withdrawals received between June 14, 2024 and July 22, 2024 will be noted as WD on the final ranking list.

#### **IV. Additional Rules and Requirements.**

##### **One Athlete Rule:**

1. When qualifying for Children, Pony Riders, Juniors, Young Riders, and Brentina Cup (Young Adults), Intermediaire I, or Grand Prix within 24 hours prior and through the conclusion of the competition, any horse entered in a USEF Qualifying class shall not be ridden by anyone other than the athlete entered in that class on that horse, under penalty of disqualification from the class for USEF championship qualifying purposes. Exception: grooms riding on a loose rein. For purposes of this rule, the competition starts when horse and athlete arrive on the show grounds. This rule also applies for NAYC and USEF High Performance (HP) qualifying competitions and classes.

2. For USEF Championships, within 24 hours prior and through the conclusion of the competition, any horse entered in a USEF Championship class shall not be ridden by anyone other than the athlete entered in that class on that horse under penalty of elimination from the USEF championships. Exception: grooms riding on a loose rein. For purposes of this rule, the competition starts when horse or pony and athlete arrive on the show grounds.
3. For CDI Events, FEI Dressage Rules apply.

#### **Judging Panels for National Qualifying Competitions:**

1. For all divisions, qualifying tests held at a national Qualifying Competition must be judged by a panel of two (2) or more USEF 'S' and/or FEI Judges (or at least one (1) FEI Judge and one (1) USEF 'S' Judge). For tests to be counted towards qualification, at least one (1) judge must differ per Qualifying Competition.
2. Freestyle Tests completed at a national Qualifying Competition must be judged by a minimum of one (1) USEF 'S' or FEI judge.

#### **Conflict of Interest:**

1. Judging Panels at CDI Events: Refer to FEI Dressage Regulations for Judge Requirements and Codex for Judges.
2. Judging Panels at USEF National Licensed Competitions: Refer to USEF Chapter 13, GR1304.
3. All competitors and officials are subject to the conflict of interest rules at USEF Licensed Competitions as outlined in the [USEF General and Dressage Rules](#).

#### **Dress and Saddlery:**

1. Grand Prix, Intermediaire I and Brentina Cup: Snaffle bridles and the use of a whip will be permitted at national Qualifying Competitions.
2. All divisions: If competing in a CDI event, all [FEI Dressage](#) and [General Regulations](#) must be followed.
3. See Section V regarding Dress and Saddlery rules at the Championships.

#### **General:**

1. It is the responsibility of the owners and athletes of horses to ensure that they know and understand the [USEF Rules](#) and [Qualifying Requirements](#), and the USEF Code of Conduct.
2. All athletes, horse owners, and trainers are required to follow the [USEF Safe Sport Policy](#), which includes the [USEF Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies](#).
3. USEF is not responsible for any late, lost, delayed, misdirected, or stolen correspondence either electronic, postal, commercially shipped or voice activated. It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that all applications, application fees, and scores have been received by published deadlines.

#### **Clean Sport**

1. [Equine Anti-Doping](#): All horses/ponies shall be subject to drug and medication testing during qualifying and at the Championship and the horse must meet all Federation drug and medication rules. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected at any time during the competition. Samples collected from horses/ponies will be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden and/or controlled by USEF. Any horse/pony whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than USEF limits shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with USEF Rules.
2. [Human Anti-Doping](#): Athletes must adhere to all WADA, FEI, USEF and USADA protocols, policies, and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by WADA, FEI, USEF, and/or USADA rules, if applicable.

#### **Non-Discrimination Policy:**

USEF does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), sex, gender identify, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. Everyone involved in the development of selection procedures and selection process must abide by the Non-Discrimination Policy.

#### **Grievance Procedures:**

Athletes wishing to file a grievance challenging a denial or threatened denial to participate in competition, please see the [Athlete's Guide to Filing a Grievance Regarding Opportunity to Participate and Grievance Form](#) and

Opportunity to Participate Complaint Form. For procedural guidance for filing a grievance, please contact Emily Pratt at [opratt@usef.org](mailto:opratt@usef.org).

Please contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman Office at (719) 866-5000, or [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org) or visit [www.athleteombudsman.org](http://www.athleteombudsman.org) for guidance as to the USOPC grievance process.

## **V. Championship Competition.**

### **Invitations for the Championships:**

1. Invitations to these Championships will be sent via email no later than Friday, July 26, 2024.
2. All combinations that submitted an Application of Intent as outlined above (see "Application") and have qualified by the method outlined above (see "Qualifying System") will be ranked according to scores and be accepted up to the numbers of entries available, not to exceed 12. Exception: Wildcard invitations (see below).
3. In the case of a tie, the combinations shall remain tied but shall take up two places so that if tied for first place, the next ranked athlete/horse combination shall be ranked third.
4. If there is a tie for 12<sup>th</sup> place, all tied combinations will be invited, thereby increasing the total number of entries (i.e., 13 entries accepted).
5. **Brentina Cup:** Following the end of the qualifying period, combinations not qualified (as listed in Section III – Qualifying System) will be invited to participate in the Championship if there is not a maximum of 12 combinations on the Final Ranking List, not to exceed 12 unless there is a tie, if the following criteria is obtained:
  - a. The combination obtained at least two (2) scores in the FEI Intermediate II Test and at least two (2) scores in the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test within the qualifying period.
  - b. The combination's final overall average is within 1% of the minimum overall average of 65% and is the next highest overall average on the Final Ranking List.

*For clarification purposes to the above, the additional invitations are based upon the Final Ranking List posted no later Friday, July 26, 2024 and not on the final entry list for this Championship.*

### **Wild Card Invitations:**

1. Brentina Cup is not eligible for Wild Card invitations.
2. Grand Prix
  - a. Combinations qualified through the fulfillment of the criteria listed in Section III – Qualifying System or qualified in another division are not eligible to request a wild card invitation.
  - b. Combination(s) not qualified (as listed above) with at least one FEI Grand Prix CDI score, one FEI Short Grand Prix CDI score, one FEI Grand Prix Special CDI score, one FEI Grand Prix Freestyle score or have not earned the Certificate of Capability within the qualifying period, may request a wild card invitation.
  - c. Wild Card requests must be submitted to [festival@usef.org](mailto:festival@usef.org) no later than 11:59pm, ET on July 22, 2024.
2. Intermediaire I
  - a. Combinations qualified through the fulfillment of the criteria listed in Section III – Qualifying System or qualified in another division are not eligible to request a wild card invitation.
  - b. Combination(s) not qualified (as listed above) with at least one FEI Prix St. Georges CDI Score, one FEI Intermediate I CDI score, one FEI Intermediate I Freestyle score, or have not earned the Certificate of Capability after within the qualifying period, may request a wild card invitation.
  - c. Wild Card requests must be submitted to [festival@usef.org](mailto:festival@usef.org) no later than 11:59pm, ET on July 22, 2024.
3. The Dressage Sport Committee or its Designees may award up to three Wild Card invitations in either the Intermediaire I and the Grand Prix divisions based upon on results of the combination, as well as any extenuating circumstances that may have led to the combination not qualifying otherwise. The following factors will be considered:
  - Scores earned from tests (FEI Prix St. Georges Test, FEI Intermediate I Test, FEI Grand Prix Test or FEI Short Grand Prix Test, FEI Grand Prix Special) from CDIs during the qualifying period. Scores from National Qualifying Competitions carry less weight than scores from CDIs.

- The FEI Short Grand Prix Test may be considered as a lesser importance as this test will not be used at the Event.
- International experience of the athlete, horse, or combination.
- The experience and standing of the national judges.
- The combination's ranking on their respective National Championship ranking list.
- Consistency of scores over 66% (which is the minimum overall average for the Qualifying Process).
- The trend in scores if the combination competed in multiple competitions within the qualifying period.
- Factors beyond the control of the athlete that led to the combination not earning the required CDI results.

### **Competition Information:**

1. The 2024 U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions will take place on August 19-25, 2024, at HITS Chicago at Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, IL.
2. USEF Championship Rules will be followed and the Championship Format for each division will be available on the USEF website by March 1, 2024.
3. The [FEI rules for Dressage, Saddlery and Execution of Tests](#) will apply. Tests shall be ridden from memory and whips are forbidden while competing in the arena.
  - Intermediaire I – Snaffle and double bridles are permitted.
  - Grand Prix – Double bridles are required.
  - Brentina Cup – Snaffle bridles are optional for the FEI Intermediate II Test. The double bridle is required for the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test and the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test.
4. Drug Rules
  - a. Brentina Cup - USEF drug rules will be followed.
  - b. Grand Prix and Intermediaire I – FEI drug rules will be followed.
5. With the exception of the USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals, all horses entered in these Championships will be examined for soundness. A horse inspection will be scheduled prior to the start of the Championship classes, at which time horses must be presented to an FEI Veterinarian and at least one (1) member of the judging panel for examination. Horses may be evaluated from the side and following consultation with the FEI Veterinarian, the decision of the judge(s) is final and not subject to further protest. If a horse does not pass the horse inspection, the athlete may request to re-present the horse to the judge(s) and the FEI Veterinarian. The judge(s) must give an option for reinspection in consultation with Competition Management at any time up to one (1) hour prior to the start of the class. The FEI Veterinarian and the judge(s) from the original panel must be present. All individuals aged 25 and under must wear protective headgear during the horse inspection.

*These Qualifying Requirements are based on the USEF and FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the Qualifying Requirements caused by a change in USEF or FEI rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The Qualifying Requirements are based on the latest information available to USEF. However, the Qualifying Requirements are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency. Changes in Qualifying Requirements are subject to approval by USEF.*