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Rule Change Intent

References to USEF High Performance classes, Development programs and Emerging programs will be removed from the rule book. Program information, which is periodically updated, resides in the USEF Dressage Program Pathway document posted on the Federation website.

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11. *Published qualifying criteria or selection procedures for U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions, NAYC, and USDF Championships take precedence over other published rules.* Definitions for the USEF High Performance Program, USEF Development Dressage Program and USEF Emerging Program:

a. **USEF HIGH PERFORMANCE DRESSAGE PROGRAM:** The purpose of this classification is to develop and implement the USOPC Strategic High Performance Plan (HPP) with the goal of selecting athletes and/or teams and maximizing the performance of these athletes and/or teams at Olympic, Pan American and World Championship competition and other designated international events. The USEF High Performance (HP) Dressage Program includes the USEF High Performance Dressage National Championships at the Intermediaire I and Grand Prix Levels, as well as qualifying and selection trials for those events. Published qualifying criteria for these championships take precedence over other published rules.

b. **USEF DEVELOPMENT DRESSAGE PROGRAM:** The purpose of this classification is to identify and recognize developing athlete and equine talent for the discipline of dressage. The USEF Development Dressage Program includes the USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship, USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship, USEF Young Adult National Dressage Championship, and the USEF Developing Horse National Dressage Championships. These Championships and classes designated as qualifying for these Championships are not considered High Performance and therefore are not subject to rules applicable to High Performance classes unless otherwise specifically stated in the qualifying or selection procedures for these Championships. Published qualifying criteria for these championships take precedent over other published rules.

c. **USEF EMERGING DRESSAGE PROGRAMS:**

The purpose of this classification is to identify and recognize emerging athlete and equine talent for the discipline of dressage. The USEF Emerging Dressage Programs includes the USEF Young Horse Dressage National Championships, USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship, USEF Children Dressage National Championship, USEF Junior Dressage National Championship, and USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship. These Championships and classes designated as qualifying for these Championships are not considered High Performance or Development programs and therefore are not subject to rules applicable to these classes unless otherwise specifically stated in the qualifying or selection procedures for these Championships. Published qualifying criteria for these championships take precedence over other published rules.