



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** June 26, 2025  
**To:** U.S. FEI U25 Dressage Athletes  
**From:** Laura Roberts, Managing Director of Dressage  
**Re:** 2026 European U25 Tour

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This memo is intended to provide athletes with a summary of the anticipated 2026 European U25 Tour selection process. This preliminary information is being provided to assist you with your competition planning and may be subject to change. Please remember that this information is based upon the recommendations of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Dressage Sport Committee and the final selection procedures are subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors.

**APPLICATION** – Athletes wishing to be considered for selection for the European U25 Tour must submit an application by **5:00PM ET, Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. The application for the European U25 Tour will be available through your USEF Athlete Dashboard no later than December 1, 2025.

**SELECTION** - It is anticipated that up to four U.S. U25 athlete/horse combinations will be selected to participate in European CDI/U25/CDI-U25s. It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be required to earn at least two scores from the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test and two scores from the FEI Intermediate II Test in CDI Events between September 1, 2025 and TBD, with the following exception: scores earned in the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test and FEI Intermediate II Test from the 2025 USEF Brentina Cup Dressage National Championship or 2025 FEI North American Youth Championship, may be submitted to serve as one of the Grand Prix 16-25 scores and/or one of the Intermediate II scores required. It is anticipated that at least one score in the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test and one score in the FEI Intermediate II Test will be required to be earned after January 1, 2026. Athlete/horse combinations are expected to have consistent scores over 68%.

**EUROPEAN U25 TOUR** - The level of funding will depend on the resources available and other calls on resources and priorities set by the USEF Board of Directors and United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC). USEF anticipates that combinations will compete in a minimum of two to three FEI competitions, with a tentative competition schedule being made available after approval of the 2026 FEI Competition Calendar by the FEI by January 1, 2026. It should be noted that there is no intention to compete in competitions on consecutive weekends.

**QUESTIONS** – If you have any questions, please contact Laura Roberts at [lroberts@usef.org](mailto:lroberts@usef.org) or 859.225.6986