



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Applicants for 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships The Dutta Corp. U.S. Dressage Team **Date:** 4 April 2022

**From:** Hallye Griffin, Managing Director of Dressage

**Copy:** Will Connell  
Laura Roberts

**Re:** Observation Events for the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships U.S. Dressage Short List

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Dear 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships The Dutta Corp. U.S. Dressage Team Applicants,

Per the Selection Procedures for the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships The Dutta Corp. U.S. Dressage Team (click [here](#)) ("Selection Procedures"), after the conclusion of the initial Qualifying Competition period (May 8, 2022) **up to** eight (8) athletes will be named to a Short List. Athlete/horse combinations named to the Short List will be required to compete in Observation Event(s).

Short List combinations will be required to submit a competition plan to the Selectors for approval. The Selectors will consult with the Chef d' Equipe when reviewing competition plans. Competition plans must include a minimum of (1) one of the following designated Observation Events listed below^:

Rotterdam CDI05* / CDI3* (NED) <i>Dependent on Confirmation of Invitations (subject to change)</i>	June 22-26, 2022
Aachen CDI05* / CDI4* (GER)	June 28-July 3, 2022

Additional CDI or CDN competitions may be approved as build-up or follow-up competitions to the above events and must be included in the submitted competition plan. Competition plans may be amended with the approval of the Selectors.

"Home Visits" (see definition below) may be conducted with each Short List athlete/horse combination. If a Home Visit is requested, the athlete must comply with the request. Athletes may have their own coach, veterinarian, farrier present at their own expense for any examination of horses.

If USEF does not receive invitations for all combinations named to compete at the Observation Events, the Chef d'Equipe, in consultation with the Selectors, will recommend athletes for their designated Observation Events, subject to the approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors including any CDIOs.

Additionally, if an Observation Event is found unsuitable for selection purposes following the publication of the FEI Definite Schedule, the Chef d'Equipe, in consultation with the Selectors, may recommend an additional Observation Event or may recommend athletes for their designated Observation Events, subject to approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors including any CDIOs.

In consultation with the athlete, Selectors, and Chef d'Equipe, there may be an opportunity for an athlete/horse combination to attend additional Observation Event(s). In this case, the Kronberg CDI4\* (GER) scheduled for July 14-17, 2022 may be utilized as an additional Observation Event. If this request is made by the Selectors, they will articulate their reasoning for making the request to the athlete.

*^An athlete named to the Short List may request special consideration for selection without competing in the designated Observation Events by submitting a written request to the Selectors, no later than the start of an Observation Event, who will approve or disapprove the request based on these factors:*

- 1. An athlete/horse combination that has demonstrated "Proven Ability" (See definition below) to succeed at CDI competitions;*
- 2. Previous international experience of the athlete and/or horse;*

3. *The circumstances, facts, and in the case of illness or injury to a horse or athlete, documentation by the Team Veterinarian or physician(s) approved by USEF; and/or*
4. *Unforeseen circumstances which create a logistical emergency.*

If the Selectors approve the above exception for an athlete, they may also require additional “Home Visits” (see definition below) to ensure ongoing “State of Preparedness” (see definition below). If a Home Visit is requested, the athlete must comply with the request.

**HOME VISITS** – *Visits with the Chef d’Equipe, Team Veterinarian (or a member of the Veterinary Panel), and the USEF Managing Director, Dressage where veterinary evaluations are conducted and training is observed. Additionally, key performance indicators and targets are agreed upon. Selectors, the USEF Dressage Development Coach, and/or guest trainers may be invited to attend to Home Visits.*

**PROVEN ABILITY** – *An athlete/horse combination that has met at least one of the following criteria:*

- i) *Represented the US at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games earning a minimum of a 76% in the FEI Grand Prix Test and/or FEI Grand Prix Special Test.*
- ii) *Represented the US at the 2022 FEI World Cup Final earning a minimum of a 76% in the FEI Short Grand Prix Test.*
- iii) *Earned recent results (minimum of a 76% in the FEI Grand Prix, FEI Short Grand Prix Test or FEI Grand Prix Special Tests in 2021/2022 at CDI5\*, CDI4\*, CDI-W or CDIO3\*/4\*/5\* events.*

**STATE OF PREPAREDNESS** – *Athlete/horse combinations overall state of readiness to perform successfully at International Dressage Competition, not just limited to health and soundness of the horse.*

FEI Nominated Entry (July 4, 2022): After the conclusion of the Qualifying Competition period (May 8, 2022) but no later than the closing date for the FEI Nominated Entry, and based upon the procedures set forth in the Selection Procedures, the Selectors, in consultation with the Chef d’Equipe and Team Veterinarian, will recommend to the FEI at least four (4) athletes and four (4) horses and up to the maximum number of athletes and horses able to be nominated under FEI Rules for the Event at the recommendation of the USEF Dressage Sport Committee and approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. The FEI Nominated Entry will be forwarded to the FEI by no later than the FEI Nominated Entry date.

FEI Definite Entry (July 25, 2022): After the Observation Events but no later than the closing date for the FEI Definite Entry for the Event, the Selectors in consultation with the Chef d’Equipe will evaluate the athletes and horses submitted on the FEI Nominated Entry and nominate to the FEI as required the Team composed of three (3) Athletes and three (3) Horses or four (4) Athletes and four (4) Horses per FEI Dressage Regulations [25th edition, effective 1st January 2014 including updates effective 1st January 2017], Articles 423 and 449 at the recommendation of the USEF Dressage Sport Committee and approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. The Selectors may also recommend a reserve athlete/horse combination and/or reserve horse which may be required to travel with the Team for the mandatory final training.

USEF will assist Short List athletes in finding training bases in Europe for the Observation Event period. Clear guidelines regarding funding/logistical support for Short List will be published at a later date. Additionally, details regarding the mandatory veterinary evaluation (for all Short List horses) and the final training camp/pre-export (required for Team & Reserve(s)) will be published to Short List athletes per the Selection Procedures.

The schedule for the Dressage portion of the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships is as follows (subject to change):

July TBD, 2022 – Mandatory Veterinary Evaluation (for all Short List horses)

July 28 – August 3, 2022 (TENTATIVE) – Final Training Gathering

Friday, August 5, 2022 – First Horse Inspection

Saturday, August 6 – Sunday, August 7, 2022 – FEI Grand Prix Test (Team Competition)

Monday, August 8, 2022 – FEI Grand Prix Special Test (Individual)

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 – Second Horse Inspection & Grand Prix Freestyle Test (Individual Freestyle)

If you have any questions regarding the above information or the development of the Selection Procedure for the 2022 FEI Dressage World Championships, please do not hesitate to contact Hallye Griffin (USEF Managing Director, Dressage) at (859) 225-6949 or [hgriffin@usef.org](mailto:hgriffin@usef.org) or Laura Roberts (Director of Dressage Performance & Event Support) at (859) 225-6986 or [lroberts@usef.org](mailto:lroberts@usef.org).