



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 22, 2021

To: USEF Dressage Competition Managers

From: USEF Dressage and Competitions Department

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

Dear Dressage Competition Managers,

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

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 Dressage from the rule. This Presidential Modification, and ultimately rule change, will permit Dressage Competitions to fully take advantage of the updates to GR 821 which went into effect December 1, 2020 as listed below.

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.

For Regular Competitions offering 'Open' Dressage classes, this Presidential Modification will only apply to the open Dressage division/classes.

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

