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SELECTION PROCEDURES

2020 FEI North American Youth Championships

DRESSAGE

## 1. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination:

1. Citizenship: The athlete must be a Bermuda citizen in compliance with FEI Article 119 (General Regulations, which can be found on the FEI's website at [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org)) at the time of application, selection and until the conclusion of the 2020 North American Youth championships (the Event or NAYC).

2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:

a. Athletes are eligible as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.

b. Athletes are eligible as Juniors from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18.

c. A horse must be a minimum of seven (7) years old to be competed in the Young Rider division. A horse must be a minimum of six (6) years old to be competed in the Junior division. Ponies and mules are ineligible to qualify for or compete in the NAYC. Horses must be over 149cm with shoes (FEI Rules for Dressage Events, Article 422.1).

d. The athlete and horse must be registered and in good standing with the FEI prior to being named to the nominated entry and until the conclusion of the Event.

e. the athlete and horse must comply with the FEI Rules for the Event.

3. Other Requirements:

a. The athlete must be a member in good standing of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation (BEF) to earn a qualifying score, at the time of application, and until the conclusion of the Event.



- b. The horse must be recorded with the BEF and in good standing under BEF rules from the first day of their first qualifying competition, at the time of application, and until the conclusion of the Event.
- c. The horse must be Registered with the BEF in order to earn a qualifying score, at the time of application, and until the conclusion of the Event.
- d. FEI Rider Registration and FEI Horse Registration must be completed in accordance with FEI rules. The Federation strongly encourages the registrations are completed by the end of the Qualified period.
- e. The FEI passport must also be completed and FEI validated in accordance with FEI rules. It is strongly encouraged for athletes to complete and FEI validated horse passport in the beginning of the qualifying process. Please be reminded that FEI Passports may take at least 2 business days or more for processing after they are received by the Federation.
- f. The owner of the horse must be a member in good standing for the BEF for the horse to earn a qualifying score, at the time of application, and until the conclusion of the Event.
- g. Athlete/ Horse combinations must have earned a Certificate of Capability.
- h. A rider may have only one domicile, which is where the rider has his permanent home and where, whenever he is 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 his 18<sup>th</sup> 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 the Application. If a rider or legal guardian of the rider is a minor is found to have submitted inaccurate or misinformation or failed to submit the Certificate of Domicile within (5) business days, the rider may be subject to disqualification from participating in the Event.

#### 4. QUALIFYING EVENTS:

- 1. A series of competitions held throughout the US have been designated as USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competitions for Bermuda citizens living in the US wishing to qualify for the NAYC. This list may be found on the BEF website. Bermuda citizens living in Bermuda will find a list of qualifying events on the BEF website.

The FEI Young Rider Team Test (current edition), FEI Young Rider Individual Test (current edition), and FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test (current edition), must be used for qualification for the NAYC. The FEI Junior Team Test (current edition), FEI Junior Individual Test (current edition), and the FEI Junior Freestyle (current edition), must be used for qualification for the NAYC.



These tests must be held as individual classes, which are specifically designated as NAYC Qualifying. “Test of Choice” (TOC) classes will not count. For calculation purposes, the athlete / horse combination’s overall average will be determined by averaging the scores earned in the Team and the Individual Test.

Qualifying scores for the Event may only be earned at designated USEF/NAYC or BEF Qualifying Competitions within the qualifying period beginning August 1, 2019 and ends June 23, 2020. However, it is anticipated that the qualifying periods will end a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the Nominated Entry date. Athletes may also earn qualifying scores at any CDI/Y/J, held within the United States or any other country that offers the FEI Young Rider Tests and 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 Bermuda Report Form within the specified deadline stated on the form. Scores submitted late will not be accepted. It is the sole responsibility of the athlete to ensure that qualifying scores for this program are presented to the BEF on time and are accurate.

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.

An applicant athlete/horse combination must earn at least three (3) sets of qualifying scores (three (3) scores in the Team Test and three (3) scores in the Individual Test) in qualifying competitions to be eligible for nomination to a team or as an Individual competitor at Event.

Athlete /horse combination will not receive a 0 if they choose to not complete the Team or Individual Test in a qualifying competition. One of these qualifying competitions (One (1) Team Test, One (1) Individual Test) must occur during the spring season (January 1, 2020 THROUGH June 23, 2020 otherwise determine no later than January 2020. However, it is anticipated that the qualifying period will end a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the Nominated Entry date.).

Please note: for these qualification purposes, competition(s) held over the course of more than one day count(s) as a single qualifying competition (even if each day has a separate license number) and only the designated tests count. An athlete / horse combination is limited to competing on one qualifier in the same location in one seven (7) day period, however CDI-Y/Js are exempt from this requirement.

Please note: Judges who are an owner of a horse or parent of an athlete or coach of athlete competing in this division shall NOT officiate for any BEF-USEF-NAYC Qualifying Classes for this division at designated Qualifying Competitions in any USDF or BEF region at any time during the qualifying period. Judges who do are subject to sanctions.



2. If an athlete / horse combination competes in more than three(3) designated BEF/USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competitions (must have earned scores in three(3) Team Tests and three (3) Individual Tests) and or CDI/Y/Js (if in the US), the lowest score earned in Team Test and the lowest score earned the Individual Test will be dropped regardless of whether or not these scores were earned in the same competition. Only one (1) score will be dropped from the Team Test and only one (1) score will be dropped from the Individual Test.

3. In addition to the above qualifying process, athlete /horse combinations will also be required to earn a Certificate of Capability, as described in Section 1 (SELECTION SYSTEM), within the Qualifying Period which begins August 1, 2019 and ends June 23, 2020 unless otherwise determined by no later than January 1, 2020. However, it is anticipated that the qualifying period will end a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the Nominate Entry date.

a. Young Rider Championship- Each athlete /horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by attaining a minimum overall average of 62.000% attribute by a panel of two (2) or more USEF 'S' or FEI Judges, in the FEI Young Rider Team Test and FEI Young Rider Individual Test at three (3) different designated BEF/ USEF/ NAYC qualifying competitions. In addition, they must earn, at least one (1) score of 65.000% in the FEI Young Rider Freestyle during the qualification period at an official qualifying event. Verification that an athlete/ horse combination has met the requirements of the Certificate of Capability will be based upon the achievement of the score requirements above.

b. Junior Championships – Each athlete / horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by attaining a minimum overall average of 62.000% attributed by a panel of two (2) or more USEF 'S' or FEI Judges, in the FEI Junior Team Test and FEI Junior Individual Test at three (3) different designated BEF/ USEF/ NAYC qualifying competitions. In addition, they must earn at least one (1) score of 65.000% in the FEI Junior Freestyle during the qualification period at an official qualifying event. Verification that an athlete / horse combination has met the requirements of the Certificate of Capability will be based upon the achievement for the score requirements above.

4. Special Rules pertaining to Dress, Saddlery, Schooling and Warm up at Qualifying Events:

a. Dress & Saddlery: Please refer to USEF Rules for dress and Saddlery requirements (DR 120-121) if competing in a USEF/NAYC Qualifying Competition or FEI Dressage Regulations if competing in CDI/Y/J competitions and or the NAYC. FEI rules apply for Bermuda qualifying events. **Snaffle bridles will be permitted for NAYC qualifying classes, USEF Junior qualifying classes and ESEF Young Rider qualifying classes. Double bridles will still be mandatory for NAYC and USEF Junior and Young Rider National Championships.**



b. Schooling & Warmup: Under penalty of disqualification for NAYC qualifying purposes, at no time during a competition offering FEI Young Rider or FEI Junior Qualifying classes at a designated BEF / USEF/ NAYC Qualifying competition, may any horse entered in a FEI Young Rider or FEI Junior Qualifying class be ridden by anyone other than the athlete entered in the class on that horse. Exception: grooms riding on a loose rein. For NAYC Qualifying Competitions held at USEF or BEF licensed Dressage Competitions, the competition starts when horse and or athlete arrive on the show grounds and ends at the conclusion of the BEF or USEF licensed Dressage Competition. For NAYC qualifying classes which are included in a CDI / Y/ J, per FEI Art. 422.3.6., no one other than the Athlete may ride the Horse he/she is entered with, after arrival on the show ground and official opening of the stables according to the FEI approved schedule as well as for the duration of the whole Event under penalty of disqualification (also see FEI DR Art. 429.10.4). Upon arrival on the show grounds, only the athlete when riding, walking, leading or lunging a horse (lunge whip allowed), is allowed to carry a whip (maximum 120 cm) anywhere on the showgrounds. The groom may also walk, lead, and lunge a horse as above. Other parties are allowed to carry a whip, provided it is not in connection with the training of the horse. Under no circumstances is the whip allowed to be used to school the horse in the stables.

For CDI-Y/Js, horses may not leave the stables, the competition area, or the areas supervised by the Stewards for any purpose unless authorized by a recognized FEI Official of the event or a Veterinarian acting in the interest of the health and welfare of the horse. Bermuda qualifying events will be limited to the competition grounds.

ANY ATHLETES WHO ARE LISTED ON BOTH THE JUNIOR AND YOUNG RIDER NOMINATED ENTRY MUST DECLARE IN WHICH EVENT THEY WILL PARTICIPATE BY THE DEFINITE ENTRY DEADLINE.

## 5 REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

A. Prior to and after the Definite Entries Deadline, BEF has jurisdiction over athlete/horse combinations who might participate at the Event: An athlete/horse combination whose name is included on a submitted Nominated Entry may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by BEF and in accordance with these procedures.

\* Voluntary withdrawal. The athlete must advise BEF of their withdrawal in writing.

\* Violation of the BEF Code of Conduct (attached)

\* Failure to adhere to all USOC, IOC, USEF, FEI, BEF, USADA, and or WADA anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures including, if applicable, participation in the out-of-competition testing as required by the FEI and / or WADA Rules.



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B. An athlete may be removed at any time for the violation of FEI and or WADA anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the FEI- Athletes must adhere to all USOC, IOC, USEF, FEI, BEF, USADA, and WADA anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, and may be drug tested.

### 6. SUBSTITUTIONS:

A. Substitution athlete/horse combinations will be selected, should a vacancy occur, according to the following method in accordance with the FEI Definite Schedule for the Event.

1. Prior to the Definite Entries: Prior to Definite Entries, BEF has the discretion to substitute athlete/ horse combinations for the reasons set forth in Section 5A.

a. Openings, if they occur, whether by voluntary withdrawal or removal, will be filled according to BEF's list of athlete/horse combinations on the Nominated Entry.

b. Any substitution for reasons set forth in Section 5A, EXCEPT BY VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL, must have the approval of the BEF Executive Board of its designees.

2. After the Definite Entries and until two (2) hours before the Horse Inspection: After the Definite Entries and until two (2) hours before the Horse Inspection, BEF has the discretion to substitute athlete/horse combinations on the Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section 5A except by voluntary withdrawal, upon the approval of the BEF Dressage Committee and the BEF Board of Directors. During this time period, Team members may only be replaced with a substitute athlete/horse combination in order of the ranking. Substitutions may only be made in accordance with Article 449.1.2 of the FEI Rules for Dressage Events (25<sup>th</sup> Edition, Effective 1 January 2014 – updated 1 January 2015).

3. Group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete/horse combination substitution determinations:

a. Group or committee that determines the substitution list:

\* The BEF Dressage Committee and the BEF Board of Directors.

b. Group or committee that determines a substitution prior to and after the Definite Entries:

\* The BEF Dressage Committee and the BEF Board of Directors.

### 7. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

BEF will retain all approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including evaluation forms and data from the selection process for six (6) months past the final day of the Event.



#### 8. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following are required to be properly executed by applicants:

- Application – BEF website
- Code of Conduct
- Certificate of Domicile

Applicants will be required to certify that they have received and read a copy of the BEF Code of Conduct and that they understand this and agree to be bound by it.

#### 9. PUBLICITY / DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The BEF approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted / published by BEF on the BEF website.

#### 10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all USOC, IOC, USEF, FEI, BEF, USADA, and WADA anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures.

#### 11. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on the FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FEI rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to BEF. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening, circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

- **The criteria as laid out above has been written to be consistent with wording as stated by the NAYC, and to ensure transparency in the qualification and selection processes. To clarify, the BEF will select the horse/rider combination based on the criteria as laid out in this document.**
- **Prior to attending the NAYC, a Vet Certificate will be required for the horse confirming suitability to compete. It is expected that announcement of the selected individual will be made within 24 hours following the conclusion of the BEF Board Meeting, currently scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**
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- The BEF reserves the right to request drug testing of the individual horse/rider combination selected. If the combination fails the drug test, the combination will be replaced by the next best combination.
- Selection for the NAYC requires that all persons will have achieved the minimum requirements as set out in this document, be a member in good standing with the BEF.

## 12. NGB SIGNATURES and DATES:

- BEF President:
- Bermuda Dressage Committee: