



MEMORANDUM

To: 2025 FEI North American Youth Championships, U25

Date: July 26, 2024

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

Re: Qualifying Dates and Competitions for 2025 FEI North American Youth Championships, U25

Dear Potential 2025 FEI North American Youth Championship Applicants – U25:

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 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 2024 FEI North American Youth Championship is scheduled to take place on July 29th – August 3rd, 2024, in Traverse City, Michigan.

1. Qualifying Period

The proposed qualifying period for the 2025 FEI North American Youth Championships, U25 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 Events: Scores earned at CDI (including CDI/U25) 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.
- USEF Brentina Cup Dressage National Championship: Scores earned at this National Championship 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 edition of the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test and **two** scores in the current edition of the FEI Intermediate II Test.
- For the U25 Championship, the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test is the Individual test and the FEI Intermediate II Test is the Team test.
- 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.
- Hors de Concours entries are not permitted in USEF/NAYC Qualifying classes.

4. Certificate of Capability

- A minimum overall average of 64% or greater will be required 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 FEI Grand Prix Freestyle.

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: Please refer to [DR120-121](#) for dress and saddlery rules for national level competition for U25 Championship qualifiers. 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.