

2010 MARKEL/USEF YOUNG HORSE DRESSAGE SELECTION TRIAL

ELIGIBILITY: Current USEF/FEI/WBFSH rules will be followed. Riders who are non-U.S. citizens will be allowed to ride in the Selection Trials, but the horse may or may not be eligible for the Short List or entry to the World Breeding Championships as representing the United States if ridden by a non-U.S. citizen (final decision regarding eligibility to be determined by USEF and the WBFSH). All horses **MUST** be U.S.-owned. Horses **MUST** have valid registration papers with a member of a national studbook, which is recognized by the World Breeding Federation of Sport Horses (WBFSH). **A copy of the horse's breed registration papers must accompany entry.** Please refer to complete published Selection Procedures for complete eligibility requirements.

QUALIFICATION: The qualifying period shall begin January 1, 2010 and ends the day preceding the first Selection Trial class to be entered. A series of competitions throughout the U.S. have been designated as Qualifying Competitions for USEF Developing Dressage Programs, which includes the Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Program. A list of these Qualifying Competitions is available on the Federation website or by contacting the USEF Dressage Department. Qualifying scores for the Selection Trials may only be earned at these designated Qualifying Competitions in designated "Markel/USEF Qualifying" classes using the Final Test for each age division. Qualifying tests must be judged by a panel of at least two (2) FEI or USEF "S" officials. A minimum overall score of 7.2 must be earned for consideration to the Selection Trial. At least one (1) qualifying score must be earned which meets all qualification requirements outlined herein. If scores are obtained prior to Selection Trial entry closing date, 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.

QUALIFICATION AT THE SELECTION TRIAL: An open FEI Young Horse class may be offered at each competition which hosts a Selection Trial, and if held the day preceding the first Selection Trial class, this open class may be used to obtain a qualifying score. Only a maximum of the top four (4)-placing horse/rider combinations in each age division which earn a minimum score of 7.2 may move on to the Selection Trial classes. If one of the top four (4) horse/rider combinations declines, the next horse/rider combination meeting the minimum score requirement will be invited to participate in the Trial.

SELECTION TRIAL FORMAT: The Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Selection Trials will consist of TWO (2) classes for each age division (Five- and Six-Year-Old): the Preliminary Test (will count as 40% of overall average score); and the Final Test (will count as 60% of overall average score). All Selection Trial entries must compete in both the Preliminary and Final Tests. A Champion and Reserve Champion for each age division will be awarded at each of the three (3) Selection Trials.

Please refer to published Selection Procedures for complete eligibility requirements. These procedures are available on the Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Program page of the USEF website at www.usef.org.