



MEMORANDUM

To: 2025 FEI North American Youth Championships

Date: July 26, 2024

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

Re: Qualifying Dates & Competitions for 2025 FEI North American Youth Championships, Children

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 will be 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 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 will be 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-Ch Events: Scores earned at CDI-Ch 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.
- USEF Children 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 Children Team Test and **two** scores in the current edition of the FEI Children Individual Test.
- The Technical Test scoresheet and Quality Marking sheet will be averaged, and the average will serve as the final score on the ranking list.
- 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 Children Championship must qualify with FEI Children Tests.
- In addition to these tests, athlete/horse combinations will be required to complete the FEI Children Preliminary B Test at one designated qualifying competition.
- 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 62.000% or greater attributed by a panel of two (2) or more USEF 'S' or FEI Judges, in the FEI Children Team Test and FEI Children Individual Test at two (2) different qualifying competitions in order to be named to the Nominated and Definite Entries.
- Only scores earned in the designated qualifying classes will count towards the Certificate of Capability. The technical score is given by the judge at C, and the quality score is given by the judge at E (or B).
- In addition to these tests, athlete/horse combinations will be required to earn one score of 62.000% or higher in the FEI Children Preliminary B Test at a designated qualifying competition.
- The FEI Children Preliminary B Test must be earned in an FEI Children Preliminary B class or an FEI Test of Choice class. The class must be judged by a minimum of one (1) judge. For the placement of judges for the FEI Children Tests, please review the memo [here](#).

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, only snaffle bridles will be permitted for FEI Tests for Children. **If you are competing in a CDI and/or NAYC, FEI Rules apply.**

Horse Requirements: The ability to compete with a pony in the FEI Children's Championship will be determined prior to the publication of final selection procedures, no later than December 1, 2024.

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.