



United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.

The National Governing Body for Equestrian Sport

Procedures and Selections for International Vaulting Competitions

The following are the procedures currently being used to choose competitors for international competition should the competition in question be over-subscribed and if the competition itself has no specific selection procedures.

Procedures Relating to Invitations for International Vaulting Competitions

Invitations and Entries:

1. All invitations will be received by United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) and copies will be sent to the International Chairman of the AVA and the editor of Vaulting World. Any vaulter interested in competing abroad in international competitions should complete USEF Application for International competition available from USEF/Athlete Services *PO Box 83 * Gladstone, NJ 07934* Telephone: 908-234-0848 * Fax: 908-719-7588.
 - 1) It is strongly recommended that vaulters send in their applications 58 days prior to the competition. Vaulters must then send in the name(s) of the horse(s) at least 2 working days before the Nominated Entry deadline, or 31 days prior to the start date of the competition without a Nominated Entry deadline, in the event vaulters have not secured a horse by the time their original applications were submitted.
 - 2) Applications which do not include horse name(s) 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 not be accepted.
 - 3) Vaulter must indicate name of NF on application for which horse is starting if starting for another NF. The only case where vaulters are not required to list horses on the application is when they are being supplied by the Organizing Committee as indicated in the prize list or confirmed in writing by the Organizing Committee.
 - 4) The signature of the horse owner on the code of conduct page must be sent to USEF Athlete Services (unless horse is being supplied by Organizing Committee) by no later than two days before the Definite Entry deadline.
 - 5) The entry deadlines are usually found in the prize list or may be obtained by calling USEF Athlete Services.
2. The AVA will maintain a list of active vaulting members who have earned a Gold or Silver AVA medal. USEF will inform the AVA International Chairman and AVA Vaulting World editor by mail of upcoming international competitions to which invitations have been received. Vaulters are encouraged to check with USEF Athlete Services from time to time for a list of invitations received.

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3. USEF Vaulting Committee will develop and USEF Athlete Services Department will distribute to affected competitors, AVA Vaulting World and the AVA International Chairman objective selection protocols for competitions.
4. USEF will respond to OCs and NFs regarding all entries (in principle, nominated, definite), on behalf of the vaulters wishing to compete in CVIs and will request additional invitations from the OC or NF if it appears there will be a need for them. For European Championships and World Championships, USEF will accept all entries and will respond to OCs and NFs regarding entries.
5. When appropriate, USEF Vaulting Credentials Committee will review applications to determine if applicants are eligible pursuant to these Procedures and USEF Rules including Article 807 to compete in the competition or competitions for which application is being made.

Application:

Vaulters wishing to compete abroad in CVIs shall complete the current USEF Application for international Competition and return the completed application, with the appropriate fees, as provided above.

Qualifications:

In order to receive permission from USEF to compete at foreign CVIs individual vaulters and teams must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Each vaulter and longeur must be a current Senior active or Junior active member in good standing of USEF as of the date of the foreign competition.
2. Vaulters must be US citizens or in compliance with FEI Article 123.1 at time of selection.
3. Foreign longeurs need not be USEF members.
4. Vaulters must comply with age qualifications for individual vaulters and/or teams, as determine by current FEI rules.
5. All vaulters must be otherwise eligible to compete under FEI Rules.
6. Individual vaulters must have earned a gold or silver AVA medal by time of application.
7. All vaulters must sign (along with parent if under 18) USEF Code of Conduct and agree to be bound by it.
8. The horse to be used in the competition must be eligible to compete under FEI rules.

Applications to compete abroad must be submitted to USEF at least 58 days prior to the first day of the competition in question.

Under extraordinary circumstances UA Equestrian Vaulting Credentials Committee may grant waivers to the above criteria, but only in unusual circumstances.

Selections for Oversubscribed Vaulting Competitions

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In the event of oversubscription to a CVI which has no existing selection procedure, applications will be reviewed and vaulters ranked by USEF Vaulting Credentials Committee, based on the competitive records of the applicant teams or individuals, as the case may be. The Committee will evaluate the applicants based on the following criteria:

Teams:

1. If a team has had the same members for the twelve months prior to application, the team's record and scores in the previous 12-month period up to the date of application to USEF for the competition will be considered. The Committee will rank the teams on the basis of the higher of:
 - a. the average of a team's top three (3) scores during that period from two USEF recognized competitions and from one FEI sanctioned competition,
or
 - b. the average of a team's top three (3) scores during that period from three USEF recognized competitions.

If there are two complete rounds of both compulsory and kur, the final score will apply. If there are two rounds with kur only in the 2nd round, the first round score will apply.

In the event of a tie, the Committee will give preference to the team whose average is calculated under (b) above. If still tied, the Committee will give preference to the team with the higher USEF score.

2. A team is considered to have the same members if there have been no more than three team members substituted between the earliest score considered and the date of application for the competition in question.
3. Previous international experience of the team.
4. Fitness of the team members and their ability to compete in the given competition.

Individuals:

1. Each individual vaulter's record and scores in the previous twelve (12) months up to the date of application to USEF for the competition. The Committee will rank the individuals on the basis of the higher of:
 - a. the average of an individual vaulter's top three (3) scores during that period from two USEF recognized individual competitions and from one CVI competition with two full rounds, or
 - b. the average of an individual vaulter's top three (3) scores during that period from three USEF recognized individual competitions.

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In the event of a tie, the Committee will give preference to the individual whose average is calculated under (b) above. If still tied, the Committee will give preference to the individual with the higher USEF score.

2. Previous international experience of the individual.
3. Fitness of the individual and ability to compete in the given competition.

Please call USEF Athlete Services at 908-234-0848 for more information.

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