

MEMORANDUM

Date:September 5, 2023To:U.S. FEI U25 Dressage AthletesFrom:Sarah Hollander, Director, Dressage Performance & Event SupportRe:2024 European U25 Tour

This memo is intended to provide athletes with a summary of the anticipated 2024 European U25 Tour selection process and competition schedule. 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.

Providing U.S. combinations the opportunity to compete in Europe, if they have reached a required level, is considered an important part of the USEF Dressage Pathway. It is anticipated that up to three U.S. U25 athlete/horse combinations will be selected to participate in European CDI-U25s. The level of funding will depend on the resources available and will be prioritized against other calls on resources and priorities set by the USEF Board of Directors and United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC). Below is the list of competitions where USEF may send U25 combinations to compete in 2024, pending invitations from the Organizing Committees and Tour scheduling. It should be noted that there is no intention to compete in competitions on consecutive weekends.

<u>APPLICATION</u> – Athletes wishing to be considered for selection for the European U25 Tour must submit an application by **5:00PM ET, Monday, March 18th, 2024.** The application for the European U25 Tour is available on our website <u>HERE</u>.

Athlete/horse combinations are required to earn at least two scores from the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test and two scores from the FEI Intermediate II Test in CDI Events between September 11, 2023 and TBD, with the following exception: scores earned in the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test and FEI Intermediate II Test from the 2023 USEF Young Adult Brentina Cup Dressage National Championships or 2023 FEI North American Youth Championships, may be submitted to serve as one of the Grand Prix 16-25 scores and/or one of the Intermediate II scores required. One score in the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test and one score in the FEI Intermediate II Test must be earned after December 1, 2023.

<u>**OUESTIONS**</u> – If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Hollander at shollander@usef.org or 859.225.6914 or Laura Roberts at lroberts@usef.org or 859.225.6986

