

**SUMMARY OF 2024 RULES FOR USEF/USDF PROGRAMS HELD AT NATIONAL SHOWS**

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	SNAFFLE	DOUBLE	SNAFFLE BIT DIAMETER	WHIP	SPURS	DRESSAGE COAT	HORSE AGE	RIDER AGE	MINIMUM OVERALL AVERAGE SCORE	PROGRAM EQUIV LEVEL
USEF <b>PONY RIDER</b> DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	YES	NO	CAN BE <10mm	100cm	OPTIONAL 3.5cm MAX NO ROWELS	SHORT COAT	MIN 6 YRS	12 - 16	62%	2ND LVL TEST 3
USEF <b>CHILDREN</b> DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	YES	NO	12mm MIN.	120cm		SHORT COAT	MIN 6 YRS	12 - 14	62%	2ND LVL TEST 3
<b>JUNIOR RIDER: ADEQUAN/USEF/ NAYC &amp; FESTIVAL OF CHAMPIONS</b>	YES	YES	10mm MIN.	120cm	Spurs are MANDATORY for FEI tests at USEF	SHORT COAT or TAILS	MIN 6 YRS	14 - 18	NAYC 64% Festival 66%	3RD LVL TEST 3
<b>YOUNG RIDER: HORSEWARE IRELAND/USEF/ NAYC &amp; FESTIVAL OF CHAMPIONS</b>	YES	YES	10mm MIN.			SHORT COAT or TAILS	MIN 7 YRS	16 - 21	NAYC 64% Festival 66%	PSG
<b>U25 NAYC &amp; FESTIVAL OF CHAMPIONS ADEQUAN/USEF 'BRENTINA CUP'</b>	OK for Q & I-2 CH	REQ for GP & FS Ch'ship	10mm MIN.	OK for Qual, but NO	Competitions until 9/1/2024.	SHORT COAT or TAILS	MIN 8 YRS	16 - 25	NAYC 64% Festival 65%	INT-2 & DEV GP
NEUE SCHULE/USEF <b>INTERMEDIAIRE 1</b> DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	YES	YES	10mm MIN.	whips in Ch'ships		OPTIONAL at CDI Quals and NAYC Ch'ships.	SHORT COAT or TAILS	MIN 7 YRS	MIN 16 YRS	66%
NEUE SCHULE/USEF <b>GRAND PRIX</b> DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	OK for Qual	REQ for Ch'ship	10mm MIN.			SHORT COAT or TAILS	MIN 8 YRS	MIN 16 YRS	66%	GRAND PRIX & GP SPECIAL
MARKEL/USEF <b>YOUNG HORSE DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 4 YEAR OLD</b>	YES	NO	12mm MIN.	120cm OK for Qual, but NO whips in Ch'ships	OPTIONAL	SHORT COAT	4-YR-OLD	Q NO MIN AGE FESTIVAL 16 YRS	75% 7.5 AVERAGE	1ST LVL TEST 3
MARKEL/USEF <b>YOUNG HORSE DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 5 YEAR OLD</b>	YES	NO	12mm MIN.		Spurs are MANDATORY for FEI tests at USEF	SHORT COAT or TAILS	5-YR-OLD	Q NO MIN AGE FESTIVAL 16 YRS	75% 7.5 AVERAGE	2ND LEVEL
MARKEL/USEF <b>YOUNG HORSE DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 6 YEAR OLD</b>	YES	NO	12mm MIN.		competitions until 9/1/2024	SHORT COAT or TAILS	6-YR-OLD	Q NO MIN AGE FESTIVAL 16 yrs MINIMUM	75% 7.5 AVERAGE	3RD LEVEL
MARKEL/USEF <b>YOUNG HORSE DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 7 YEAR OLD</b>	YES	YES	10mm MIN.		Spurs are OPTIONAL at CDI Quals and NAYC Ch'ships.	SHORT COAT or TAILS	7-YR-OLD	Q NO MIN AGE FESTIVAL 16 yrs MINIMUM	68% AVERAGE	4TH LEVEL
MARKEL/USEF <b>DEVELOPING HORSE DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS-PSG</b>	YES	YES	10mm MIN.			SHORT COAT or TAILS	7/8/9 YO	MIN 16 YRS	69% AVERAGE	USEF DEV HORSE PSG TEST
MARKEL/USEF <b>DEVELOPING HORSE DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS-GP</b>	YES	YES	10mm MIN.			SHORT COAT or TAILS	8/9/10 YO	MIN 16 YRS	66% AVERAGE	INT-2 & DEV GP

<b>EQUITATION</b>	USDF REGIONAL <b>ADULT AMATEUR EQUITATION PROGRAM</b>	YES	NO*	10mm MIN.	120cm Whips OK in all Eq Qual & Ch'ships	OPTIONAL	SHORT COAT	36 MONTHS OF AGE	MIN 22 YRS	70% in DSE class or Region Ch'ship Qual	FOLLOW DRESS, SADDLERY & EQUIPMENT RULES FOR FIRST LEVEL*
	USEF/USDF <b>DRESSAGE SEAT MEDAL SEMI-FINALS</b>								13 & Under 14 - 18	70% in DSE class or Region Ch'ship Qual	
	USEF/USDF <b>DRESSAGE SEAT MEDAL FINALS</b>								13 & Under 14 - 18	TOP TWO from each SEMI-FINAL advance	

\*Horses also showing Third Level or above in the same competition may warm up in a double bridle but not compete in Equitation in it.

<b>ONE ATHLETE RULE</b>	<b>Pony Childrens</b>	<b>JR &amp; YR U25</b>	<b>Young Horse 4/5/6/7 Developing Horse</b>	<b>Brentina, Int-1, GP</b>
<b>Applies at Qualifying Competitions →</b>	✓	✓	N/A	✓
<b>Applies at Festival of Champions →</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>DRUGS &amp; MEDICATIONS RULES</b>	<b>National Qualifying Competitions</b>	<b>Festival of Champions</b>	<b>NAYC</b>	<b>CDIs</b>
<b>These follow USEF D &amp; M Rules →</b>	✓	Children, Pony, Junior, YR, Brentina Cup, Young Horse, Developing Horse		
<b>These follow FEI Rules →</b>		Int-1 & GP	✓	✓