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**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION  
SELECTION PROCEDURE  
2011 Show Jumping Young Rider Tour**

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Show Jumping High Performance Committee will oversee the selection process, which process shall be reviewed and approved by the High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee.

**I. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. Athletes wishing to participate on the USEF 2011 Show Jumping Young Rider Tour must be U.S. citizens.
- B. Athletes must be born between January 1, 1990 and December 31, 1995 as per Annex IX Article 3.1 of the FEI Rules for Jumping Events [23<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 – updated 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011].
- C. Horses must be seven (7) years old or more as per Article 200.7.1 of the FEI Rules for Jumping Events [23<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 – updated 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011].
- D. The athlete and horse must be registered and in good standing with the FEI.
- E. The athlete must be a current USEF member and in good standing.
- F. The horse must be recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF GR 1102, and in good standing under USEF rules.

**II. APPLICATION:**

- A. Athletes wishing to be considered for the USEF 2011 Show Jumping Young Rider Tour must submit the following documents to the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), Attn: Lizzy Chesson, USEF Director, Show Jumping High Performance Programs, P.O. Box 83, Gladstone, New Jersey 07934 or [lchesson@usef.org](mailto:lchesson@usef.org)
  - A completed application (Attachment A);
  - A list of your results from 1.45m classes or higher beginning January 2010;
  - An essay between 200 -250 words describing the benefit of participating on the Tour.

Applications must be postmarked, hand-delivered, faxed or submitted online on or prior to **Monday, March 28, 2011**. An application will not be accepted if a list of the athlete/horse combination's results and an essay are not submitted by Monday, March 28, 2011.

- B. The athlete (and parent if the athlete is a minor) as well as horse owner(s) must certify, by signing the USEF 2011 Show Jumping Young Rider Tour Application (Attachment A), that they have received and read the Selection Procedures for 2011 Show Jumping Young Rider Tour, the USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment B) and the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification (Attachment C) and that they understand those documents, and that they agree to be bound by them.
- C. Horse Loan Agreement: Owners of horses named to the 2011 Show Jumping Young Rider Tour must sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment D). A horse owner(s)' failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement may result in the removal of the athlete/horse combination from the 2011 Show Jumping Young Rider Tour.

**III. SELECTION:**

- A. The 2011 Show Jumping Young Rider Tour will consist of the following competitions:
  - CSIOY Bonheiden (BEL) – May 19-22, 2011
  - CSIOY Reims (FRA) – May 26-29, 2011
  - CSIOY Lamprechtshausen (AUT) – June 9-12, 2011
  - CSIOY Hagen (GER) – June 16-19, 2011

B. The Show Jumping High Performance Committee will base their evaluations of athlete/horse combinations for the 2011 Show Jumping Young Rider Tour on the following factors:

1. Current ability to meet the standards of 2011 European CSIOY competition.
2. Overall performance and soundness in 2010/2011 1.45m or higher Show Jumping Competitions with emphasis on:
  - a) Previous international experience, including the demonstrated ability of the horse and athlete to succeed in either FEI or International Level Grand Prix Show Jumping competitions in 2010/2011;
  - b) The ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties;
  - c) Prospect to contribute to a winning performance in a Nations Cup competition at a 2011 European CSIOY; and
  - d) Other attributes, which include carefulness, scope, consistency and ability to perform.

For further explanation of terms used above, see page 4 "Definitions."

Based on the above factors, the Show Jumping High Performance Committee will recommend to select a squad of up to five (5) athlete/horse combinations plus a ranked list alternates for the 2011 Show Jumping Young Rider Tour, subject to approval by the High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee or its designees.

**IV. SUBSTITUTIONS FOR VETERINARY, MEDICAL and/or EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES:**

After the squad and alternates have been named, athlete/horse combinations selected for the squad may be substituted for veterinary, medical and/or extraordinary circumstances. Substitutions will be made in order of their ranking on the list approved by the High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee or its designees.

If a selected athlete/horse combination withdraws and all the remaining athletes who submitted an application have been polled and declined to participate, an additional athlete who did not submit an application in accordance with the deadline for the Tour may be selected by the Show Jumping High Performance Committee to take the vacant athlete/horse combination's place. The method used to select this athlete/horse combination will be at the discretion 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 regarding the Team Veterinarian, a conflict-free veterinarian appointed by the Show Jumping High Performance Committee and approved by the High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee or its designees.

Any substitution for medical reasons must be documented by a physician(s) approved by the High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee or its designees.

Any substitution for extraordinary circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best squad for the 2011 Show Jumping Young Rider Tour must have the unanimous approval of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee.

- V. CSIOYs – NATIONS CUP ENTRIES** – If more than four U.S. athletes are competing at a CSIOY, the Chef d'Equipe has the authority to declare the athletes who will represent the United States in the Nation's Cup. Prior to his declaration of athletes for the Nations Cup, the Chef d'Equipe shall give consideration to the following criteria: past international performance of the horse and athlete (including in classes prior to the Nation's Cup), soundness of horse and health of athlete.

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

Failure by an athlete to comply with the directives of the Chef d'Equipe in regard to the naming of the team for the Nations Cup for reasons other than for veterinary or medical reasons may result in a Code of Conduct violation for the athlete.

Veterinary reasons must be documented by the Team Veterinarian. Medical reasons must be documented by a physician approved by the High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee or its designees.

- VI. EXTRA HORSES** - Extra horses will be selected at the discretion of the Chef d'Equipe for the event in question, according to the horses available for that event.
- VII. EQUINE DRUG TESTING** - All applicant horses shall be subject to drug testing. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected at any time. Samples collected from horses may be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden and/or controlled by USEF or FEI.
- If a prohibited substance is detected, its presence will be reported to the USEF Director, Show Jumping High Performance Programs. If a substance is detected for which the USEF and/or FEI have established quantitative restrictions, the amount of this substance will be quantified and reported to the USEF Director, Show Jumping High Performance Programs.
- Any horse whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than the applicable USEF and/or FEI limits for any USEF and/or FEI prohibited and/or quantitated substance (or any competitor that is subsequently disqualified from the event by 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.
- This provision does not abrogate the enforcement of applicable doping rules at FEI and/or USEF events.
- VIII. SOUNDNESS** - Horses may be examined for soundness at the athlete's expense by a veterinarian(s) chosen by the Show Jumping High Performance Committee and High Performance Working Group 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 Section IV, Substitutions), but only with the unanimous approval of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee, High Performance Working Group, and USEF Executive Committee or its designees.
- IX. EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES** - In extraordinary circumstances, these procedures may be modified by the High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee at the request of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee.
- X. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER:** These procedures are based on FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FEI rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USEF. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.
- XI. 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, High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or its designees will be required to execute and abide by the USEF Conflict of Interest Policy.

Reference is made to the attached Conflict of Interest Policy for a full and accurate statement of its 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.

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Ability to Compete Without Incurring Jumping and/or Time Penalties** –The horse and athlete demonstrate they can consistently compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at the highest level of Show Jumping.

**Ability to Perform** – The ability of the horse or the athlete to perform in spite of any unforeseen incidents that may/may not affect the ability of the horse or the athlete to do so.

**Carefulness** – The ability of the horse to consistently avoid jumping penalties.

**Consistency** – The ability of the athlete/horse combination to perform consistently.

**International Experience** - A competitive record in 2010/2011 that indicates that the horse and/or athlete have successfully met the challenges of FEI international events, demonstrating an ability to perform under pressure consistently.

**Scope** – The ability of the horse to jump high and wide fences.

**Succeed in FEI or International Level Grand Prix Show Jumping Competitions** – The ability of the athlete/horse combination to consistently produce low scoring rounds in CSIOYs, CSIYs, and International Level USEF Competitions.