



FEI Children Tests at USEF Dressage Competitions

Please review the below memo in its entirety.

All USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competitions (Level 3, 4 or 5) must offer the FEI Children Tests as follows:

1. The FEI Children Team and Individual Tests must be judged by a panel of at least two (2) USEF S and/or FEI Judges (or at least one (1) FEI Judge and USEF S Judge).
 - **Two Judges:** Judge at C uses only the Technical Marking Sheet. Judge at B or E uses only the Quality Marking Sheet. The technical score and the quality score shall be weighted each with 50% towards the final score.
 - **Three Judges:** Judge at C uses only the Technical Marking Sheet; two judges sitting together at either B or E use only the Quality Marking Sheet. The technical score and the quality score shall be weighted each with 50% towards the final score.
 - For CDI-Ch events within the qualifying period, the average of the technical score and the quality score will count towards Festival and/or NAYC, pending the submission of the USEF CDI & Championship report form per the Qualifying Requirements/Selection Procedures for these Championships.
2. The FEI Children Preliminary B Test must be earned in an FEI Children Preliminary B class or in an FEI Test of Choice class. These classes must be judged by a minimum of one (1) USEF S or FEI judge. See below for the placement of judges.
3. All other qualifying requirements will remain the same for this division.

Placement of Judges for the FEI Children Preliminary B Test and for national level competitions offering a non-qualifying FEI Children Test(s), competitions may use one, two, or three judges:

- 1) **One Judge:** Judge at C uses the Technical Marking Sheet. The Quality Marking Sheet will not be used or filled out by the judge.
- 2) **Two Judges:** Judge at C uses the Technical Marking Sheet. The Judge at B or E uses only the Quality Marking Sheet. The technical score and the quality score shall be weighted each with 50% towards the final score.
- 3) **Three Judges:** Judge at C uses only the Technical Marking Sheet; two judges sitting together at B or E use only the Quality Marking Sheet. The technical score and the quality score shall be weighted each with 50% towards the final score.
- 4) To include this test as an FEI Test of Choice (TOC) class where only one judge presides, ONLY the Technical Marking Sheet can be used. If two or three judges preside over the FEI Children Tests, they must be offered separately in TOC class that is limited to FEI Children Tests (i.e., separate placing and awards must be offered due to different judging conditions).

Please note that one single judge will not complete both the technical and quality marking components of the FEI Children tests for either National or CDI-Ch competition. When only one judge, they must be at C and use only the Technical Marking Sheet. The Quality Marking Sheet will only be used when one or two judges also officiate at B or E.

