



FEI Dressage Judge Course Policy

Due to the amount of applications for FEI courses, the Licensed Officials department, in conjunction with the Dressage Sport department, has created a policy to handle oversubscription at FEI Judge Dressage courses.

When the FEI releases their list of courses, the Licensed Officials department will work with the Dressage department to establish course deadlines earlier than the FEI deadlines. Any interested applicants must apply by the given deadline to be considered for the course. If the USEF receives more applications than the allowed amount of participants for the National Federation (NF), the Licensed Officials department will utilize the criteria below to determine which applications will be sent to the FEI for Level 2 or 3 promotion courses, Level 2 or 3 maintenance courses, and Young Horse designation courses.

Oversubscription for **FEI Level 2 or Level 3 Dressage Judge promotion courses** will be ranked using the following criteria:

1. Applicant is applying for promotion to Level 3.
 - Priority will be ranked by who has officiated at more USEF National or Regional Championships.
 - If necessary, priority will be ranked by the length of time the applicant has had their Level 2 license.
2. Applicant is applying for promotion to Level 2.
 - Priority will be given to those who have completed all their Shadow Judging and Sit-in requirements.
 - If necessary, priority will be ranked by the length of time the applicants has had their 'S' license.

Oversubscription for **FEI Level 2 or 3 Dressage Judge maintenance courses** will be ranked using the following criteria:

1. Applicant is required to attend the course to maintain their Level 3 license.
 - Priority will be ranked by the length of time the applicants have had their Level 3 license.
2. Applicant is required to attend the course to maintain their Level 2 license.
 - Priority will be ranked by the length of time the applicants have had their Level 2 license.

For **FEI Young Horse (YH) Dressage Judge courses**, priority will be given to applicants that do not have the FEI Young Horse designation. Oversubscription for YH courses will be ranked using the following criteria:

1. Current FEI Level 4 Dressage Judges.
 - Priority will be ranked by the length of time the applicants have had their Level 4 license.
2. Current FEI Level 3 Dressage Judges.
 - Priority will be ranked by the length of time the applicants have had their Level 3 license.
3. Current FEI Level 2 Dressage Judges.

- Priority will be ranked by the length of time the applicants have had their Level 2 license.
4. Current 'S' Dressage Judges (equivalent to FEI Level 1 Dressage Judges) (*permission needed by FEI*).
- Priority will be ranked by the length of time the applicants have had their 'S' license.

All other types of courses will accept applications on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any questions, please contact the USEF Licensed Officials Department at loinquiry@usef.org.