

NAJYRC Qualifying Attempts – How To do It Right !!

You may enter as many Qualifying Competitions as you want. A Qualifying Competition is a weekend of show(s). Two one-day shows equal one competition.

You need a minimum of 3 scores. The score is a combination of Team (50%) and Jr Individual/YR PSG (50%) scores.

Your average of at least 3 scores from Qualifying Competitions must be 60% or more to qualify for NAJYRC.

If you have scores from 4 or more Qualifying Competitions the one lowest score will be dropped; the average of your remaining scores will become your overall qualifying average.

When you enter a competition you will sign up for the Team Test on Saturday, The Jr Individual/YR PSG on Sunday.

You must also get one score of 60% or more at a Qualifying Competition for your Jr FEI Freestyle/YR PSG Freestyle. This score does not get averaged in. Once you get a 60% you have a Freestyle Qualifying Score. Trying for a higher one will not affect your qualifying average.

Qualifying Freestyles will be ridden on Sunday.

Therefore, at a Qualifying Competition you may enter the Team Test on Saturday and the Jr Individual/YR PSG on Sunday. You may also enter the Freestyle on Sunday if you wish.

Alternatively you may enter only the Freestyle on Sunday at a Qualifying Competition.

You may NOT enter the Team Test on Saturday and just the Freestyle on Sunday. For this you will receive a zero for the competition.

If you need to scratch from a Qualifying Competition you may do so without penalty if you withdraw before the Team Test, or if you scratch from the Freestyle.

Once you come down the center line for the Team Test you may not withdraw from it or scratch the Jr Individual/YR PSG Test. If you do you will receive a zero for the qualifying attempt. The zero will become part of your qualifying average.

Exception – an official **Certificate of Withdrawal**, signed by a physician stating you are unable to ride or by the official show veterinarian stating your horse should not be ridden must be completed and submitted to the Show Secretary **before the end of the competition**. Certificates of Withdrawal are available on the USDF website. Print and bring one with you, just in case.

If you are excused or eliminated from either the Team or Jr Individual/YR PSG Test you will receive a zero for the competition.

Special reasons for elimination from NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions:

Carrying a whip anywhere near the competition arena will be cause for elimination. Dropping it at A prior to entering the arena is not good enough. You may not carry it around the arena either. Drop it at the warm-up area !

NO ONE other than the Rider may ride the Horse AT ANY TIME during the Competition, and this starts WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON THE SHOW GROUNDS. That means Friday night is included in a Saturday/Sunday show. Exception is a groom riding on a loose rein.

Show Management can make mistakes, and you will pay the price ! Make Sure.

Check the scheduling. Make sure TWO "S"/FEI judges are scheduled to judge each of your Qualifying Rides (including Freestyles).

Make sure the Team Test is on Saturday, the Jr Individual/YR PSG and Freestyles are scheduled on Sunday.

Bring a calculator. Check your scores on your tests as soon as they are available. Errors can be made, can be corrected if done immediately. Once the day of competition is over it is too late to correct a scoring error.

These are the basics. If you think facts above are in error, or need clarification, have questions please contact Michele Voorhees (primarily YR's) at ginni@flash.net, or 979-690-6788 days, cell 979-492-1393 AM, PM, & Sundays; Joan Darnell (primarily Jr's) at joan@dressage.us or 512-868-1814. If unavailable try Sharon Vander Ziel (NAJYRC) at USDF, svanderziel@usdf.org or 859-971-7047.