



## **FEI World Cup™ Dressage North American League Rules 2007/2008**

1. The North American League will be comprised of all countries within the North American continent.
2. **Declaration**  
Any rider wishing to participate must declare their intent to their National Federation in order to be eligible to count qualifying points and qualify to compete in the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final, regardless of which League they wish to compete in.
3. **Qualification for North American League**
  - a) Rider/horse combinations must start in CDI-Ws (“qualifying competitions”) in order to gain qualifying points. The three best results obtained in the qualifying competitions will count. (See chart in section #8 of these rules.) In order to qualify for the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final a rider/horse combination must have started and completed at least three times in the Freestyle to Music at a CDI-W in addition to meeting the qualifying criteria within these rules.
  - b) For all qualifying competitions, the final classification will be determined by placing in the Grand Prix Freestyle. All rider/horse combinations will be required to start and complete the Grand Prix competition, which will determine that starting order in the Grand Prix Freestyle (per FEI Art 425).
  - c) A draw for order of starting in the Grand Prix shall be made according to the currently applicable FEI rules for the running of CDI-W competitions. The Freestyle to Music draw shall be in the reverse order of the placing of the Grand Prix competition (in groups of 5).
  - d) The Qualifying period is to begin immediately following the annual FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final and end within a reasonable time

period (to be determined by the concerned NFs and FEI) prior to the World Cup™ Dressage Final.

- e) Rider/horse combinations obtain points to decide the representatives from North America, providing that each combination has met the FEI criteria for eligibility to compete in the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final.
4. As with the Western European League, representation will be determined solely by final point totals, and no League final will be necessary or held.
  5. The FEI will offer two (2) World Cup™ Dressage Final positions to North America. The FEI may in addition extend extra positions as Wild cards in addition to this number for the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final.

**6. PERMANENTLY DOMICILED FOREIGN RIDERS – ADDITIONAL RIDERS**

Riders permanently domiciled in a country (FEI G.R. 123) of another League must be allowed to qualify in that respective League. If qualified for the FEI World Cup™ Dressage Final they would compete as additional riders.

However, according to Rule 487.8 of the FEI World Cup™ Dressage, in principle a maximum of three rider/horse combinations per NF (excluding the titleholder) will be allowed to participate in the Final. It will be the responsibility of the relevant NF to determine which three riders to send to the Final in the event of more than three riders qualifying from any one NF as a result of participation in other Leagues.

**7. QUALIFICATIONS TO COMPETE IN THE FEI WORLD CUP™ DRESSAGE FINAL**

Minimum qualification criteria for all Finalists including wild cards will be determined by the FEI. FEI Article 487.6

**8. QUALIFICATION POINTS**

In the qualifying events (CDI-W) the points to the riders who have competed in the FEI World Cup™ Freestyle to Music will be awarded as follows:

The percentage score from a rider's FEI Grand Prix Freestyle to Music will be taken as points. The top three percentage scores will be added together to calculate a rider's final points. For example, a rider has scored 71.000%, 72.000% and 73.000% in the Freestyle to Music at three CDI-W events this will result in a final score of = 216.000

Note: When there are less than three (3) rider/horse combinations taking part in the Grand Prix, there will be no points awarded.

**9. ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING OPPORTUNITY**

Riders from non-Western European Leagues may also earn points by participating in Western European World Cup events and transferring them to their own League. These points from a maximum of three (3) Western European events may count in their own League.

A rider can no longer earn points in another league, once the last competition of his/her own league has been held.

**10. QUALIFYING TESTS**

At any event (CDI-W), the FEI Grand Prix Test serves as the qualifying test to the FEI Freestyle to Music, the latter of which is the competition in which World Cup™ Dressage points can be earned.

**11. NUMBER OF QUALIFYING EVENTS IN NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE**

The number of FEI World Cup™ Dressage qualifying events in the North American League will be proposed yearly by the respective NFs for approval by the FEI.

**12. NUMBER OF HORSES**

Riders in the North American League may start two horses in the qualifying Grand Prix of an event. Riders may only opt to qualify with one horse for the Grand Prix level Freestyle Test. A declaration as to the choice of horse for the Grand Prix level Freestyle Test must be made prior to entering the Grand Prix while at the same time declaring the second horse for the Grand Prix Special Test.