



MEMORANDUM

To: Potential 2019 Pan American Games Dressage Applicants

Date: 10 August 2018

From: Hallye Griffin, Managing Director, Dressage

Re: Planned Selection Methods

Please be advised that the proposed initial qualifying period for the 2019 Pan American Games U.S. Dressage Team selection process will begin on September 17, 2018.

It is anticipated that the format of the 2019 Pan American Games Dressage U.S. Team may be a mixture of Small Tour (FEI Prix St. Georges/FEI Intermediate I) and Big Tour (FEI Grand Prix/FEI Grand Prix Special). Ranking lists will be maintained through the initial qualifying period.

Small Tour (FEI Prix St. Georges / FEI Intermediate I)

Tryout Events/Qualifying Competitions will include all U.S. and foreign CDI 1*/2*/3*/4*/5*/CDI-W or CDIO events beginning on September 17, 2018. A list of these competitions can be found at <https://data.fei.org/Calendar/Search.aspx>.

It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations qualifying for the Small Tour must complete the FEI Prix St. Georges test and the FEI Intermediate I test in combination at two CDI Tryout Events/Qualifying Competitions (Waivers may be granted). Athlete/horse combinations must also complete one FEI Intermediate I Freestyle test at a CDI Tryout Event/Qualifying Competition during the qualifying period; however, the FEI Intermediate I Freestyle test score will not be used in the calculation of an athlete/horse combination's average on the ranking list. Each FEI Prix St. Georges and FEI Intermediate I test count as 50% of an athlete/horse combination's overall average from each CDI Tryout Event/Qualifying Competition (i.e. PSG 50% + I-I 50% = 100%) on the ranking list. Athlete/horse combinations must complete a minimum of one CDI Tryout Event/Qualifying Competition after January 1, 2019.

If an athlete/horse combination completes the FEI Prix St. Georges test and FEI Intermediate I test at three or more CDI Tryout Event/Qualifying Competitions, the athlete/horse combination's lowest FEI Prix St. Georges test and lowest FEI Intermediate I test will each be automatically dropped, respectively (regardless if the FEI Intermediate I Freestyle test was ridden) on the ranking list.

Big Tour (FEI Grand Prix / FEI Grand Prix Special)

Tryout Events/Qualifying Competitions will include all U.S. and foreign CDI 3*/4*/5*/CDI-W or CDIO events beginning on September 17, 2018. A list of these competitions can be found at <https://data.fei.org/Calendar/Search.aspx>.

It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations qualifying for the Big Tour must complete the FEI Grand Prix test and the FEI Grand Prix Special test in combination at two CDI Tryout Events/Qualifying Competitions (Waivers may be granted). Athlete/horse combinations must also complete one FEI Grand Prix Freestyle test at a CDI Tryout Event/Qualifying Competition during the qualifying period; however, the Grand Prix Freestyle test score



will not be used in the calculation of an athlete/horse combination's final average on the ranking list. Each FEI Grand Prix and FEI Grand Prix Special test count as 50% of an athlete/horse combination's overall average from each CDI Tryout Event/Qualifying Competition (i.e. GP 50% + GPS 50% = 100%) on the ranking list. Athlete/horse combinations must complete a minimum of one CDI Tryout Event/Qualifying Competition after January 1, 2019.

If an athlete/horse combination completes the FEI Grand Prix and the FEI Grand Prix Special test at three or more CDI Tryout Events/Qualifying Competitions, the lowest FEI Grand Prix test score and lowest FEI Grand Prix Special test will each be automatically dropped, respectively (regardless if the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle test was ridden) on the ranking list.

After the conclusion of the Qualifying Competition period, it is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be named to the Short List by the Selectors, in consultation with the Chef d'Equipe.

Pan American Games Team Composition: The 2019 Pan American Games U.S. Dressage Team will consist of four athlete/horse combinations. It is anticipated a mixture of Small Tour and Big Tour combinations may be permitted. See complete FEI Qualification Criteria and format here: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/games/cont-regional/panam-2019>.

Funding: The Pan American Games mark the second opportunity for National Federations in the Americas to secure a Team Quota Place for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The financial support to the Pan American Games and the priority of the Games for 2019 will be reviewed after the 2018 World Equestrian Games (the first opportunity to gain an Olympic Team Quota Place).

Human Anti-Doping: Please be reminded that athletes are subject to in-competition drug testing while competing under FEI rules. In addition, athletes in the out-of-competition testing pool are subject to out of competition testing. The Prohibited Substance List can be found [HERE](#). It is your responsibility to know if you are taking any medications on the Prohibited Substance List.

Equine Anti-Doping: Please be reminded that all horses that are registered with the FEI or USEF shall be subject to in-competition testing. Additionally, the FEI has authority to conduct intelligence based out-of-competition testing (See Equine Anti-Doping Rules, Article 5.1). The FEI Prohibited Substance database can be accessed [HERE](#).

Those horses named to the Short List may be subject to additional elective testing.

Please also note that the Selection Procedures will include further information on waivers that may be considered by the Selectors in exceptional circumstances when naming the Short List.

This preliminary information is being provided to assist you with your competition planning. Please remember that this information is based on the recommendations of the USEF Dressage Sport Committee and is subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors and therefore subject to change.

If you have any questions regarding the above or the development of the Selection Procedure for the 2019 Pan American Games U.S. Dressage Team, please do not hesitate to contact Hallye Griffin, Managing Director, Dressage at 859-225-6949 or hgriffin@usef.org.