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Dear Athletes,

In preparation for the 2026 FEI World Cup Final to be held at Dickie's Arena in Ft. Worth, TX we wanted to provide you with some preliminary planning information. This year's FEI World Cup Final serves as an opportunity for our USA Dressage athletes to showcase their talents in front of the home US crowd. USEF has established the goal to have individuals finish within the Top 10 of the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle.

### **2025-2026 FEI NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE QUALIFYING CALENDAR**

Once again, the FEI North American League (NAL) will qualify based on a point system for placings in the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle at CDI-W events. The NAL will receive three starting places in the 2026 FEI Dressage World Cup Final. The full FEI Dressage World Cup Final Rules 2025-2026 [here](#). The full list of qualifying events can be found below (subject to cancellations / changes).

Start Date	End Date	USEF Name	Location	Country
9/23/2025	9/28/2025	DRESSAGE AT DEVON	Devon, PA	USA
10/16/2025	10/19/2025	TERRA NOVA DRESSAGE II	Myakka City, FL	USA
11/7/2025	11/9/2025	LERMA CDI-W	Lerma	MEX
11/10/2025	11/12/2025	ROYAL WINTER FAIR	Toronto	CAN
12/10/2025	12/14/2025	WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER DECEMBER DRESSAGE	Ocala, FL	USA
12/18/2025	12/21/2025	DESERT DRESSAGE III	Thermal, CA	USA
1/7/2026	1/11/2026	GLOBAL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL I	Wellington, FL	USA
2/18/2026	2/22/2026	PALM BEACH DRESSAGE DERBY	Wellington, FL	USA
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	DEL MAR DRESSAGE OPENER	Del Mar, CA	USA
3/11/2026	3/15/2026	GLOBAL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL 10	Wellington, FL	USA

### **SPECTATOR TICKETS / HOSPITALITY**

At the time of publication of this memo, USEF has not secured spectator tickets for friends & family wishing to attend this event. Tickets are available for purchase online [here](#). For questions regarding spectator tickets or hospitality, please contact Nicole Butchko ([nbutchko@usef.org](mailto:nbutchko@usef.org)).

### **ACCREDITATION & CLOTHING**

While this is a home World Cup Final, that will not increase the number of accreditations available to athletes. Please note that we will have barn hours during this event (the barns are a workplace and not the 'hang out' spot for friends and family). USEF will also provide a hat and jacket for each athlete, groom, horse owner, and trainer. In addition to the accreditation for each athlete, we anticipate that the OC will also provide accreditation for each athlete to have 1 groom, 1 partner and 2 owners (subject to confirmation within the FEI Definite Schedule).





## **VENUE INFORMATION**

Dickie's Arena  
1911 Montgomery Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107

## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

### **Athlete Hotel**

The Omni Fort Worth Hotel  
1300 Houston St, Fort Worth, TX 76102

USEF has secured a room block at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel however space will be limited. USEF will assist with accommodation planning for each athlete, groom, personal trainer and two horse owners. Additional friends & family wishing to attend will be responsible for their own bookings and can access discounted hotel nights through the following link - [Book here](#)

USEF will cover the hotel cost for a personal trainer as well as any additional nights for the athlete/groom rooms not covered by the OC. Athletes who do not bring a personal trainer may not transfer the USEF covered room to another person. Owners will be responsible for cost of their hotel room. If you would like information on pricing of USEF reserved rooms for horse owners, please contact Nicole Butchko ([NButchko@usef.org](mailto:NButchko@usef.org)).

### **Groom Hotel**

Home2 Suites Hilton Fort Worth Cultural District  
1145 University Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76107

USEF will liaise with the OC to book the hotel rooms for grooms. Additional room nights not covered by the OC will be covered by USEF.

## **TRANSPORT**

**Horse Flights:** It is anticipated that East Coast based horses will travel on a charter flight from Florida to Fort Worth. For West Coast horses, we will work with each athlete to determine the best options for horse transportation. More details will be available in the coming months.

**Human Flights and Ground Transport:** Individuals will be responsible for their own travel arrangements from their home base to Fort Worth.

## **EXPENSES**

Athletes meeting the criteria found in the US Dressage Funding Principles, to be published [here](#), no later than December 1, 2025, are eligible for travel funding support through USEF. This support may not cover the full expenses for travel to Fort Worth. Athletes which receive funding from USEF will be expected to attend home visits, training sessions, and/or virtual training sessions at the request of the USEF Chef d'Equipe/Technical Advisor, Team Veterinarian, and/or Managing Director of Dressage (anticipated to include a minimum of three training sessions prior to the end of the qualifying period).

## **VETERINARY EXPENSES**

USEF will provide a team veterinarian in Fort Worth to support the horses. USEF will also provide a USEF vet trunk supplied with medications that may be needed in Fort Worth. Any medication used from the USEF vet trunk will be at the cost of the athlete and billed to the athlete following the event. Each horse will be required to have a signed USEF Horse Participation Agreement signed prior to any treatments from the USEF team veterinarian. Additionally, it should be expected that any horse





receiving support from the USEF team veterinarian will be required to participate in practice jogs and home visits ahead of the World Cup Final at the request of the USEF team veterinarian, Chef d'Equipe/Technical Advisor and/or Managing Director of Dressage.

### **COMPETITION & TRAINING SCHEDULE (tentative and subject to changes)**

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Stables open

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm Dressage Horse Inspection

5:00-7:30pm Dressage Familiarization (not full set up)

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00-11:30am Official Dressage Familiarization (full set up)

TBD Dinner, Opening Ceremony, Draw

TBD Draw for the Grand Prix

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

TBD on training times

7:00-10:30pm FEI Grand Prix

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Training times TBD

2:00-3:00pm Dressage Clinic

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00-10:30pm FEI Grand Prix Freestyle

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Rest Day

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Horses Depart

We hope this helps with your planning and we will continue to stay in touch over the coming months as qualifying gets under way and more details are released regarding next year's World Cup Final.

Best of luck with qualifying and please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions!



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