



The Bermuda Equestrian Federation (BEF) Dressage Technical Committee and the Bermuda Dressage Group (BDG) are working together to promote and develop Dressage in Bermuda with the goal of providing access to international opportunities for our junior dressage riders who represent the next generation of international competitors and future Olympians.

In order to achieve this goal, we are offering qualifying procedures for the 2020 North American Youth Championships (NAYC) for our juniors in Bermuda. Below are the details to the qualifying procedures and regulations.

#### **About the NAYC:**

The FEI NAYC for Dressage is a unique and prestigious completion that brings together the top FEI Juniors, ages 14-18, and Young Riders, ages 16-21, from throughout North America and neighboring countries. Young equestrians compete for team and individual FEI medals in the discipline of dressage. NAYC is subject to the rules and restrictions of the FEI and is designated as a Continental Championship. It is the only FEI championship held annually on the North American continent.

#### **Bermuda Qualifiers:**

The BEF Dressage Technical Committee will be hosting championship dressage qualifiers in Bermuda for the 2020 NAYC. The dates of these local qualifies will be announced in August 2019 and are open to all Bermuda citizens, residents and belongers. Please go to [www.bef.bm](http://www.bef.bm) for further information.

It is anticipated that the athlete/horse combinations will be required to complete at least three (3) Qualifying Competitions to be eligible for an invitation to the NAYC. The required scores needed to qualify a horse/rider combination are listed below and must be earned within the Qualifying Period of August 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 to June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020, unless otherwise noted:

- Three (3) FEI (Junior or Young Rider) Individual Test scores for an average of 62% or above
- Three (3) FEI (junior or Young Rider) Team Test score for an average of 62% or above
- One (1) FEI (Junior or Young Rider) Freestyle Test score at 65% or above

The BEF Dressage Technical Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation (“the Board”) the horse/rider combination(s) to represent Bermuda at the 2020 NAYC. This recommendation will be confirmed by the Board.



- 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.
- 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.

#### **What do I need to do to express interested in qualifying?**

Please visit the BEF website to review all of the information. All horse and rider combinations must submit a letter of intent to Angela Halloran-Smith by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This should include the name of the horse/rider combination.

Please contact Angela Halloran-Smith at [bdgnatcoachangela@gmail.com](mailto:bdgnatcoachangela@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like further information.