



MEMORANDUM

To: 2018 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships

Date: July 28, 2017

From: Hannah Niebielski, Director of Dressage, National Programs

Re: Qualifying Dates and Competitions for 2018 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships

Dear Potential 2018 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships Applicants:

QUALIFYING PERIOD: Please be advised that the proposed qualifying period for the 2018 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships will begin on August 1, 2017 and end June 11, 2018 unless otherwise determined no later than January 1, 2018. Please note that qualifying period dates are tentative awaiting confirmation of the venue and date of the event. However, it is anticipated that the qualifying period will finish a minimum of 7 days prior to the Nominated Entry date.

QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS/TESTS: It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations must complete at least three NAJYRC/USEF Qualifying Competitions to be eligible for an invitation to the Championships. Qualifying Competitions include all competitions beginning after August 1, 2017 on the NAJYRC/USEF Qualifying Competitions Calendar. NAJYRC/USEF Qualifying Competitions scheduled to take place beginning August 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 can be found [HERE](#). The 2018 NAJYRC/USEF Qualifying Competitions Calendar will be posted on the above link by November 1, 2017.

Athletes may also earn qualifying scores at any CDI/Y/J, held within the United States or any other country that offers the FEI Young Rider Tests and FEI Junior Tests within the designated qualifying period. CDI/Y/J scores are calculable at the option of the athlete and will only be computed into the athlete/horse's overall average upon receipt of a CDI/Y/J Report Form within the specified deadline stated on the form (Form can be found at www.usdf.org). If within the qualifying period, scores earned at the USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship or USEF Junior Dressage National Championship can be used as optional qualifying scores and are reportable under the same rules as a CDI/Y/J.

It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations must complete the respective FEI Junior Team test/FEI Young Rider Team test and the FEI Junior Individual test/FEI Young Rider Individual test in at least three NAJYRC/USEF Qualifying Competitions. Each FEI Team test and FEI Individual test will count as 50% of an athlete/horse combination's overall average from each NAJYRC/USEF Qualifying Competition (i.e. FEI Young Rider Team test 50% + FEI Junior Individual test 50% = 100%). A minimum overall average of 62% must be maintained for consideration to these Championships. In addition to these tests, athlete/horse combinations must earn at least one score of 62% in the respective FEI Junior Freestyle test and FEI Young Rider Freestyle test.



DROP SCORES: If an athlete/horse combination competes in four (4) or more different designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions, the lowest score earned in Team Test and the lowest score earned in the Individual Test will be dropped regardless whether or not these scores were earned in the same competition. All remaining scores will be used to calculate each horse/rider combination's overall average.

EQUIPMENT RULE: Per DR121.4, snaffle bridles will be permitted for NAJYRC qualifying classes, USEF Junior qualifying classes and USEF Young Rider qualifying classes. Double bridles will still be mandatory for NAJYRC and USEF Junior and Young Rider championships. **If you are competing in a CDI, FEI Rules apply.**

APPLICATION OF INTENT: An Application of Intent is required to be submitted in order to be eligible for an invitation to this Championship. An application is considered to be submitted once the email acknowledgement has been received. The Application of Intent will be available at www.usdf.org no later than January 1, 2018. Qualifying scores may be earned prior to submission of Application of Intent.

QUESTIONS:

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 US Equestrian 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 Qualifying Competitions or the development of the Selection Procedures for the 2018 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Niebielski at (859) 225-6918 or hniebielski@usef.org.