

**Modifications to the Rules  
CEA Dressage Challenge 2020  
Covid-19 Pandemic**

***The following modifications to the 2020 CEA Dressage Challenge rules are in effect for the competition year. All other CEA Dressage Challenge Rules 2020 remain the same.***

The Competition is held from **October to November** in accordance with, for the FEI Tests, the FEI Rules for Dressage Events, 25th edition, effective 1st January 2020 (please consult [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org) > Dressage > Rules) and FEI General Regulations, Pony Regulations and Veterinary Regulations currently in force. And for the USEF Tests the USEF Rules for Dressage 2020 ([www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)). Tests are USEF Tests 2019, with most recent updates where applicable.  
<https://www.usdf.org/downloads/forms/2019.asp>

***These modified rules are formulated and based on the Covid-19 restrictions in effect in the participating countries. It is understood that some countries have very tight restrictions and other countries are more relaxed. Each country will be responsible for their own Covid 19 regulations.***

**The Modifications to the CEA Dressage Challenge Rules 2020 are as follows:**

**ARTICLE 1**

**Applicable PRINCIPLES**

Rule 1.1 b) - Freestyles for all above tests can be ridden once the horse/rider combination has a qualifying score of 58% and above in either a qualifying show OR on the day of the CEA competition.

**Amended for 2020: There will be no qualifying score needed for rider/horse combination to enter Freestyle tests.**

Rule 1.1 c) - The additional Classes – Tests that are not part of the CEA Dressage Challenge may only be held after the completion of the CEA Dressage Challenge.

**Amended for 2020: With Covid-19 restrictions, many countries may hold their CEA Dressage Challenge and Additional classes at several of their participating stables. Therefore, to allow for the flow of each event, the Additional classes are not required to take place following the completion of all CEA classes. These Additional classes may be scheduled throughout the show.**

### **Applicable to FORMULA**

Rule 1.2 This Formula is flexible depending on the number of Days available in each country

Day 1: Judges' arrival.

Day 2: Challenge Competition Classes followed by the additional Classes

Day 3: Optional clinic to be arranged between each country and the judge as needed

\*The Competition/Clinic may also be held on travel days or the same day if absolutely necessary but only in the above order of competition then clinic.

**Amended for 2020: Since the tests will be judged virtually, there will no travelling day or clinics with the Judge.**

**Competition Day- If horses and people are restricted due to Covid-19 regulations from travelling to a central show ground then the following can occur:**

- **Each stable with entries for the CEA Dressage Challenge and/or the Additional Classes may have their competition at their own stables once they meet the show ring and warm up ring standards, and follow the requirements of the competition as laid out in the CEA Dressage Challenge 2020 rules, and the Modifications.**

### **ARTICLE 2-PARTICIPATION**

2.5 The Adult Competition is open to the following age group from the 1st January of the year in which they reach their 17th birthday:

- USEF Training 3
- USEF First 3
- USEF Second 3
- USEF Third 3
- USEF Fourth 1
- FEI PSG
- FEI Intermediate 1 and 2
- FEI Intermediate A and B
- FEI GP & GP Special
- Freestyles offered for all above levels with a qualifying score of 58%

2.6 The Children's Competition is open to the following age group from the 1st January of the year of which they reach their 16th birthday and under:

- USEF Training 3
- USEF First 3
- USEF Second 3
- USEF Third 3
- USEF Fourth 1
- Freestyles offered for all above levels with a qualifying score of 58%

**Amended for 2020: No qualifying scores for Freestyle tests are required.**

For 2020, Rankings will be produced for Adults and Children as follows:

#### ADULT TEAM

Adult Individual per Level

Adult Individual Freestyle per Level

#### CHILDREN'S TEAM

Children Individual per Level

Children Individual Freestyle per Level

**Foot Note:** Team Rankings for Freestyle will be included in 2020.

There will be THREE team results See Art 6.4.

1. Adult Team
2. Children's team
3. Freestyle team - The freestyle team can be comprised of both adults and children. % points will be added to the freestyles just as they are for the other classes to determine the overall team freestyle score. Countries will need to adjust the score sheet accordingly

### **Clarification for 2020**

**There will be FOUR team results (the score sheets reflect this)**

- 1. Adult Team**
- 2. Adult Freestyle Team**
- 3. Children's Team**
- 4. Children's Freestyle Team**

### **Applicable rule 2.9**

The CEA Dressage Challenge competition must take precedence over any other competition organized in its framework but, if necessary, horses entered may take part in additional classes of the national competition organized in the framework of the Challenge, as per the rules.

**Amended for 2020: As stated above in ARTICLE 1 – PRINCIPLES the CEA Dressage Challenge classes do not have to be completed before the Additional Classes. However, if a CEA entry (horse and/or rider) chooses to participate in any Additional classes they MUST participate in their CEA classes first.**

## **Applicable rule 2.11 and 2.12**

2.11 A rider can start any number of times in the Competition, but can enter no more than:

- A. With the same horse twice but in two different classes within two consecutive levels (e.g.: First and Second Level).
- B. In the same class but with no more than with two different horses.

2.12 A horse may go twice:

- A. With one rider in 2 consecutive classes
- B. With 2 riders in 2 separate classes, also consecutive
- C. A Horse may start more than twice at lower levels only (Training & First Levels)

A horse is allowed to start no more than twice in the competition (consistent with article 2.12)

**Amended for 2020: Please note the following modifications when a country chooses to have more than one competition to complete their leg of the Dressage Challenge the following modifications**

- 1. A CEA horse may start no more than five times.**
- 2. A CEA horse may only start twice on any given competition day.**
- 3. A CEA rider may start no more than five times.**

### Team Eligibility

**Children and Adult team will be as follows**

- **Horse's first time in the ring**
- **Rider's first time in the ring**

**This also applies when a country has more than one show to complete their leg of the Dressage Challenge.**

### Freestyle Team Eligibility

**Once a rider and horse combination have completed their CEA Dressage Challenge test they are eligible for the Freestyle team.**

**Children's and Adult teams will be as follows:**

- **Horse's first time in the ring**
- **Rider's first time in the ring**

**This also applies when a country has more than one show to complete their leg of the Dressage Challenge.**

#### **ARTICLE 4- GROUND JURY**

4.1 Only one Judge, who must be an FEI judge, will judge the competition within the CEA and is appointed on an annual basis, by the CEA Dressage Committee. The Judge must be placed on the short side of the arena at letter "C". A bell must be provided for the President of the Ground Jury.

If there is a need for a Judges-fee to be paid to the judge, then it must be agreed to by the majority of member countries and will appear on the MOU which is sent to and signed by the judge. The timetable for judging must be agreed on bearing in mind shared cost of airline tickets as much as possible.

NFs shall have the option to bring in a second FEI judge, at their own expense, in order to use the CEA Dressage Challenge as a CDN or qualifying event. However, the scores given by this second judge will not be counted nor included in the NF's CEA Dressage Challenge results. In such case, the NF should inform the CEA that it is will be hosting a CDN with two FEI judges as part of their CEA Dressage Challenge.

4.2 The same Judge will travel from country to country until the tour is completed and all competitions have taken place. The Ground Jury shall consist of the Judge (President of the GJ) and 2 additional members from each NF being the Show Secretary and a CEA Country Rep.

4.3 After each competition in the respective countries, the President of Ground Jury is responsible for establishing and signing a running record of the results and placing of the individual competitors within the CEA as well as the starting lists in the exact order of go. This running record must be sent to the CEA Secretary by

the Organizing Committee (OC) and all NF's immediately following the last competition. NFs are requested to e-mail full PRINTED results signed by the Judge within 3 days of the competition to the Secretary and all countries in their group. These results should be submitted on the agreed document and in the order of go with times included and should be submitted at the same time as the judge's report.

Any additional completion results may also be submitted at this time but on a separate document.

#### **Amended for 2020:**

**Since the FEI Judges are not able to travel nor can they judge a show virtually, the CEA Dressage Committee has appointed Heather Stalker (USDF/USEF 'R' Judge) to judge the virtual shows in the participating countries.**

**4.1 The cost for judging, scribe, and scoring is \$20 US per test (CEA, Additional and Freestyle). Payable to Heather Stalker via Pay Pal.**

**The videographer is to be placed at C in an elevated Jury Box. The bell official may sit either to the left or right of the videographer but must maintain the correct social distance.**

**4.2 The same Judge is to be used by all participating countries.**

**4.3 The Judge and her scribe will also score the tests. The Secretary of each Federation is to ensure the correct documents are emailed to the Judge before the start of the competition of each country. The Judge will also sign all the relevant documents which will then be sent electronically to the respective Secretary of each Federation.**

#### **ARTICLE 5- DRESS AND SADDLERY**

5.1 Dress and Saddlery shall follow FEI or USEF rules, as applicable to, the test being ridden

5.2 NFs shall have the option to waive jackets in advance of the competition due to weather, without needing the permission of the judge.

**Amended for 2020: Since there is no live Judge on the show grounds, the Organizing Committee is to assign a knowledgeable official or steward to visually inspect dress and saddlery.**

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES

#### **EXTRA OFFICIALS NEEDED**

**Bell Official-** Should be on the show grounds no later than 30 minutes before the start of each show.

- Have a “bell official” in the Judge’s box. It is very important that this person have dressage test knowledge and understands dressage show conditions. This bell official will have the order of go and copies of all the tests that will be ridden that day. He or she will receive the salute at the beginning and end of the test.
- The organizing committee must supply the following in the Jury Box: order of go, tests to be ridden, copy of the most current CEA Dressage Challenge rules, a bell, clipboard and pens or pencils.
- Please see attached document Notes for “Bell Official”
- Please note you may use different a Bell Official for each stable. Just remember it is very important that this person have dressage test knowledge and understands dressage show conditions.

**Videographer-** Should be on the show grounds no later than 30 minutes before the start of each show.

- In order to have consistent quality and production the same videographer is to be used for all shows in the respective country. A video camera must be used. No cell phones.
- Please note the videographer must have a copy of the order of go which will allow the videographer to be able to correctly label each test with the respective rider/horse combination.
- Please see the attached document Videographer Guidelines.



**Steward/knowledgeable dressage person...** who understands the CEA Dressage Challenge Rules and Modifications (2020) and FEI rules in effect for this competition

The job of this official entails

- Check that the specifications for the arenas (show and warm up), letter placement, and Judge's box are correct.
- Visually inspect saddlery and dress according to ARTICLE 5 DRESS AND SADDLERY CEA Dressage Challenge rules 2020
- Work with the member of Executive Committee who is responsible for the document which states all the rules were correctly followed. This document needs to be shared with all competing countries before the start of the CEA Dressage Challenge.
- Please see the attached Steward's check list.

### **Secretary of each Federation**

- Each country's secretary and organizing committee will carry out their normal duties for hosting a CEA Dressage Show.

Additional responsibilities will be as follows:

- Before the start of the competition in each country the Secretary must have a complete list of all officials: Bell Official, Videographer, Steward, and Executive Committee Member who will be present at each show.
- The following documents are to be sent to the Judge, Heather Stalker, [stalkhj@peds.ufl.edu](mailto:stalkhj@peds.ufl.edu) **before** the start of the competition in each country.
- Information supplied must include names of riders and horses, riders' numbers, ride times.

1. Order of Go sheets for CEA Dressage Challenge and Additional Classes for each show organized by a country to complete their leg of the competition.
2. CEA score sheet –Regular tests,
3. CEA score sheet- Freestyle tests,
4. Additional tests score sheet,

## 5. Additional tests-Freestyle tests.

- After each country has completed their show(s) the videos are sent (by Dropbox) from the Federation Secretary to the Judge. Just like at a live show she will have a scribe to record her comments and marks.
- The Judge with her Scorer will complete the respective CEA and Additional tests score sheets.
- The Judge will forward the official results sheets as well as each individual scored dressage test papers to each country's Federation Secretary.
- The Secretary of each country will email the tests to the riders thus saving paper.
- The official CEA score sheets must be sent to the CEA Hon Secretary and each participating country within 3 days of receipt of the final CEA results for their leg of the competition.

### **Executive Official**

This person is a member of the Executive Committee of their respective Federation. A check list which will be supplied by the CEA Dressage Advisory is to be completed and signed by this official (with the assistance of the Steward) for every show that takes place in the participating country. At the end of the show(s) this check list is to be given to the Secretary of the Federation who will then forward a copy to The CEA Honorary Secretary and to the Judge.