MEMORANDUM

To: Dressage Competition Management

From: USEF Dressage Department

Subject: Modifications to 2021 U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions Qualifying Requirements

USEF has announced amendments to the 2021 U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions Qualifying Requirements. Per the amended qualifying requirements (which can be found here) athletes may now qualify for the 2021 USEF Intermediaire I and Grand Prix National Championships by competing in designated USEF Qualifying Competitions judged by a panel of at least three (3) FEI or USEF ‘S’ judges. Please review the following updates carefully and contact the USEF Dressage Department if you have any questions.

Existing qualifying competitions will not be required to offer the Grand Prix and Intermediaire I qualifying classes. If an existing qualifying competition, which is schedule prior to July 26, 2021, would like to hold these classes and is able to meet the required judging panel they must email Laura Roberts (lroberts@usef.org). An additional designation will be noted on the USEF/NAYC Dressage qualifying calendar for these divisions.

Late applications wishing to be added to the USEF/NAYC Dressage Qualifying Calendar will be considered for competitions scheduled prior to July 26, 2021 on a case-by-case basis. Competitions wishing to be considered as additions to the USEF/NAYC Dressage Qualifying Calendar should submit their request to Laura Roberts (lroberts@usef.org) a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the competition and are subject to approval of the Dressage Competitions Working Group or designees. Please review the full memorandum regarding late applications here.

Updated Judging Panels for Qualifying Competitions

a. Brentina Cup
   i. Qualifying tests at Qualifying Competitions must be judged by a panel of at least two (2) FEI or USEF ‘S’ judges. For tests to be counted towards qualification, at least one (1) judge must differ per panel per Qualifying Competition.

b. Brentina Cup, Intermediaire I and Grand Prix at CDI Events
   i. Refer to FEI Dressage Regulations for Judge Requirements and Codex for Judges.

c. Brentina Cup at USEF National Licensed Competitions
   i. Refer to USEF Chapter 13, GR1304.

d. Grand Prix and Intermediaire I at USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competitions
   1. Qualifying tests at qualifying competitions must be judged by a panel of at least three (3) FEI or USEF ‘S’ judges. For tests to be counted towards qualification, at least (1) judge must differ per panel per Qualifying Competition.
**PRIZE LISTS AND QUALIFYING PERIODS:**

Qualifying Competitions must acknowledge the following divisions in the header of their prize list:

Between **January 1, 2021 and June 21, 2021** approved qualifying competitions will serve as an official qualifying competition for:
- 2021 Adequan FEI North American Youth Championships
- 2021 USEF Children Dressage National Championship
- 2021 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2021 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships
- 2021 USEF Young Adult ‘Brentina Cup’ Dressage National Championship
- 2021 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships
- 2021 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Dressage (Five, Six, and Seven Year Olds)*
  *If you plan to hold the FEI WBC qualifying classes
- 2021 USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship^  
  ^If you plan to hold these classes and meet the requirements for judging panels for qualifying competitions noted in the qualifying requirements
- 2021 USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship^  
  ^If you plan to hold these classes and meet the requirements for judging panels for qualifying competitions noted in the qualifying requirements

Between **June 21, 2021 and July 26, 2021** approved qualifying competitions will serve as an official qualifying competition for:
- 2021 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships
- 2021 USEF Children Dressage National Championship
- 2021 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2021 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships
- 2021 USEF Young Adult ‘Brentina Cup’ Dressage National Championship
- 2021 USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship^  
  ^If you plan to hold these classes and meet the requirements for judging panels for qualifying competitions noted in the qualifying requirements

Between **July 27, 2021 and December 31, 2021** approved qualifying competitions will serve as an official qualifying competition for:
*Divisions subject to change based on 2022 championship qualifying requirements and format
- 2022 Adequan FEI North American Youth Championships
- 2022 USEF Children Dressage National Championship
- 2022 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2022 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships
- 2022 USEF Young Adult ‘Brentina Cup’ Dressage National Championship

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JUDGE REQUIREMENTS:

Judges: A panel of at least two (2) FEI or USEF ‘S’ judges must officiate all:
- FEI Children Tests
- FEI Pony Rider Tests
- FEI Junior and Young Rider Tests
- FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test (At least one judge must differ per panel for qualification purposes)
- FEI Intermediate II Test (Brentina Cup) (At least one judge must differ per panel for qualification purposes)
- USEF Developing Horse Prix St. Georges and Grand Prix Tests
- USEF Four-Year-Old Test*, FEI Young Horse Tests for Five, Six and Seven Year Olds (All Judges must have USEF or FEI Young Horse Judging Designation)

*Note:
- The USEF Four-Year-Old Test must be officiated by a panel of at least two judges, of which one may optionally be a USEF “R” judge. The remaining judges must be USEF “S” and/or FEI judges.
- For all FEI Young Horse Tests and the USEF Four-Year-Old Test, all judges assigned to these qualifying tests must have USEF or FEI Young Horse Judging Designation. The designations are listed on the online rosters on the USEF and FEI websites.

Judges: A panel of at least three (3) FEI or USEF ‘S’ judges must officiate all:
- FEI Prix St. Georges Tests*
- FEI Intermediate I Tests*
- FEI Grand Prix Tests*
- FEI Grand Prix Special Tests*

*Note:
- These tests are OPTIONAL for USEF/NAYC Dressage Qualifying competitions as noted on Page 1. For tests to be counted towards qualification, at least (1) judge must differ per panel per Qualifying Competition.

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**REQUIRED TESTS USEF/NAYC:**

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<td>USEF Developing PSG Test (7-9 years old)</td>
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<td>FEI Pony Individual Test</td>
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<td>FEI Junior Individual Test</td>
<td>FEI Young Rider Individual Test</td>
<td>FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test</td>
<td>FEI Five-Year-Old Final Test</td>
<td>USEF Developing Grand Prix Test (8-10 years old)</td>
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<td>FEI Pony Freestyle may also be offered.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>FEI Junior Freestyle Test</td>
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<td>FEI Grand Prix Freestyle (Can be ridden as a TOC – See Qualifying Requirements)</td>
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**Required tests for USEF/NAYC Dressage Qualifying wishing to hold Intermediaire I and Grand Prix qualifying classes**

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**Required Tests FEI World Breeding Championships:**

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These tests must be held as individual classes which are specifically designated as USEF FEI WBC qualifying. “Test of Choice” classes will not count towards a qualifying score.

*The FEI Five-Year-Old Final Test and FEI Six-Year-Old Final Test also serve as qualifiers for the USEF National Championships

**USEFUL LINKS**

- Information for Dressage Qualifying Competition Management
- USEF Calendar Search
- Tentative 2021 CDI Calendar
- The respective 2021 Qualifying Requirements
- USEF Rulebook

We appreciate your participation and for helping provide these special qualifying opportunities for your exhibitors. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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