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**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.**  
**SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR CSIO/CSI COMPETITION**  
**(Other than Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships or any other competition for which**  
**separate selection procedures are promulgated)**  
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The Show Jumping High Performance Committee will oversee the selection process, which process shall be reviewed and approved by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) Executive Committee to ensure that the final selections are made in accordance with the procedures approved by the USEF Executive Committee.

**PERSONAL INVITATIONS** - Providing they meet the minimum criteria to compete abroad, or have received a waiver, riders receiving personal invitations from Organizing Committees will have preference over other U.S. competitors, except in the case of riders on an official tour of the USEF. The definition of a "Personal Invitation" is one that is given by the Organizing Committee to a specific rider either received directly by the rider or by USEF on behalf of the rider. The invitation must be in writing and a copy sent to Athlete Services.

**APPLICATION** - With the exception of USEF funded tours, for which separate applications are distributed, applications to compete abroad should be submitted at least 58 days prior to the start date of the competition in question (after that USEF may not be able to secure an invitation); however applications **MUST** be received in writing no later than 2 working days prior to the Nominated Entry date for that competition.

For competitions for which there is no Nominated Entry deadline, applications **MUST** be received 30 days prior to the start date of the competition.

Riders ranking higher on the USEF Show Jumping Computer List (the "Computer List") as published five weeks before the competition in question who submit their applications after the 58 day period but on or before 2 working days prior to the Nominated Entry deadline, or 31 days prior to the start date of competition without a Nominated Entry deadline, will still be considered over lower ranked riders (Exception: see below regarding Privately Funded Tours).

If there is an oversubscription, under no circumstances will applications be considered:

1. If the application is received less than 2 working days prior to the Nominated Entry deadline for competitions with Nominated Entry deadlines, or
2. If the application is received less than 31 days prior to the start date of the competition for competitions without Nominated Entry deadlines, or
3. Once the selection has been made, or
4. Except, in the case of the withdrawal of a selected rider and all the remaining riders who submitted an application have been polled and declined, an additional rider who did not submit an application in a timely manner may be selected by the Show Jumping High Performance Committee or appointed subcommittee to take the withdrawn rider's place. The method used to select this rider will be at the discretion of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee, e.g. ranking on the Computer List, availability, etc.

Except as noted below for North American CSIO's, riders wishing to be considered for all FEI competitions in foreign nations, including Canada, should contact USEF Athlete Services, P.O. Box 86, Gladstone, New Jersey 07934 (908)234-0848 to receive an application.

For North American CSIO's, the following will apply:

1. For Canadian CSIO's, riders officially representing the United States as a Team Member do not have to submit an application to USEF, and, unless another method is approved by the USEF Executive Committee or their designees, will be chosen directly from the Computer List published five weeks prior to the competition in question according to rank. Other riders wishing to participate but not as a Team Member must submit an application to USEF.
2. For U.S. CSIO's, riders do not have to submit an application to USEF, and will be chosen directly from the Computer List published five weeks prior to the competition in question according to rank.

**ENTRIES** - Riders must apply to USEF pursuant to Article GR828 of USEF Rules and receive permission to compete abroad. In addition, they must meet the following minimum criteria in order to compete abroad:

Riders who have won a Grand Prix at a CSI\*\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*\*\*/\*\*\* or CSIO\*\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*, or have been the winner of a CSI-W with their declared horse, within the twelve month period prior to the closing of nominated entries for the competition in question, are automatically eligible to compete abroad. Riders who have participated in Show Jumping at the Olympic Games, World Equestrian Games, or Pan American Games, or have been placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> in the overall standings of the World Cup Finals, are automatically eligible to compete abroad, provided they have been actively competing in classes of \$25,000 or more within the twelve month period prior to the closing of nominated entries for the competition in question. In other cases, riders must be ranked as follows on the Computer List as published five weeks before the competition in question:

- For CSIO\*\*\*\*\*'s, U.S. riders must be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>;  
\*In addition, applications for riders wishing to compete at a Super League competition will automatically be reviewed by the Jumping Credentials Committee.
- For CSI\*\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*'s, CSIO\*\*\*\*\*'s and/or CSI-W's, U.S. riders must be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>;
- For CSIO\*\*'s and/or CSI\*\*'s, U.S. riders must be ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to 50<sup>th</sup>;
- For a CSIO\* or CSI\*, U.S. rider and horse need not be ranked on the Computer List, but must have placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> in an open competition offering \$25,000 or more in prize money or the equivalent in Euros, within the 12 month period prior to the competition.

Under extraordinary circumstances, the Jumping Credentials Committee may grant waivers to the above criteria, however, the rider must comply with Article GR828 of USEF rules and is expected to document the unusual circumstances, submit a detailed proven competitive record of the horse/rider combination demonstrating ability to compete at the level required for the competition applied for, and indicate the reason he or she believes the waiver should be issued, at the time of their application.

Riders who have points on the Computer List five weeks before the competitions for which they are applying and who wish to participate in Canadian CSI's or CSI-Ws will not be required to request a waiver.

A minimum performance standard is not required for Juniors, Young Riders, and/or Amateurs wishing to compete in Junior, Young Rider, and/or Amateur classes at foreign CSI's.

Individuals wishing to compete at CSI-J/Y's must meet the minimum criteria established by USEF (see Federation website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), Athlete Services for details). If they are not able to meet the minimum criteria for the CSI-J/Y they wish to enter, they must submit a request for a waiver.

Riders must enter all foreign CSI competitions through USEF, including those in Canada. Entries for the competition in question will be submitted by USEF no later than the closing date for nominated entries.

**CODE OF CONDUCT** - Candidates and horse owners will be required to sign and abide by the USEF Code of Conduct prior to competing.

**SELECTION** - The USEF Show Jumping Computer List (the "Computer List") will be used to select teams and/or individuals to represent the United States at CSIO's and CSI's in those cases where more riders have indicated a desire to compete than the Organizer can accommodate. If more riders have indicated a desire to compete than the Organizer can accommodate, entries will be submitted in descending order according to the rider's ranking on the Computer List as published five weeks before the competition in question or first competition in a multi-competition tour. For each competition or first competition in a multi-competition tour, riders will be named by the Show Jumping High Performance Committee or appointed subcommittee based on the availability of horses, subject to review by the USEF Executive Committee or its designees. If a rider has applied and competed on more than one horse and therefore appears on the Computer List more than once, the rider will be chosen based on which horse the rider has earned the most points on the Computer List. Unless a Horse Substitution Request is made and approved pursuant to the procedure set forth in this Selection Procedure under "Horse Substitution Request", a rider will be named with this horse.

However, with *the* approval of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee and the Executive Committee or these committees' designees, the chef d'equipe shall have the authority to replace one or two athletes who would otherwise have been named to the team *or as an alternate* due to his or her ranking on the Computer List. However, using ranking on the appropriate Computer List, the replacement athlete must be one of the first twenty applicants found on the Computer List, e.g. the replacement athlete might be ranked 30<sup>th</sup> on the appropriate Computer List, but could still be one of the first twenty applicants for the tour or competition, depending on who actually applied. Furthermore, when making the replacement selection, the chef d'equipe will take into consideration, but not be limited to, the following factors:

1. The ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties;
2. Previous international experience of the horse/rider combination, including the demonstrated ability of the horse and rider to succeed in either FEI or International Level Grand Prix Show Jumping competitions within the past 2-3 years;
3. ***Current ranking on the FEI World Ranking list***
4. Other attributes, which may include, but are not limited to, carefulness, scope, and consistency, etc.

~~Exception: For the CSIO at which the Super League Nations Cup Final is held, in years that Olympic and Pan American Games or World Championships are held, the chef d'equipe shall have the authority to name the team with athletes that have been selected for that year to represent the United States at the Olympic or Pan American Games or the World Championships.~~

~~Alternates will be named in order of their ranking on the Computer List used to select the team. However, In the event that the Chef d'Equipe chooses to exercise his discretionary choice, the Chef d'Equipe may also recommend that the horse/rider combination that has been replaced will be named as the first Alternate, and, if two discretionary choices are used, first and second Alternates. "~~

**SUBSTITUTIONS FOR VETERINARY, MEDICAL and/or EXTRAORDINARY REASONS** - After a team has been named, the Chef d'Equipe shall also have the ability to exercise discretion to substitute horse/rider combinations in the event of veterinary or medical reasons or extraordinary circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the tour/competition in question, but only with the unanimous approval of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee. Openings, if they occur, will be filled by offering the spot ~~to be filled~~ to horse/rider combinations in order of their ranking ~~on the Computer List~~ used to select for the tour/competition in question ***as approved by the Executive Committee. However, if none of the listed horse/rider combinations are available, using the criteria outlined above for discretionary selection, the Chef d'Equipe shall have the authority to recommend to the team or as an alternate***

***a horse/rider combination that may not have submitted an application, but only with the approval of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee.***

Any substitution for veterinary reasons must have the approval of the Team Veterinarian, or, if there is a conflict of interest, a conflict-free veterinarian appointed by the Show Jumping High Performance Committee and approved by the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof.

Any substitution for medical reasons must be documented by a physician(s) approved by the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee.

Any substitution for extraordinary circumstances must have the unanimous approval of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee.

Any substitution, regardless of the reasons, must also have the approval of the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof.

Copies of the horse/rider list may be obtained from Ryegate Show Services, 1298 Royal Road, Annville, PA 17003-2226, (717)867-5643, fax (717)867-2174.

Note: Individuals not having applied in accordance with the provisions under "Application" above, will not have preference over timely applicants, regardless of a higher ranking.

**HORSE SUBSTITUTION REQUEST** - If a rider's best ranked horse is not available, e.g. illness, soundness, etc., a rider may request to be considered for selection on another horse and the request will be passed upon by vote of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee in consultation with the chef d'equipe for the competition in question, subject to review by the USEF Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final. In passing upon the request, the Show Jumping High Performance Committee shall evaluate the past performance of the horse and rider, including the ability to jump the size and difficulty of obstacles, the complexity of the course(s) and the required speed to avoid time penalties in Nation's Cup competition.

In the event the rider and substitute horse are not selected in the discretion of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee, the next highest ranked rider will be named, provided the horse on which he/she has earned the most points is available. If this rider's best ranked horse is not available, he/she may request to be considered for selection on another horse, according to the procedure outlined above. Should a named rider have a second horse appearing higher on the list than that of the next rider they will automatically retain their position.

In addition, any substitution, regardless of the reasons, must also have the approval of the USEF Executive Committee or their designees, including if the substitution is sought at the competition site.

**PRIVATELY FUNDED TOURS - Groups of riders (2 or more)** - All groups of US riders (2 or more) who wish to schedule a self funded tour to attend two or more specific competitions to be held within a period of no more than 8 weeks must submit an application to Athlete Services which will be submitted to the Show Jumping High Performance Committee for consideration.

Applications for competitions taking place during the time periods listed in the below table must be received by Athlete Services by the deadlines listed below. The application must include full details of the competitions requested including competitions listed as second choice and the riders/horses that will participate.

- Deadline of February 15 for competitions from May – June
- Deadline of April 15 for competitions from July – September

- Deadline of July 15 for competitions from October – January
- Deadline of November 15 for competitions from February – April

If more than one group of riders applies for all or some of the same competitions, the Show Jumping High Performance Committee will base their selection on the following:

- a) Each group's average of rider/horse rankings taken from the Computer List (9 weeks prior to the first competition of the tour).
- b) Recent outstanding performances of horse/rider combinations which have occurred 9 weeks prior to the first competition of the tour. Examples of outstanding performances are winning in the Western European League either a Grand Prix at a CSI\*\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*\* or CSIO\*\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*\* or a World Cup class at a CSI-W not more than 6 months prior to the first competition of the tour. If an applicant rider is ranked lower than 20<sup>th</sup> on the Computer List, and has had an outstanding performance as noted above, the rider will be considered to have an equal ranking with any other applicant riders ranked below 20<sup>th</sup> place on the Computer List.
- c) The second choice of competitions listed on applications.

Once a group of riders who have submitted their application no later than the deadline noted in this document has received the approval of their application/schedule from the Show Jumping High Performance Committee, they shall be given preference over riders, even those ranked higher, who subsequently submit their applications for the same competitions prior to the Nominated Entry date. The Show Jumping High Performance Committee or appointed subcommittee may approve later applications subject to availability of invitations, date of application, rank of horse/rider combination, and other considerations.

**ORGANIZATIONS** - U.S. Organizations that wish to schedule a self funded tour to attend two or more specific competitions to be held within a period of no more than 8 weeks must submit a procedure for selection of riders and horses as well as a list of first and second choice competitions to Athlete Services which will be submitted to the Show Jumping High Performance Committee for its recommendation and then to the USEF Executive Committee or appointed subcommittees for their consideration.

The above information must be received by Athlete Services for competitions taking place during the time periods listed in below table by the deadlines listed below:

- Deadline of February 15 for competitions from May – June
- Deadline of April 15 for competitions from July – September
- Deadline of July 15 for competitions from October – January
- Deadline of November 15 for competitions from February – April

If two or more organizations, or an organization and group of riders apply for all or some of the same competitions, the Show Jumping High Performance Committee will base its selection on the following:

- a) Each group's average of rider/horse rankings taken from the Computer List (9 weeks prior to the first competition of the tour);
- b) Recent outstanding performances of horse/rider combinations which have occurred 9 weeks prior to the first competition of the tour. Examples of outstanding performances are winning in the Western European League either a Grand Prix at a CSI\*\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*\* or CSIO\*\*\*\*\*/\*\*\*\* or a World Cup class at a CSI-W not more than 6 months prior to the first competition of the tour. If an applicant rider is ranked lower than 20<sup>th</sup> on the Computer List, and has had an outstanding performance as noted above, the rider will be considered to have an equal ranking with any other applicant riders ranked below 20<sup>th</sup> place on the Computer List;
- c) Competition level of events applied for together with the stringency of selection method for those competitions (applies to organizations only);

- d) The second choice of competitions listed on application.

Once an organization that has submitted its application no later than the deadline noted in this document has received the approval of its schedule from the Show Jumping High Performance Committee, its riders shall be given preference over riders, even those ranked higher, who subsequently submit their applications for the same competitions prior to the Nominated Entry date. The Show Jumping High Performance Committee or appointed subcommittee may approve later applications subject to availability of invitations, date of application, rank of horse/rider combination, and other considerations.

**NOTE** - After entries are submitted by USEF to an event, the order of selection will not be changed.

**WITHDRAWING OF ENTRIES** - Riders withdrawing from participation at a show for which they have had an entry submitted or an invitation requested on their behalf by USEF may cause hardship to the Federation and to other riders who may wish to obtain invitations to that competition in the future. Therefore any rider wishing to withdraw after Nominated and/or Definite entries (to a CSI\*\*\*/CSIO\*\*\* and above) have been submitted or an invitation requested will be expected to follow the four steps outlined below. Competitions in the United States, CAN and MEX are excluded. Unless there are extenuating circumstances necessitating the withdrawal, such as illness or injury to rider or named horse, in which case a physician's or veterinarian's note will be required, or if there is evidence of excessive withdrawing from competitions entered, USEF retains the right (after review by, and the recommendation of, the Show Jumping High Performance Committee, Chef d'Equipe, the High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or their designees) to place a penalty on the rider. Examples of such penalties would be but are not limited to, issuance of a lower level waiver (for riders who are required to request a waiver), a fine, or to place the individual at the bottom of any list of individuals requesting selection for an upcoming event, or events, during an 8 month period commencing on the date of the withdrawal. Cancellation of a tour may preclude the authorization of another tour in the same or the following year by the same individual or organization.

Entry and/or invitation request withdrawals including CSI\*s/\*\* & CSIO\*/\*\*'s will be noted in reports to the Show Jumping High Performance Committee with the exception of withdrawals from competitions in the United States, CAN and MEX.

Competitors are expected to carefully plan their competition schedule when completing the Application for International Competition to compete in foreign FEI competitions and should consult with their trainers, horse owners and sponsors upon doing so.

The application listing competitions in which competitor wishes to compete must then be submitted by the competitor or competitor's representative to Athlete Services at least 58 days prior to the start date. Competitors are expected to participate in the list of competitions submitted by them to Athlete Services.

It is understandable that from time to time competitors may need to withdraw from a competition due to unforeseen circumstances. Therefore some flexibility has been added to the withdrawal policy which applies only to withdrawals before the nominated and/or definite entries have been submitted as described under the first bulleted paragraph.

- If a competitor withdraws from a CSI\*\*\*/CSIO\*\*\* and above (US, CAN, MEX are excluded) more than three (3) times in one year after Athlete Services has sent the competitor's invitation request to the organizer, riders must follow steps 1-4 as outlined below and, in addition, the next invitation that he asks USEF to request will not be granted, nor entries submitted should the competitor receive an invitation directly from the organizer. This will be strictly enforced. Athlete Services usually submits invitation requests two (2) months prior to the competition.
- If a competitor withdraws from a CSI\*\*\*/CSIO\*\*\* and above (US, CAN, MEX are excluded) after the nominated and/or definite entry to the organizing committee has been submitted by Athlete Services he/she must follow steps 1-4 as outlined below:

1. Explain their reason for withdrawing to the Chef d'Equipe, and receive his approval of their withdrawal. His contact information may be obtained by calling Athlete Services or the Show Jumping High Performance Department at 908-234-0848.
2. Send a written explanation to Athletes Services. If the Chef d'Equipe approves of the withdrawal, Athlete Services will officially notify the organizing committee.
3. Send a letter of apology to the organizing committee, copying Athlete Services.
4. Submit a vet certificate to Athlete Services if reason for withdrawal is an unsound horse or a physician's note to Athlete Services if the reason for withdrawal is due to competitor illness/injury. This step applies only to withdrawing after nominated and/or definite entry has been submitted.
5. In addition, if the withdrawal is for any reason other than documented veterinary and/or medical reasons, the competitor will not receive permission for the next CSI\*\*\*/CSIO\*\*\* and above (US, CAN, MEX are excluded) in which he wishes to enter.
6. The second time a competitor withdraws within a calendar year from a CSI\*\*\*/CSIO\*\*\* and above (US, CAN, MEX are excluded) for any reason other than documented veterinary and/or medical reasons, the competitor will not receive permission for the next two CSI\*\*\*/CSIO\*\*\* and above (US, CAN, MEX are excluded) he wishes to enter, and so on for the third CSI\*\*\*/CSIO\*\*\* and above (US, CAN, MEX are excluded), etc.

**CSIO'S – NATIONS CUP ENTRIES** – In the event that more than four U.S. riders are competing at a CSIO, the chef d'equipe has the responsibility of naming the riders to compete in the Nation's Cup. Prior to his selection of riders for the Nation's Cup, the chef d'equipe shall give consideration to the following criteria: past international performance of the horse and rider (including in classes prior to the Nation's Cup), soundness of horse and health of rider.

The chef d'equipe not only has the authority to designate which riders will represent the United States in the Nations Cup, but also on which of their horses these riders will compete.

**EXTRA HORSES** - Extra horses will be selected by the chef d'equipe for the competition in question, according to the horses available for that competition, and not according to a rider's ranking on the Computer List.

**ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS** - In order for a U.S. rider to be ranked, the rider must be a current member in good standing of USEF.

**DRUG TESTING** - All horses shall be subject to drug testing. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected at any time during competitions. Samples collected from horses at an event may be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden and/or controlled by USEF at USEF recognized competitions which are not FEI recognized. At FEI recognized competitions samples collected from horses may be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden or controlled by the FEI. If any substance is detected for which USEF and/or the FEI has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of this substance will be quantified. The analytical results will be reported to USEF and FEI as applicable.

**ANY HORSE TESTING ABOVE APPLICABLE USEF and/or FEI LIMITS FOR FORBIDDEN and/or CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AT ANY EVENT (OR ANY COMPETITOR THAT IS SUBSEQUENTLY DISQUALIFIED FROM THE COMPETITION BY THE USEF OR THE FEI FOR ANY REASON), MAY HAVE NO POINTS GIVEN FOR PARTICIPATION IN THAT EVENT, AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THE RULES OF USEF and/or THE FEI.**

**SOUNDNESS** - Horses may be examined for soundness at the rider's expense by a veterinarian(s) chosen by the USEF Executive Committee or their designees prior to or after any Selection, e.g. when a horse has been withdrawn from a prior competition. Horses declared to be unsound may be eliminated from any Selection (See Substitutions).

**EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES** - In extraordinary circumstances, these procedures may be modified by the USEF Executive Committee at the request of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee.

**USEF CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY** - All persons participating in any decision made pursuant to Selection Procedures including but not limited to the Selectors, members of the Veterinary Panel, Physicians, members of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee, and the USEF Executive Committee or their designees will be required to abide by both the USEF Conflict of Interest Policy (see attached).

Reference is made to the attached Conflict of Interest Policy for a full and accurate statement of their requirements. In particular, however, no individual may participate in the selection process if, after full disclosure, the individual is found by the applicable committee to have a disqualifying conflict of interest in the selection process in question per the current Conflict of Interest Policy.

## APPENDIX A USEF SHOW JUMPING COMPUTER LIST

**CLASSES TO COUNT** - In order to be counted in the USEF Show Jumping Computer List (the “Computer List”), classes must fulfill the following criteria:

- 1.) With the exception of Puissance and Six Bar Competition (the results of which shall not be included in the Computer List), classes with a jump-off must be conducted (as per USEF Rules) using the National or International Standard (JP120.3.b, JP120.3.c) or in the case of FEI competitions, be CSI's (in Europe, CSI\*\*s and up), CSI-W's, or CSIO's. All other classes must be conducted using a minimum standard of USEF Level 9 (JP120.2.a) or in the case of FEI competitions, the equivalent. If a class is conducted at less than Level 9 for whatever reason, the results will not be included in the Computer List. The results of classes held at the Regional Standard (JP120.3.1) are not eligible for inclusion on the Computer List.
- 2.) Offer US\$25,000 or more in prize money, except for European competitions, for which the minimum is 20,000 Euro, and classes at CSIO's and Selection Trials for the World Championships and Olympic and Pan American Games. In addition, providing a class meets the other minimum specifications as outlined above, “bonus” money may be included in determining a competition's class value.

In the case of competitions outside the United States, the currency rate for the first business day of the year will be used throughout the year.

- 3.) Be licensed by USEF, and/or sanctioned by Equine Canada, and/or the FEI.
- 4.) Beginning December 1, 2006, competitions taking place in the United States that wish to hold “Low Cap” classes (as defined on pages 2 and 3), and CSI's, CSI-W's, and CSIO's in the United States will pay an annual fee of \$100 to Ryegate Show Services, which shall be the entity responsible for the collection of the results on behalf of the United States Equestrian Federation. Competitions wishing to hold “High Cap” classes (as defined on page 3) will pay an annual fee of \$1,000, also to Ryegate Show Services.

Competitions outside the United States are not required to pay an annual fee for their results to be included in the Computer List.

- 5.) Except in the case of the Show Jumping World Cup Finals, Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Championships (where all classes meeting the criteria will count) and CSIO's, a maximum of two classes per show will be included.

- a. In the case of CSIO's, the Nation's Cup and the Grand Prix are the two classes that will be included.

In addition, a third class may be included at CSIO's, with the requirement that Nation's Cup riders will be excluded from earning any points for the Computer List for this class, though their participation would be included to determine the value of the class. This class will have the same value as the Grand Prix and is defined as that class which, after the Nations Cup and Grand Prix, offers the most prize money.

No rider, therefore, will be able to gain the advantage of having three classes from one show count for the USEF Show Jumping Computer List.

- b. In the case of other competitions, it will be the two classes with the highest prize money. If two or more classes have equal prize money, the two classes to count will be those with the highest class value.

- c. All classes from a single competition will be considered in the ranking week of the last day of the show.

*In the case of two competitions taking place at the same venue on the same dates and one of the competitions restricts rider participation, e.g. a CSIO, each rider is entitled to earn points from a maximum of two classes per competition (if two are offered at Computer List standard); riders will earn points from one competition or the other, but not both.*

*If one of the competitions is a CSI, riders participating in the CSI will earn points only from the CSI classes, not from national classes held during the same time period.*

*Riders competing in only national classes during this time period will have the opportunity of counting the results from two national classes (if available) for Computer List ranking.*

- d. If more than one class at a competition meets the criteria, and one of those classes is a World Cup Qualifier, but is not the Grand Prix, the two classes to be included in the Computer List will be the World Cup Qualifier and the Grand Prix. The class value used for the World Cup Qualifier will be the highest of the choices already indicated herein.
- e. In the case of a competition that consists of a series of one or more classes for which only overall prize money is distributed based on overall ranking at the conclusion of the series, i.e. no prize money per class is distributed, the following will apply:
- Points for horse/rider combinations will be awarded based on the results of the series, which will count as two classes on the Computer List;
  - The class value of the series will be determined according to overall ranking at the conclusion of the series using
    - The rider's highest ranked horse used in the series and
    - The class in the series which had the greatest number of horse/rider combinations to determine the number of competitors.

In addition, total prize money in the series will be used to determine the prize money multiplier, e.g. for series offering a total of \$25,000 in prize money, the class value will be multiplied by 1.00; for series offering a total of \$25,001 - \$34,999 in prize money, the class value will then be multiplied by 1.10, etc. See "Class Value."

**RECENT HISTORY** - During 2005, the USEF published two Ranking Lists, one with the results of only FEI competitions, the other with the results of all classes which met the criteria. Beginning January 1, 2006, the List reverted back to one Ranking List, which included the results of all classes which met the criteria.

**TYPES OF GRAND PRIX** - Effective December 1, 2006, there will be three types of Grand Prix:

FEI (CSI/CSI-W, CSIO) – Classes at CSI's, CSI-W's, and CSIO's ~~in the United States and Canada~~ meeting the criteria under CLASSES TO COUNT will have "1" added to their Natural Multiplier, i.e. if the Natural Multiplier is 5.16 according to the horse/rider combinations that competed, 6.16 will be used, to a maximum value of "9".

~~***CSI's and up, CSI-W's, and CSIO's outside the United States and Canada will not have "1" added to their actual class value, but will have a maximum value of 9.***~~

“Low Cap” – USEF or Equine Canada classes meeting the criteria under CLASSES TO COUNT will have a maximum value of 3.

“High Cap” – USEF or Equine Canada classes meeting the criteria under CLASSES TO COUNT as well as the criteria listed below will have a maximum value of 8.

In addition to being held at the National or International Standard, “High Cap” classes must also be run in accordance with FEI Rules with regard to Scoring, Veterinary Inspection, Tack and Equipment, Stabling, Schooling, and Drugs and Medication. At least one of the following FEI officials must be present: Judge (who, if present, shall serve as the Senior Judge), Veterinarian, Chief Jumping Steward.

The Show Jumping High Performance Committee will assign a Technical Delegate to each show holding a “High Cap” class, who, with agreement between USEF and show management, could be assigned other duties, e.g. Chief Steward, Judge, etc.

CLASS VALUE - Each class will be given a value based upon the ranking of each horse/rider combination from the horse/rider combination list calculated the previous week, together with adjustments, if applicable for Prize Money and Technical Co-Efficients.

Natural Multiplier - The ranking value of all horse/rider combinations will be added and divided by the value of the "perfect class"; i.e. a fictitious computer generated class in which the top ranked horse/rider combinations all compete. The number of horse/rider combinations used to calculate the "perfect class" will be the same as the average number of entries in all classes in the United States, Canada, and Europe ranked in the system held during the previous calendar year. All unranked horse/rider combinations will be given a value of five. The class value as calculated will then be used as a multiplier for the base points awarded to each rider for his best performance in that class. This value is called the Natural Multiplier.

Prize Money Co-Efficient – The Prize Money Co-Efficient is the co-efficient that will be used to adjust a class’ Natural Multiplier to account for prize money.

For classes offering \$25,000 - ~~\$49,999~~ in prize money, the class’ Natural Multiplier will be multiplied by a coefficient of 1.00.

~~For classes offering \$25,001 – \$34,999 in prize money, the class’ Natural Multiplier will be multiplied by a coefficient of 1.10.~~

~~For classes offering \$35,000 – \$49,999 in prize money, the class’ Natural Multiplier will be multiplied by a coefficient of 1.15.~~

For classes offering \$50,000 - ~~\$74,999~~ \$99,999 in prize money, the class’ Natural Multiplier will multiplied by a coefficient of 1.20.

~~For classes offering \$75,000 – \$99,999 in prize money, class’ Natural Multiplier will be multiplied by a coefficient of 1.25.~~

For classes offering \$100,000 - ~~\$199,999 or over~~ in prize money, the class’ Natural Multiplier will be multiplied by a coefficient of 1.30.

~~For classes offering \$200,000 - \$299,999 in prize money, the class’ Natural Multiplier will be multiplied by a coefficient of 1.40.~~

***For classes offering \$300,000 or over in prize money, the class' Natural Multiplier will be multiplied by a coefficient of 1.50.***

With the exception of classes being used as qualifiers for a Grand Prix and World Cup Qualifiers, which will have a class value as noted below, classes offering less than \$35,000 in prize money will have a maximum class value of 2.5.

**Technical Co-Efficient** – The Technical Co-Efficient is the co-efficient that will be used after the class' Natural Multiplier has been determined and the Prize Money Co-Efficient applied to adjust the class' value to account for technical difficulty, e.g. Nations Cups and World Cup Qualifiers (see page 12 "**NATIONS CUP**", and page 13 "**WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS**").

One horse per rider will be included in determining the Class Value. In the case of a class in which riders are permitted to ride more than one horse, a rider's highest ranked horse will add value to the class, though the rider will only earn points on his/her "Computer List" horse (see below).

For each class in which riders are permitted to ride more than one horse, the rider will designate their "Computer List" horse prior to the start order being determined, and ride this horse first in the competition. In each case, it will be this combination on which he/she will earn points. For riders who do not designate their "Computer List" horse prior to the start order being determined, his/her "Computer List" horse will be the first horse he/she rides in the competition. If a rider scratches his/her "Computer List" horse, the next horse he/she is scheduled to ride in the competition will move into this place in the jumping order, and will become his/her "Computer List" horse.

Foreign riders that compete regularly in the United States will be included in the published weekly rider standings, with a notation indicating that they are foreign, and as such are not eligible for selection.

**CLASSES HELD OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES** - For all classes held outside the United States which will be included on the Computer List, class values will be determined using the same system as that used for classes taking place in the United States.

If more than one class at a show meets the criteria to be included on the List, the class with the lesser prize money will count 75% of the value of the Grand Prix (see also page 13, Grand Prix, for definition of Grand Prix).

**RANKING VALUE** - The "ranking value" used in computing the value of a class is a point value for the previous week's standing in the horse/rider combination list. The first-ranked horse/rider combination adds a value of 100 points, second-ranked horse/rider combination adds 99, and so on down to 96th ranked and below, which add the minimum value as defined previously to the class value (Exception: Classes that use a "qualifying system as defined herein", where all horse/rider combinations below 91st receive 10 points minimum).

**RANKING LIST** - Each week (as defined herein), points won by a rider in all classes (after appropriate aging is calculated) will be added together and a ranking list generated. The rider with the highest total of aged points will be ranked #1, the next highest total will be #2, and so forth. Only the top 100 riders will be recorded within the system. All riders below 100 will be considered unranked.

**POINT VALUES** - Points will be awarded in accordance with the system and values listed below.

As noted in **CLASS VALUE**, one horse per rider will be included in determining the Class Value. In the case of a class in which riders are permitted to ride more than one horse, the rider will designate his/her "Computer List" horse prior to the beginning of the class, and ride this horse first in the competition. In each case, it will be this combination on which he/she will earn points. For riders who do not designate their "Computer List" horse prior to the start of the competition, his/her "Computer List" horse will be the first horse he/she rides in the competition. If a rider scratches

his/her "Computer List" horse, the next horse he/she is scheduled to ride in the competition will move into this place in the jumping order, and will become his/her "Computer List" horse.

Only designated "Computer List" horses will be eligible to earn points. Additional placings for the same rider will be ignored when awarding points and riders in subsequent places will move up - like the procedure used for awarding points in World Cup Qualifying Classes when non-World Cup horses place. In addition, any non-pointed Computer List Horse/Rider competing in the final jumpoff will receive 12<sup>th</sup> place points and any non-pointed Computer List Horse/Rider with first round scores of four faults or less will receive a minimum of 50% of 12<sup>th</sup> place points (25 points). Horses/Riders finishing below 12th place and with more than four faults will receive no points. Exception: FEI Table C and USEF Table III classes would be pointed on placings only.).

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1st - 200 | 2nd - 170 | 3rd - 150 | 4th - 130 |
| 5th - 120 | 6th - 110 | 7th - 100 | 8th - 90  |
| 9th - 80  | 10th - 70 | 11th - 60 | 12th - 50 |

In the case of a tie, only horses designated as eligible will receive points. Points for these horse/rider combinations will be totaled and divided by the number of combinations involved in the tie, all receiving the same number of points. Points will be rounded up if the fraction is .5 or higher, and rounded down if it is less than .5.

The minimum point value per horse/rider combination will be 5 except for classes whose entries are limited by qualifying methods, e.g. American Gold Cup, Hampton Classic, National Horse Show. The minimum point value per horse/rider combination for these classes will be raised to 10.

**EVENTS FOR WHICH HORSE/RIDER COMBINATIONS MUST QUALIFY** - For events which use a qualifying class at the show to restrict the number of entrants allowed to participate in the \$25,000 (or over) class, the value factor for the event will be calculated based on the value determined by the start list for the QUALIFYING CLASS.

Except if the qualifying class is a World Cup Qualifier, qualifying classes which fulfill the criteria to be included in the Computer List will count not more than 75% of the Grand Prix itself.

In the case of a competition which offers more than one class to qualify for the Grand Prix, the Natural Multiplier for the Grand Prix will be calculated based on the value of all of the horse/rider combinations competing in the Qualifying Classes.

**AGING OF POINTS** – Points will age each week, whether or not a class eligible for inclusion on the Computer List took place during that week.

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|--------------|-----------------------|
| Weeks 1 - 4  | Points remain at 100% |
| Week 5 - 8   | - 10% (90%)           |
| Week 9 - 12  | - 10% (80%)           |
| Week 13 - 16 | - 15% (65%)           |
| Week 17 - 20 | - 15% (50%)           |
| Week 21 - 24 | - 20% (30%)           |
| Week 25 - 28 | - 20 % (10%)          |

Points will be retained at 10% until they are 39 rating weeks old, when they reach a value of 0.

Ranking at year-end will be carried forward on a continuous basis.

**NATIONS CUP** - Nations Cup results will be pointed by ranking the class, awarding the points according to the Computer List, applying the Prize Money Co-Efficient and then multiplying again by the Technical Co-Efficient of 1.2 (Exception: For Super League Nations Cups *and Grand Prix*, the Technical Co-Efficient will be ~~1.1~~ **1.5**). Placings for each individual horse/rider combination will be decided by determining the place in which the horse/rider combination would have finished had the competition been scored as an individual two round event. Points for all horse/rider combinations involved in a tie will be totaled and divided by the number of combinations involved in the tie, all receiving the same number of points. Points will be rounded up if the fraction is .5 or higher, and rounded down if it is less than .5

Nations Cups will automatically be scored with a class value equal to the Grand Prix, unless the value of the Nations Cup would be higher, in which case it will receive that value.

If a horse/rider combination jumps only one round in a Nations Cup competition, for whatever reason, for the Computer List, their score from the round they did not jump will be the same as for the one they did.

If a horse/rider combination does not jump either round in a Nations Cup competition, for whatever reason, for the Computer List, for each round they will be given the average score of their teammates, i.e. the score given for the first round will be the average first round score of the other three horse/rider combinations, and the score given for the second round will be the average second round score of the other three horse/rider combinations.

**PAN AMERICAN GAMES-SELECTION TRIALS** - All classes being used for Pan American Games Selection Trials will automatically be included with a class value of 8, regardless of the amount of prize money offered.

**OLYMPIC GAMES AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION TRIALS** – All classes being used for Olympic Games Selection Trials will be automatically included with a minimum class value of 6, unless the class value is greater using the following system: The class' Natural Multiplier will be determined first, the Prize Money Co-Efficient will be applied next. This figure will then be multiplied by the Technical Co-Efficient of 1.4, ultimately determining the class value. This value will be used regardless of the amount of prize money offered.

All classes being used for World Championship Selection Trials will be automatically included with a class of 9, regardless of the amount of prize money offered.

**WORLD CUP FINAL AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION** - Overall placings in World Cup Final and World Championship competition will not count in addition to individual classes in those competitions. The three classes comprising the World Cup Finals and World Championship competition will automatically be included with a class value of 10, regardless of the amount of prize money offered.

**OLYMPIC GAMES** - Horse/rider combinations will receive points in the Olympic Games by ranking each class and awarding the points according to the Computer List. Competitions at the Olympic Games will automatically be scored with a class value of 10.

**PAN AMERICAN GAMES** - Horse/rider combinations will receive points in the Pan American Games by ranking each class and awarding the points according to the Computer List. Competitions at the Pan American Games will automatically be scored with a class value of 8.

**GRAND PRIX** - The Grand Prix is defined as a competition at the show which offers the largest amount of prize money. Except as noted for Nations Cups, World Cup Qualifiers and for the Grand Prix at the World Cup Final (for both of which actual values will be used), in all other cases (including for classes in Europe), one other class at a CSI or USEF recognized competitions which otherwise meet the criteria will have a maximum value of 75% of the value of the Grand Prix.

**WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS** - For horse/rider combinations finishing the first round with a score of 4 faults or less, the class value of North American World Cup Qualifiers will be a minimum of 3, even if this class is a qualifier for a

Grand Prix, unless a higher value is specified elsewhere. Points for all other horse/rider combinations in the Qualifier will be computed by determining the Natural Multiplier of the class, with adjustments for the appropriate Prize Money and/or Technical Efficient.

The class value of World Cup Qualifiers outside North America will be the class' Natural Multiplier, with adjustments for the appropriate Prize Money and/or Technical Efficient.

A rider's World Cup horse will be the same as his/her "Computer List" horse.

**SCHOOLING** - In order for a class to be included on the Computer List, horses must be on the grounds of the horse show for the 24 hour period prior to the Computer List class. Horses not in compliance will not be permitted to compete.

In order for a class to be included on the Computer List, poling and/or the use of offsets will not be permitted for horses participating in the Computer List for the 24 hour period prior to the Computer List class. Horses not in compliance will not be permitted to compete.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING RESULTS** - Ryegate Show Services will be responsible for the collection of all data from any competitions which meet the criteria described above. All results must be received by 12 noon Thursday following the ranking week (defined as Monday through Sunday) in which an event is held in order to be included in the ranking for that week. If results are not received by this deadline, they will be entered as if they had been received on time.

Except in the case when a List is being used for selection purposes when the protest period will be 48 hours following the completion of the competition, results will be subject to protest for the purposes of computer ranking for up to 10 days following the competition. It is the responsibility of each rider to satisfy himself/herself about his/her placing in a particular class and to communicate directly with the Organizer in this regard.

Decisions made by the Organizer will be final. Once points have been entered into the system, there will be no changes, except as follows:

- 1.) Correction of errors (i.e. wrong name, spelling, number of horse or rider, incorrect ranking value, etc.)
- 2.) Disqualification under applicable rules due to positive drug test or other rule violation.

In the case of #1 or #2 above, i.e. correction of errors or disqualification, points earned for that competition only will be deducted from totals for the rider in question.

**RIDERS ARE REMINDED THAT IN ORDER FOR POINTS TO BE CREDITED ACCURATELY, HORSES MUST BE ENTERED CORRECTLY, i.e. CORRECT SPELLING OF NAME, CORRECT OWNER, CORRECT RECORDING NUMBER, etc. RIDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE LIFETIME RECORDING OF THEIR HORSES WITH USEF TO AVOID POSSIBLE LOSS OF POINTS DUE TO FAILURE TO RENEW ANNUALLY. RYEGATE SHOW SERVICES AND USEF WILL USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT POINTS ARE ENTERED PROMPTLY AND CORRECTLY, AND SHALL ALSO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INSURE THE ACCURACY OF THE COMPUTER LIST, BUT CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS. RIDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SATISFY THEMSELVES WEEKLY CONCERNING THEIR STATUS ON THE COMPUTER LIST AND TO CALL ATTENTION PROMPTLY TO ANY ERRORS.**

The Computer List is subject to refinement and change annually by USEF. Riders will be notified of any subsequent refinements or changes.

Any future changes, before being implemented, will be discussed by the Computer List Task Force, with recommendations made to the Show Jumping High Performance Committee, who will submit these recommendations to the High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee for approval.

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