



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** 2020 USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competition Management

**From:** USEF Dressage Department

**Subject:** Requirements for 2020 USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competitions

**Date:** October 9, 2019

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Congratulations! One or more of your competitions have been approved to host the 2020 NAYC and USEF Dressage National Championship Qualifying Classes. Please review the calendars and Qualifying Requirements carefully for your competitions. It is the responsibility of the competition manager to ensure their date is correct on the Qualifying Calendar. Please review and confirm by **October 15, 2019**.

### **USEFUL LINKS**

[Information for Dressage Qualifying Competition Management](#)  
[Approved 2020 NAYC/USEF Qualifying Calendar](#)  
[Tentative 2020 CDI Calendar](#)  
[The respective 2020 Qualifying Requirements](#)

### **PRIZE LISTS AND QUALIFYING PERIODS:**

Qualifying Competitions must be acknowledged in the header of the prize list in the following manner:

**For approved Qualifying Competitions scheduled between July 31, 2019 and December 31, 2019:**

“Official Qualifying Competition for the 2020 Adequan FEI North American Youth Championships; the 2020 Children Dressage National Championship; the 2020 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship; 2020 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships; and the 2020 USEF Young Adult ‘Brentina Cup’ Dressage National Championship.”

**For approved Qualifying Competitions scheduled between January 1, 2020 and June 23, 2020\*:**

“Official Qualifying Competition for the 2020 Adequan FEI North American Youth; the 2020 USEF Children Dressage National Championship; the 2020 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship; 2020 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships; and the 2020 USEF Young Adult ‘Brentina Cup’ Dressage National Championship. Official Qualifying Competition for the 2020 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage Championships.”

**For approved Qualifying Competitions scheduled between June 23, 2020\* and July 27, 2020:**

“Official Qualifying Competition for the 2020 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage Championships; the 2020 USEF Children Dressage National Championship; the 2020 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship; the 2020 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships; and the 2020 USEF Young Adult ‘Brentina Cup’ Dressage National Championship”

**For approved Qualifying Competitions scheduled between July 28, 2020 and December 31, 2020:**

“Official Qualifying Competition for the 2021 Adequan FEI North American Youth; the 2021 USEF Children Dressage National Championship; the 2021 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship; 2021 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships; and the 2021 USEF Young Adult ‘Brentina Cup’ Dressage National Championship.”

*\*Subject to change based on publication of 2020 NAYC selection procedures*

## 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 (Intermediate 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:

[lroberts@usef.org](mailto:lroberts@usef.org); [results@usdf.org](mailto:results@usdf.org); [amandab@ryegate.com](mailto:amandab@ryegate.com)

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

USEF Qualifying Class Section Codes			
<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Section Code</u>	<u>Test Name</u>	<u>Program/Division</u>
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
- FEI Young Horse Tests for Four\*, Five and Six-Year-Olds (*All Judges must have USEF or FEI Young Horse Judging Designation*)

*\*Note:*

- The Markel/USEF qualifying test for Four-Year-Olds 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:**

<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 year olds)
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 year olds)
<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	

### **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 on page two. 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](mailto:lroberts@usef.org)). Any change in date or venue for an approved competition may affect qualifying status. Date and location changes will not be made on the qualifying competitions calendar until the Dressage Committee or their designees has reviewed and approved the request and the \$25 modification fee has been processed.
- 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.

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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