



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 22, 2021

To: USEF Breed Competition Managers Hosting Open Dressage Classes

From: USEF National Sport and Competitions Departments

Subject: Presidential Modification to GR 821.1(b) – affecting Open Dressage classes

Dear Breed Competition Managers,

USEF has issued a Presidential Modification to GR 821.1(b), which will provide an exception to the following rule for Open Dressage classes:

b. are limited to 10% of the total number of the competition's classes, with a maximum of 20 Opportunity Classes per competition, whichever is less.

This modification will be in effect until a rule change proposal is approved which would permanently except Open Dressage classes from the rule. This Presidential Modification, and ultimately rule change, will allow Regular competitions to offer Open Dressage classes as opportunity classes and not have them count toward the maximum permitted amount of Opportunity classes as permitted by GR821.1(b). Open Dressage Opportunity classes offered at regular competitions must comply with the below restrictions in GR821.2(e):

e. Dressage classes may be offered as Opportunity classes at Dressage Competitions or Regular/Local Competitions with "Open" Dressage classes as described below:

1. Classes are limited to the following competition levels and dressage tests:

*a. Level 1 competitions may offer **three** tests and only **three** classes per level per day at Introductory - **Fourth** Level.*

*b. Level 2 competitions may offer **three** tests and only **three** classes per level per day at Introductory - **Third** Level.*

*c. Level 3 competitions may offer **three** tests and only **three** classes per level per day at Introductory - **Second** Level.*

d. Level 4 and Level 5 competitions may not offer Opportunity classes.

e. Level 1, 2, and 3 competitions may also offer two dressage seat equitation classes per day in addition to the tests, classes, and levels list above in Section 1.a – 1.c.

Please be aware that the Levels Chart in DR 126 will soon be clarified and match the updated rule in GR 821.

If you already submitted a Prize List to the Federation, whether it has been reviewed or not, and you wish to add any additional opportunity classes to your prize list, please submit a revised Prize List to Prizelists@usef.org.

This information is specific to Regular competitions offering Open Dressage classes, please see [here](#) for information regarding Dressage competitions offering opportunity classes.

Any questions regarding this Presidential Modification should be sent to Dressage@usef.org.

