Para Dressage Emerging Athlete Program Structure and Pathways
(Updated and Effective January 1, 2020)

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).

The USPEA recognizes an Emerging athlete as a rider who has:
- Obtained a USEF National or FEI International Para Dressage classification with a confirmed or review status with a fixed review date (FRD), and
- Received two (2) scores of 60% or greater from the Introductory A and B OR Novice A and B OR Team and Individual tests, at the athlete’s classified grade at a USEF recognized show or through the USPEA Virtual judging program.

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

USPEA will provide:
- Jonathan Wentz Memorial Grants for all Emerging athletes that meet the criteria.
- USPEA Virtual Judging Program for the Introductory A and B tests.
  Criteria and details of the above may be found at 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.
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:  

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

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Email

Coach Name  Phone:  Contact

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 859-225-7693.

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