

SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR

2006 USEF/MARKEL YOUNG HORSE DRESSAGE SELECTION TRIALS(5 & 6 Year-Old Horses)

for the

FEI WORLD BREEDING CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR YOUNG HORSES IN DRESSAGE

June 29 – July 2, 2006, Verden, Germany

**FOR COMPLETE RULES PLEASE REFER TO USEF WEBSITE WWW.USEF.ORG
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The USEF/Markel Young Horse Dressage Selection Trials will be conducted under the auspices of the Federation Rule Book. The 2006 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Dressage will be organized under FEI rules with the support of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH).

ELIGIBILITY:

Please refer to the USEF Website www.usef.org or contact Jennifer Keeler at jkeeler@usef.org for Rider, Owner and Horse Eligibility requirements.

TESTS:

Qualifying classes MUST be ridden with the “FEI Dressage Test for 5-Year Old Horses - **Final** (2004 Edition)” and “FEI Dressage Test for 6-Year Old Horses - **Final** (2004 Edition)”. The “FEI Preliminary Dressage Tests for 5 or 6-Year-Old Horses (2004 Edition)”, may be offered at competitions as warm-up classes only but **do not count towards qualifying scores. However, both the Preliminary and the Finale Tests will be used in the Selection Trials competition** (see “Selection Trial Procedure”, below).

SELECTION TRIAL LOCATIONS:

The USEF/Markel Young Horse Dressage Western Selection Trials shall be held at:

Dressage at Flintridge, May 26-28, 2006. For Show Information, see Cornerstone Website at www.cornerstonedressage.com

SELECTION TRIAL QUALIFICATION:

Either of the methods listed below (National or International) may be used to qualify for the USEF/Markel Young Horse Dressage Selection Trials and FEI World Breeding Championships.

1. NATIONAL QUALIFICATION: Horses that meet all age, registration and ownership qualifications may compete at USEF-Licensed Dressage Competitions or CDIs which offer the FEI Young Horse Classes or an FEI Test of Choice class, during the **qualifying period of January 1, 2006 until the day preceding the first Selection Trial class to be entered.** Therefore, an open FEI Young Horse class may be offered at each competition which hosts a Selection Trial, if held the day preceding the first Selection Trial class (see “Selection Trial Procedure”, below), and this open class may be used to obtain a qualifying score. FEI Dressage Tests for 5- and 6-Year-Old Horses – “Final” (see “Tests”) must be used for this method of qualification.

Horses must obtain EITHER:

ONE (1) score of 6.8 or better when judged by a panel of two (2) FEI (“C”, “I”, or “O”), USEF “S” or Canadian “S” judges; or

TWO (2) scores of 6.8 or better when judged by one (1) FEI (“C”, “I”, or “O”), USEF “S” or Canadian “S” judge. Each score must be obtained from a different judge.

If scores are obtained prior to entry, copies of the entire qualifying test(s) must be submitted with entry to the Selection Trial for verification. Otherwise, copies of entire qualifying test(s) must be presented at the Selection Trial for verification prior to being allowed to compete.

Qualifying Class Procedure: Judge(s) sit together at “C” and give only one mark at the end of the test, and shall fill out one Marking Sheet with GENERAL comments. FEI Guidelines for judging shall be followed. Tests must be ridden from memory; WHIPS ARE ALLOWED, except when the class is run within the CDI competition in accordance with FEI rules. Please refer to USEF Rules for dress and saddlery requirements (DR120 – 121).

2. INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION: Horses that meet all age, registration and ownership qualifications (see “Eligibility”, above) may also qualify by competing at either FEI competitions or National Level competitions in a foreign country. **FEI Young Horse tests for their age group or equivalent National test for the same age group may be used.**

Horses must obtain EITHER:

ONE (1) score of 6.8 or better when judged by a panel of two (2) judges; or

TWO (2) scores of 6.8 or better when judged by one judge. Each score must be obtained from a different judge.

If the qualifying score(s) are 6.8 or better, the horse will be considered qualified for the USEF/Markel Young Horse Dressage Selection Trials in the United States, and may return to the United States to compete in these Selection Trials. Qualifying scores may be earned from January 1, 2006 **until the day preceding the first Selection Trial class to be entered.** Copies of entire qualifying score sheet(s) must be verified as outlined in section 1, above.

If the qualifying score(s) are 7.5 or better, the horse will automatically qualify for the USEF/Markel Young Horse Short List. Averages from foreign competitions of 7.5 or over will be ranked with the final scores from the three Selection Trials, and a placing on the Short List will be determined. **Copies of entire qualifying score sheet(s) must be submitted to and received by the USEF Dressage Department no later than June 5, 2006 for consideration.**

“Wildcard” provisions for international qualification will be limited by current FEI rules for the World Breeding Championships.

QUESTIONS? Contact:

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Qualifying Process for the Selection Trials for the 2006 WEG/USEF National Grand Prix Championship & 2006 USEF National Intermediaire I Championship

The procedures for the Selection Trials for the 2006 World Equestrian Games (WEG)/USEF National Grand Prix Championship and 2006 USEF National Intermediaire I Championship are currently under review. After the USEF High Performance (HP) Dressage Committee has approval from the USEF Executive Committee, the procedures will be posted on the USEF web site (www.usef.org) under High Performance, Dressage. The approved list of 2006 USEF HP Qualifying Competitions for the Selection Trials for the 2006 WEG/USEF National Grand Prix Championship and USEF National Intermediaire I Championship are posted on the USEF web site.

Qualification for the Selection Trials for the 2006 WEG/USEF National Grand Prix Championship

The qualifying period for the Selection Trials for the 2006 WEG/USEF National Grand Prix Championship is summer 2005 (July 7, 2005) through June 4, 2006. Rider/horse combinations are required to complete a minimum of two USEF Hp Qualifying competitions, of which one of the two qualifiers completed must be a CDI. Rider/horse combinations must complete the Grand Prix test and the Grand Prix Special test at one of the qualifiers. For the other qualifier, rider/horse combinations must complete the Grand Prix test and the Grand Prix Freestyle test. The Grand Prix test scores will be averaged for a rider/horse combination's final ranking. The Grand Prix Special test and the Grand Prix Freestyle test must be completed by a rider/horse combination at separate qualifiers, but the scores will not be averaged in a combination's average. Should a rider/horse combination complete more than the required two qualifiers, of which one is a CDI, the combination will be allowed a drop score. However, if a rider/horse combination's lowest score is the CDI results and the combination has not completed another CDI, that score may not be dropped. If a rider does not want the score from a CDI to count towards their final average, the rider must submit their request in writing naming the horse(s) they will be competing at the CDI by fax or email to the USEF HP Director of Dressage 48 hours prior to the veterinary evaluation of the event. If the USEF Gladstone Office does not have the request on file 48 hours prior to the veterinary evaluation, the score will count towards the rider/horse combination's final average. It is the responsibility of the rider to confirm with the USEF Gladstone Office that their request has been received.

DROP SCORE

The drop score applies to rider/horse combinations qualifying for the Selection Trials for the 2006 WEG/USEF National Grand Prix Championship in the U.S. and Europe. In 2006 the USEF Gladstone Office will **automatically** drop a rider/horse combination's lowest Grand Prix test score provided the combination completes three or more USEF HP Qualifying Competitions. Rider/horse combinations are required to complete a minimum of two qualifiers (at one qualifier the Grand Prix test and the Grand Prix Special test must be ridden and at the second qualifier the Grand Prix test and the Grand Prix Freestyle test must be ridden). One of the two required qualifying competitions must be a CDI. If a rider/horse combination completes three qualifiers, the lowest Grand Prix test score will be dropped and the remaining two Grand Prix test scores will be averaged. If a rider/horse combination completes four qualifiers, the lowest Grand Prix test score will be dropped and the three remaining Grand Prix test scores will be averaged and so on. Rider/horse combinations will be allowed a drop score if they complete more than the required two qualifying competitions. Rider/horse combinations may only drop a CDI score if they have completed a minimum of two CDIs. If a rider/horse combination has completed the required one CDI, that score may not be used as the drop score.

FEI Certificates of Capability:

All rider/horse combinations wishing to compete in the 2006 World Equestrian Games must be eligible for an FEI Certificate of Capability for the World Equestrian Games. To earn Certificates of Capability, rider/horse combinations must have attained a result of at least 64% attributed by any of the FEI Official International Dressage Judges ("O") of a nationality other than that of the rider, in the Grand Prix at two CDI3*/CDI-W's and upward from January 1, 2005 until June 4, 2006. Riders are responsible to submit the rider/horse combination's documentation to the USEF Gladstone Office, Gladstone, NJ by the date of the last USEF HP Qualifying Competition (June 4, 2006) and the combination is required to have their Certificate of Capability prior to being invited to the Selection Trials for the 2006 WEG. **Rider/horse combinations who do not obtain their Certificates of Capability prior to the June 4, 2006 deadline are not eligible for the Selection Trials for the 2006 WEG.**

Qualification for the 2006 USEF National Intermediaire I Championship:

The qualifying period for the 2006 USEF National Intermediaire I Championship is summer 2005 (July 7, 2005) through June 4, 2006. Rider/horse combinations must complete the Prix St. Georges test and the Intermediaire I test in a minimum of two USEF HP Qualifying Competitions. One of the qualifying competitions must be a CDI. In addition, rider/horse combinations must complete one Intermediaire I Freestyle test at any qualifier; however the score will not count toward the rider/horse combination's final average. If a rider/horse combination completes only the USEF HP Prix St. Georges class at a qualifier that score will count, as all USEF HP Prix St. Georges classes count toward a rider/horse combination's final average. Should a rider/horse combination complete more than the required two qualifiers, of which one is a CDI, they will be allowed a drop show. However, the CDI may not be used as a drop show if it was the only CDI completed.

DROP SHOW

The drop show applies to rider/horse combinations qualifying for the 2006 USEF National Intermediaire I Championship in the US and in Europe. In 2006 the USEF Gladstone Office will **automatically** drop a rider/horse combination's lowest show (Prix St. Georges and Intermediaire I scores at that show) provided the rider/horse combination completes three or more USEF HP Qualifying Competitions. Rider/horse combinations are required to complete a minimum of two qualifying competitions. If a rider/horse combination completes only the required two qualifying competitions there is no drop show. All Prix St. Georges test scores from qualifying competitions will count toward the overall average score except for the drop show in calculation the final average score. Therefore, combinations may complete only the Prix St. Georges test, but it will count toward the overall average. You may not drop the show where only the Prix St. Georges test was ridden. If a rider/horse combination completes only the required two qualifiers there is NO drop show. Rider/horse combinations must complete at least three qualifiers, where two classes per competition were completed to utilize the drop show. A rider/horse combination may drop a CDI show from their final average if they have completed more than the required on CDI.

Riders Qualifying Abroad for the Selection Trials and Championships:

Rider/horse combinations using European competitions as qualifiers for the Selection Trials for the 2006 WEG/USEF National Grand Prix Championship and the 2006 USEF National Intermediaire I Championship must adhere to the guidelines outlined above. In addition, riders must submit their requests in writing naming the horse(s) and the proposed European competitions as qualifiers to the attention of the HP Director of Dressage at least three days prior to the European competitions, which will then be submitted to the HP Dressage Committee for approval. Should a rider/horse combination complete a European competition prior to receiving official approval from the Committee the scores from that competition will not be used in the ranking. The qualifying period for rider/horse combinations abroad is summer 2005 (July 7, 2005) through June 4, 2006.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the USEF Gladstone Office (908) 234-0848.

MID - WINTER DRESSAGE CLASS LIST

CLASSES OPEN TO ALL DIVISIONS

FRI	SAT	SUN	COST	CLASS NAME
500			75.00	High Performance Prix St. Georges
	501		75.00	High Performance Intermediaire I
		502	75.00	High Performance Int. Freestyle
	503		75.00	High Performance Grand Prix
		504	75.00	High Performance GP Freestyle
		505	75.00	High Performance GP Special
83	183	283	40.00	Green Horse/Green Rider Training level Test of Choice**
84	184	284	40.00	Green Horse/Green Rider First level Test of Choice**
85	185	285	40.00	Green Horse/Green Rider Second level Test of Choice**
86	186	286	45.00	Green Horse/Green Rider Third level Test of Choice**
87	187	287	45.00	Green Horse/Green Rider Fourth level Test of Choice**
	188		45.00	USDF Freestyle Test of Choice (please state level on entry form)
	189		55.00	FBI Freestyle Test of Choice (please state level on entry form)
90	190	290	55.00	Young Horse Test of Choice (4 yr old/ 5 yr old or 6 yr old)

** Green Horse/Green Rider Classes

Classes are open to Horses or Riders who have less than 5 blue ribbons at that level at triple rated competitions. These classes will be held first thing as a "warm-up" for regular classes - These scores will not count towards USDF Awards programs. They will count towards CDS Awards programs.

OPEN DIVISION CLASSES

FRI	SAT	SUN	COST	CLASS NAME
6	106	206	55.00	Prix St. Georges - Open
8	108	208	55.00	Intermediaire I - Open
12	112	212	55.00	Intermediaire II - Open
15	115	215	55.00	Grand Prix - Open
17	117	217	55.00	Grand Prix Special - Open
24	124	224	45.00	Training Level Test 1 - Open
26	126	226	45.00	Training Level Test 2 - Open
28	128	228	45.00	Training Level Test 3 - Open
20	130	230	45.00	Training Level Test 4 - Open
33	133	233	45.00	First Level Test 1 - Open
35	135	235	45.00	First Level Test 2 - Open
37	137	237	45.00	First Level Test 3 - Open
39	139	239	45.00	First Level Test 4 - Open
42	142	242	45.00	Second Level Test 1 - Open
44	144	244	45.00	Second Level Test 2 - Open
46	146	246	45.00	Second Level Test 3 - Open
48	148	248	45.00	Second Level Test 4 - Open
51	151	251	50.00	Third Level Test 1 - Open
53	153	253	50.00	Third Level Test 2 - Open
55	155	255	50.00	Third Level Test 3 - Open
58	158	258	50.00	Fourth Level Test 1 - Open
60	160	260	50.00	Fourth Level Test 2 - Open
62	162	262	50.00	Fourth Level Test 3 - Open

PLEASE ADD "Q" AND \$10.00 FEE FOR USDF/GAIG QUALIFYING FOR ANY ELIGIBLE CLASS

AMATEUR DIVISION CLASSES

FRI	SAT	SUN	COST	CLASS NAME
7	107	207	55.00	Prix St. Georges - Amateur/JR/YR
10	110	210	55.00	Intermediaire I - Amateur/JR/YR
25	125	225	45.00	Training Level Test 1 - Amateur
27	127	227	45.00	Training Level Test 2 - Amateur
29	129	229	45.00	Training Level Test 3 - Amateur
31	131	231	45.00	Training Level Test 4 - Amateur
34	134	234	45.00	First Level Test 1 - Amateur
36	136	236	45.00	First Level Test 2 - Amateur
38	138	238	45.00	First Level Test 3 - Amateur
40	140	240	45.00	First Level Test 4 - Amateur
43	143	243	45.00	Second Level Test 1 - Amateur*
45	145	245	45.00	Second Level Test 2 - Amateur
47	147	247	45.00	Second Level Test 3 - Amateur
49	149	249	45.00	Second Level Test 4 - Amateur
52	152	252	50.00	Third Level Test 1 - Amateur
54	154	254	50.00	Third Level Test 2 - Amateur
56	156	256	50.00	Third Level Test 3 - Amateur
59	159	259	50.00	Fourth Level Test 1 - Amateur
61	161	261	50.00	Fourth Level Test 2 - Amateur
63	163	263	50.00	Fourth Level Test 3 - Amateur

* Class 143 is the USDF/Dover Ad/Am Medal Program Class

To be eligible for the award, the rider must be a USDF Group or Participating Member, must be an USEF Adult Amateur in good standing, and must receive a score of 58% or higher in the above designated class.

JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER DIVISION CLASSES

FRI	SAT	SUN	COST	CLASS NAME
2	102	202	55.00	FEI Young Rider Team Test
4			55.00	FEI Jr. Rider Individual Test
	105	205	55.00	FEI Jr. Rider Team Test
7	107	207	55.00	Prix St. Georges - Amateur/JR/YR
10	110	210	55.00	Intermediaire I - Amateur/JR/YR
80	180	280	40.00	Dressage Seat Equitation
25J	125J	225J	45.00	Training Level Test 1 - Jr/YR
27J	127J	227J	45.00	Training Level Test 2 - Jr/YR
29J	129J	229J	45.00	Training Level Test 3 - Jr/YR
31J	131J	231J	45.00	Training Level Test 4 - Jr/YR
34J	134J	234J	45.00	First Level Test 1 - Jr/YR
36J	136J	236J	45.00	First Level Test 2 - Jr/YR
38J	138J	238J	45.00	First Level Test 3 - Jr/YR
40J	140J	240J	45.00	First Level Test 4 - Jr/YR
43J	143J	243J	45.00	Second Level Test 1 - Jr/YR
45J	145J	245J	45.00	Second Level Test 2 - Jr/YR
47J	147J	247J	45.00	Second Level Test 3 - Jr/YR
49J	149J	249J	45.00	Second Level Test 4 - Jr/YR
52J	152J	252J	50.00	Third Level Test 1 - Jr/YR
54J	154J	254J	50.00	Third Level Test 2 - Jr/YR
56J	156J	256J	50.00	Third Level Test 3 - Jr/YR
59J	159J	259J	50.00	Fourth Level Test 1 - Jr/YR
61J	161J	262J	50.00	Fourth Level Test 2 - Jr/YR
63J	161J	263J	50.00	Fourth Level Test 3 - Jr/YR