



MEMORANDUM

Date: 5 April 2018

To: US Dressage Athletes

From: Hallye Griffin, Managing Director of Dressage

Re: 2018 European CDIO Schedule for U.S. Teams

2018 CDIO Calendar: Below is the list of FEI Nations Cup Series Events where U.S. Teams may compete in 2018, pending invitations from the OCs, as well as the application deadlines and the USEF Grand Prix Long List dates that will be used to select the teams. If you are interested in competing in any of the CDIOs please send your application to USEF by the respective deadline listed below.

The U.S. Dressage Technical Advisor and Managing Director will work with selected athlete/horse combinations and their personal trainers to ensure preparation competitions are planned as needed.

There are two grouping of European CDIO Events in 2018: WEG Observation Events and Development.

WEG Observation Event CDIO			
Event	Date of Event	Application Deadline	Estimated Date of Selection
CDIO5* Compiègne (FRA)	May 17-20, 2018	April 23, 2018	April 30, 2018
CDIO5* Rotterdam (NED)	June 21-24, 2018	May 15, 2018	May 23, 2018
CDIO5* Aachen (GER)	July 17-22, 2018	June 11, 2018	June 27, 2018

Development CDIO [^]			
Event	Date of Event	Application Deadline	Estimated Date of Selection
CDIO4* Uggerhalne (DEN)	May 23-27, 2018	April 23, 2018	April 30, 2018
CDIO5* Falsterbo (SWE)	July 12-15, 2018	May 15, 2018	June 4, 2018
CDIO3* Hickstead (GBR)	July 26-29, 2018	May 15, 2018	June 4, 2018

[^]**Development CDIO** = The goal for the Development CDIOs is to provide a team building experience for up and coming combinations. Combinations selected are either a Development Program Member or have demonstrated future team potential through recent scores.

Dates listed above are Subject to Change pending approval of the FEI Definite Schedules

- CDIO5* Compiègne (FRA), CDIO5* Rotterdam (NED) and CDIO5* Aachen are designated Observation Events for the selection process for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games

Dressage Team. These events are still open to application but priority will be given to WEG Short List combinations.

Application: The application for the CDIOs listed above is available [here](#).

Selection Method: The Selection Procedure for U.S. CDIO Teams (available [here](#)) will be used to select the teams that compete at the above CDIOs and the CDIOs designated as Observation Events for U.S. selection purposes. All CDIO Teams are subject to approval by the Dressage Sport Committee or its designees. The selection method for CDIOs is based on the following:

- An athlete's ranking on the designated USEF Grand Prix Long List
- The Chef d'Equipe/Technical Advisor has the discretion to replace up to two (2) athletes who would have otherwise been named to the team or as an alternate due to his ranking on the USEF Grand Prix Long List. This 'replacement selection' will take the following factors into account:
 - The potential to produce scores above 70% in the Big Tour (GP, GPS and/or GPF);
 - Trend in the scores;
 - Competition is designated as a Development Tour competition and the combination is considered a Development Combination meaning they are either a Development Program Member or have demonstrated future team potential through recent scores.
 - Previous international experience of the athlete or horse, including the demonstrated ability of the horse and athlete to succeed in CDIs or CDIOs;
 - Recent FEI Grand Prix test scores at CDNs or CDIs including the USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championships.

Support: Resources / Support will be prioritized for the CDIOs falling under the WEG Observation Events. The goal for the Development CDIOs is to provide a team building experience for up and coming combinations. It is an aim to provide a Team Vet and Chef d'Equipe for each of the Development CDIOs if funding permits.

Funding: The availability of funding (horse transportation, lodging and entry fees) for CDIOs is subject to funding being available and may vary for each event. See Funding Principles memo found [here](#).

Questions: Please do not hesitate to contact Hallye Griffin at hgriffin@usef.org or 859.225.6949 with any questions regarding the CDIO plans for 2018.