



# UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

## THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY FOR EQUESTRIAN SPORT

### Requirements for USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions

Congratulations! Your competition (which falls between the dates of January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010) has been chosen as an official USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competition. **There are several important requirements regarding these qualifiers as outlined below, all of which must be followed in order to obtain and retain qualifying status.** Designated qualifying competitions must comply with all of the below-outlined requirements. Failure to comply may result in investigation, administrative penalties and sanctions and will affect a competition's future status as a qualifier. If you determine that your competition is unable or unwilling to comply with these requirements and would like to be removed from the official qualifying competition list, contact the USEF Dressage Department immediately.

- **Qualifying Periods for Championships:** Qualifying periods for the 2010 calendar year are as follows:
  - **Competitions dated January 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010 are considered qualifiers for the following programs:**
    - 2010 FEI NAJYRC;
    - 2010 USEF National Junior Dressage Championship;
    - 2010 USEF National Young Rider Dressage Championship;
    - 2010 USEF National "Brentina Cup" Dressage Championship;
  - IN ADDITION TO:**
    - 2010 USEF National Young Horse Dressage Championships;
    - 2010 USEF National Developing Horse Dressage Championship.
  - **Competitions dated from August 16, 2010 – December 31, 2010 are considered qualifiers for the following programs for 2011:**
    - 2011 FEI NAJYRC;
    - 2011 USEF National Junior Dressage Championship;
    - 2011 USEF National Young Rider Dressage Championship;
    - 2011 USEF National "Brentina Cup" Dressage Championship.
  - Please note: Young & Developing Horse Program qualifying does not begin until January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year; therefore, there are no late summer or fall qualifying competitions for these divisions. In addition, for 2010, due to Championship dates and to avoid confusion among competitors, there will be no July or early August 2010 qualifiers in ANY region for any USEF Championship program or the NAJYRC.
- **Prize Lists:** All qualifying competitions must be acknowledged in the header of the prize list in the following manner:

*"Official Qualifying Competition for the FEI North American Junior and Young Riders' Championships and Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF National Junior, Young Rider & Brentina Cup Championships."*

In addition, if your competition is dated between January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010, you must also include the following language:

***“Official Qualifying Competition for the Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Program and USEF National Developing Horse Dressage Championship (sponsored by the Dutta Corp & PSI).”***

- **Classes:** Classes for each division must be offered as follows. These classes must be clearly designated as follows:

**JUNIORS:** (These classes must be clearly designated as “NAJYRC and USEF Qualifying”)

- FEI Junior Team Test
- FEI Junior Individual Test
- FEI Junior Freestyle Test

*The Team & Individual tests are **mandatory** for competitors – they must complete both tests for scores to count. The FEI Junior Freestyle must also be offered but is optional for competitors. The Team Test must be scheduled PRIOR to the Individual and Freestyle Tests.*

**YOUNG RIDERS:** (These classes must be clearly designated as “NAJYRC and USEF Qualifying”)

- FEI Young Rider Team Test
- FEI Young Rider Individual Test
- FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test

*The Team & Individual tests are mandatory for competitors – they must complete both tests for scores to count. The FEI Young Rider Freestyle must also be offered but is optional for competitors. The Team Test must be scheduled PRIOR to the Individual and Freestyle Tests.*

**YOUNG ADULTS “BRENTINA CUP”:** (This class must be clearly designated as “USEF Qualifying”)

- USEF “Brentina Cup” Test

*These competitors ride only one test for qualification. Only one test designated as “qualifying” may be offered per competition and/or weekend (separate competitions held over a weekend are considered one qualifier).*

**YOUNG HORSE:** (Must be clearly designated as “Markel/USEF Qualifying”)

- USEF Four-Year-Old Test
- FEI Five-Year-Old Final Test
- FEI Six-Year-Old Final Test

*Horses in each age division are ridden in only one (1) test for qualification. Only one class designated as “USEF qualifying” for each age division may be offered per competition and/or weekend (separate competitions held over a weekend are considered one qualifier).*

*These tests may be offered as separate classes or packaged as a “Young Horse Test of Choice” class. Please note Preliminary Tests for 5- and 6-year-olds do NOT count towards qualification.*

**DEVELOPING HORSE:** (Must be clearly designated as “USEF Qualifying”)

- USEF Developing Horse Test (*the 2009 edition will remain in effect for 2010*)

*Horses in this division (7 – 9-year-olds) are ridden in only one (1) Developing Horse Test for qualification. Seven-, 8-, and 9-year-old horses all compete together in one class. Only one Developing Horse Test designated as “USEF qualifying” may be offered per competition and/or weekend (separate competitions held over a weekend are considered one qualifier). Please note: Developing Horses competing in U.S. CDI competitions may use the FEI Prix St. Georges Test towards qualification. For national competitions, the PSG does not count towards qualification for this program.*

**In addition, here are some important reminders:**

- **Date/Location Changes:** Approved dates reflect current license agreements on file with USEF. Any date or location changes for a competition must immediately be noticed, in writing, to the USEF Dressage Department. Any change in date or venue for an approved competition may affect qualifying status.
- **Judges:** At least two (2) USEF “S” or FEI judges must officiate for all of the respective qualifying classes.
- **Licenses:** All competitions must retain current and correct USEF licenses and USDF recognition. Competitions held over the course of a weekend are considered one qualifying opportunity, even if they have separate license/recognition numbers.
- **Dressage Tests:** Please visit the USEF website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) for the current edition of all tests to be used at your competition.
- **Test of Choice:** NONE of these “qualifying” tests may be offered as part of a Test of Choice class except as specifically noted for Young Horse tests (above).
- **Whips:** USEF rules specify that whips are permitted for qualifying classes for these programs. However, FEI whip rules supersede USEF rules at CDI competitions.
- **Results:** Qualifying competitions are REQUIRED to fax or e-mail the Junior, Young Rider, Brentina Cup, Young Horse, & Developing Horse results to the USEF Dressage Department ([jkeeler@usef.org](mailto:jkeeler@usef.org)) within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of your competition. In addition, Junior and Young Rider results for NAJYRC-qualifying must also be sent to USDF [results@usdf.org](mailto:results@usdf.org) within 48 hours. This requirement is in addition to your overall class results being sent to the USEF Sports Data Department within 10 days and regular USDF requirements for reporting competition results. Please do not send .dat files to the USEF Dressage Department as we can not open them! PDF’s are preferred.

A complete list of designated qualifying competitions is maintained on the Federation website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org). Additional information, including applications for riders and complete selection procedures, are available on the dressage page of the USEF website, [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), and on the USDF website, [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). I appreciate your participation in and for helping provide these special qualifying opportunities for your exhibitors. Thank you again, and please do not hesitate to contact me directly by e-mail to [jkeeler@usef.org](mailto:jkeeler@usef.org).

Sincerely,

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