

Selection Procedures for Individual and Team over-subscribed CVI*/**

The following are the procedures to select vaulters for international competitions should the competition in question be over-subscribed and if the competition itself has no specific selection procedures.

Invitations for International Competitions

All invitations will be received by the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) and will be posted on the USEF website. Any vaulter interested in competing abroad in international competitions should complete the USEF Application for International Competition available from USEF/Athlete Services, P.O. Box 83, Gladstone, NJ 07934; Telephone: 908-236-1162; Fax: 908-719-7588

Applications:

Applications to compete abroad must be submitted to the USEF/Athlete Services at least 60 days prior to the start date of the competition in question. In the event of an oversubscription, the Vaulting High Performance Committee shall review all applications and make recommendations to the USEF Executive Committee based on the Selection Procedures enclosed herein.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Vaulters and U.S. longeurs and owners must be current members in good standing of the USEF at the time of application and throughout the duration of the subject competition, and must have paid the International High Performance (IHP) dues. Foreign longeurs and foreign owners need not be USEF members.
2. Vaulters must be U.S. citizens and in compliance with FEI Article 123.1 (General Regulations) at the time of the application.
3. Vaulters must comply with age qualifications for individual vaulters and/or teams, as determined by current FEI rules. (Appendix A and B, FEI Rules for Vaulting Events, 6th edition, effective January 1, 2005)
4. All individual vaulters must be registered with the FEI prior to the subject competition. Teams must be registered, as a team, with the FEI prior to the subject competition.
5. Horses must be registered with the FEI prior to the subject competition and eligible to compete under FEI rules.
6. Longeurs must be registered with the FEI prior to the subject competition.
7. Individual vaulters must have earned a silver or gold AVA medal by the time of application. There are no medal requirements for team vaulters.
8. All vaulters must sign (along with a parent or guardian if under the age of 18) the USEF Code of Conduct and agree to be bound by it.

In the event of oversubscription to a CVI*/** which has no existing selection procedure, applicants will be reviewed by the USEF Vaulting High Performance Committee (the Committee). The Committee will evaluate the applicants based on the following criteria:

Individuals:

1. For CVI**, individual applicants will be selected according to their ranking on the USEF High Performance lists (Men and Women) published 5 weeks before the competition in question.
2. For CVI*, individual applicants will be selected according to their ranking on the USEF Silver lists (Men and Women) published 5 weeks before the competition in question. Individuals ranked higher will be considered over lower ranked individuals.

In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the following attributes will be considered

- Previous international experience of the athlete, including the demonstrated ability to succeed in FEI competitions within the past four years and;
- Prospect of the athlete to win an individual medal and;
- Other attributes, which may include, but are not limited to, scores, health and fitness, and horse availability.

Teams:

A team will consist of no more than six team members plus two alternates.

1. The average of a team's top three Round I (compulsory and freestyle) scores earned at a USEF licensed competition during the 12 preceding months up to 60 days prior to the start date of the subject competition. One score may be earned at a CVI**.
2. Teams will be ranked according to their scores. In the event of a tie, the Committee will give preference to the team with the single highest USEF score.

Scores will be considered only if there have been no more than two (2) team members substituted between the earliest score and the date of application for the competition in question.

In the event of extraordinary circumstances, the following attributes will be considered

- Previous international experience of the team, including the demonstrated ability to succeed in FEI competitions within the past four years and;
- Prospect of the team to win a medal and;
- Other attributes, which may include, but are not limited to, scores, health and fitness, and horse availability.