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Dear Potential 2020 FEI North American Youth Championships Applicants:

Please review the information below which outlines some of the updates/changes to the Selection Procedures for the 2020 FEI North American Youth Championships. However, please make sure to read and understand the entire Selection Procedures, which can be found on our website here. The BEF will be responsible for the application process and liaising with the Regions. The 2020 FEI North American Youth Championships will take place at [TBA].

QUALIFYING PERIOD: The qualifying period for the 2020 FEI North American Youth Championships will begin on August 1, 2019 and end June 23, 2020 unless otherwise noted before January 1, 2020.

QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS/TESTS: The FEI North American Youth Championships is for FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider divisions. It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be required to complete at least three NAYC/USEF/BEF Qualifying Competitions to be eligible for an invitation to the Championships. Qualifying Competitions include all competitions beginning after August 1, 2019 on the NAYC/USEF/BEF Qualifying Competitions Calendar. The 2019 NAYC/USEF/BEF Qualifying Competitions Calendar can be found **here** www.bef.bm

Athletes may also earn qualifying scores at any CDI/Y/J, held within the United States of any other country that offers the FEI Young Rider Tests and the FEI Junior Tests within the designated qualifying period. CDI/Y/J scores are calculable at the option of the athlete and will only be computed into the athlete/horse's overall average upon receipt of a CDI/Y/J Report Form within the specified deadline stated on the form (Form can be found at www.bef.bm). If within the qualifying period, scores earned at the USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship or USEF Junior Dressage National Championship can be used as optional qualifying scores and are reportable under the same rules as a CDI/Y/J.

It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations will be required to earn at least three scores in the current editions of their respective FEI Junior Team Test or FEI Young Rider Team Test and at least three scores in the current editions of the FEI Junior Individual Test or FEI Young Rider Individual Tests in at least three NAYC/USEF/BEF Qualifying Competitions.

In addition to these tests, athlete/horse combinations will be required to earn at least one score of 65% in the respective FEI Junior Freestyle test and the FEI Young Rider Freestyle test.

Each FEI Team test and FEI Individual test will count as 50% of an athlete/horse combination's overall average from each NAYC/USEF/BEF Qualifying Competitions (i.e. FEI Young Rider Team test 50% + FEI

Junior Individual test 50% = 100%). A minimum overall average of 62% will be required in order to be named to the nominated and definite entries.

FEI Registration for the athlete is required for this Championship event. Additionally, the horse must have an active and FEI validated passport for this Championship event. Further deadlines for this requirement will be communicated in the NAYC/BEF Selection Procedures.

DROP SCORES: If an athlete/horse combination competes in four (4) or more different designated USEF/NAYC/BEF Qualifying Competitions, the lowest score earned in Team Test and the lowest score earned in the Individual Test will be dropped regardless of whether or not these scores were earned in the same competition. All remaining scores will be used to calculate each horse/rider combination's overall average.

FEI RIDER & HORSE REGISTRATION: Both the FEI Rider Registration and FEI Horse Registration must be completed in accordance with FEI rules, meaning that the FEI Registrations must be completed in order to be submitted on the FEI Nominated Entry. The Federation strongly encourages the registrations are complete by the end of the Qualifying period, June 23, 2020.

FEI HORSE PASSPORT: The FEI passport must also be completed and FEI validated in accordance with FEI rules, meaning that the FEI Passport must be completed by the FEI Nominated Entry. It is strongly encouraged for athletes to complete and FEI validate horse passports in the beginning of the qualifying process. Please be reminded that FEI Passports may take at least two business weeks for processing after they are received by the Federation. The Federation strongly urges all individuals to send the FEI passport with tracking.

APPLICATION OF INTENT: An Application of Intent is required to be submitted to BEF in order to be eligible for an invitation to this Championship. Please refer to the Selection Procedures for deadlines. An application is considered to be submitted once the email acknowledgement has been received. The Application of Intent will be available at www.bef.bm no later than January 1, 2020. Certificate of Domiciles must also be submitted with all Applications of Intent. Certificates of Domicile must be completed no later than 5 business days after the online submission of your applications of intent. No applications will be accepted after January 1st, 2020. However, if an application of intent is submitted on January 1st, 2020, an applicant will still be allowed 5 business days to submit their Certificate of Domicile. No application is considered complete without the submission of the Certificate of Domicile.

DOMICILE & CERTIFICATE OF DOMICILE: A rider may have only one domicile, which is defined as where the rider has their permanent home and where, whenever they are absent, intends to return. A minor's domicile follows that of the parent or guardian who has lawful custody of the minor (unless the minor is emancipated from their parent/guardian). For purposes of these selection procedures, a minor is any rider that has not yet reached their 18th birthday as of January 1, 2020.

Every rider or parent/guardian if the rider is a minor shall complete and submit a Certificate of Domicile with your application of Intent for this Championship. It is important to note that if a rider or legal guardian (if the rider is a minor) is found to have submitted inaccurate or misinformation or failed to

submit the Certificate of Domicile timely, the rider may be subject to disqualification from participating in the Event.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions regarding the above information or the Selection Procedures for the 2020 FEI North American Youth Championships, please do not hesitate to contact Angela Halloran-Smith at bdgnatcoachangela@gmail.com.