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Mill Spring, North Carolina – October 22, 2020- U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF) will host the 2020 Adequan®/USEF Para Dressage National Championship and CPEDI3* competition October 22-25, 2020, at the Tryon International Equestrian Center in Mill Spring, North Carolina. Elite athletes will compete for exposure to be selected to the Adequan® U.S. Para Dressage Team at the now rescheduled Tokyo Summer Paralympic Games in 2021, including medal winners Rebecca Hart and Kate Shoemaker. In addition to high-performance and developing athletes competing in the National Championship, emerging, and young athletes will also ride in the 2020 Para Dressage Emerging Athlete Competition sponsored by the U.S. Para Equestrian Association (USPEA). Young athletes include Veronica, Gogan, Deborah McAlexander, Genevieve Rohner, and Andie Sue Roth.

USPEA is devoted to growing the grass-roots riders in the sport, and is sponsoring an open class, for which prior qualification is not necessary. Among the riders are two young athletes named earlier this year to the U.S. Para-Equestrian Emerging Athletes list (<https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/2tcSsiOy6N8/athlete-list-updated-08252020>) by the U.S. Equestrian Federation, both aspiring to higher levels of competition.



Twelve-year old Genevieve Rohner, of Park City, Utah, was born a premature 28-week triplet and diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, Sensory Integration Disorder, Amblyopia and misaligned right leg bones. One of her brothers had a stroke at birth and also has Cerebral Palsy. Rohner initially began riding for therapy at age four. “I spotted her at age seven and encouraged her to pursue her dreams of the Paralympics”, said USPEA President, Hope Hand, a 2000 Paralympic Equestrian. Currently training with Prestige Dressage and Sydni Peterson in Utah, Rohner has developed into an accomplished rider with her sights set on representing the United States on Team USA at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris, France.

