

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 9, 2024

To: US Dressage Athletes

From: Laura Roberts, Managing Director of Dressage

Re: CDIO3*/CDIOU25 Wellington, FL – February 19-23, 2025

The USEF will receive an invitation from the organizer of the Global Dressage Festival to enter at least one team in the Wellington CDIO3* and CDIOU25 (February 19-23, 2025). The 2025 FEI Dressage Nations Cup Rules allow for only Big Tour combinations to compete in this year's CDIO3*.

If USEF receives an invitation for a second team, only one team will be eligible for CDIO points, the Chef d'Equipe will determine the team participating for CDIO points.

Athletes interested in competing in this event must submit an application through their [USEF athlete dashboard](#) by February 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM ET, in order to be considered for selection. Scores will be considered through Monday, February 10, 2025.

Selection method: The anticipated selection method below is being provided for planning purposes. The final selection procedures are anticipated to be published in January 2025.

CDIO-U25: Athlete/Horse combinations must have earned at least one (1) score of 64% or higher in the FEI Intermediaire II Test since 1 January 2024 in either a CDI-U25 or the 2024 USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' National Championships. If the number of declarations received exceeds the number of invitations received, the US Equestrian Dressage Sport Committee (or its designees) will consider the following when recommending the entries:

1. All recent scores in the FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Test, FEI Intermediaire II Test and FEI Grand Prix Freestyle Test. FEI Grand Prix and FEI Grand Prix Special 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.

CDIO3*: Entries for athlete/horse combinations to compete at this event will be recommended by the USEF Dressage Sport Committee or its designees based on the following priorities:

1. Recent CDI scores in Big Tour or Small Tour (past 8 months)
2. Trend in scores
3. Chef d'Equipe/Technical Advisor shall have the discretion to recommend up to two athlete/horse combinations per team. When recommending the combinations, the Chef d'Equipe/Technical Advisor will take into consideration, but not be limited to, the following factors:
 - a) The potential to produce scores above 73% in the Big Tour (GP, GPS and/or GPF);
 - b) Previous international experience of the athlete or horse, including the demonstrated ability of the horse and athlete to succeed in CDIs or CDIOs;
 - c) Recent FEI Grand Prix, FEI Grand Prix Special, FEI Grand Prix Freestyle test scores at CDNs or CDIs.

All selection is subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors.

Funding: Refer to the 2025 U.S. Dressage Funding Principles for information regarding the possibility of funding [here](#). All funding is subject to funds available.

Questions: Please do not hesitate to contact Laura Roberts at lroberts@usef.org or 859.225.6986 with any questions regarding the CDIO plans for 2025.