



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** 2026 Potential FEI North American Youth Championship Dressage Athlete

Date: March 5, 2026

**From:** Sarah Hollander, Director, Dressage Performance & Event Support

**Re:** FEI North American Youth Championship Dressage Passport Application Process

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Dear Potential FEI North American Youth Championship Dressage Athlete:

The purpose of this memo is to assist with your understanding of the passport requirements for the FEI North American Youth Championship (NAYC). This information is specific to passports requirements for U.S. athletes competing at NAYC, for complete information on the passport process please refer to the [USEF Passport Guide](#). Keep in mind that passports are only one part of the requirements outlined in the [NAYC Selection Procedures](#), please refer to your division's selection procedures for the complete list of requirements and qualifying information.

There are two options available that will satisfy the passport requirements for NAYC:

- Horses that have never had any type of passport before may obtain the FEI Passport, which is available for a three hundred (\$300.00) fee: or
- Horse that already have a USEF National Passport or a foreign breed passport can upgrade to an FEI Recognition Card, which is available for a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250.00) fee.

Both of these options will fulfill the passport requirements for NAYC.

For ponies, that are allowed only in the Children's division, they will be required to have a permanent USEF measurement card prior to being issued an FEI Pony Passport or Recognition card. The FEI Pony Passport or Pony Recognition Card is available for sixty dollars (\$60.00).

A [Passport Service Application](#) can be downloaded from the USEF website to be mailed in with the passport for FEI recognition cards or ownership changes. **The [online Passport Service Application](#) is only available for New FEI Passports, New USEF National Passports, Passport Revalidations at this time.** The application must be completed legibly according to the directions and either mailed or faxed back to USEF. Once all information has been verified, a passport will be issued to the horse. The passport will be mailed to you with a packet of information for you and your veterinarian that explains how to complete the passport. Payment must be submitted at the time of application. Please **allow six weeks** from start to finish for the passport to be validated and ready for competition.

### **QUESTIONS**

For more information or and questions, please do not hesitate to contact [passports@usef.org](mailto:passports@usef.org).

