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**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
SELECTION PROCEDURE for CSIOs and CSIs
Included in the Show Jumping High Performance Programs
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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. APPLICATION – With the exception of CSIOs in North America, riders wishing to be considered for selection for a CSIO or CSI that is included in USEF’s Show Jumping High Performance Programs must submit an application in accordance with the deadlines published for the event or multi-event tour in question to the Show Jumping High Performance Department. Applications will be distributed by USEF and will also be available on the USEF website www.usef.org.

North American CSIOs - For North American CSIOs, the following will apply:

1. For Canadian CSIOs, riders wishing to represent the United States as a Team Member do not have to submit an application to USEF. Other riders wishing to participate as an Individual must submit an application to USEF Athlete Services.
2. For U.S. CSIOs, riders wishing to represent the United States as a Team Member do not have to submit an application to USEF.

II. SELECTION - Unless another method is approved by the USEF Executive Committee or its designees, the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List will be used to select teams and/or individuals to represent the United States at CSIOs and CSIs 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 Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List as published five weeks before the start of the event in question or first event in a multi-event tour, i.e. the horse inspection, provided the rider’s first ranked horse is available. Unless a Horse Substitution Request is made and approved pursuant to the procedure set forth under Section IV, Horse Substitution Request, a rider will be named with first ranked horse.

For each event or first event in a multi-event tour, riders will be named by the Show Jumping High Performance Committee based on the availability of horses, subject to approval by the High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee or its designees.

With the approval of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee, the High Performance Working Group, and USEF Executive Committee or its designees, the Chef d’Equipe shall have the discretion to replace up to two riders who would otherwise have been named to the team or as an alternate due to his ranking on the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List. 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.

III. SUBSTITUTIONS FOR VETERINARY, MEDICAL and/or EXTRAORDINARY REASONS - After a team and alternates have been named, openings, if they occur, will be filled by offering the vacant position to horse/rider combinations in the order of their ranking on the list approved by the High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee or its designees.

If a selected horse/rider combination withdraws and all the remaining riders who submitted an application have been polled and declined, an additional rider who did not submit an application in accordance with the deadlines for the event or multi-event tour in question may be selected by the Show Jumping High Performance Committee to take the vacant horse/rider combination's place. The method used to select this horse/rider combination will be at the discretion of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee. The method used may include, but is not limited to, ranking on the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List, recommendation by the Chef d'Equipe, availability.

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 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 must have the unanimous approval of the Show Jumping High Performance Committee.

IV. HORSE SUBSTITUTION REQUEST - If a rider's first ranked horse is not available for any reason., a rider may request to be considered for selection on another horse and the request will be voted on by the Show Jumping High Performance Committee after consultation with the Chef d'Equipe for the event in question. Any request must be approved by the High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee or its designees, whose decision shall be final. In reviewing the request, the Show Jumping High Performance Committee shall evaluate the past performance of the horse/rider combination, 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 Nations Cup competition.

If the Horse Substitution Request is not granted by the Show Jumping High Performance Committee, the rider remains eligible for selection on his first ranked horse. If the rider declines, the next highest ranked rider will be named, provided the horse on which he has earned the most points is available. If this rider's first ranked horse is not available, he 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 Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List than that of the next rider they will automatically retain their position.

V. CSIOs – NATIONS CUP ENTRIES – If more than four U.S. riders are competing at a CSIO, the Chef d'Equipe has the authority to declare the riders who will represent the United States in the Nation's Cup. Prior to his declaration of riders for the Nations 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.

Failure by a rider 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 rider.

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 by the Chef d'Equipe for the event in question, according to the horses available for that event, and not according to a rider's ranking on the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List.

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 rider'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 III, 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. 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 (see attached).

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.