



## **Para Dressage Emerging Athlete Program Structure and Pathways**

**(Updated and Effective April 19, 2023)**

**The Aim of the Emerging Athlete Program is to reinforce the Development Athlete Program and will be comprised of “recognized” programs that could be run by the USEF, United States Para Equestrian Association (USPEA), and/or individual Centers of Excellence (COEs).**

### **Emerging Athlete Program – Criteria for Selection**

- Obtained a USEF National or FEI International Para Dressage classification with a confirmed or review status with a fixed review date (FRD), and
- Track 1: Received two (2) scores of 64% or greater from the Novice A and B OR 62% or greater in the Intermediate A and B OR 60% or greater in the Grand Prix A and Grand Prix B tests, at the athlete’s classified grade at a USEF recognized show or through the USPEA Virtual judging program within 12 months of the application.
- Track 2: Received a 60% or greater from the Novice A and B at a CPEDI1\* within 12 months of application.

Emerging athletes who have not produced the minimum scores as outlined above in the previous 12 months, will be removed from the Pathway Program, until the athlete has achieved the required scores for regaining the Emerging Pathway tier.

Each COE that runs a recognized Emerging Athlete Program will develop a program which includes:

- A Coach nominated for approval or approved by the USEF / USPEA.
- A roadmap to Classification, ideally to FEI standard (USEF Classification meets criteria).
- Quarterly written updates on athletes’ progress.
- A yearly review system of the program, trainer, venue, athlete and USEF/USPEA support.

USEF will provide:

- A structure and template for Reviews.
- Learning materials regarding the international standards in each Grade.

USPEA will provide:

- Jonathan Wentz Memorial, Hope Hand Memorial and Meg Mullin Memorial Grants for all Emerging athletes that meet the criteria as stated in each grant.
- USPEA Virtual Judging Program for the Introductory A and B tests.  
Criteria and details of the above may be found at [www.uspea.org](http://www.uspea.org)

Emerging Athletes who have successfully obtained a classification and required results as listed above must complete and submit an application in order to be added to the USEF Emerging Athlete List.

Athletes who have not achieved scores within 12 months will be removed from the Program, until scores are secured and athlete reapplies to the Program.

Athlete List will be reviewed and edited quarterly by the USEF Director of Para Equestrian.

### **Staffing**

- Discipline Director – Lauren Johnson
- Para-Equestrian Dressage Development Coach – Lisa Hellmer



APPLICATION
PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND PATHWAYS

DIVISION (Please check one) ELITE DEVELOPING: EMERGING:

RIDER

Name: First Last USEF #

Date of Birth:

Address: Street Address City/State/ZIP

Cell Phone: Fax: Is email a reliable way to reach you? Yes No

Email Address: No

HORSES (Athlete/Horse Combination Required for Elite and Developing Divisions)

Horse I USEF# Horse Owner (1) Name

Horse II Horse Owner (2) Name

Email

Coach Name Coach Contact Phone:

BINDING AGREEMENT (The rider is required to sign the following Agreement.)

I have read and understand the Para-Equestrian Dressage Program Structure and Pathway plan and requirements for each Division. I have completed the application and submitted required scores for the Division in which I am applying. By providing my handwritten or electronic signature below, I acknowledge the aforementioned and agree to accept my role and responsibilities as a participant in the Para-Equestrian Dressage Program Structure and Pathway.

Rider Electronic Signature – Type Rider Name

Rider Email Address

Parent Electronic Signature – If Rider is a minor

Parent 1 Email Address

In order to be considered for the Para-Equestrian Dressage Program Structure and Pathway, an Application must be completed and submitted to USEF along with qualifying scores for the Division for which I am applying. Applicants will receive confirmation of receipt.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Laureen Johnson at lkjohnson@usef.org or 908-997-3008.

Please return completed application and applicable scores, if any, to Laureen Johnson, Director of Para-Equestrian, lkjohnson@usef.org, or via fax to 908-234-9417