

## Requirements for 2012 USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions

Congratulations! One or more of your competitions have been approved as a 2012 USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competition. Please click [here](#) to see the approved calendar. 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.

- **Prize Lists:** 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 Pony Rider, Junior, Young Rider and Brentina Cup Championships. Official Qualifying Competition for the Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Program and USEF National Developing Horse Dressage Championship Prix St George Division (sponsored by the Dutta Corp and PSI) and Grand Prix Division”***

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

**PONIES:** Riders ages 12-16 (DR119.8)

(These classes must be clearly designated as “USEF Qualifying”)

- FEI Pony Team Test
- FEI Pony Individual Test

*The Team and Individual tests are mandatory for competitors – they must complete both tests for scores to count. The FEI Pony Freestyle may also be offered but is optional for competitors.*

**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 Prix St. Georges Test
- USEF Developing Grand Prix Test

*Horses in each division (PSG 7 – 9-year-olds and GP 8-10-year-olds) are ridden in only one (1) Developing Horse Test (PSG or GP) per division for qualification. Only one Developing Prix St. Georges Test and one Developing Grand Prix 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 in the PSG Division, and the FEI Grand Prix in the GP Division, towards qualification. For national competitions, the PSG, I-2 and/or GP does not count towards qualification for this program – only Developing Horse tests.*

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

- **Level of Competition:** Competitions approved as USEF/NAJYRC qualifiers are considered LEVEL 3 competitions. A competition and all associated officials and staff must fully comply with the requirements of a Level 3 competition. Please refer to the USEF website for complete rules (DR126) and the Dressage Competition Levels chart for complete rules and requirements.
- **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.

- **Cancellations:** In the event that a USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competition must be cancelled due to weather, extreme conditions, management decisions or acts of God and the Team Test has already been ridden, the athlete will not receive a zero (0) and his/her scores will not count towards USEF National Championship Qualifying or NAJYRC qualifying; however, any scores earned at the competition will still be reflected on the athlete's record for USDF year-end award(s) and/or GAIG/USDF Regional Championship qualifying purposes.
- **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.
- **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 results to the USEF Dressage Department ([hgriffin@usef.org](mailto:hgriffin@usef.org)) within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of your competition; additionally the qualifying class results should be emailed to [najyrc@usdf.org](mailto:najyrc@usdf.org) within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of your competition.
- **Requirements:** Designated qualifying competitions must comply with all the above outlined requirements. Failure to comply may result in investigation, 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 the above requirements and would like to be removed from the official qualifying competition list, contact the USEF and USDF office immediately.

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, will be 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).

We appreciate your participation and for helping provide these special qualifying opportunities for your exhibitors. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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