



MEMORANDUM

To: Potential 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games Dressage Applicants

Date: August 1, 2017

From: Hallye Griffin, Managing Director, Dressage

Re: Planned Selection Methods & FEI Certificates of Capability

Please be advised that the proposed initial qualifying period for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games Dressage Team Qualification will begin on September 1, 2017. Tryout Events/Qualifying Competitions will include all U.S. and foreign CDI3*/4*/5*/CDI-W or CDIO events beginning after September 1, 2017. A list of these competitions can be found at <https://data.fei.org/Calendar/Search.aspx>.

Athlete/horse combinations must complete at least three CDI Tryout Events/Qualifying Competitions to be eligible to be named to the Short List. It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be required to complete the FEI Grand Prix Test and the FEI Grand Prix Special test in combination at two CDI Tryout Event/Qualifying Competitions. Athlete/horse combinations will also be required to complete one FEI Grand Prix Freestyle test at a CDI Tryout Event/Qualifying competition during the qualifying period. However, the Grand Prix Special and Grand Prix Freestyle test scores will not be used in the calculation of an athlete/horse combination's ranking list average. The scores from all FEI Grand Prix tests completed at CDI Tryout Event/Qualifying Competitions will be counted towards calculation of final average, regardless of whether the FEI Grand Prix Special or FEI Grand Prix Freestyle tests were completed in combination with the FEI Grand Prix test. If an athlete/horse combination completes the FEI Grand Prix test at more than three CDI Tryout Events/Qualifying Competitions, the lowest FEI Grand Prix test score will be automatically dropped. It is further anticipated that two of the three required Grand Prix Test scores must be earned after January 1, 2018 and prior to the end of the initial qualifying period.

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, based upon the below anticipated evaluations:

1. Scores from tests [FEI Grand Prix, FEI Grand Prix Special and FEI Grand Prix Freestyle] at any CDI or CDN within the last 12 months;
2. Ranking from Qualifying Competitions;
3. Consistency of scores over 73%;
4. Trend in the scores;
5. Previous international experience of athlete and/or horse;
6. Incomplete Qualifying Competitions due to elimination or withdrawal;
7. Potential to contribute to medal winning team; and
8. Behavior of athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, owners, coaches and grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment.

It is anticipated that Short List athlete/horse combinations will be required to compete in mandatory outings. These mandatory outings may include specified European Observation Events and/or events within the United States. Byes may be considered for these mandatory outings.



Selection of the Team: The 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games U.S. Dressage Team will consist of four athlete/horse combinations.

FEI Certificate of Capability: In order to qualify for participation at the 2018 FEI World Dressage Championships, Athletes and Horses must have attained (as a combination) a result of at least 66% attributed by the Ground Jury and by any two different FEI 5* Dressage Judges, of a nationality other than that of the Athlete, in a Grand Prix at two different CDI3*/4*/5*/CDI-W or CDIO events during the qualification period (1 January 2017 – TBC).

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 byes 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 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games Dressage Team, please do not hesitate to contact Halle Griffin, Managing Director, Dressage at 859-225-6949 or hgriffin@usef.org.