



MEMORANDUM
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To: Applicants for 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games US Dressage Team

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From: Hallye Griffin, Managing Director of Dressage

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Re: Observation Events for 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games

Dear 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games Dressage Applicants,

Per the Selection Procedures for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games Dressage Team (click [here](#)), after the conclusion of the Qualifying Competition period (April 30, 2018) **up to** eight athletes will be named to a Short List to compete at Observation Events. Each athlete will be selected with a horse (it is possible for an athlete to be selected with an additional horse(s)). There will be no ranking of Short List athlete/horse combinations.

Short List combinations will be required to complete a minimum of two (2) Observation Events listed below^:

Compiegne CDIO5*/CDI3* (FRA)	17 May – 20 May 2018
Roosendaal CDI4* (NED)	31 May – 3 June 2018 CANCELLED
Rotterdam CDIO5*/CDI3* (NED)	21 June – 24 June 2018
Leudelange CDI4* (LUX)	3 July – 8 July 2018
Aachen CDIO5*/CDI4* (GER) - Mandatory	17 July – 22 July 2018

Aachen CDIO5*/CDI4* will be required for all Short List athletes. If an athlete is named to the Short List with more than one horse, the Selectors will consult with the athlete for which horse they ride in the mandatory Observation Event. Should the US not receive the number of invitations required for the Short List to the Aachen CDIO5*/CDI4*, the Selectors may recommend combinations for their Observation Events (example – requiring Leudelange CDI4* for some or all Short List combinations).

^Exception: Waivers/Byes may be considered per section I.C.2 of the Selection Procedures.

The Chef d'Equipe and Managing Director will meet with athletes and their personal trainers to discuss the Observation Events listed above and athletes will be requested to submit their tentative competition plan.

No later than August 1, 2018, the Selectors will review the Short List combinations against the criteria in Section I.C.4 "Definite Entry" of the Selection Procedures. The Selectors may request a Short List combination to attend an additional Observation Event (see below).

Additional Observation Events:

Verden CDI3*(GER)
Observations in the US or Europe (in the form of 'home visits' / possibly with selectors)
Other CDI/CDN events in Europe or the US agreed upon as acceptable

It is also possible for an athlete to request to compete in additional CDI or CDN competitions throughout the Observation Event period.

If USEF does not receive invitations for all combinations named to compete at the Observation Events the Chef d'Equipe, in consultation with the Selectors, will recommend athletes for their designated Observation Events. Additionally, if an

Observation Event is found unsuitable for selection purposes following the publication of the FEI Definite Schedule, the Chef d'Equipe, in consultation with the Selectors, may recommend an additional Observation Event or may recommend athletes for their designated Observation Events.

After the Observation Events but no later than the closing date for the FEI Definite Entry for the Event, the Chef d'Equipe in consultation with the Selectors will evaluate the athletes and horses submitted on the FEI Nominated Entry and nominate to the FEI as required the Team composed of three (3) Athletes and three (3) Horses or four (4) Athletes and four (4) Horses per FEI Dressage Regulations [25th edition, effective 1st January 2014 including updates effective 1st January 2017], Articles 423 and 449. The Selectors may also name a reserve athlete/horse combination and/or reserve horse which may be required to travel with the Team for the mandatory final training.

There will be a US base available for athletes named to the Short List in Wuustwezel, Belgium at Jewel Court Stud.

Clear guidelines regarding funding/logistical support for Short List will be published at a later date. Additionally, details regarding the final training camp (required for Team & Reserve(s)) will be published to Short List athletes.

The schedule for the Dressage portion of the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games is as follows:

- September 11, 2018 – Horse Inspection
- September 12-13, 2018 – Grand Prix
- September 14, 2018 – Grand Prix Special
- September 16, 2018 – Grand Prix Freestyle

If you have any questions regarding the above information or the development of the Selection Procedure for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games US Dressage Team, please do not hesitate to contact Hallye Griffin at (859) 225-6949 or hgriffin@usef.org.