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**2024 USEF/NAYC Dressage Qualifying Calendar  
Competition Manual**

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Dear Competition Management:

Congratulations! One or more of your competitions have been approved to host the USEF and NAYC National Championship Qualifying Classes in 2024. [Please review the approved 2024 calendar here.](#)

Designated qualifying competitions must be **at least a Level 3 competition** and must comply with all the outlined requirements, as well as the USEF Dressage Rules, USEF General Rules, and Selection Procedures/Qualifying Requirements that apply to these competitions.

This document serves as a resource for competition management of USEF/NAYC Dressage Qualifying Competitions and U.S. FEI Dressage Competitions. The manual is intended to provide information to USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competition management for planning purposes. The information provided is subject to change or updates.

We appreciate your participation and helping provide these special qualifying opportunities for your exhibitors. Please contact the Dressage Department ([dressage@usef.org](mailto:dressage@usef.org) or [festival@usef.org](mailto:festival@usef.org)) if you have any questions regarding the contents of this manual.

### **Useful Links**

- [Information for Dressage Qualifying Competition Management](#)
- [USEF/NAYC Dressage Calendar Policies and Procedures](#)
- [USEF Calendar Search](#)
- [USEF Secretary & Manager Search](#)
- [2024 CDI Calendar](#)
- [USEF Rulebook](#)

### **Important Information for 2024**

- **New this year** – approved qualifying competitions (held between January 1, 2024, and July 22, 2024) will be **required** to host FEI World Breeding Championship classes. [Please see the required tests section of the manual.](#)
- Qualifying competitions that have date changes **must communicate the changes** to [dressage@usef.org](mailto:dressage@usef.org) for the calendar to be updated accordingly.
- Qualifying competitions that are cancelled **must** email [dressage@usef.org](mailto:dressage@usef.org) with detailed reasoning for the cancellation. Prior to cancelling, organizers must work with USEF Dressage Staff to resolve any issues that may lead to cancellation. If organizers do not work with USEF Dressage Staff prior to cancellation of the qualifying classes, they will not be eligible to apply for qualifying status in 2025.

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## Prize List and Required Classes

### Prize List Headers and Required Classes for Dressage Qualifying Competitions

Approved USEF/NAYC Dressage Qualifying Competitions must include the below language in their USEF Prize List. **When drafting your prize lists, if you have questions regarding how the required qualifying classes should be listed, please do not hesitate to contact us: [festival@usef.org](mailto:festival@usef.org).**

Between **July 25, 2023, and December 31, 2023**\* approved qualifying competitions will serve as an official qualifying competition for:

- 2024 FEI North American Youth Championships
- 2024 USEF Children Dressage National Championship
- 2024 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Adequan® /USEF Junior Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Horsecare Ireland/USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Adequan®/USEF Brentina Cup Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Neue Schule/USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Neue Schule/USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Adequan®/USEF Para Dressage National Championship

*\*Divisions subject to change based on 2024 championship qualifying requirements and format.*

### Qualifying Classes – Required Tests: July 25, 2023 – December 31, 2023

The following classes must be offered for competitions held between **July 25, 2023, and December 31, 2023**:

Class Name	Qualifying
FEI Junior Team Test	USEF/NAYC Qualifying  <i>The FEI Intermediate II Test must not be offered as FEI Intermediate II 16-25 Test at a national qualifying competition.</i>
FEI Junior Individual Test	
FEI Young Rider Team Test	
FEI Young Rider Individual Test	
FEI Intermediate II Test	
FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test	
FEI Junior Freestyle Test	NAYC Qualifying
FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test	
FEI Test of Choice (TOC)	The FEI TOC must be offered at least once at a qualifying competition but not as USEF or USEF/NAYC Qualifying.

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FEI Children Team Test	USEF Qualifying
FEI Children Individual Test	
FEI Prix St. Georges Test	
FEI Intermediate I Test	
FEI Grand Prix Test	
FEI Grand Prix Special Test	
FEI Pony Team Test	
FEI Pony Individual Test	
FEI Para Grand Prix A Test of Choice	
FEI Para Grand Prix B Test of Choice	
FEI Para Grand Prix Freestyle Test of Choice	
<p>There are 3 options for the Grand Prix and Intermediate I Freestyle Tests to be offered but must not be offered as USEF Qualifying. These tests can be offered as many times as possible throughout a weekend.</p>	
Option 1:	FEI Freestyle Test of TOC
Option 2:	FEI Freestyle Test of TOC FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test FEI Intermediate I Freestyle Test
Option 3:	FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test FEI Intermediate I Freestyle Test

Between **January 1, 2024, and June 24, 2024**, approved qualifying competitions will serve as an official qualifying competition for:

- 2024 FEI North American Youth Championships
- 2024 USEF Children Dressage National Championship
- 2024 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Adequan® /USEF Junior Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Horshware Ireland/USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Adequan®/USEF Brentina Cup Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships
- 2024 Neue Schule/USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Neue Schule/USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Adequan®/USEF Para Dressage National Championship
- 2024 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Dressage (Five-, Six-, and Seven-Year Olds) *For 2024, approved qualifying competitions will be required to hold the FEI Preliminary Tests for WBC qualifying purposes.*

**Qualifying Classes – Required Tests: January 1, 2024 – June 24, 2024**

The following classes must be offered for competitions held between **January 1, 2024, and June 24, 2024**:

Class Name	Qualifying
FEI Junior Team Test	USEF/NAYC Qualifying  <i>The FEI Intermediate II Test must not be offered as FEI Intermediate II 16-25 Test at a national qualifying competition.</i>
FEI Junior Individual Test	
FEI Young Rider Team Test	
FEI Young Rider Individual Test	
FEI Intermediate II Test**	
FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test	
FEI Junior Freestyle Test	NAYC Qualifying
FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test	
FEI Test of Choice (TOC)	The FEI TOC must be offered but not as USEF or USEF/NAYC Qualifying.
FEI Children Team Test	USEF Qualifying
FEI Children Individual Test	
FEI Prix St. Georges Test**	
FEI Intermediate I Test	
FEI Grand Prix Test	
FEI Grand Prix Special Test	
FEI Pony Team Test	
FEI Pony Individual Test	

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FEI Para Grand Prix A Test of Choice	
FEI Para Grand Prix B Test of Choice	
FEI Para Grand Prix Freestyle Test of Choice	
USEF Developing Prix St. Georges	Markel/USEF Qualifying
USEF Developing Grand Prix	
USEF 4-Year-Old Test	
FEI 5-Year-Old Preliminary Test	WBC/Markel/USEF Qualifying
FEI 6-Year-Old Preliminary Test	
FEI 7-Year-Old Preliminary Test	
FEI 5-Year-Old Final Test	
FEI 6-Year-Old Final Test	
FEI 7-Year-Old Final Test	
There are 3 options for the Grand Prix and Intermediate I Freestyle Tests to be offered but must not be offered as USEF Qualifying. These tests can be offered as many times as possible throughout a weekend.	
Option 1:	FEI Freestyle Test of TOC
Option 2:	FEI Freestyle Test of TOC FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test FEI Intermediate I Freestyle Test
Option 3:	FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test FEI Intermediate I Freestyle Test

\*\*Please note the following for the Developing PSG and Developing GP qualifying purposes when a CDI Small Tour and/or CDI U25 is held in conjunction with a National Qualifying Competition:

FEI Prix St. Georges Test	Markel/USEF Qualifying ONLY
FEI Intermediate II Test	

Between **June 25, 2024, and July 22, 2024**, approved qualifying competitions will serve as an official qualifying competition for:

- 2024 USEF Children Dressage National Championship
- 2024 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Adequan®/USEF Junior Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Horseware Ireland/USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Adequan®/USEF Brentina Cup Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships
- 2024 Neue Schule/USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Neue Schule/USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship
- 2024 Adequan®/USEF Para Dressage National Championship
- 2024 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Dressage (Five-, Six-, and Seven-Year Olds) *For 2024, approved qualifying competitions will be required to hold the FEI Preliminary Tests for WBC qualifying purposes.*

Qualifying Classes – Required Tests: June 25, 2024 – July 22, 2024

The following classes must be offered for competitions held between **June 25, 2024, and July 22, 2024**:

Class Name	Qualifying
FEI Children Team Test	USEF Qualifying  <i>The FEI Intermediate II Test must not be offered as FEI Intermediate II 16-25 Test at a national qualifying competition.</i>
FEI Children Individual Test	
FEI Junior Team Test	
FEI Junior Individual Test	
FEI Young Rider Team Test	
FEI Young Rider Individual Test	
FEI Intermediate II Test**	
FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test	
FEI Prix St. Georges Test**	
FEI Intermediate I Test	
FEI Grand Prix Test	
FEI Grand Prix Special Test	
FEI Pony Team Test	
FEI Pony Individual Test	
FEI Para Grand Prix A Test of Choice	
FEI Para Grand Prix B Test of Choice	
FEI Para Grand Prix Freestyle Test of Choice	
USEF Developing Prix St. Georges	Markel/USEF Qualifying
USEF Developing Grand Prix	
USEF 4-Year-Old Test	
FEI 5-Year-Old Preliminary Test	WBC/Markel/USEF Qualifying

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FEI 6-Year-Old Preliminary Test	
FEI 7-Year-Old Preliminary Test	
FEI 5-Year-Old Final Test	
FEI 6-Year-Old Final Test	
FEI 7-Year-Old Final Test	
There are 3 options for the Grand Prix and Intermediate I Freestyle Tests to be offered but must not be offered as USEF Qualifying. These tests can be offered as many times as possible throughout a weekend.	
Option 1:	FEI Freestyle Test of TOC
Option 2:	FEI Freestyle Test of TOC FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test FEI Intermediate I Freestyle Test
Option 3:	FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test FEI Intermediate I Freestyle Test

\*\*Please note the following for the Developing PSG and Developing GP qualifying purposes when a CDI Small Tour and/or CDIU25 is held in conjunction with a National Qualifying Competition:

FEI Prix St. Georges Test	Markel/USEF Qualifying ONLY
FEI Intermediate II Test	

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Between **July 23, 2024, and December 31, 2024\*** approved qualifying competitions will serve as an official qualifying competition for:

- 2025 FEI North American Youth Championships
- 2025 USEF Children Dressage National Championship
- 2025 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship
- 2025 USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships
- 2025 USEF Brentina Cup Dressage National Championship
- 2025 USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship
- 2025 USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship
- 2025 USEF Para Dressage National Championships

*\*Divisions subject to change based on 2025 championship qualifying requirements and format.*

Qualifying Classes – Required Tests: July 23, 2024 – December 31, 2024

The following classes must be offered for competitions held between **July 23, 2024, and December 31, 2024:**

*NEW FOR THE 2025 QUALIFYING PERIOD: Hors de Concours entries are not permitted in USEF/NAYC Qualifying classes.*

Class Name	Qualifying
FEI Children Team Test	USEF/NAYC Qualifying  <i>The FEI Intermediate II Test must not be offered as FEI Intermediate II 16-25 Test as an age restricted class at a national qualifying competition.</i>
FEI Children Individual Test	
FEI Junior Team Test	
FEI Junior Individual Test	
FEI Young Rider Team Test	
FEI Young Rider Individual Test	
FEI Intermediate II Test	
FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test	
FEI Junior Freestyle Test	NAYC Qualifying
FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test	
FEI Test of Choice (TOC)	The FEI TOC must be offered at least once at a qualifying competition but not as USEF or USEF/NAYC Qualifying.
FEI Prix St. Georges Test	USEF Qualifying
FEI Intermediate I Test	
FEI Grand Prix Test	
FEI Grand Prix Special Test	
FEI Pony Team Test	
FEI Pony Individual Test	
FEI Para Grand Prix A Test of Choice	

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FEI Para Grand Prix B Test of Choice	
FEI Para Grand Prix Freestyle Test of Choice	
FEI Para Intermediate A Test of Choice	USEF Qualifying
FEI Para Intermediate B Test of Choice	
FEI Para Intermediate Freestyle Test of Choice	
There are 3 options for the Grand Prix and Intermediate I Freestyle Tests to be offered but must not be offered as USEF Qualifying. These tests can be offered as many times as possible throughout a weekend.	
Option 1:	FEI Freestyle Test of TOC
Option 2:	FEI Freestyle Test of TOC
	FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test
	FEI Intermediate I Freestyle Test
Option 3:	FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test
	FEI Intermediate I Freestyle Test

**FEI Children, Pony Rider, Junior and Young Rider Team Tests:** The Team Test must be scheduled PRIOR to the Individual and Freestyle Tests. Freestyle Tests may be offered before Individual Tests. Team and Individual qualifying tests must be offered on separate days.

**FEI Grand Prix, Intermediaire I, and Brentina Cup Tests:**

- The Grand Prix and Special Tests must be offered on separate days.
- The Intermediate I and Prix St. Georges Tests must be offered on separate days.
- The Intermediate II and Grand Prix 16-25 Tests must be offered on separate days.

**FEI Children Preliminary B Test:** Combinations wishing to earn an invitation to the 2025 NAYC will be required to earn a minimum of one (1) score in the FEI Children Preliminary B Test. This test must be completed in a FEI Children Preliminary B class or an FEI Test of Choice class. These classes must NOT be offered as USEF/NAYC Qualifying. Please see page 21 for the placement of judges.

**Prize List Review Procedure**

Prize Lists must be submitted per normal USEF and USDF procedures. Competitions may request additional review by the Dressage Department for special USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competition requirements by submitting their prize list to [festival@usef.org](mailto:festival@usef.org).

## Reporting Results

Per DR 128.4, qualifying scores for USEF National Championships, including Children, Pony Riders, Juniors, Young Riders, Brentina Cup (Young Adults), Young and Developing Horse, and High Performance (Intermediate I and Grand Prix), must be submitted by Competition Management to the Federation Dressage Department within 48 hours after the competition. Exception: Competitions held at the end of the qualifying period require submission of results within 24 hours after the competition. This rule also applies to NAYC qualifying classes. Results must be submitted to [results@usef.org](mailto:results@usef.org); **AND to USDF** [results@usdf.org](mailto:results@usdf.org).

### Section Codes

USEF/NAYC Dressage Qualifying competitions **must** use proper result reporting per the below section code guide pictured below. Submission of results without correct section codes may impact the approval to the USEF/NAYC Qualifying Calendar in the future.

USEF Qualifying Class Section Codes			
<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Section Code</u>	<u>Test Name</u>	<u>Program/Division</u>
DRESSAGE	1551	USEF Dressage Test for 4-Year-Old Horses	4-Year-Old Young Horse
DRESSAGE	1542	FEI Dressage Test for 5-Year-Old Horses - Final	5-Year-Old Young Horse
DRESSAGE	1581	FEI Dressage Test for 5-Year-Old Horses – Preliminary	5-Year-Old Young Horse
DRESSAGE	1543	FEI Dressage Test for 6-Year-Old Horses - Final	6-Year-Old Young Horse
DRESSAGE	1582	FEI Dressage Test for 6-Year-Old Horses - Preliminary	6-Year-Old Young Horse
DRESSAGE	1562	FEI Dressage Test for 7-Year-Old Horses - Final	7-Year-Old Young Horse
DRESSAGE	1583	FEI Dressage Test for 7-Year-Old Horses - Preliminary	7-Year-Old Young Horse
DRESSAGE	1584	USEF Developing Prix St. Georges	Developing Horse Prix St. Georges
DRESSAGE	1585	USEF Developing Grand Prix	Developing Horse Grand Prix
DRESSAGE	1555	FEI Grand Prix 16-25	Brentina Cup
DRESSAGE	1535	FEI Intermediate II	Brentina Cup & Developing Horse Grand Prix
DRESSAGE	1575	FEI Junior Team Test	Junior
DRESSAGE	1576	FEI Junior Individual Test	Junior
DRESSAGE	1577	FEI Young Rider Team Test	Young Rider
DRESSAGE	1578	FEI Young Rider Individual Test	Young Rider
DRESSAGE	1579	FEI Children Team Test	Children
DRESSAGE	1580	FEI Children Individual Test	Children
DRESSAGE	9980	FEI Children Preliminary B Test	Children
DRESSAGE	1573	FEI Pony Team Test	Pony

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DRESSAGE	1574	FEI Pony Individual Test	Pony
DRESSAGE	1557	CDI - Grand Prix Open	Grand Prix (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1558	CDI - Grand Prix Special	Grand Prix (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1559	CDI - Grand Prix Freestyle	Grand Prix (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1557	CDI-AM FEI Grand Prix	Grand Prix - Am (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1531	FEI Prix St. Georges	Intermediaire I (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1533	Intermediate I	Intermediaire I (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1534	Intermediate I Freestyle	Intermediaire I (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1531	FEI Prix St. Georges for Amateur CDIAm	Intermediaire I - Am (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1533	FEI Intermediate I for Amateur CDIAm	Intermediaire I - Am (For CDI competitions)
DRESSAGE	1534	Intermediate I Freestyle - CDIAm	Intermediaire I - Am (For CDI competitions)
PARA DRESSAGE	1590	FEI Para Grand Prix Test A <i>(Formally called FEI Para Team Test)</i>	Para Dressage
PARA DRESSAGE	1591	FEI Para Grand Prix Test B <i>(Formally FEI Para Individual Test)</i>	Para Dressage
PARA DRESSAGE	1592	FEI Para Grand Prix Freestyle <i>(Formally FEI Para Freestyle Test)</i>	Para Dressage
PARA DRESSAGE	1593	Para-Equestrian Dressage	Para Dressage
PARA DRESSAGE	9968	FEI Para Intermediate Test A	Para Dressage
PARA DRESSAGE	9969	FEI Para Intermediate Test B	Para Dressage
PARA DRESSAGE	9970	FEI Para Intermediate Test Freestyle	Para Dressage

Results must be submitted to [results@usef.org](mailto:results@usef.org); **AND** [results@usdf.org](mailto:results@usdf.org).

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## Guide to Hosting Para Dressage Qualifying Tests

**All approved Qualifying Competitions are required to host Para Dressage Qualifying Tests.**

### **Dispensation or Classification Certificate:**

Athletes must provide Competition Management a copy of their Federation Dispensation/Classification Certificate with their entry. A copy of their Federation Dispensation/Classification Certificate must be attached to the Athlete's test for the Judge's reference.

Copies of these certificates must be attached to the judge's test copy and provided to the Technical Delegate. The ring steward should check the saddlery of one-third of the horses in each class immediately after the horse leaves the arena, in compliance with DR126.2.i.1. Any discrepancy will be reported to the Judge at C and may entail elimination. Management must provide a copy of each Athlete's Federation Dispensation/Classification Certificate to the ring stewards for all Para Athletes. See DR 308.9 and DR 119.12-DR119.1

### **FEI Para Dressage Tests:**

- FEI Para Dressage Tests are found [here](#) on the FEI website. Please note: the test names have been updated, effective January 1, 2023.
- FEI Para Dressage Tests must be ridden from memory unless an exemption is listed on the athlete's Dispensation/Classification Certificate. In all tests, movements must follow the order laid down in the test. See DR122.1, DR122.4 and DR310.

### **Facility and Arena Requirements for Para Team, Para Individual, and Para Freestyle TOC classes:**

- For designated national qualifying competitions, all tests for Grades I – III must be ridden in a small arena (20m x 40m). See DR303.4.
- For designated national qualifying competitions, all tests for Grades IV - V must be ridden in a standard size arena. See DR303.4.
- Restroom – it is encouraged but not required to provide a minimum of one (1) accessible port-a john if onsite facilities do not have an accessible restroom.
- It is encouraged but not required to provide wheelchair accessible mounting equipment.

### **Scheduling of Tests:**

When preparing your time schedule, consider ending the day with your Para classes in order to begin the next day with Para. This way you only need to change the arena size once a day. Most often, the support staff and families of the athletes are willing to help make any ring adjustments so do not hesitate to ask for help.

If you find that you need both the small and standard-size arenas for athletes in the same class, there are two (2) options:

1. Update your prize list to offer two separate FEI Para TOC classes.
2. Or create two separate divisions of the class.

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Divisions or sections of a class are considered to be a separate “class” only if listed as such in the prize list. Divisions or sections of a class may be held in different rings and judged by different judges. When divisions or sections are held under different conditions (i.e., different ring or judges), separate awards must be given (DR126.2.3). Don’t forget to send in your updated prize list to USEF! See GR904.

**Dress, Saddlery, Equipment & Compensating Aids:**

- Please refer to DR120.12 and DR121 for rules not specifically covered under DR306 - DR308.
- Athletes must use snaffle or double bridles (DR308.1) when competing in any FEI Para Dressage Test class. However, when athletes enter an able-bodied class/test, they must provide their Dispensation/Classification Certificate in order to use their compensating aids during the test.
- Due to the complex nature of the saddlery used by some Para athletes, refer to the FEI Para Dressage Rules for any additional requirements for bits and bridles not covered in DR121. See Article 8428 of the FEI Para Dressage Rules.

The aim of the above information is to provide Competition Management a brief outline of what to expect when offering the Para Dressage Tests. It is strongly recommended for Competition Management hosting the USEF/NAYC Qualifying Tests to familiarize themselves with all USEF General and Dressage Rules.

Still have questions on hosting Para Dressage Qualifying classes?

**Contact Laureen Johnson, Director of Para Equestrian ([lkjohnson@usef.org](mailto:lkjohnson@usef.org))**

## Level of Competition and Licensing

Competitions approved as USEF/NAYC qualifiers must be licensed as **Level 3 or higher competitions**. A competition and all associated officials and staff must fully comply with the requirements of a Level 3 competition (and/or above). In addition, the correct qualifying classes must be offered. Please refer to the Required Classes and Judge Requirements section. The Level 3 competition cannot be immediately preceded by a competition of a lower level (i.e., it is not permitted to hold a Level 2 competition on a Friday and then the qualifier on Saturday and Sunday.

- All competitions must retain current and correct USEF licenses and USDF recognition.
- Competitions held over the course of a weekend are considered one qualifying opportunity, even if they have separate license/recognition numbers.

## License Agreement

Competitions that are approved as USEF/NAYC qualifiers should ensure they select the correct classes when completing the USEF/USDF License Agreement.

For example, between **January 1, 2024, and July 22, 2024**, approved qualifying competitions would select the following:

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## USEF/USDF JOINT APPLICATION FOR LICENSE AGREEMENT

**COMPETITION CONTACT/SECRETARY**

Deadline for receipt of applications for new licenses in United States Equestrian Federation office:

- Dressage, Breed-Restricted, Multi-Breed - 60 days prior to date(s) requested
- Local - 30 days prior to date(s) requested



Office Use Only

Competition ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt of this application shall not be construed as a guarantee that a license will be granted (GR302). In applying for the below dates the licensee agrees to abide by the rules of the Federation and understands that failure to do so constitutes a breach of the license agreement and may constitute a violation of the rules which may subject the licensee to penalty under the provisions of GR706. Incomplete license applications and applications submitted without a completed licensee registration or accompanying fees will not be accepted.

Dressage competitions and open dressage divisions held at Regular or Local Competitions are not rated. Dressage competitions (Open to all breeds) are the ONLY competitions which may offer qualifying classes for High Performance, USEF/USDF Regional Championships, USDF Breeders Championship Series and USEF Championship programs. Regular or Local Competitions offering open or breed-restricted dressage divisions and/or classes may not offer qualifying classes for the above-listed programs.

Is this a Dressage, Regular or Local Competition?  Dressage only  Regular  Local

If Regular or Local, is the Dressage division breed restricted?  Yes  No

If yes, what breed(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate level of competition (Dressage competitions only). Please refer to Dressage Levels Chart in the Rule Book for Specifications.

**National Classes**  Level 1  Level 2  Level 3  Level 4  Level 5

**FEI/HP Classes**  Level 4  Level 5

(if applicable)

What classes will be offered?

Intro  Training  First  Second  Third  Fourth  PSG  I1  I2  GP  Freestyle (Training-Fourth Level Score Sheets and Rules available from USDF)

Pas de Deux  Quadrille (scoresheets and rules available from USDF)  Junior/Young Rider  Adult Amateur

Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Breeders Championship Series In-hand Classes  Materiale classes (scoresheets available from USDF)

ParaEquestrian Classes  Dressage Equitation  Young Horse

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship Qualifying (only offered at USEF-Licensed Dressage Competitions; must follow rules published by USDF and be designated as Great American/USDF Qualifying in Prize List)

USDF Benefit Class (Registration Form Available from USDF)

Check here if this an FEI-recognized competition (i.e., CDI, CDI-W, etc.)?

Do you have questions about organizing this competition and would like to be contacted by the Competition Management Regional Coordinator for advice?  Yes  No

Between July 22, 2024, and December 31, 2024, approved qualifying competitions would select the following:

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Indicate level of competition (Dressage competitions only). Please refer to Dressage Levels Chart in the Rule Book for Specifications.

**National Classes**       Level 1     Level 2     Level 3     Level 4     Level 5

**FEI/HP Classes**       Level 4     Level 5

(if applicable)

What classes will be offered?

Intro    Training    First    Second    Third    Fourth    PSG    I1    I2    GP    Freestyle (Training-Fourth Level Score Sheets and Rules available from USDF)

Pas de Deux     Quadrille (scoresheets and rules available from USDF)     Junior/Young Rider     Adult Amateur

Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Breeders Championship Series In-hand Classes    Materiale classes (scoresheets available from USDF)

ParaEquestrian Classes    Dressage Equitation    Young Horse|

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship Qualifying (only offered at USEF-Licensed Dressage Competitions; must follow rules published by USDF and be designated as Great American/USDF Qualifying in Prize List)

USDF Benefit Class (Registration Form Available from USDF)

Check here if this an FEI-recognized competition (i.e., CDI, CDI-W, etc.)?  

***If you have any questions when completing the license agreement, please contact us at [dressage@usef.org](mailto:dressage@usef.org).***

## Date and Location Changes

Modifications may be made to approved competitions, however they must be received a minimum of 12 weeks prior to the competition and are subject to approval of the Dressage Calendar Working Group. Exceptions may be made to this rule in extraordinary circumstances.

*Modifications include:*

- Change of Date(s) from Date(s) submitted on Application.
- Change of Venue/Location from Venue/Location submitted on Application.
- Addition of Date(s) from Date(s) submitted on Application.
- Changes of Manager/Secretary must be submitted to the USEF Competitions Department, however no approval is required as long as Manager/Secretary meet qualification requirements for Level 3 or above competitions.

If modifications do not follow the process outlined in the [Policies and Procedures](#), the competition may be removed as a USEF/NAYC Dressage Qualifying Competition. Notice of modifications must be sent to [dressage@usef.org](mailto:dressage@usef.org).

## Cancellation of a USEF/NAYC Dressage Qualifying Competition

Cancellation of any USEF/NAYC event outside of the regular Open Review period must be received in writing to the Dressage Department ([dressage@usef.org](mailto:dressage@usef.org)) with specific reasoning concerning the cancellation. **Prior to cancelling, organizers must work with USEF Dressage Staff to resolve any issues that may lead to cancellation. If organizers do not work with USEF Dressage Staff and cancel the qualifying classes, they will not be eligible to apply for qualifying status in 2025.**

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## Qualifying Requirements

Please review the respective Qualifying Requirements found on the USEF website:

[FEI North American Youth Championships](#)

[Festival of Champions](#)

[World Breeding Championships](#)

These Qualifying Requirements are based on the USEF and FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the Qualifying Requirements caused by a change in USEF or FEI rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The Qualifying Requirements are based on the latest information available to USEF. However, the Qualifying Requirements are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

### Applicable Rules

Designated qualifying competitions must comply with all of the outlined requirements in this manual, as well as the USEF Dressage Rules, USEF General Rules, and Qualifying Requirements that apply to these competitions. Failure to comply may result in investigation, penalties, and sanctions and will affect a competition's future status as a qualifier. If you determine that your competition is unable or unwilling to comply with these requirements and would like to be removed from the official qualifying competition list, contact [dressage@usef.org](mailto:dressage@usef.org) immediately.

- **24 Hour Rule:** When qualifying for Children, Pony Riders, Juniors, Young Riders, and Brentina Cup (Young Adults), Intermediaire I, or Grand Prix within 24 hours prior and through the conclusion of the competition, any horse entered in a USEF Qualifying class shall not be ridden by anyone other than the athlete entered in that class on that horse, under penalty of disqualification from the class for USEF championship qualifying purposes. Exception: grooms riding on a loose rein. For purposes of this rule, the competition starts when horse and athlete arrive on the show grounds. This rule also applies for NAYC and USEF High Performance (HP) qualifying competitions and classes.
- **Dress:** Please refer to DR120-121 for Dress and Saddlery rules for national level competition qualifiers. For a CDI event, all FEI Dressage and General Regulations must be followed.
- **Equipment:**
  - Junior and Young Rider – Snaffle or double bridle is permitted for USEF/NAYC qualifying classes held at a national competition or CDI.
  - Brentina Cup, Grand Prix and Intermediaire I – Snaffle or double bridle is permitted for qualifying classes held at a national competition. FEI Rules are followed at a CDI.
  - Developing Horse – Snaffle or double bridle is permitted for qualifying classes held at a national competition. FEI Rules are followed at a CDI.

[USEF Dressage Rules](#)

[USEF General Rules](#)

[FEI Rules](#)

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## Judge Requirements

**A panel of at least two (2) FEI and/or USEF “S” judges (or at least one (1) FEI Judge and one (1) USEF ‘S’ Judge) must officiate all:**

- FEI Children Tests
- FEI Pony Rider Tests
- FEI Junior and Young Rider Tests
- FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test
- FEI Intermediate II Test
- FEI Grand Prix Test
- FEI Grand Prix Special Test
- FEI Prix St. Georges Test
- FEI Intermediate I Test
- FEI Para Dressage Grand Prix Test A
- FEI Para Dressage Grand Prix Test B
- FEI Para Dressage Intermediate A
- FEI Para Dressage Intermediate B
- USEF Developing Horse Prix St. Georges and Grand Prix Tests
- USEF Four-Year-Old Test, FEI Young Horse Preliminary and Final Tests for Five-, Six- and Seven-Year Olds\* (~~preliminary tests only applicable to WBC qualifying competitions~~)

*\*Note: 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.*

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## FEI Children Tests at USEF Dressage Competitions

Please review the below memo in its entirety.

All USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competitions (Level 3, 4 or 5) must offer the FEI Children Tests as follows:

1. The FEI Children Team and Individual Tests must be judged by a panel of at least two (2) USEF S and/or FEI Judges (or at least one (1) FEI Judge and USEF S Judge).
  - **Two Judges:** Judge at C uses only the Technical Marking Sheet. Judge at B or E uses only the Quality Marking Sheet. The technical score and the quality score shall be weighted each with 50% towards the final score.
  - **Three Judges:** Judge at C uses only the Technical Marking Sheet; two judges sitting together at either B or E use only the Quality Marking Sheet. The technical score and the quality score shall be weighted each with 50% towards the final score.
  - For CDI-Ch events within the qualifying period, the average of the technical score and the quality score will count towards Festival and/or NAYC, pending the submission of the USEF CDI & Championship report form per the Qualifying Requirements/Selection Procedures for these Championships.
2. The FEI Children Preliminary B Test must be earned in an FEI Children Preliminary B class or in an FEI Test of Choice class. These classes must be judged by a minimum of one (1) USEF S or FEI judge. See below for the placement of judges.
3. All other qualifying requirements will remain the same for this division.

**Placement of Judges for the FEI Children Preliminary B Test and for national level competitions offering a non-qualifying FEI Children Test(s), competitions may use one, two, or three judges:**

- 1) **One Judge:** Judge at C uses the Technical Marking Sheet. The Quality Marking Sheet will not be used or filled out by the judge.
- 2) **Two Judges:** Judge at C uses the Technical Marking Sheet. The Judge at B or E uses only the Quality Marking Sheet. The technical score and the quality score shall be weighted each with 50% towards the final score.
- 3) **Three Judges:** Judge at C uses only the Technical Marking Sheet; two judges sitting together at B or E use only the Quality Marking Sheet. The technical score and the quality score shall be weighted each with 50% towards the final score.
- 4) To include this test as an FEI Test of Choice (TOC) class where only one judge presides, ONLY the Technical Marking Sheet can be used. If two or three judges preside over the FEI Children Tests, they must be offered separately in TOC class that is limited to FEI Children Tests (i.e., separate placing and awards must be offered due to different judging conditions).

Please note that one single judge will not complete both the technical and quality marking components of the FEI Children tests for either National or CDI-Ch competition. When only one judge, they must be at C and use only the Technical Marking Sheet. The Quality Marking Sheet will only be used when one or two judges also officiate at B or E.

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