



USEF Selection Procedures

Date: January 14-18, 2009

Venue: Sydney International Equestrian Center

Invited Nations: Australia, Great Britain, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Sweden, and the United States of America. Each Nation is invited to bring a team of four athletes.

Age Criteria: Athletes must be 15-20 years as of December 31, 2009 (i.e. born between January 1, 1989 and December 31, 1994).

Format: The Australian Youth Olympic Festival will be conducted in accordance with FEI rules and include a Warm-up Competition, a Table C, a Nations Cup, and an Individual Final. Riders will use borrowed horses per FEI Art 264.

Fence Heights: The maximum starting height for the Nation's Cup will be 1.15m and the maximum starting height for the Individual Final will be 1.20 m.

Funding: Travel to Sydney, Australia is at the athlete's expense. The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) will provide accommodations for athletes from January 13th to January 17th. The AOC will also provide athletes with meals and ground transportation from January 13th to January 18th.

Applications: Athletes wishing to be considered for the 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival must submit a completed application to the attention of Jennifer Haydon c/o USEF 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington KY 40511. Applications must be postmarked, faxed, emailed, or hand delivered no later than **Friday October 31, 2008**. No application will be accepted after this date. All applicants must be current USEF members in good standings and US Citizens.

Selection: Selection will be based on prize money won at competitions with a start date no earlier than September 16th and no later than November 3, 2008 and will include the following classes held at USEF Licensed Competitions as well as FEI Competitions:

- Junior Jumper classes held at Level 6 or higher offering \$5,000 or more in prize money;
- Open Jumper classes held at Level 6 or higher offering \$5,000 or more in prize money including Grand Prix classes offering \$25,000 or more in prize money.