



MEMORANDUM

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To: Dressage Competition Management and Senior 'S' Dressage Judges

From: Hallye Griffin, Managing Director of Dressage

Re: **FEI Dressage Tests for Seven Year Olds – Preliminary and Final Tests – at National Competition**

NOTE: The FEI Tests for 7 Year Old Horses are not a part of the qualifying process for any **2018** USEF Dressage National Championship

Each of the two FEI Tests for 7 Year Old Horses has two marking sheets, a technical test (titled "Test and Technical Marking Sheet") and a young horse evaluation (titled "Quality Marking Sheet"). Shows may use one, two, or three judges for these tests.

The FEI Tests for 7 Year Old Horses must be judged by Senior 'S' or FEI judges.

Placement of Judges:

- One Judge – Judge at C uses only the Technical Marking Sheet OR the Quality Marking Sheet
- Two Judges – Judge at C uses only the Technical Marking Sheet; Judge at B or E uses only the Quality Marking Sheet
- Three Judges - Judge at C uses only the Technical Marking Sheet; two judges (sitting together) at B or E use only the Quality Marking Sheet

To include this test in Young Horse Test of Choice (TOC) classes, ONLY the Quality Marking Sheet can be offered and *one* judge must preside. If *two* or *three* judges are used, the test must be offered in a separate class that is limited to the two FEI Tests for 7 Year Old Horses.

The technical score and the quality score shall be weighted each with 50% towards the final score. Competition management is encouraged to provide a microphone only for judges responsible for the Quality Test so that he/she may give a short summary after each ride. Tests must be ridden from memory. Please note that if only one judge presides, Competition Management must clearly state in the Prize List if the class(es) will be judged using the Quality Marking Sheet OR the Technical Marking Sheet.