



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** September 5, 2023  
**To:** US Young Rider Athletes  
**From:** Laura Roberts, Managing Director, Dressage  
**Re:** Aachen CDIY – July 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) has requested an invitation from the Organizer of the Aachen CDIY for the 2024 event (July 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2024). Upon confirmation from the Organizer, it is USEF's intention to send two combinations to the CDIY.

**Athletes interested in competing in this event must submit an application by March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:00pm eastern, in order to be considered for selection. Declarations must be submitted on your USEF Dashboard.**

Athlete/Horse combinations must have earned at least one (1) score of 70% or higher in the FEI Young Rider Team Test or FEI Young Rider Individual Test since January 1, 2023, in either a CDIY or the 2023 USEF Young Rider National Championships. If the number of declarations received exceeds the number of invitations received, the USEF Dressage Sport Committee (or its designees) will consider the following criteria in its selection of Athlete/Horse combinations:

1. All recent scores in the FEI Young Rider Team Test, FEI Young Rider Individual Test and FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test. FEI Prix St. Georges and FEI Intermediate I scores may also be considered.
2. Trend in scores.
3. Results from CDIs will carry a greater weight than results from CDNs, including National Championships.
4. Previous international experience of the athlete and/or athlete/horse combination including the demonstrated ability to succeed in CDIs or CDIOs.
5. The "State of Preparedness" of the athlete/horse combination. Athlete/horse combinations overall state of readiness to perform successfully at International Dressage Competition, not just limited to health and soundness of the horse.

It is anticipated that Athlete/Horse combinations selected will be required to compete in at least one European preparation competition prior to the Aachen CDIY.

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