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USEF Dressage FAQs

These guidelines are provided to assist Dressage community in ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of participants and their horses. These examples are directed towards USEF/USDF Dressage competitions. In instances that apply to the USEF General Regulations (ie. scoring, prize-giving, stabling, entries, etc) please refer to the [Licensed Competitions COVID-19 Toolkit](#). This document is subject to modifications as guidance from USEF, federal and local governments, as well as public health officials is adjusted and updated.

This document is an ongoing effort to provide information to the Dressage community. If you would like to provide additional comments or suggestions to this document please contact the USEF Dressage Department.

Q. What if a USEF rule does not allow for social distancing?

A. A list of Presidential Modifications have been approved and are published on the [USEF website](#).

Q. How should a competition handle instances where judges or judges and scribes are required to sit together?

A. Please review the USEF [Licensed Officials FAQ](#) for this information.

Q. How should competition management handle distributing competition assigned numbers?

A. Competition management should encourage riders to use their own bridle numbers. Numbers could be emailed out ahead of time so competitors can provide themselves with clear/visible numbers. Competition-assigned numbers, or the same number in a personal numbering format, must be worn and visible at all times when a horse is being hand-walked, exercised or ridden, under penalty of elimination.

Q. Can competitions offer an electronic show program instead of a distributing a printed program?

A. Yes, competition management may offer an electronic show program instead of a printed program. Show management is responsible to ensure the necessary information is circulated.

Q. Will horse and pony measurements continue?

A. Please review the USEF [Licensed Officials FAQ](#) for this information.

Q. What about braiding?

A. Braiding is not required at USEF Dressage competitions.

Championships & Selection Procedures

Q. What is the status of USEF Dressage Programs?

A. The USEF Dressage Department is committed to our High Performance Programs (ie. Elite/Pre-Elite/Developing /Emerging/Young Horse program). We are evaluating the possibility of rescheduling previously scheduled clinics, and program events.

Q. What is the status of the 2020 USEF Festival of Champions?

A. We have amended the Qualifying Requirements to reduce the number of qualifying competitions required across the divisions. Please also be aware that due to the cancellation of the FEI North American Youth Championships, we will also be expanding the number of invitations granted for the Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships. [Applications of intent](#) are open online. Additionally, the Qualifying Requirements have been published on the [USEF Dressage Website](#) and distributed to athletes via email and we have updated the [ranking lists](#) to reflect the changes. If you see an error in any of your qualifying scores please contact the Dressage Department.

Q. Where can I find the latest qualifying competitions for the U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions?

A. The USEF Dressage Qualifying calendar is updated regularly and posted on the USEF Dressage page [here](#).

Q. What is the status of the Tokyo Olympic Games?

A. The Tokyo Olympic Games have been postponed to 2021. The exact timetable of the Games has not been announced. The U.S. Selection Procedures for Tokyo are currently under review, and amendments will be posted on the [USEF Dressage Website](#) and distributed to athletes via email. Specifically, any upcoming dates/deadlines referenced within these selection procedures are hereby postponed.

Q. What is the status of the 2020 FEI World Breeding Championships?

A. The 2020 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Dressage (Five, Six, and Seven year olds) have been rescheduled to December 9-13, 2020 in Verden, Germany at an indoor venue. The Selection Procedures ~~have been amended and can be found on the USEF Dressage page [here](#). are currently under review. All related documents to the Selection Procedures are also under review. You should expect changes to the procedures, including the application of intent deadline and qualifying period.~~

Q. What is the status of the 2020 FEI Adequan North American Youth Championships?

A. US Equestrian, Equestrian Canada, and the Mexican Equestrian Federation, in consultation with the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) and NAYC Organizing team, have announced the cancellation of the 2020 Adequan/FEI North American Youth Championships (NAYC) for dressage and jumping. The agreement to cancel the 2020 NAYC was made due to ongoing uncertainty surrounding international travel as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the significant reduction of qualifying opportunities for both dressage and jumping athletes in Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The three national federations, collectively with the FEI, agreed that it is no longer feasible to host the championship this year, as horse and athlete combinations would not be able to properly prepare, qualify, or travel effectively for the event. View the full press release [here](#).

Q. What is the status of the 2020 US Dressage Finals and USDF/USEF Regional Championships?

A. Please check the USDF website for updates regarding 2020 US Dressage Finals or USDF/USEF Regional Championships [here](#).



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Q. Who do I contact for additional information or suggestions?

A. USEF Dressage Department – Dressage@usef.org