



MEMORANDUM

To: 2021 USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competition Management

Date: September 16, 2020

From: USEF Dressage Department

Subject: Requirements for 2021 USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competitions

Congratulations! One or more of your competitions have been approved to host the 2021 NAYC and USEF Dressage National Championship Qualifying Classes. **A lot has changed this year so please read this memo in its entirety.**

Important Updates:

- **Competition Search:** USEF will no longer be maintaining a PDF of all qualifying competitions. To access a list of approved competitions you will need to utilize the USEF calendar search ([here](#)).
 - To search for a specific competition enter the Competition ID or Competition Name
 - Competitions will not display on this search until their USEF competition license has been approved
 - You will see text under each competition name indicating if the competition is a USEF Dressage National Championship Qualifying Competition, FEI WBC Qualifying Competition or FEI NAYC Qualifying Competition
 - To search for competitions in your Region:
 1. Select “show advanced options” and additional options will appear on the screen
 2. On the “Divisions” drop down select “Dressage”
 3. On the “Regions” drop down select the Region you would like to search (you may select more than one)
 4. On the “Ratings” drop down select “3, 4 and 5”
 5. For the “Start Date” select the range of dates you would like to search (ie. 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021)
 6. After you have selected the above options, click “Search” in red
 7. You may also select the “Export” button to the right of the “search” button to export this list as an excel document
- **Section Codes:** The qualifying class section codes are anticipated to be updated effective December 1, 2020. Additional communication will be sent as it becomes available.
- **Prize List Review:** The USEF Dressage Department will not review prize lists. All requests for prize list review must be submitted to prizelists@usef.org.
- **FEI Children’s Test:** Updated directives for judging the FEI Children Tests as of August 28, 2020 can be found online [here](#).

Important Reminders:

- 1. Level of Competition:** Competitions approved as USEF/NAYC qualifiers are considered Level 3 competitions. A competition and all associated officials and staff must fully comply with the requirements of a Level 3 competition (and/or above). In addition, the correct qualifying classes must be offered. Please refer to the Required Classes and Judge Requirements in this memo. The Level 3 show cannot be immediately preceded by a show of a lower level (i.e. it is not permitted to hold a Level 2 show on a Friday and then the qualifier on Saturday and Sunday).
- 2. Date/Location Changes:** Approved dates reflect current license agreements on file with USEF. Any date, location, manager, and/or secretary changes for a competition must immediately be noticed, in writing, to the USEF Dressage Department (lroberts@usef.org). Any change in date or venue for an approved competition may affect qualifying status. Such changes are subject to approval of the USEF Dressage Sport Committee or their designees and require a \$25 modification fee.
- 3. Qualifying Classes:** Qualifying classes may only be offered once per qualifying competition. NONE of the “qualifying” tests may be offered as part of a Test of Choice class (unless noted above).
- 4. FEI Children, Pony Rider, Junior and Young Rider Team Tests:** The Team Test must be scheduled PRIOR to the Individual and Freestyle Tests. Freestyle Tests may be offered before Individual Tests.
- 5. One Athlete Rule:** For USEF qualifying for Children, Pony Riders, Juniors, Young Riders, Brentina Cup (Young Adults), and Young & Developing Horse divisions, within 24 hours prior and at no time during the competition, may any horse entered in a USEF Qualifying class be ridden by anyone other than the athlete entered in that class on that horse, under penalty of disqualification from the class for USEF championship qualifying purposes. Exception: grooms riding on a loose rein. For purposes of this rule, the competition starts when horse and athlete arrive on the show grounds and ends at the conclusion of the USEF licensed competition.
- 6. Licenses:** All competitions must retain current and correct USEF licenses and USDF recognition. Competitions held over the course of a weekend are considered one qualifying opportunity, even if they have separate license/recognition numbers.
- 7. CDIs:** In addition to the designated USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competitions, CDIs may also serve as qualifiers. An athlete/horse combination cannot earn a qualifying score in a national competition (CDN) if a CDI with the respective division category is also held at the event, i.e. CDI-Ch; P; J; Y; U-25; and CDI-YH [exception: When qualifying for Developing Horse Prix St. Georges and Grand Prix National Championships and for the Four-Year-Old division (FEI Four Year Old Test does not count)]. Please refer to each respective Qualifying Requirements.
- 8. Agreement:** Designated qualifying competitions must comply with all of the outlined requirements above, as well as the [USEF Dressage Rules](#), [USEF General Rules](#), and [Qualifying Requirements](#) that apply to these competitions. Failure to comply may result in investigation, penalties, and sanctions and will affect a competition’s future status as a qualifier. If you determine that your competition is unable or unwilling to comply with these requirements and would like to be removed from the official qualifying competition list, contact me immediately.

PRIZE LISTS AND QUALIFYING PERIODS:

Qualifying Competitions must acknowledge the following divisions in the header of their prize list:

Between **July 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020** approved qualifying competitions will serve as an official qualifying competition for:

- 2021 Adequan FEI North American Youth Championships
- 2021 USEF Children Dressage National Championship
- 2021 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2021 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships
- 2021 USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' Dressage National Championship

Between **January 1, 2021 and TBD** approved qualifying competitions will serve as an official qualifying competition for:

- 2021 Adequan FEI North American Youth Championships
- 2021 USEF Children Dressage National Championship
- 2021 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2021 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships
- 2021 USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' Dressage National Championship
- 2021 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships
- 2021 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Dressage (Five, Six, and Seven Year Olds)*
**If you plan to hold the FEI WBC qualifying classes*

Between **TBD and July 26, 2021** approved qualifying competitions will serve as an official qualifying competition for:

- 2021 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships
- 2021 USEF Children Dressage National Championship
- 2021 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2021 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships
- 2021 USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' Dressage National Championship

Between **July 27, 2021 and December 31, 2021*** approved qualifying competitions will serve as an official qualifying competition for:

**Divisions subject to change based on 2022 championship qualifying requirements and format*

- 2022 Adequan FEI North American Youth Championships
- 2022 USEF Children Dressage National Championship
- 2022 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2022 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships
- 2022 USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' Dressage National Championship

PROPER SECTION CODES & CONTACTS FOR SCORE REPORTING:

Per DR128.4 “Qualifying scores for USEF National Championships, including Children, Pony Riders, Juniors, Young Riders, Brentina Cup (Young Adults), Young and Developing Horse, and High Performance (Intermediaire I and Grand Prix), must be submitted by Competition Management to the USEF Dressage Department within 48 hours after the competition. Exception: Competitions held at the end of the qualifying period require submission of results within 24 hours after the competition. This rule also applies to NAYC qualifying classes.”

Results from qualifying classes **must be submitted using the following sections codes** to:

lrberts@usef.org; results@usdf.org; amandab@ryegate.com

This is in addition to USEF and USDF score reporting requirements.

Please note: these sections codes are anticipated to be updated December 1, 2020. Competitions after December 1, 2020 should refer to updates from USEF on proper Dressage section codes.

USEF Qualifying Class Section Codes			
Discipline	Section Code	Test Name	Program/Division
DRESSAGE	1551	USEF Dressage Test for 4-Year-Old Horses	4-Year-Old Young Horse
DRESSAGE	1542	FEI Dressage Test for 5-Year-Old Horses (Final and Preliminary)	5-Year-Old Young Horse
DRESSAGE	1543	FEI Dressage Test for 6-Year-Old Horses (Final and Preliminary)	6-Year-Old Young Horse
DRESSAGE	1562	FEI Dressage Test for 7-Year-Old Horses (Final and Preliminary)	7-Year-Old Young Horse
DRESSAGE	1553	USEF Developing Prix St. Georges	Developing Horse Prix St. Georges
DRESSAGE	1553	USEF Developing Grand Prix	Developing Horse Grand Prix
DRESSAGE	1555	FEI Grand Prix 16-25	Brentina Cup
DRESSAGE	1535	FEI Intermediate II	Brentina Cup
DRESSAGE	1597	FEI Junior (Team and Individual)	Junior
DRESSAGE	1597	FEI Junior Freestyle	Junior
DRESSAGE	1597	FEI Young Rider (Team and Individual)	Young Rider
DRESSAGE	1597	FEI Young Rider Freestyle	Young Rider
DRESSAGE	1560	FEI Children (Team and Individual)	Children
DRESSAGE	1594	FEI Pony (Team and Individual)	Pony
DRESSAGE	1557	CDI - Grand Prix Open	Grand Prix (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1558	CDI - Grand Prix Special	Grand Prix (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1559	CDI - Grand Prix Freestyle	Grand Prix (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1557	CDI-AM FEI Grand Prix	Grand Prix - Am (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1531	Prix St. Georges	Intermediaire I (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1533	Intermediate I	Intermediaire I (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1534	Intermediate I Freestyle	Intermediaire I (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1531	FEI Prix St. Georges for Amateur CDIAm	Intermediaire I - Am (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1533	FEI Intermediate I for Amateur CDIAm	Intermediaire I - Am (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1534	Intermediate I Freestyle - CDIAm	Intermediaire I - Am (For CDI competitions)



JUDGE REQUIREMENTS & REQUIRED TESTS:

Judges: A panel of at least two (2) FEI or USEF ‘S’ judges must officiate all:

- FEI Children Tests
- FEI Pony Rider Tests
- FEI Junior and Young Rider Tests
- FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test (*At least one judge must differ per panel for qualification purposes*)
- FEI Intermediate II Test (Brentina Cup) (*At least one judge must differ per panel for qualification purposes*)
- USEF Developing Horse Prix St. Georges and Grand Prix Tests
- USEF Four-Year-Old Test*, FEI Young Horse Tests for Five, Six and Seven Year Olds (*All Judges must have USEF or FEI Young Horse Judging Designation*)

**Note:*

- The USEF Four-Year-Old Test must be officiated by a panel of at least two judges, of which one *may* optionally be a USEF “R” judge. The remaining judges must be USEF “S” and/or FEI judges.
- For all FEI Young Horse Tests and the USEF Four-Year-Old Test, all judges assigned to these qualifying tests must have USEF or FEI Young Horse Judging Designation. The designations are listed on the online rosters on the USEF and FEI websites.

Required Tests USEF/NAYC:

<u>Pony</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Young Rider</u>	<u>Young Adult 'Brentina Cup'</u>	<u>Young Horse</u>	<u>Developing Horse</u>
<p><i>These tests must be held as individual classes which are specifically designated as USEF or NAYC qualifying. "Test of Choice" classes will not count towards a qualifying score. Please note Preliminary Tests for 5- and 6-year-olds do NOT count towards qualification.</i></p>						
FEI Pony Team Test	FEI Children Team Test	FEI Junior Team Test	FEI Young Rider Team Test	FEI Intermediate II Test	USEF Four-Year-Old Test	USEF Developing PSG Test (7-9 years old)
FEI Pony Individual Test	FEI Children Individual Test	FEI Junior Individual Test	FEI Young Rider Individual Test	FEI Grand Prix 16 -25 Test	FEI Five-Year-Old Final Test	USEF Developing Grand Prix Test (8-10 years old)
<i>FEI Pony Freestyle may also be offered.</i>	N/A	FEI Junior Freestyle Test	FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test	FEI Grand Prix Freestyle (Can be ridden as a TOC – See Qualifying Requirements)	FEI Six-Year-Old Final Test	

Required Tests FEI World Breeding Championships:



Five-Year-Old	Six-Year-Old	Seven-Year-Old
FEI Five-Year-Old Preliminary Test	FEI Six-Year-Old Preliminary Test	FEI Seven-Year-Old Preliminary Tests (Note: This includes both the Technical and the Quality Marking Sheets)
FEI Five-Year-Old Final Test*	FEI Six-Year-Old Final Test*	FEI Seven-Year-Old Final Tests (Note: This includes both the Technical and the Quality Marking Sheets)
<i>These tests must be held as individual classes which are specifically designated as USEF FEI WBC qualifying. "Test of Choice" classes will not count towards a qualifying score.</i>		
<i>*The FEI Five-Year-Old Final Test and FEI Six-Year-Old Final Test also serve as qualifiers for the USEF National Championships</i>		

USEFUL LINKS

- [Information for Dressage Qualifying Competition Management](#)
- [USEF Calendar Search](#)
- [Tentative 2021 CDI Calendar](#)
- [The respective 2021 Qualifying Requirements](#)
- [USEF Rulebook](#)

We appreciate your participation and for helping provide these special qualifying opportunities for your exhibitors. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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