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U. S. EVENTING WATCH LIST

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GOAL:

To notify riders at USEF and USEF endorsed Eventing competitions that their riding is potentially dangerous. The Watch List is a list of horse/rider combinations that could be regarded as displaying a pattern of potentially dangerous riding. As a result, they are to be observed more closely at upcoming USEF and USEF endorsed competitions.

Reporting Agents:

- Any "R" USEF Eventing Licensed Official
- Any FEI "I" or "C" Eventing Official
- Any Level 4 ICP certified instructor
- Any rider who has represented the USA in the last twelve (12) years in Eventing in World Championships, Olympic Games, or Pan American Games

Reporting Agents may, at any time, call the USEF Eventing department (908-326-1164 or 859-225-6923) and submit the name of a horse/rider combination they feel may be at risk of an accident.

Reporting:

Once reported and after review, the reported horse/rider combination may be added to the Watch List. Additional information about the circumstances will to be gathered by USEF Eventing department. This includes the Reporting Agents' name and phone number, location/date of competition, level of competition and phase during which the concern was witnessed, and a brief description of the incident. The USEF Eventing department will maintain the records concerning all reports.

Rider Notification:

The USEF Eventing department will assign an appropriate Notifying Agent to contact the reported rider. A Notifying Agent will contact the rider to let him know that the horse/rider combination will be watched at future competitions. The horse/rider combination may also be added to the Watch List. The Reporting Agent's name will be withheld from the rider.

Initially, the group of Notifying Agents will be kept small to ensure a consistent message is communicated to reported riders. Notifying Agents will be allocated by level in the following manner.

Intermediate and below- Derek DiGrazia, Phillip Dutton, Mike Huber, Karen O'Connor, Amy Tryon, Mark Weissbecker.

Advanced – Mark Phillips

If there is a conflict of interest between the rider and the appropriate Notifying agent, Mark Phillips or a replacement Notifying agent shall contact the rider.

Characteristics of the Watch List:

After the initial report, and if put on the Watch List, a horse/rider combination will remain on the Watch List until the horse/rider combination has completed six competitions at the level at which the infraction occurred, without further reports

In the event that the horse/rider combination receives a subsequent report while on the Watch List, the horse/rider combination will be contacted once again by a Notifying Agent as defined above. Within 120 days of the competition where the horse/rider combination were reported to have engaged in potentially dangerous riding, the horse/rider combination shall complete at least two days of coaching by an ICP accredited coach at the level for which the horse/rider combination competes. The rider must ensure that the Federation Eventing Department receives certification of the completed coaching instruction.

Removal from the Watch List:

A horse/rider combination may be removed from the Watch List when they have completed six competitions at the level at which the infraction was incurred without further reports.

As to removal from the Watch List after a subsequent report, the aforementioned coaching certification must be provided and the six competition clock requirement will be re-set.

In order to be properly removed from the Watch List, the rider must make a written request to USEF's Eventing department once the applicable requirements have been met. This request must be accompanied by proof of six competitions at which the horse/rider combination competed and, if applicable, the coaching certification. Requests should go to Sara Ike at sara.ike@usef.org or fax : (908) 234-9417 or Shealagh Costello at scostello@usef.org or fax (859) 253-1968.

Updating and Distributing of the Watch List:

Every Wednesday, USEF will update the Watch List and post it in a password-protected area on USEF's website to the Reporting and Notifying agents. USEF will send out a weekly email blast to agents reminding them the list has been updated and to log in and check it. Agents may also call the USEF Eventing department to receive the updated list. The Watch list is to be kept CONFIDENTIAL.

Monitoring of the Watch List:

USEF Eventing department will monitor the Watch List and liaise with USEF's National Safety Officer should any issues arise.

Rider Responsibility:

Once placed on the Watch List, it is the rider's responsibility to notify the USEF Eventing department with the identification of competitions at which the horse/rider combination intends to compete. This helps ensure that they are "watched." Notification should go to Sara Ike at sara.ike@usef.org or Shealagh Costello at scostello@usef.org

Any questions regarding the Eventing Watch List, please don't hesitate to contact Sara Ike, Managing Director of Eventing Activities via email sara.ike@usef.org or 908-326-1164.