



EQUESTRIANS INSTITUTE CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

EI is very excited to be offering our inaugural Champagne Classic Championship Show in 2026.

Join us for this exciting new event that will showcase the best of our EI member's horses and riders.

QUALIFYING RULES

General:

- **Rider must be a CURRENT EI MEMBER in good standing AT TIME SCORES ARE EARNED**
- Each horse entered must be ridden by the same rider throughout the competition
- Additionally, at no time during the Championship competition may an entered horse be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered on that horse (with the exception of a groom walking on a loose rein)
- Attach photocopies of the front cover of the qualifying tests when entering the Championship show.

Qualifying:

- The qualifying season is December 1 of the previous year to the closing date of the show of the current year.
- **Qualifying scores must be earned by a horse/rider combination**, they cannot be earned separately .
- Only scores received at USEF/USDF Licensed shows may be used.
- Only scores received using current USDF / USEF / FEI approved dressage tests count.
- Scores from the following dressage tests do not count for the EI Championship Show:
Dressage equitation – Dressage suitability – Rider tests – USDF Introductory Level – Opportunity classes

Championship Classes:

- Championship classes must be ridden from memory
- Whips are not allowed
- We will not be closing competition arena gates during tests.
- Final Championship scores will be calculated by averaging the percentages earned in the two tests ridden.

Tests:

- Training–Fourth Levels will ride the two highest tests of the level
- FEI Championship classes will be judged by two judges
- Horse/rider combinations may enter two levels, but may only ride in one division (Open, Adult Amateur, or Junior/Young Rider)
- Horse/rider combinations winning Championship Show classes may not compete at that level in future championship classes (except FEI)
- Tests selected for championship classes are at the discretion of show management

Minimum Qualifying Scores:

- Entries must have earned two qualifying scores; per level, per division, and from two different judges at two separate competitions
- **Qualifying scores may be earned at any test from the level**
- The minimum percentages are as follows:

LEVEL	JR/YR	AA	OPEN	# of Judges
USEF Training Level	2/60%	2/60%	2/62%	TWO
USEF First Level	2/60%	2/60%	2/62%	TWO
USEF Second Level	2/58%	2/58%	2/60%	TWO
USEF Third Level	2/55%	2/56%	2/58%	TWO
USEF Fourth Level	2/55%	2/56%	2/58%	TWO
FEI Prix St. Georges	2/55%	2/55%	2/58%	TWO
FEI Intermediate I & II	2/55%	2/55%	2/56%	TWO
FEI Grand Prix	2/55%	2/55%	2/56%	TWO
USDF/FEI Freestyle	2/58%	2/58%	2/58%	
USDF Pas de Deux	2/58%	2/58%	2/58%	