

# The 2025 Colonel Bengt Ljungquist Memorial Championships Rules

Qualifying dates: September 2, 2024 - August 17, 2025

## Method:

Horse/rider teams qualify by riding in designated CBLM qualifying classes at participating competitions. Qualified horse/rider teams will then compete at the 44th Annual CBLM Championships.

## Awards:

Prize money for places 1-3. At Training and First Levels (excluding Freestyles), ribbons for places 1-10. For all other levels, ribbons for places 1-8. **Separate Finals classes will be held for Junior riders at Training, First, Second USEF levels; Junior/Young riders at Third & Fourth USEF levels (excluding freestyles). Young Riders must compete in the appropriate Senior division at Training, First, Second USEF Levels.** If there are 3 or more Junior/Young riders at any FEI levels (excluding Freestyles), a separate Finals class will be held for the corresponding level(s). DSE Divisions: Ribbons for placings 1 – 8.

## Qualifying rules:

1. A horse/rider team qualifies as a team, and only the same team may compete at the Finals, exception DSE Finalists who are allowed to compete at the Championships on a different horse than the one they qualified on.
2. The rider must be a member of a participating USDF GMO dressage association at the time of qualification.
3. To be eligible to compete in the Finals in a given level, the **horse** must not have been shown before Aug 17, 2025 in any test two levels above that level in shows licensed by the USEF, the FEI or any other National Federation. Exception: Riders who have never shown two levels above their Finals level may ride experienced horses. **Only the USDF HID # is required.**
4. The rider is responsible for submitting a form as proof of qualification to the Championships Secretary as soon as possible after the qualifying ride. (Qualification Form available on [www.CBLM.org](http://www.CBLM.org) and from Bettina Longaker, email address on following page). **Please include your email address. No rider will qualify until the Secretary receives a properly filled-out qualification form.** The Secretary will confirm qualification by a qualification list on the official CBLM website. Only riders who have **NOT** qualified will be individually notified.
5. Competitions may **not** charge extra fees for qualifying rides.
6. ANY class offered that is a CBLM *test will be designated as a qualifying class.*
7. Over a period of four days or less, no more than two qualifying competitions may be held at the same location.
8. Winning horse/rider teams at the Finals will be ineligible to compete at the same level in succeeding years, except for Intermediate II, Grand Prix, Grand Prix Freestyle and Pas de Deux.
9. The 2025 Finals classes may be used to qualify for 2026 and the FS and FEI Finals may be used to qualify for the USDF/GAIG Finals (except Training level F.S) for 2026.
10. The last date to qualify for the 2025 Championships is August 17, 2025

## New for 2025, Dressage Seat Equitation, 6 Divisions

Jr 13 & under

Jr 14-18

YR 19-21

AA Training level riders

AA 1<sup>st</sup> Level Riders

AA 2nd Level & above riders

**All Jr/YR & AA will be automatically entered as qualified for the division they are eligible for. If an AA rider then qualified for a division higher, they will be moved to the higher division.**

### **Qualification Requirements:**

**CBLM Age for all Levels: is determined by the age of the rider as of December 1: Children = 12 - 14; Junior = 18 & under; Young Rider = 19 – 21; Senior = 22 and older.**

**DSE Divisions:** Qualifying Secretary will automatically qualify all submitted Jr/YR & AA applicants into the division corresponding to the riders' age and level qualified at for AA. If AA riders move up a level, their DSE Division will be changed to the higher Division.

**USEF levels:** The horse/rider team must achieve the following minimum percentages (qualifying tests to be used are indicated): Training Level Test 2 65% (Seniors/YR) 63% (Juniors)

First Level Test 2 62% (Seniors/YR) 60% (Juniors)

Second Level Test 2\* 62% (Seniors/YR) 60% (Juniors)

Third Level Test 2\*\* 62% (Seniors) 60%

(Juniors/YR) Fourth Level Test 2 62% (Seniors)

60% (Juniors/YR)

**FEI levels:** A horse/rider team must achieve the following minimum score in any FEI class at a qualifying show (National and CDI); FEI TOC classes may be used.

Prix St. Georges\*\*\* 60% (Seniors) 58% (Juniors/YR)

Intermediate I 60% (Seniors) 58% (Juniors/YR)

Intermediate II 60%

Grand Prix 60%

**Freestyles:** The Qualifying score is **63%**. At the Finals, there will be seven freestyles. 1) Training Level; 2) First Level; 3) Second Level\*; 4) Third Level\*\*; 5) Fourth Level\*\*\*\*; 6) Intermediate I; 7) Grand Prix. Any type of freestyle class from a

USEF licensed competition will be accepted, including GAIG/USDF qualifying classes, USDF or FEI freestyles, or CDI freestyles.

**Pas de Deux:** The Qualifying score is **65%**.

\* - FEI Children or Pony Team/FS Tests may be ridden by Children/Juniors to qualify at 2<sup>nd</sup> level; they will ride 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Test 2 & 2<sup>nd</sup> FS in the Finals

\*\* - FEI Junior Team/FS Tests may be ridden by Juniors to qualify at 3<sup>rd</sup> level; they will ride 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Test 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup> FS in the Finals

\*\*\* - FEI Young Rider Team test may be ridden by eligible Young riders respectively to qualify at PSG; they will ride PSG in the Finals

\*\*\*\* - FEI Young Rider Freestyle may be ridden by eligible Young Riders to qualify for 4<sup>th</sup> Level MFS; they will ride 4<sup>th</sup> MFS in the Finals

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### **USDF Group Member Organizations that are Participating in the 2025 CBLM Championships**

Commonwealth DCTA, Delaware Valley CTA, East Coast Regional DA, Eastern States DCTA, French Creek DA, International Equestrian Org., Lehigh Valley DA, Maryland DA, North Carolina DCTA, Oley Valley CTA, Potomac Valley DA, Virginia DA, Western Pennsylvania DA

## Rules Governing the Finals

1. The same tests used to qualify will be used in the Finals, except the FEI Children Pony, Junior & Young Rider tests listed above.
2. The tests must be ridden from memory and without whips.
3. No horse/rider team may ride Hors de Concours in a Finals class.
4. Entries for the Finals classes may be made online ([www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com)) or mailed (received by the closing date) to the current year's Finals Entry Secretary, **Ellen Clarke** along with all payments and necessary documents.
5. A horse/rider team may qualify at more than one level and all qualified horse/rider teams are permitted to compete in the Finals in consecutive qualified levels; this includes the corresponding Freestyle finals.
6. Only ONE horse/rider combination may show in the Finals. If two riders qualify the same horse at different levels, the choice must be made and only one Finals horse/rider combination will be accepted by the Finals Show Secretary(exception: Pas de Deux).
7. During the Finals competition, no horse entered in a Ljungquist Final may be ridden by anyone other than the rider entered in the Final on that horse until that combination has finished their Finals class(es); this includes the awards ceremony. (At this point, the new horse/rider combination may compete in open classes with new entry form and bridle number.)
8. Training Level and First Level Finals for Senior/YR riders will consist of two divisions: a) riders who **have not** competed at or above Third Level at an USEF licensed show, and b) riders who **have** competed at or above Third Level at an USEF licensed show.
9. Second and Third Level Finals for senior (and/or YR) riders will consist of two divisions: a) riders who **have not** competed at or above the FEI Prix St. Georges level or in any of the FEI Young Rider levels at an USEF licensed show, and b) riders who **have** competed at or above the FEI Prix St. Georges level or in any of the FEI Young Rider levels at an USEF licensed show.
10. Fourth Level Finals for senior riders will consist of two divisions: a) riders who **have not** competed at or above the FEI Intermediate I at an USEF licensed show, and b) riders who **have** competed at or above the FEI Intermediate I at an USEF licensed show.
11. Prix St Georges Finals for senior riders will consist of two divisions: a) riders who **have not** competed at or above the FEI Intermediate II at an USEF licensed show, and b) riders who **have** competed at or above the FEI Intermediate II and/or B at an USEF licensed show.
12. A Division A rider may compete in Division B, but a Division B rider **may NOT** compete in Division A.
13. Regardless of the Division entered, only **ONE Level** per entrant (A or B, not both) may be ridden in at the Championships.
14. The Pas de Deux Finals class **MUST** be held on Sunday of the Finals Competition.
15. Finalists are NOT required to be stabled on grounds.
16. The Championship competition is to be held within USDF Region 1 only.

**CBLM Website:** <http://www.cblm.org>

**To get a qualification form, check the website (preferred) or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Bettina Longaker, Championship Qualifying Secretary [entries@scriptsrides.com](mailto:entries@scriptsrides.com) 8246 Open Gate Rd Gordonsville, VA 22942**



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