



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 28, 2024
To: U.S. FEI Young Rider Dressage Athletes
From: Sarah Hollander, Director, Dressage Performance & Event Support
Re: 2025 European Young Rider Tour

This memo is intended to provide athletes with a summary of the anticipated 2025 European Young Rider Tour selection process. This preliminary information is being provided to assist you with your competition planning and may be subject to change. Please remember that this information is based upon the recommendations of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Dressage Sport Committee and the final selection procedures are subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors.

Providing U.S. combinations the opportunity to compete in Europe, if they have reached a required level, is considered an important part of the USEF Dressage Pathway. It is anticipated that three U.S. Young Rider athlete/horse combinations will be selected to participate in European CDI-O-Y. Prior to the CDI-O-Y, combinations will participate in either a CDI-Y or European national competition. The level of funding will depend on the resources available and other calls on resources and priorities set by the USEF Board of Directors and United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC). USEF anticipates that combinations will compete in a minimum of two to three FEI competitions, with a tentative competition schedule being made available after approval of the 2025 FEI Competition Calendar by the FEI by January 1, 2025. It should be noted that there is no intention to compete in competitions on consecutive weekends.

APPLICATION – Athletes wishing to be considered for selection for this Tour must submit an application by **5:00PM ET, Monday, March 3rd, 2025**. The application for the European Young Rider Tour is available through your USEF Athlete Dashboard.

It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be required to earn at least two scores from the FEI Young Rider Team Test and two scores from the FEI Young Rider Individual Test in CDI-Y Events between September 9, 2024 and TBD, with the following exception: Scores earned in the FEI Young Rider Team Test and FEI Young Rider Individual Test from the 2024 USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship or 2024 FEI North American Youth Championship, may be submitted to serve as one of the Team Test scores and/or one of the Individual Test scores required. It is anticipated that at least one score in the FEI Young Rider Team Test and one score in the FEI Young Rider Individual Test must be earned after January 1, 2024. As a part of FEI CDI-Y events, at least one FEI Young Rider Freestyle test score must also be earned. Freestyle scores will be verified by the Dressage Department and will not be counted for the ranking lists or an athlete/horse combination's overall average.

QUESTIONS – If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Hollander at shollander@usef.org or 859.225.6914 or Laura Roberts at lroberts@usef.org or 859.225.6986

