



European Competition for Dressage U25 Athletes

Please first review *Opportunities for Dressage U25 Athletes* found [here](#).

There are several options for European Competitions in Europe for Dressage U25 athletes.

Team Events (FEI Event):

For 2021, USEF requested an invitation to the Aachen CDIO-U25 (this is a team event) scheduled for June 29-July 4, 2021. The Selection Memo for this memo can be found here:

<https://www.usef.org/compete/disciplines/dressage/european-competitions--cdios/u25---cdios--european-competitions>. Please read the memo and adhere to the application deadline. The athlete/horse combinations selected for this team will be expected to compete in a mandatory preparation event prior to Aachen.

CDI-U25 Events (FEI Event):

In addition to Aachen, there are typically many CDI-U25 events in which a 'tour' could be designed. The FEI calendar can be found here: <https://data.fei.org/Calendar/Search.aspx>. If you are interested in any of these competitions as a U25 athlete, please review the following information:

1. Review 'Dressage Criteria to Compete in Foreign CDIs' – found [here](#).
2. Contact USEF (HGriffin@usef.org) to discuss competition plans.
(This is not required but HIGHLY RECOMMENDED so we can ensure you are maximizing resources. With this information, we can also help ensure that we have invitations for the U.S. for the event)
3. Submit Application to Compete Abroad
(MY USEF account / Athlete Dashboard / FEI Entry / International Application)
4. Once your application is submitted, USEF will enter you in the competition (review #1)

CDN U25 Events (National Events):

There are also national level competitions (CDNs) at the U25 level in Europe. In order to compete in a CDN event in Europe, you must:

1. Identify the CDN(s) in which you wish to compete.
2. Complete the National Permission Questionnaire (Found under your My USEF account/Athlete Dashboard)
3. Obtain a Guest License/Permission from the National Federation of where the CDN will take place. If you need help finding out how to do this, please contact us and we can help you navigate. These typically take a little time so do not leave this to the last minute!
4. Enter the CDN through the contact listed with the competition.

Funding

Available funds are prioritized across US Dressage Programs based upon the following principles:

- Funding is awarded to support the aims of the Programs; *sustained success at world and Games level*.
- Funding will be awarded to support agreed athlete and athlete / horse targets and or Key performance indicators (KPIs).
- Funding is not a right it is a privilege.

U25 athletes currently competing at the FEI U25 level are encouraged to apply and attend Training & Evaluation Sessions for both the Discover Dressage USEF/USDF Emerging Athlete Program as well as the Kundrun USEF Dressage Development Program.

If selected for 'membership' to either of the above programs, an athlete could be eligible for funds for specific competition targets. These competition targets may include European Competitions.