



To: Para Dressage Athletes

From: Laureen Johnson, Director of Para Equestrian and Vaulting

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Re: 2021 USEF Para Dressage National Championship Qualifying Period

The 2021 USEF Para Dressage National Championship Sponsored by Adequan (Event) will be held as a stand-alone competition, not a CPEDI3\*, at the Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC), October 28-31, 2021. The Qualifying Period for the Event is January 1, 2021 through October 18, 2021. It is anticipated that the qualifying criteria, pending approval by the USEF International Disciplines Council and USEF Board of Directors, or an Ad Hoc Committee approved by the Board of Directors, will include the following:

**I. ELIGIBILITY:**

**For Athletes:**

1. Athletes must be a U.S. citizen and have designated the U.S. as their sport nationality as of January 1, 2021 to be considered for the National Championship Awards.
2. Athletes must be Active Competing Members in good standing with the USEF at the time the qualifying scores are achieved, the time of application, the time of selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
3. Athletes must be at least thirteen (13) years old as of December 1, 2020.
4. Athletes must meet the entry requirements for the Event.
5. Athletes must have a USEF National and/or a FEI International Para Equestrian Dressage classification and be assigned a Grade I - V with a confirmed or review, with a fixed review date (FRD), status prior to the start of the Event.
6. Athletes must ride independently.
7. Athletes must ride at their classified Grade.

**For Horse Owners:**

1. Owners must be Active Competing Members in good standing with the USEF at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
2. Ownership may change during the qualifying period for the Event, as long as the new owner(s) meet all of the above criteria.

**For Horse:**

1. Horses must be at least six years or older, born on or before December 31, 2015 to compete in the Event.
2. Horses entered must be Annual or Life Recorded with the USEF at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event. Horse Identification (HID) Numbers DO NOT fulfill this requirement.

This Event will be held as a USEF Licensed Competition (not a CPEDI3\*); therefore, an **FEI passport will NOT be required for this Event**. Athletes are reminded that horses must abide by the USEF vaccination rules GR845 found at [https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/34VQYitZ\\_Zk/gr8-conduct-of-licensed-competitions](https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/34VQYitZ_Zk/gr8-conduct-of-licensed-competitions)

**II. QUALIFYING PROCEDURES:**

1. **Qualifying Period:** All athlete/horse combination scores must be achieved from January 1, 2021 through October 18, 2021.
2. **Qualifying Competitions:** Qualifying competitions are considered any CPEDI3\*, and or Paralympic Para Dressage Event, both within and outside of the USA. The CPEDI3\* Calendar is available on the FEI website at <https://data.fei.org/Calendar/Search.aspx>.
3. Scores may also be obtained from any USEF recognized competitions offering FEI Para Dressage Tests, which include Para Test of Choice classes, or through the USEF Para Dressage Video Judging program, details may be found [here](#).
4. **Tests:** The FEI Para Dressage Team test (current editions must be used), FEI Para Individual test, and FEI Para Dressage Freestyle test will be used. FEI Para Equestrian Dressage Tests may be found on the FEI website: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/p-e-dressage/tests>.
5. **Score Requirements:** Scores shall be achieved at the athlete's Grade level in which athlete has been classified and qualified. The qualifying horse/athlete scores can be earned as follows:
  - Three (3) scores total of a 62% or higher from a CPEDI3\*,  
**OR**
  - Three (3) scores total of a 64% or higher from USEF recognized shows, or through the USEF Virtual Judging Program. Tests can be from the same show or a combination of shows.
  - One (1) score for each of the following tests: FEI Para Dressage Individual test, FEI Para Dressage Team test, and FEI Para Dressage Freestyle test.

Athlete/horse combinations are not required to complete the Team or Individual Test at the same competition.

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