



MEMORANDUM

To: 2019 USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competition Management

From: USEF Dressage Department

Subject: Requirements for 2019 USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competitions

Date: July 10, 2018

Congratulations! One or more of your competitions have been approved to host the 2019 NAYC and USEF Dressage National Championship Qualifying Classes. The approved NAYC/USEF Qualifying Calendar for all regions can be found on the USEF website [HERE](#). Additionally, the tentative 2019 CDI Calendar can be found [HERE](#). The respective 2019 Qualifying Requirements can be found [HERE](#) as well. 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 July 24, 2018.

PRIZE LISTS AND QUALIFYING PERIODS: Qualifying Competitions must be acknowledged in the header of the prize list in the following manner (please note sponsor changes from previous years!):

For approved Qualifying Competitions scheduled between July 31, 2018 and December 31, 2018:

“Official Qualifying Competition for the 2019 FEI North American Youth Championships presented by Gotham North; the 2019 Children Dressage National Championship; the 2019 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship; 2019 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships; and the 2019 USEF Young Adult ‘Brentina Cup’ Dressage National Championship.”

For approved Qualifying Competitions scheduled between January 1, 2019 and June 17, 2019:

“Official Qualifying Competition for the 2019 Adequan FEI North American Youth Championships presented by Gotham North; the 2019 USEF Children Dressage National Championship; the 2019 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship; 2019 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships; and the 2019 USEF Young Adult ‘Brentina Cup’ Dressage National Championship presented by *Dressage Today*. Official Qualifying Competition for the 2019 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage Championships.”

For approved Qualifying Competitions scheduled between June 17, 2019 and July 29, 2019:

“Official Qualifying Competition for the 2019 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage Championships; the 2019 USEF Children Dressage National Championship; the 2019 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship; the 2019 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships; and the 2019 USEF Young Adult ‘Brentina Cup’ Dressage National Championship presented by *Dressage Today*”

For approved Qualifying Competitions scheduled between July 30, 2019 and December 31, 2019:

“Official Qualifying Competition for the 2020 FEI North American Youth Championships presented by Gotham North; 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.”



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 Tests (*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). 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.
- 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. Proper Section Codes for Score Reporting:

In addition to USEF and USDF score reporting requirements, approved Qualifying competitions are **REQUIRED** to e-mail these results VIA PDF to *both* the USEF & USDF Dressage Departments (LRoberts@usef.org / results@usdf.org) within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of your competition. Qualifying competitions held the final weekend of the 2019 NAYC qualifying period (anticipated to be June 17, 2019) must submit scores within twenty-four (24) hours of the competition's conclusion.

As a reminder, please use the section codes below when reporting scores to USEF Competitions Department via .DAT files.

USEF Qualifying Class Section Codes			
Discipline	Section Code	Test Name	Program/Division
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	1598	FEI Junior Freestyle	Junior
DRESSAGE	1597	FEI Young Rider (Team and Individual)	Young Rider
DRESSAGE	1598	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	1549	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	1530	FEI Prix St. Georges for Amateur CDIAm	Intermediaire I - Am (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1544	FEI Intermediate I for Amateur CDIAm	Intermediaire I - Am (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1534	Intermediate I Freestyle - CDIAm	Intermediaire I - Am (For CDI competitions)

9. **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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