



MEMORANDUM

To: Potential 2024 Paris Paralympic Games Para Dressage Applicants

Date: July 1, 2022

From: Laureen Johnson, Director of Para Equestrian

Re: Planned Selection Methods & FEI Certificates of Capability / 2024 Paris Paralympic Games Para Dressage Team

The 2024 Paris Paralympic Games (Event) are scheduled to take place August 28 – September 8 in Paris, France.

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 2024 Paris Paralympic Games Para Dressage Team Qualification will begin **January 1, 2023**.

It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be required to complete all three tests in their classified grade: Team, Individual, and Freestyle, 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 that begin January 1, 2023 or later. A list of these competitions can be found at <https://data.fei.org/Calendar/Search.aspx>. Please note that the FEI does not approve the 2023 Competition Calendar until November 2022.

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 Procedures for the Event.

After the conclusion of the Qualifying Competition period, which begins January 1, 2023, 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 evaluations:

- a. Scores from CPEDI3* Team Tests, Individual Tests, and Freestyle tests from January 1, 2023 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 or USEF.
- 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 2024 Paris Paralympic 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 the following factors:

1. The athlete/horse combinations scores and consistency of scores at CPEDIs since January 1, 2023.
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 Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Committee approved by the Board of Directors, and are therefore subject to change.

If you have any questions regarding the above or the development of the Selection Procedure for the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games Para Dressage Team, please do not hesitate to contact Laureen Johnson, Director of Para Equestrian at 859-225-7693 or lkjohnson@usef.org.