



# USDF/Platinum Performance North American Junior Dressage Championship 2011 Selection Procedures



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**NOTICE:**

The selection procedures published herein are subject to additions or revisions. Please see the USEF at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) and the USDF website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) for any changes subsequent to this publication.

While every effort has been taken to avoid mistakes in this publication, the USEF and USDF assumes no liability to anyone for errors or omissions. Corrections are published on the USEF and USDF websites.

It is strongly recommended that before any rider begins the process of qualifying for the NAJC he/she should check the USEF and USDF websites for guidance and updates on any changes to the qualifying process. A list of regional coordinators is available through the USDF Office and is also available on the USDF website. Any questions or concerns should be directed to your USDF FEI Jr/YR Regional Coordinator or the USDF FEI Jr/YR Committee Liaison at (859)971-2277 or [jryoungrider@usdf.org](mailto:jryoungrider@usdf.org)

In order for a Declaration of Intent to be accepted, the rider and horse owner(s) must read and certify that they have read the selection procedures for the 2011 North American Junior Championship, have read and signed the USEF Code of Conduct for participation in the North American Junior Championship, that they understand these documents and that they agree to be bound by them.

## **ARTICLE I**

The name of this event shall be the NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP. (Hereinafter referred to as NAJC)

## **ARTICLE II**

Date and Location: The 2011 North American Junior Championship will be held TBA at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. Dates TBC

## **ARTICLE III**

Governance:

### Section 1

The following selection procedures will be used to select the 2011 North American Junior Championship Dressage Teams subsequent to approval by the USDF Executive Board and the USEF Dressage Committee with final oversight, review and approval by the USEF Executive Committee. Additionally the direct supervision of the selection process shall be the responsibility of USEF with the assistance of USDF to ensure that the final selections are made in accordance with the selection procedures.

### Section 2

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) works with The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), which is the National Federation (NF) and the National Governing Body (NGB), to develop selection procedures for riders wishing to qualify for the 2011 NAJC.

## **ARTICLE IV**

Rules:

The 2011 selection procedures become effective upon approval by USEF and publication by USEF and USDF, unless otherwise clarified.

## **ARTICLE V**

Tests: (FEI, Effective 1/1/2009)

### Section 1

All tests will be current-issue FEI tests and may include:

2009 FEI Junior Team Test  
2009 FEI Junior Individual Test  
2009 FEI Junior Freestyle Test

### Section 2

The 2009 FEI Junior Team Test, the 2009 FEI Junior Individual Test and the 2009 FEI Junior Freestyle Test will be used at all designated USEF/NAJYRC qualifying competitions. (Note: These editions may change.) As with all FEI tests, these tests must be ridden from memory.

## **ARTICLE VI**

The Rider:

### Section 1

This competition is open to Juniors as defined in the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) Special Regulations for Junior Dressage Events, Annex J, Chapter 1, Article J-2, "A person may compete as a Junior from the beginning of the calendar year in which he [she] reaches the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which he [she] reaches the age of 18."Section 2

- a.) Riders attempting to qualify for U.S. teams for the NAJC must be U.S. Citizens at the time of declaration.

- a.) U.S. residents who are non-U.S. Citizens and are domiciled in the U.S. may request permission to compete as an individual in the NAJC by following the procedure listed below:
- 1) Riders must be domiciled in the United States.
  - 2) Riders must complete and submit a NAJC Declaration of Intent to USDF in accordance with all payments, requirements, and deadlines. A copy will be forwarded to the USEF Dressage Department.
  - 3) Rider, horse and owner must comply with USDF membership requirements as outlined in Articles VII-VIII below.
  - 4) Rider must obtain written permission, in English, from their national federation of citizenship (NFC), to compete in the NAJC.
  - 5) Rider must have an FEI registration and all required national federation memberships processed through their NFC. Written confirmation of fulfillment of these requirements, in English, must be provided to USEF and USDF. Rider will also be responsible for payment of International High Performance (IHP) dues with entry to NAJC (as outlined in Article VII Sections 8-9.
  - 6) Horse must have an FEI passport and FEI registration, processed either through the rider's NFC or USEF (dependent upon owner's nationality).
  - 7) Horse/rider must fulfill minimum qualification requirements, including but not limited to minimum number of scores, minimum average, freestyle score requirement, etc. as outlined in Articles XI and XII, below.
  - 8) Rider's NFC will be responsible for submitting rider's entry in principle, nominated entry, and definite entry in accordance with all deadlines as published in the event schedule.
  - 9) If rider competes in the NAJC, he/she will be eligible for ribbons only, and will not be eligible for medals, titles, or other awards. Rider is solely responsible for the fulfillment of all requirements as outlined above.

### Section 3

"A Junior who has taken part in a Senior Continental or World Championship or in Regional or Olympic Games - in Grand Prix - is no longer eligible to compete, neither as a Junior nor as a Young Rider, in any international dressage events for Juniors or Young Riders with the same horse. The participation of a Junior in any other international dressage events for Seniors does, however, not affect his status as a Junior." (FEI Regulations for Juniors, Article J-5)

### Section 4

#### Qualification

A Junior may compete in both Junior and Young Rider qualifying competitions on a different horse in the same year per USEF DR119.8 "Individuals who are eligible as Junior and Young Riders may not enter both FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider tests on the same horse in the same competition; however, they may enter both FEI Junior and FEI Young Rider Tests in the same competition on different horses." And FEI Article JR-5.2 "Juniors may –from the year in which they reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday – compete in CDIs, CDIOs and Continental Championships for Young Riders and Seniors and in World Championships, Regional and Olympic Games, but they may only compete in one Championship in the same year,

#### Championship

A Junior may not compete in both Junior and Young Rider divisions at NAJRC and NAYRC in the same year per FEI Article JR-5.2 "Juniors may –from the year in which they reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday – compete in CDIs, CDIOs and Continental Championships for Young Riders and Seniors and in World Championships, Regional and Olympic Games, but they may only compete in one Championship in the same year,

### Section 5

"Once a competitor has taken part in a FEI Championship for Young Riders in any discipline, he/she can no longer go back to a Championship for Juniors in the same discipline." (FEI Regulations for Young Riders, Article YR-5.3)

## Section 6

Riders attempting to qualify for U.S. teams for the NAJC must be USDF Participating Members, Youth Participating Members, Five-Year Participating Members, or Lifetime Participating Members in good standing from the first day of their first qualifying competition through the NAJC.

## Section 7

Riders attempting to qualify for U.S. teams for the NAJC must also be USEF Life, Senior or Junior members in good standing from the first day of their first qualifying competition through the NAJC.

## Section 8

### USEF High Performance Fees

All riders competing in CDI competitions and/or the NAJC will be required to pay IHP fees per USEF GR207 at the time of entry. For further information, please contact USEF or visit [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).

## Section 9

### FEI Registration Number

Per FEI Article 137.8, all horses and riders competing in any and all FEI competitions, regardless of the star level or location of the competition will be required to obtain a FEI Registration Number prior to starting the competition. Please register no later than four (4) weeks prior to the first competition. FEI Registration numbers need to be renewed each year. For further information, please contact USEF or visit [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).

## Section 10

Riders must meet all requirements according to Article 422 and FEI Junior Annex Rules of the FEI Dressage Rules and Regulations to meet eligibility requirements. FEI rules are subject to change at any time.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### The Horse:

#### Section 1

The horse must be Lifetime registered with USDF and annual or life recorded with USEF from before the first qualifying competition it is entered in until after the NAJC. Horse registration must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record. If a current lease recording is on file with USDF, the lessee is recognized as "owner" for all USDF membership requirements. A USEF and USDF Horse Identification Number (HID) will not fulfill this requirement.

- a) The owner of the horse must be a USDF member (PM\* or Business Member (BM)) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

\*PMs are USDF members who join USDF directly. USDF Group Members (GM) are ineligible.

#### Section 2

Passports. Please refer to Article XX.

#### Section 3

Ponies and mules are ineligible to compete in the NAJC. Horses must be over 149 cm with shoes (FEI Rules for Dressage Events, Article 422.3).

#### Section 4

Horses must meet all requirements according to Article 422 of the FEI Dressage Regulations to meet eligibility requirements. FEI rules are subject to change at any time.

## ARTICLE IX

### Declaration of Intent:

#### Section 1

All riders attempting to qualify for the NAJC must complete the USDF Declaration of Intent by the published deadline. Declarations of Intent are available at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), or by contacting the USDF office at (859) 971-2277.

#### Section 2

Each rider must declare his or her region in which he/she is domiciled in on the Declaration of Intent. If he/she has two (2) permanent addresses, the rider must declare one (1) region at the time of declaration, which will remain in effect for the duration of the NAJC qualifying period.

#### Section 3

U.S. riders, who are permanently domiciled abroad and have no fixed or permanent address for legal purposes in the U.S. and therefore have no home region, shall be eligible to compete as an Individual provided they satisfy the qualifying requirements in Article XVI, Section 1. If there are more than 3 US riders domiciled abroad qualified, they may form a team.

#### Section 4

Once a declaration has been submitted, a change in region can only occur if the rider petitions a change of region through the USDF FEI Jr/YR Committee. The petition may be reviewed by the USDF FEI Jr/YR Committee, USDF Executive Board, USEF Dressage Committee, and USEF Executive Committee and therefore can be a lengthy process. A petition to change regions after a rider has submitted a declaration of intent must be submitted and postmarked prior to said rider's first official ride at a USDF Qualifying Competition, including any CDI/J ride intended to be used as a NAJC qualifying score.

#### Section 5

Athletes wishing to be considered for a 2011 USDF Junior Dressage Team must complete a Declaration of Intent and return it with the appropriate declaration fee to the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), Attn: Erica Minks, USDF Sport Programs Coordinator, 4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511, (859) 971-2277, fax (859) 971-7722, [eminks@usdf.org](mailto:eminks@usdf.org).

- Declarations and fees postmarked, hand-delivered, faxed or submitted online on or prior to Tuesday March 1st, 2011 will be charged \$50 per declaration.
- Declarations and fees postmarked, hand-delivered, faxed or submitted online after March 1st, 2011 and received by USDF on or before April 1st will be charged a declaration fee of \$300 per declaration.
- **NO DECLARATIONS OF INTENT WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 1ST, 2011.** In the event an application is received without an application fee, those applications shall be accepted only if the application fee is received by April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Additional horses may be added to an already received declaration until June 1st for no additional fee.

#### Section 6

##### Removal of Riders

A rider who is nominated to the Team may be removed for any of the following reasons as determined by the USEF in accordance with the procedures:

- a) Voluntary withdrawal. Rider must submit a letter to the USEF CEO.
- b) Injury or illness as certified by a physician. If a rider refused verification of their illness or injury by a physician, their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.

- c) Violation of the USEF Code of Conduct
- d) Detection of a prohibited substance in the horse.
- e) Failure to adhere to all WADA, FEI, USEF and USADA anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures including participation in out of competition testing as required by WADA, FEI, USEF and USADA rules.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### Code of Conduct and Rule Violations:

#### Section 1

All riders, parents or guardians of riders, trainers of riders, horse owners, team grooms, FEI Jr/YR Committee Regional Coordinators and Chefs d'Equipe are required to sign the USEF Code of Conduct and certify that they have read the NAJC Selection Procedures and the Code of Conduct, understand them, and agree to be bound by them

The Code of Conduct is available at the USEF website at [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) and the USDF Web site at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).

#### Section 2

Failure by riders, parents, trainers, horse owners, grooms, and coaches to comply with the USEF Code of Conduct during the NAJC, may be grounds for removal from show grounds.

#### Section 3

Alleged violations of the USEF rules at USEF/NAJYRC qualifying competitions must be brought to the attention of the USEF Technical Delegate officiating at the event, and an official protest must be filed, in accordance with USEF GR603. Alleged violations of the FEI rules at CDI-J qualifying competitions must be brought to the attention of the appropriate FEI Official per Articles 159, 160 and 163.

## **ARTICLE X**

### Qualifying Season:

The qualifying season for the 2011 NAJC begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 through and includes June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### Qualifying Procedure:

#### Section 1

Selection will be based on a horse/rider combination's average scores at designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions, and may also include reported CDI/Js

- a) In the case of a tie, the average of the horse/rider combination's Team Test scores will determine the placing.
- b) Riders attempting to qualify with more than one (1) horse must follow all rules and meet all qualifying requirements with each horse.
- c) At the NAJC, a competitor may only ride one (1) horse in each discipline (FEI Dressage Regs. Art YR-12.2).

#### Section 2

A horse/rider combination must compete in a minimum of three (3) designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions and/or CDI/Js.

- a) Riders must ride in qualifying classes designated as USEF/NAJYRC FEI Junior tests when riding in an USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competition. Scores from Test of Choice (TOC) classes will not be counted towards qualifying for the NAJC.
- b) All of the competitions used to calculate the horse/rider combination's overall average must have used a panel of two (2) or more USEF "S" or FEI judges to officiate the FEI Junior Team Test, the FEI Junior Individual Test, and the FEI Junior Freestyle Test.

- c) A horse/rider combination must compete in at least one (1) USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competition for the NAJC during the spring season (January 1, 2011 through June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011). A CDI/J may fulfill this requirement.
- d) USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions held prior to notification (whether written, electronic, verbal, or posted on website) of any changes to criteria, selection procedures, or required forms, are held under the same rules, guidelines, requirements and expectations as the previous criteria.

### Section 3

Requirements regarding the FEI Junior Team Test, FEI Junior Individual Test, and FEI Junior Freestyle Test

- a) Refer to Article XV for rules concerning competing in CDI/J qualifiers as some of those rules may differ from USEF/ NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions.
- b) Each horse/rider combination must ride a minimum of three (3) FEI Junior Team Tests in combination with three (3) FEI Junior Individual Tests at designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions and/or CDI/Js. The combined score from the two (2) tests at each competition will go into the overall average.
- c) Each horse/rider combination must ride a minimum of one (1) FEI Junior Freestyle Test at a designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competition and/or CDI/J and earn a minimum score of 62%; however this score will not be computed into the overall average.
- d) A rider may ride all three (3) qualifying tests at a designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competition (Team, Individual and Freestyle).
- e) A rider may elect to ride only the FEI Junior Freestyle Test at a designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competition.
- f) A rider may not ride only the FEI Junior Team or only the FEI Junior Individual test at a designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competition. If a rider chooses to ride the FEI Junior Team Test, he/she must ride the FEI Junior Individual Test and vice versa, or he/she will receive a zero for that qualifying competition.

### Section 4

After having ridden the first of the two (2) qualifying tests (FEI Junior Team Test) in an designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competition, a horse/rider combination may not scratch his/her second ride unless the rider submits an Official USEF/USDF Veterinary/Medical Withdrawal Certificate completed and signed by the official show veterinarian or from a physician stating the reason the horse and/or rider was unable to complete the competition. Documentation must be received by the USEF Dressage Department within 48 hours of the end of the competition. It is the sole responsibility of the rider to submit this documentation to the USEF Dressage Department within the time allowed. In such cases, the score for the single completed ride will not be factored into the horse/rider combination's overall average.

- a) Failing to submit such certificates will result in an overall score of zero (00.000%) for that entire competition for NAJC qualifying purposes.
- b) Additionally, if a horse/rider combination does not enter the FEI Junior Team Test with the FEI Junior Individual Test or scratches one (1) test only (leaving only one (1) remaining); the entire competition will be recorded as a zero (00.000%) only for NAJC qualifying purposes. (The achieved score will be applicable towards eligible USDF year-end awards calculations.)
- c) If a horse or rider is eliminated, or is excused for any reason during the FEI Junior Team Test or the FEI Junior Individual Test at a designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competition, the score will be recorded as a zero (00.000%) for NAJC qualifying purposes and will be calculated into his/her overall average (except if a rider or horse is excused for a medical or veterinary reason as explained above).

### Section 5

When calculating standings, the FEI Junior Team Test score will count for 50% of the score and the FEI Junior Individual Test score will count for 50% of the score. The FEI Junior Freestyle Test is not used in the calculation of the final standings.

Percentages are carried out to the third decimal point with numbers of five and above rounded up (63.4555% = 63.456%).

#### Section 6

If a horse/rider combination competes in more than three (3) Designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions for the NAJC, the scores from the one (1) competition that has the lowest average will be dropped. Only one (1) score will be dropped. CDI/J scores will only be computed upon receipt of the CDI/J Report Form within the specified deadline. Scores from these CDIs are calculable at the option of the rider. The scores will NOT be automatically calculated into the horse/rider's overall average without receipt of the CDI/J report form within the specified deadline.

#### Section 7

A horse/rider combination can compete in as many designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions as they desire; however, scores from only one (1) competition will be dropped in accordance with the above.

#### Section 8

Horse/rider combinations must achieve an overall average score of 62.000% or higher from the combined scores from the FEI Junior Team and FEI Junior Individual Tests to be eligible for team selection.

- a. Individual competition scores may be less than 62.000%, as long as their final average is 62.000% or higher.
- b. Horse/rider combinations must achieve at least one score of 62.00% or higher from the FEI Junior Freestyle Test.

#### Section 9

It is the responsibility of the rider to verify the accuracy of the standings posted on the USDF website. USDF is not responsible for inaccurately reported or illegible scores. You can access the website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). If any errors are detected, riders are encouraged to contact the USDF office immediately at (859) 971-2277 or email at [jryoung rider@usdf.org](mailto:jryoung rider@usdf.org). Errors must be reported no less than five business days prior to the Nominated Entry deadline.

### **ARTICLE XII**

Qualifying Competitions:

#### Section 1

Competitions are designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions per the approval of the USDF Regional Director and the USEF Dressage Committee.

- a) The list of designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions and CDI/Js (available through USEF) will be posted with updates on the USDF Web site ([www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)). Make sure you use this list when planning your competition schedule.
- b) USDF and/or USEF are not responsible for competitions falsely advertised as qualifiers for the NAJC and scores from any competitions not on the official list published by the USEF office will NOT be counted (exception: CDI/J Qualifiers-Art. XVI, Sec 1-2).
- c) It is the responsibility of the rider to double-check that competitions he or she has entered are in fact designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions for the NAJC.
- d) USEF/USDF reserves the right to remove or add a competition as necessary. Any updates to this list will be posted on the USEF/USDF websites, [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)/ [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).

#### Section 2

It is the responsibility of the rider to select and enter designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions according to the deadlines set by each Competition Management.

- a) Riders are encouraged to contact the managers of the designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions that they wish to enter well in advance of the competition and to request a prize list.
- b) Managers of designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions are required to accept all entries for the FEI Junior classes provided that the entry is received on or before the closing date.

- c) Entries received after the closing date may be accepted at the discretion of the competition management, in accordance with the show's post entry policy and USEF rules.

### Section 3

- a) Designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions for the 2011 NAJC must be scheduled between July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 through and includes June 27, 2011.
- b) All designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions must be USEF Licensed / USDF recognized and as such, USEF rules will be followed.

### Section 4

The following rules are in effect at all designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions.

- a) For NAJC qualifying purposes, riders must adhere to prevailing USEF rules regarding whips while competing in designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions. However, when riding in a CDI/J, FEI whip rules supersede USEF rules.
- b) For NAJC qualifying classes that are included in USEF licensed competitions, or in FEI recognized CDI/J: "under penalty of disqualification for NAJC qualifying purposes, at no time during a competition offering FEI Junior Qualifying Classes, at a designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competition for the NAJC, may any horse entered in a Junior Qualifying class be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the FEI Junior Class on that horse. Exception: grooms riding on a loose rein.
- c) Per FEI Art. 422.17, "On no account, and under penalty of disqualification, may any horse take part in a CDI/CDIO which has been schooled by anyone other than the athlete mounted in the saddle 24 hours before the planned Veterinary Inspection as well as for the duration of the whole event.

Upon arrival on the showground, only the athlete when riding, walking, leading or lungeing a horse (lunge whip allowed), is allowed to carry a whip (horses: maximum 120 cm/ponies maximum 100 cm) anywhere on the showground. 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 it allowed to school the horses in the stables.

Horses may not leave the stables, the competition area, or the areas supervised by Stewards for any purpose unless authorised by a recognised FEI Official of the event or a Veterinarian acting in the interest of the health and welfare of the horse."

- d) For purposes of this rule, the competition starts when horse and rider arrive on the show grounds.

### Section 5

The following rules are in effect for all designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions and must be observed by the Organizing Committee (OC)/Competition Management and Officials.

- a) Judges with students who have submitted Declarations of Intent in a Region are ineligible to judge any FEI Junior Qualifying Classes at designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions or CDI/J Competitions for the NAJC within that Region.
- b) The FEI Junior Team Test and the FEI Junior Individual Test cannot be scheduled on the same day. The FEI Junior Team Test must be offered on a day prior to the FEI Junior Individual Test. The FEI Junior Freestyle Test may be scheduled on the same day as either the FEI Junior Team Test or the FEI Junior Individual Test, but must be scheduled after the Team Test. Consideration should be given to separating the FEI Junior Tests in accordance with the FEI philosophy. CDI/J's must refer to the FEI rules of scheduling.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### CDI/Js:

#### Section 1

Riders may earn qualifying scores at any CDI/J, held within the United States, or any other country, that offers the FEI Junior Tests.

- a) CDI/J scores will only be computed upon receipt of the CDI/J Report Form within the specified deadline. Scores from these CDIs are calculable at the option of the rider. The scores will NOT be automatically calculated into the horse/rider's overall average without receipt of CDI/J Report Form within the specified deadline.

#### Section 2

Upon receipt of the CDI/J Report Form scores will count towards the horse/rider's qualifying average.

- a) Scores from the FEI Junior Freestyle will not be computed into the overall average and will only be used to satisfy the requirement of achieving a minimum of 62%
- b) Participation in the FEI Junior Freestyle class is limited to Juniors and is open to the 15 (maximum) best horse/rider combinations from the FEI Junior Individual Test.
  1. Participation is compulsory for riders who entered the class prior to the start of the competition and qualified to ride.
  2. A rider may start only one horse in the FEI Junior Freestyle Test.
- c) Riders competing in CDI/J Qualifiers prior to June 15, 2011, must send a CDI/J Qualifier Report Form, to the USDF office postmarked ten days from the last day of the competition.
  1. CDI/J Report forms from CDI-J Qualifiers held on or after June 15, 2011 must be received by USDF within 24 hours after the last day of the competition.
  2. There will be no exceptions.
- e) It is the responsibility of the rider to provide the USDF office with the CDI/J Report Form within the required amount of time.
- f) USDF is not responsible for any late, lost, delayed, misdirected, or stolen correspondence either electronic, postal, commercially shipped, or voice activated.
- g) Any intentional misrepresentation of scores will eliminate the horse/rider from both the qualifying process and consideration for Team or Individual participation in the NAJC.

#### Section 3

Scores earned at the USEF National Championships for Juniors can be used as optional qualifying scores and are reportable under the same rules as a CDI (Article XV, Section 1-2).

## **ARTICLE X IV**

### Qualifying Abroad:

#### Section 1

U.S. riders residing abroad may request permission to qualify for the NAJC.

- a) U.S. horse/rider combinations eligible to compete abroad must first satisfy the requirements of USEF (NGB) for foreign competition.
- b) Riders then must request in writing, prior to the first competition they enter, permission from USDF to use foreign competitions to satisfy the qualifying requirements. This request must include a list of competitions that the rider plans to enter and the judges that will be officiating the FEI Junior Tests.
- c) Only competitions held within the regular qualifying season (July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010-June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011) will be considered.
- d) All requests from riders wishing to qualify abroad will be forwarded to USEF for approval. The process of requesting approval to qualify abroad is a lengthy one, and riders are encouraged to submit their requests well in advance of the closing date of the first competition.
- e) Scoring of USEF approved foreign competitions and of designated USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions and CDI/Js will be considered equal for purposes of ranking horse/rider combinations.

- f) A rider who has been granted permission to qualify abroad must meet all qualifying criteria and must declare according to his/her home region according to Article IX, Section 2, herein.
- g) Riders must also send a copy of their FEI Junior Team Test, FEI Junior Individual Test or FEI Junior Freestyle score sheets along with the CDI/J Qualifier Report Form, to the USDF office postmarked within ten days after the last day of the competition, for scores to be eligible.
  - 1. Results from CDI/Js held on or after June 15, 2011 must be received by USDF within 24 hours after the last day of the competition if the rider desires the scores to be calculated into the horse/rider's overall average.
  - 2. There will be no exceptions.
- h) It is the responsibility of the rider to provide the USDF Office with the CDI/J Report Form within the required amount of time.
- i) USDF is not responsible for any late, lost, delayed, misdirected, or stolen correspondence either electronic, postal, commercially shipped, or voice activated.
- j) Any intentional misrepresentation of scores will eliminate the horse/rider from both the qualifying process and consideration for Team or Individual participation in the NAJC.

Section 2

U.S. riders who are permanently domiciled abroad and have no fixed or permanent address for legal purposes in the U.S. and therefore have no home region, shall be eligible to compete as an Individual provided they satisfy the above qualifying requirements. (refer to Article IX Section 3)

**ARTICLE XV**

Drugs and Medications Rules:

Section 1

All horses shall be subject to drug testing.

- a) Blood and/or urine samples may be collected at any time during the qualifying events including USEF/ NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions, CDI/Js, and/or at the NAJC.
- b) USEF medication rules will be followed at USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions that are USEF licensed /USDF recognized.
- c) FEI drug rules will be followed at USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions that are FEI recognized as well as at the NAJC.
- d) Questions about these rules can be addressed to the USEF Drugs and Medications office at 1-800-633-2472.

Section 2

To compete at the NAJC, each horse must meet all health criteria required by the FEI rules, the NAJC Organizing Committee and the regional team criteria.

Section 3

All riders may be subject to drug testing at the NAJC, in accordance with the guidelines and regulations of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Riders will be expected to adhere to the most current FEI Doping Control and Protection of Competitors Provision (FEI Article 143).

**ARTICLE XVIII**

Team Selection:

Section 1

Each USDF region may enter only one (1) team with a maximum of four (4) riders.

- a) Each team is composed of either three (3) riders and three (3) horses or four (4) riders and four (4) horses. (FEI Dressage Regs. Art.YR-12.2). Reserve horse/rider combinations are not allowed.
- b) Regions may not enter individuals in addition to a team (FEI Dressage Regs. Art.YR-12.3).
- c) If a region is unable to field a team of three (3) or four (4) riders, it may enter one (1) or two (2) individual riders each with one (1) horse (FEI Dressage Regs. Art.YR-12.4).

- d) Any region which cannot fill a team may be put on a composite team at the discretion of USEF (NF).
- e) The USEF Secretary General to the FEI or his[her] designee may draw lots to combine regions to make composite teams.
- f) The teams, including those which have been determined by USEF, will be the only teams recognized by the Organizer of the NAJC.
- g) Riders who achieved the minimum qualifying score but who were not selected to their declared region's team may not join teams from other regions which have fewer than the maximum number of competitors.
- h) U.S. riders, who are permanently domiciled abroad and have no fixed or permanent address for legal purposes in the U.S. and therefore have no home region, shall be eligible to compete as an Individual provided they satisfy the qualifying requirements in Article XVI, Section 1. If there are more than 3 US riders domiciled abroad qualified, they may form a team.

## Section 2

### Direct Qualification:

The horse/rider combinations earning the top three scores at the USEF National Junior/Young Rider Dressage Championships will receive an automatic invitation to compete on their respective regional team at the FEI North American Junior Championships for Dressage as long as:

- a) Each horse/rider combination must have completed a FEI NAJC Declaration of Intent by the specified deadline, in order to be eligible.
- b) Each horse/rider combination must fulfill all current FEI NAJC Selection Procedures, including but not limited to; appropriate mandatory scores, minimum qualifying percentages, membership and horse registration requirements.
- c) According to FEI rules, all horses competing in the FEI NAJC (CDI/J) must measure at minimum 149 cm in height with shoes. Horses that do not fulfill this measurement criterion will not be allowed to compete in the FEI NAJC.
- d) In the case of a tie, the average of the horse/rider combination's Team Test scores will determine the placing.
- e) Direct qualification will not be offered if the USEF National Junior/Young Rider Dressage Championships occur after NAJC.

## ARTICLE XVII

### Entries:

#### Section 1

Entries to the North American Junior Championship are to be made in three (3) phases and are completed by the FEI Jr /YR Committee Regional Coordinator and/or the Region's Chef d'Equipe. Entries should be submitted to the USDF Jr/YR Liaison. The first phase is the Entry in Principle, which is followed by the Nominated Entry, followed by the Definite Entry. All entries are submitted to the Organizer of the NAJC by the National Federation (USEF International Disciplines Department) via the USDF Jr/YR Liaison.

- 1.) Entry in Principle- To inform the organizing committee as to the intention to send a team and/or individual horse/rider combinations without giving names of riders or horses.
- 2.) Nominated Entry- To inform the organizing committee of the names of riders and horses from which list the Definite Entries must be selected. Up to twice the number of entries allowed in the competition may be listed on this form. No substitutions or additions to this list will be allowed after the deadline for submission.
- 3.) Definite Entry- On this form horses must be allocated to the riders. This is the final selection of riders and horses that will travel to the event. All must come from the Nominated Entries list. The National Federation (USEF) may authorize Regions unable to field teams to combine individuals but only if the individuals are declared on the Definite Entry.

## **ARTICLE XX**

### Final Team Selection:

#### Section 1

Up until the definite entry, if one of the top four (4) riders is unable to compete, then the USDF FEI Jr/YR Committee Regional Coordinator shall contact the rider with the next highest average in accordance with qualifying minimums and he/she shall be allowed to ride so long as he/she had been placed on the Nominated Entry list. If he/she is unable to compete, then the rider with the next highest average in accordance with qualifying minimums shall be contacted and so on. FEI rules shall prevail in all matters regarding entries.

- a) After all of the USEF/NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions have been completed and all scores have been reported to the USDF, the final standings will be calculated.
- b) Once the final standings have been calculated, the USDF FEI Jr/YR Committee Chairperson in consultation with the USDF office will name the top four (4) qualified riders in each region to the team.
- c) In the case of a tie, ties will be broken according to the horse/rider combination that achieved the highest average of FEI Junior Team Test scores.
- d) The USDF office will notify all riders of the final team selection. The top four (4) qualifying horse/rider combinations in each region will receive a copy of the NAJC Invitation (prize list).

## **ARTICLE XIX**

### Chef d'Equipe:

#### Section 1

The FEI Jr/YR Regional Coordinator and/or the Chef d'Equipe will also help the team members coordinate transportation, housing, team jackets, saddle pads, etc., as well as handle the entries for the region's team.

#### Section 2

Each region may determine the specific duties assigned to the Chef d'Equipe according to Regional needs.

#### Section 3

"The Chefs d'Equipe are responsible for the behavior of their teams and/or individuals throughout the event. They and their NF are responsible for any damages that occur. If the athletes are not lodged in private homes, the Chefs d'Equipe must stay with their teams and/or individuals." (FEI Art. YR 8.4)

#### Section 4

Chefs d'Equipe must adhere to the obligations set forth per FEI General Regulations Art. 120.

## **ARTICLE XX**

### Passport:

#### Section 1

All horses entered into the North American Junior Championship must have a valid FEI Passport issued for that horse. Competitors competing in CDI qualifying events must present a valid USA National Passport or a valid FEI Passport. (USEF GR1309.4)

- a) The process of obtaining a passport is handled by USEF and takes approximately 6 weeks or more, from application to issuance of a valid passport.
- b) Please consult with USEF or refer to FEI Vet Regs., Annex VI regarding required influenza vaccinations.
- c) Applications are available on the USEF Web site [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) Downloads/International Dept. Contact the USEF Passport Coordinator, who can be reached at (859) 258-2472.

## **ARTICLE XXI**

The USEF Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found on the USEF website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org).