



MEMORANDUM

To: 2019 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships

Date: July 27, 2018

From: Hannah Niebielski, Director of Dressage, National Programs

Re: Qualifying Dates and Competitions for 2019 FEI North American Youth Championships

Dear Potential 2019 FEI North American Youth Championships Applicants:

QUALIFYING PERIOD: Please be advised that the proposed qualifying period for the 2019 FEI North American Youth Championships will begin on August 1, 2018. Please note that qualifying period dates are tentative, awaiting confirmation of the venue and date of the 2019 event. However, it is anticipated that the qualifying period will finish a minimum of 7 days prior to the Nominated Entry date.

QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS/TESTS: The FEI North American Youth Championships is for FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider divisions. It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be required to complete at least three NAYC/USEF Qualifying Competitions to be eligible for an invitation to the Championships. Qualifying Competitions include all competitions beginning after August 1, 2018 on the NAYC/USEF Qualifying Competitions Calendar. NAYC/USEF Qualifying Competitions scheduled to take place beginning August 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018 can be found [HERE](#). The 2019 NAYC/USEF Qualifying Competitions Calendar can be found [HERE](#).

Athletes may also earn qualifying scores at any CDI/Y/J, held within the United States or any other country that offers the FEI Young Rider Tests and FEI Junior Tests within the designated qualifying period. CDI/Y/J scores are calculable at the option of the athlete and will only be computed into the athlete/horse's overall average upon receipt of a CDI/Y/J Report Form within the specified deadline stated on the form (Form can be found at www.usdf.org). If within the qualifying period, scores earned at the USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship or USEF Junior Dressage National Championship can be used as optional qualifying scores and are reportable under the same rules as a CDI/Y/J.

It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be required to earn at least three scores in the current editions of their respective FEI Junior Team Test/FEI Young Rider Team Test and at least three scores in the current editions of the FEI Junior Individual Test/FEI Young Rider Individual Tests at least three NAYC/USEF Qualifying Competitions.

In addition to these tests, athlete/horse combinations will be required to earn at least one score of 65% in the respective FEI Junior Freestyle test and FEI Young Rider Freestyle test.



Each FEI Team test and FEI Individual test will count as 50% of an athlete/horse combination's overall average from each NAYC/USEF Qualifying Competition (i.e. FEI Young Rider Team test 50% + FEI Junior Individual test 50% = 100%). **A minimum overall average of 62% will be required in order to be named to the nominated and definite entries.**

FEI Registration for the athlete is required for this Championship event. Additionally, the horse must have an active and FEI validated passport for this Championship event. Further deadlines for this requirement will be communicated in the NAYC Selection Procedures.

DROP SCORES: If an athlete/horse combination competes in four (4) or more different designated USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competitions, the lowest score earned in Team Test and the lowest score earned in the Individual Test will be dropped regardless whether or not these scores were earned in the same competition. All remaining scores will be used to calculate each horse/rider combination's overall average.

EQUIPMENT RULE: Per DR121.4, snaffle bridles will be permitted for NAYC qualifying classes, USEF Junior qualifying classes and USEF Young Rider qualifying classes. Double bridles will still be mandatory for NAYC and USEF Junior and Young Rider championships. **If you are competing in a CDI, FEI Rules apply.**

APPLICATION OF INTENT: An Application of Intent is required to be submitted in order to be eligible for an invitation to this Championship. An application is considered to be submitted once the email acknowledgement has been received. The Application of Intent will be available at www.usdf.org no later than January 1, 2019. Qualifying scores may be earned prior to submission of Application of Intent.

QUESTIONS:

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 US Equestrian Dressage Sport Committee and is subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors and therefore subject to change. Additionally, US Equestrian will be conducting a review of the selection process in addition to domicile identification for regional representation. Any determined updates and documentation submission will be outlined in the NAYC Selection Procedures.

If you have any questions regarding the above Qualifying Competitions or the development of the Selection Procedures for the 2019 FEI North American Youth Championships, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Niebielski at (859) 225-6918 or hniebielski@usef.org.