



MEMORANDUM

To: Potential 2022 FEI World Equestrian Games Para Dressage Applicants

Date: December 15, 2020

From: Laureen Johnson, Director of Para Equestrian and Vaulting

Re: Planned Selection Methods & FEI Certificates of Capability / 2022 FEI World Equestrian Games Para Dressage Team

The 2022 FEI World Equestrian Games (Event) are scheduled to take place August 6-14, 2022 in Herning, Denmark.

Please be advised that in addition to earning an FEI Certificate of Capability in accordance with the FEI rules (Pending publication) for the Event, the proposed USEF qualifying period for the 2022 FEI World Equestrian Games Para Dressage Team Qualification will begin **January 1, 2021**.

It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be required to complete all three tests, Team, Individual, and Freestyle, in their classified grade, at a minimum of two Tryout Events/Qualifying Competitions/Observation Event(s) to be eligible to be named to the Short List.

Tryout Events/Qualifying Competitions will include all U.S. and foreign CPEDI3* events beginning after January 1, 2021. A list of these competitions can be found at <https://data.fei.org/Calendar/Search.aspx>.

It is anticipated that Short List athlete/horse combinations will be required to compete in one or more mandatory outings. These mandatory outings may include one or more of the U.S. or European CPEDI3* events. The designated mandatory outings will be published in the USEF Selection Procedure for the Event.

After the conclusion of the Qualifying Competition period, it is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be named to the Short List by the Selectors, in consultation with the Chef d'Equipe, based upon the below anticipated evaluations:

- a. Scores from CPEDI3* Team Tests, Individual Tests, and Freestyle tests from January 1, 2021 with the more recent scores being scrutinized and considered more heavily.
- b. International competitiveness, and medal potential within athlete's grade in the Individual, Team and Freestyle tests.
- c. Trend of scores (upward, steady, downward) over the six months prior to Nominated Entry date.
- d. Consistency of scores over 72%.
- e. Previous International experience of athlete and/or horse. Both successful & unsuccessful.
- f. Fitness and soundness of the horse – advice of the Para Dressage Team Veterinarian or another appointed Veterinarian approved by the Team Veterinarian.
- g. Fitness of the athlete – advice of the Program Human Sports Science Staff will be sought.
- h. Behavior of the athlete and individuals associated with the athlete (including without limitation owners, coaches, grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment. Behavior at previous events may be taken into consideration.
- i. Willingness of the athlete to work within the confines of the 2022 FEI World Equestrian Games accreditation allocations and restrictions.



In extraordinary circumstances, an athlete may request special consideration for competing at less than two CPEDI3*s, or a designated Mandatory Outing by submitting a written request prior to the start of the Observation Event to the Selectors who will seek advice from the Technical Advisor and approve or disapprove the request based on these factors:

1. The athlete/horse combinations scores and consistency of scores at CPEDIs since January 1, 2021.
2. Previous international experience of the athlete and/or horse;
3. The circumstances, facts, and in the case of illness or injury to a horse or athlete, documentation by the Team Veterinarian and / or physician(s) approved by USEF;
4. Unforeseen circumstances which create a logistical emergency; and/or
5. Cancellation of Event(s).

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 USEF Para Dressage Sport Committee and approval by the USEF International Discipline Council and are therefore subject to change.

If you have any questions regarding the above or the development of the Selection Procedure for the 2022 FEI World Equestrian Games Para Dressage Team, please do not hesitate to contact Laureen Johnson, Director of Para Equestrian and Vaulting at 859-225-7693 or lkjohnson@usef.org.