



MEMORANDUM

To: 2025 FEI North American Youth Championships

Date: July 26, 2024

From: Sarah Hollander, Director, Dressage Performance & Event Support

Re: Qualifying Dates and Competitions for 2025 FEI North American Youth Championships, JR/YR

Dear Potential 2025 FEI North American Youth Championships Applicants:

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 United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Dressage Sport Committee and United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Executive Board and is subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors and therefore subject to change.

SELECTION PROCESS SUMMARY: Ranking lists of athlete/horse combinations will be maintained and selection is based on the final rankings of each Region (see more detail below). The 2025 FEI North American Youth Championships is scheduled to take place on July 29th – August 3rd, 2025, in Traverse City, Michigan.

1. Qualifying Period

The proposed qualifying period for the 2025 FEI North American Youth Championships will begin on July 23, 2024. It is anticipated that the qualifying period will finish at least ten days prior to the Nominated Entry date.

2. Qualifying Competitions

It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be required to complete at least two Qualifying Competitions during the qualifying period. Qualifying Competitions include:

- Competitions listed on the NAYC/USEF Qualifying Competitions Calendar: Scores earned at these competitions are automatically counted towards the Ranking List. NAYC/USEF Qualifying Competitions scheduled to take place beginning July 23, 2024 through December 31, 2024 can be found [HERE](#). The 2025 NAYC/USEF Qualifying Competitions Calendar will be available in the Fall of 2024 [HERE](#). Please make sure to check the Calendar(s) frequently for updates.
- CDI-J or CDI-Y Events: Scores earned at CDI-Y/J are calculable at the option of the athlete and will only be computed into the Ranking List upon receipt of a CDI & Championship Report Form within the specified deadline stated on the form (Form can be found at www.usdf.org). The 2024 and 2025 FEI Calendars can be found on the FEI website [HERE](#) (Please note that the FEI 2025 calendar is not approved until after the FEI General Assembly in November). Please make sure to check the Calendar(s) frequently for updates. Scores from the 2024 NAYC will not be counted.
- Regional Championships: It is anticipated for FEI Junior and FEI Young Riders to be able to earn qualifying scores in their FEI division USEF/USDF Regional Championship classes in the FEI Team Test. This is only applicable for those qualified to compete in the Regional Championship classes; qualifying information for Regional Championships can be found on the USDF website [HERE](#). In order for these scores to count, scores must be reported by athletes via the CDI & Championship Report Form



by the deadlines as indicated on the form. In cases where the USDF Regional Championship is already a designated NAYC/USEF Qualifying Competition, scores earned in FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider Qualifying classes are automatically recorded. When this is the case, an athlete may report their score from the Regional Championship Jr and/or YR Team Championship class(es) as an additional (second) team score.

- USEF Young Rider or Junior Dressage National Championships: Scores earned at these National Championships are calculable at the option of the athlete and will only be computed into the Ranking List upon receipt of a CDI & Championship Report Form within the specified deadline stated on the form.

3. Tests Required

- It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be required to achieve **two** scores in the current editions of their respective FEI Junior Team Test/FEI Young Rider Team Test and **two** scores in the current editions of the FEI Junior Individual Test/FEI Young Rider Individual Tests.
- Athlete/horse combinations that achieve more than two scores in the relevant Team or Individual test, may drop the lowest score earned in the Team Test and the Individual Test, regardless of whether these scores were earned in the same Qualifying Competition.
- Athletes wishing to qualify for the Junior Championship must qualify with FEI Junior Tests and Athletes wishing to qualify for the Young Rider Championship must qualify with FEI Young Rider Tests.
- Hors de Concours entries are not permitted in USEF/NAYC Qualifying classes.

4. Certificate of Capability

- Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by attaining a minimum overall average of 64.000% or greater attributed by a panel of two (2) or more USEF 'S' or FEI Judges, in the FEI Team Test and FEI Individual Test at two (2) different qualifying competitions in order to be named to the Nominated and Definite Entries.
- In addition to these tests, athlete/horse combinations will be required to earn **one** score of 65% or higher in the respective FEI Junior Freestyle test or FEI Young Rider Freestyle test at a designated qualifying class.
- Scores achieved from Test of Choice classes cannot be counted towards the Certificate of Capability.

Additional Information

FEI Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE): It is recommended that you review any medications you are taking through the GlobalDRO.com in the presence of the prescribing provider and review and submit specific TUE documentation, if applicable. A TUE application can be found online at <https://inside.fei.org/fei/cleansport/humans/tues>, or contact Christy Baxter at USEF (cbaxter@usef.org). TUEs must be completed and submitted to the FEI at least 30 days prior to participating in an FEI event.

Equine Anti-Doping: Please be reminded that all horses that are registered with the FEI or USEF shall be subject to in-competition testing. Please work with your FEI veterinarian for compliance. More information on the FEI Prohibited substance database can be found on the FEI website [HERE](#).

Grievances: Athletes wishing to file a grievance challenging a denial or threatened denial to participate in competition, please see the Athlete's Guide to Filing a Grievance Regarding Opportunity to Participate and Grievance Form. For procedural guidance for filing a grievance, please contact Emily Pratt at epratt@usef.org.

Equipment: Per DR121, snaffle bridles will be permitted for NAYC qualifying classes, USEF Junior qualifying classes and USEF Young Rider qualifying classes. **If you are competing in a CDI and/or at NAYC, FEI Rules apply.**

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the above Qualifying Competitions or the development of the Selection Procedures for the 2025 FEI North American Youth Championships, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Hollander at (859) 225-6914 or shollander@usef.org.