



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 26, 2025
To: U.S. FEI Young Rider Dressage Athletes
From: Laura Roberts, Managing Director of Dressage
Re: 2026 European Young Rider Tour

This memo is intended to provide athletes with a summary of the anticipated 2026 European Young Rider Tour selection process. This preliminary information is being provided to assist you with your competition planning and may be subject to change. Please remember that this information is based upon the recommendations of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Dressage Sport Committee and the final selection procedures are subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors.

APPLICATION – Athletes wishing to be considered for selection for this Tour must submit an application by **5:00PM ET, Monday, March 9th, 2026**. The application for the European Young Rider Tour will be available through your USEF Athlete Dashboard no later than December 1, 2025.

SELECTION - It is anticipated that up to four U.S. Young Rider athlete/horse combinations will be selected to participate in European CDI-OY/CDI-Ys. It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be required to earn at least two scores from the FEI Young Rider Team Test and two scores from the FEI Young Rider Individual Test in CDI-Y Events between September 1, 2025 and TBD, with the following exception: Scores earned in the FEI Young Rider Team Test and FEI Young Rider Individual Test from the 2025 USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship or 2025 FEI North American Youth Championship, may be submitted to serve as one of the Team Test scores and/or one of the Individual Test scores required. It is anticipated that at least one score in the FEI Young Rider Team Test and one score in the FEI Young Rider Individual Test must be earned after January 1, 2026. As a part of FEI CDI-Y events, at least one FEI Young Rider Freestyle test score must also be earned. Freestyle scores will be verified by the Dressage Department and will not be counted for the ranking lists or an athlete/horse combination's overall average.

Athlete/horse combinations are expected to have consistent scores over 68%.

QUESTIONS – If you have any questions, please contact Laura Roberts at lroberts@usef.org or 859.225.6986