

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2008 OLYMPIC GAMES
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I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. **Citizenship** - The athlete must be a U.S. citizen and in compliance with FEI Article 123 (General Regulations), which can be found on the FEI's website www.horsesport.org, at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the 2008 Olympic Games. Athletes must have a valid U.S. passport that does not expire prior to March 1, 2009.
2. **Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):**
 - a. As per the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games, 22nd Edition, Article 625, "A minimum 64% score must be attributed to the rider/horse combination by two different FEI Official International Dressage Judges of a nationality other than that of the riders and the score must be achieved at two different Concours Dressage Internationale (CDI) 3*/CDI 4*/CDI 5*/CDI-Ws/CDIO events. Scores achieved in Preliminary or Consolation Grand Prix classes judged by three judges do not count towards the minimum standard. Riders and horses may obtain the minimum requirements at events which take place from 1 January 2007 until 30 June 2008." The minimum 64% score must be earned by completing the FEI Grand Prix B Test (Version 2003).
 - b. As per the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games, 22nd Edition, Article 606, riders are eligible to take part "from and including the year in which they reach their 16th birthday."
 - c. The athlete must be registered and in good standing with the FEI.
 - d. As per the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games, 22nd Edition, Article 606, paragraph 2.1, the minimum age for horses to take part is 8 years of age.
 - e. As per the FEI Regulations for Equestrian Events at the Olympic Games, 22nd Edition, Article 606, paragraph 2.2.1, "Horses entered for the equestrian events at the Olympic Games must have been registered with FEI as property of owners of the same nationality as the competitor, by 31st December 2007."
3. **Other Requirements (if any):**
 - a. Application - Athletes wishing to be considered for the 2008 Olympic Games Dressage Team must complete the USEF 2008 Olympic Games Dressage Competition Application ("Application" - Attachment A) listing the horse(s) they will participate with in qualifying competitions and return it with an application fee to the United States Equestrian Federation, Attention: Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs, PO Box 83, Gladstone, NJ, 07934. Applications and fees postmarked, hand-delivered, or faxed on or prior to Monday, *March 17, 2008* will be charged \$50 per application. Applications and fees postmarked, hand-delivered, or faxed after Monday, *March 17, 2008* and received by the USEF on or before *March 31, 2008* will be charged an application fee of \$300 per application. **HOWEVER, NO APPLICATIONS SHALL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE March 31, 2008. IN THE EVENT AN APPLICATION IS RECEIVED WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FEE, THOSE APPLICATIONS SHALL BE ACCEPTED ONLY IF THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FEE IS RECEIVED BY April 14, 2008.**
 - b. The athlete must be a current USEF International High Performance member in good standing.

- c. The horse must be recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF Rule GR812, and in good standing under USEF rules.
- d. Horse Loan Agreement – Owners of horses named to the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team will be required to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement (See Attachment B). A horse owner(s)' failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement may result in the removal of the horse/rider combination from the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team.
- e. The athlete and horse owner(s) must certify, by signing the Application, that they have received and read the Selection Procedures for the 2008 Olympic Games Dressage Team, the USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment C), and the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification (Attachment D), that they understand those documents, and that they agree to be bound by them.

B. Brief summary outlining how an athlete is selected as a nominee to the Team (including maximum team size).

The maximum team size for the 2008 Olympic Games is 4 horse/rider combinations (only 3 horse/rider combinations will actually compete). The Short List-Nominated Entry/Team will include the four horse/rider combinations that will be named to the 2008 Olympic Games Dressage Team plus one or more substitute (see Definitions on page 17) horse/rider combinations will be named as follows:

1. **Positions One and Two** - The first and second positions on the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team will be filled by the first and second ranked horse/rider combinations from the final Selection Trials (June 21-22 and June 28-29, 2008 in San Juan Capistrano, CA). If a rider competes in the Selection Trials on more than one horse and ranks in the first two placings of the Selection Trials with both horses, the rider will be named to the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team in one position on both horses.
2. **Position Three** - The third position on the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team will be filled either by the third ranked horse/rider combination from the final Selection Trials or the USEF Dressage Selectors ("Selectors" - see Definitions on page 17) will have the option to consider naming a horse/rider combination to the third position that has not competed at the final Selection Trials but has contributed to a team medal or an individual medal at a World Championship or Olympic Games within the past four years (this excludes horse/rider combinations which were drop scores or alternates at a team competition) where that horse/rider combination has qualified for an invitation to the final Selection Trials by completing a minimum of two designated qualifying competitions (Attachment E - USEF 2008 Olympic Games Selection Trials Qualifying Competitions) in the U.S. and/or Europe, both of which must be a CDI3*/CDI-W/CDIO (hereafter "CDI") and where one of the CDI competitions takes place after January 1, 2008. Horse/rider combinations that request to be given special consideration under this clause must submit to a veterinary inspection by a member of the Veterinary Panel (see Attachment I) who will be accompanied by at least one of the Selectors. This veterinary inspection must be completed no later than four weeks prior to the start of the final Selection Trials and horse/rider combinations that are to be considered under this clause must make themselves available for the veterinary inspection according to the schedule of the veterinarian and selector(s). Additionally, horse/rider combinations that request to be given special consideration under this clause must have had blood and/or urine samples ("samples") collected at a CDI competition that takes place after January 1, 2008 and these samples must be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden and/or controlled by the FEI. In the event a prohibited substance is detected, its presence will be reported to Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs and the Selectors. In the event a substance is detected for which the FEI has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of the substance will be quantified and reported to Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs and the Selectors. Any horse whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than the applicable FEI limits for any FEI prohibited and/or quantified substance may result in the elimination of that horse/rider combination from the selection process by the Selectors upon the recommendation of the Veterinary Panel (see Attachment I) and with the approval of the USEF Dressage High Performance

Committee, the USEF High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or a Subcommittee thereof. This provision does not abrogate the enforcement of applicable doping rules at FEI and/or USEF competitions. The determination for the third position will be made based on the advice of the Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe and with the majority vote of the Selectors who shall evaluate the horse/rider combination's continued fitness, soundness and ability to compete based upon the veterinary inspection and a review of the horse/rider combination's performance at CDI competitions during the qualifying period.

- 3 **Fourth Position** - The fourth position on the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team will be filled by the third or fourth ranked horse/rider combination from the Selection Trials, depending on whether the third position was filled by the third ranked horse/rider combination from the Selection Trials, and will be named as the "traveling reserve" horse/rider combination unless that combination includes a rider in the top three rankings, in which case that fourth ranked rider will have already been named on both horses and the next placed combination moves up the ranking list to fill the fourth position as traveling reserve horse/rider combination. The traveling reserve horse/rider combination will travel as a member of the Dressage Team to the Olympic venue and participate in the veterinary inspection on August 11, 2008. The traveling reserve horse/rider combination **will not compete in the 2008 Olympic Games** unless replacing either the first, second or third position horse/rider combination for reasons listed in Section III.

C. Tryout Events:

1. Provided below are the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and/or camps to be used as part of the selection process.
 - a. Designated USEF 2008 Olympic Games Selection Trials Qualifying Competitions that have/will take place from July 1, 2007 through June 1, 2008 (See Attachment E and attached notice-Attachment F).
 - b. European Qualifying Competitions that take place from July 1, 2007 through June 1, 2008 (See attached notice-Attachment F).
 - c. Selection Trials – June 21-22 and June 28-29, 2008 in San Juan Capistrano, CA (dates and location subject to change but will be confirmed no later than March 31, 2008 and posted on the USEF website, www.usef.org).
2. Horse/rider combinations must qualify for the Selection Trials by completing a minimum of two designated qualifying competitions (as detailed below and in Attachment E- USEF 2008 Olympic Games Selection Trials Qualifying Competitions) in the U.S. and/or Europe, all of which must be at a CDI competition. Horse/rider combinations must complete the Grand Prix test and the Grand Prix Special test in combination at one or more qualifying competitions. Horse/rider combinations must also complete the Grand Prix test and the Grand Prix Freestyle test in combination at one or more qualifying competitions. The scores from all Grand Prix tests completed at qualifying competitions, regardless of whether the Grand Prix Special or the Grand Prix Freestyle tests were completed at a given competition, will be used in calculating the overall average scores for the purposes of qualifying for an invitation to the Selection Trials.

Drop Show: Horse/rider combinations will be eligible for a drop show if they have completed more than the required two qualifying competitions. The drop show is only permissible if a rider/horse combination has completed the Grand Prix test and the Grand Prix Special test in combination at one qualifying competition and has completed the Grand Prix test and the Grand Prix Freestyle test in combination at another qualifying competition.

If riders do not want the scores from a USEF 2008 Olympic Games Selection Trials Qualifying Competition to count towards their final average, they must submit their request in writing to Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs no later than forty-eight hours prior to the start of the competition. For CDI competitions, the start of the competition is forty-eight hours prior to the veterinary inspection. This request must include the name of the horse(s) they will be competing at the qualifying competition. If the USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs has not received the request forty-eight hours prior to the start of the competition, the score will count towards their final average. It is the responsibility of the riders to confirm with Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs that their request has been received.

U.S. Qualifying Competitions:

A series of competitions throughout the U.S. have been designated by the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee as USEF 2008 Olympic Games Selection Trials Qualifying Competitions (Attachment E-USEF 2008 Olympic Games Selection Trials Qualifying Competitions). USEF 2008 Olympic Games Selection Trials Qualifying Competitions have/will take place from July 1, 2007 through June 1, 2008 (see attached notice-Attachment F).

European Qualifying Competitions:

Horse/rider combinations may qualify for the Selection Trials by participating in European competitions. European Qualifying Competitions must be completed between July 1, 2007 and June 1, 2008 (see attached notice-Attachment F). European competitions must be approved by the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee prior to the first day of a rider/horse combination participating in the competition. Proposed European competitions must be European CDI competitions. Therefore, riders who wish to use European competitions as Qualifying Competitions to qualify for the Selection Trials must submit their request in writing, including the name of the horse(s) they will be competing with and the proposed European competitions to the attention of Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs no later than ten days prior to the first day of the European competition for which they are seeking approval. This request will then be submitted to the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee for approval. Riders will be informed in writing whether their request has been approved or denied. If a rider/horse combination competes in a competition in Europe PRIOR to or without obtaining written approval from the USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs, the rider/horse combination's scores from the non-approved European competition will NOT count towards a rider/horse combination's qualifying requirements for the Selection Trials. It is the responsibility of the rider to report the official results in writing to Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs. This must be done within forty-eight hours following the last day of the approved European qualifying competition(s).¹

If a rider plans to compete in European CDI competitions for the purpose of qualification for the final Selection Trials, he/she must adhere to the USEF Criteria to Compete in Foreign Competitions (Attachment G). Horse/rider combinations eligible to compete in foreign competitions, i.e. on the **USEF Dressage High Performance Long Lists**², and any rider/horse combination not on the USEF Dressage High Performance Long Lists that have been granted a waiver by the USEF Dressage Credentials Committee to compete at foreign competitions based on the rider/horse combination's ability to be competitive at the foreign competition, will be eligible to participate in foreign competitions. USEF Dressage High Performance Long Lists will be posted on the USEF website, www.usef.org.

¹ Riders who have competed in a European CDI competition during the qualifying period in 2007 who DO NOT want the score from that competition to count towards a rider/horse combination's qualifying requirements for the Selection Trials, must so inform Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs, in writing PRIOR TO JANUARY 15, 2008.

² USEF Dressage High Performance Long Lists are the lists established by the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee of horse/rider combinations whose outstanding competitive record in 2006 and/or 2007 indicates that they are the strongest candidates for future teams and therefore eligible for USEF High Performance Training Programs and other USEF recognition.

U.S. and European Qualifying Competitions:

Horse/rider combinations may qualify for the final Selection Trials by participating in a combination of U.S. Qualifying Competitions (Attachment E- USEF 2008 Olympic Games Selection Trials Qualifying Competitions) and approved European competitions. Qualifying Competitions must be completed between July 1, 2007 and June 1, 2008.

- 3 Provided below are the names, dates and locations of additional trials that will be used to determine "start positions" (if any).

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D. Provided below is a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team nominees.

Invitation to the Selection Trials

Applicants will be ranked according to the final average of their FEI Grand Prix test scores from qualifying competitions as described in I.C.2. above. Horse/rider combinations' test scores from U.S. and European qualifying competitions will be considered equal for purposes of ranking horse/rider combinations' final averages.

The twelve highest ranked horse/rider combinations (including all ties) who have achieved a minimum average score of 63% earned in the FEI Grand Prix tests from qualifying competitions will be invited to compete in the Selection Trials. In the event of ties there will be more than twelve horse/rider combinations invited to the Selection Trials.

In the event that one or more of the horse/rider combinations (including all ties) invited to the Selection Trials are unable to compete in the Selection Trials, an invitation will be extended to the horse/rider combinations that have the next highest rank final average, providing they have achieved a minimum average score of 63%, unless the invited number, due to ties, still exceeds twelve horse/rider combinations, in which case additional riders will only be invited if the total number of invited riders is less than twelve as a result of withdrawals.

In the event that one or more of the horse/rider combinations (including all ties) invited to the Selection Trials declines the invitation to compete in the Selection Trials because they have contributed to a team medal or an individual medal at a World Championship or Olympic Games within the past four years and have requested special consideration not to compete at the Selection Trials (see Section I.B.2), an invitation will be extended to the horse/rider combinations that have the next highest rank final average such that each invitation declined under this clause is replaced, providing the next highest ranked horse/rider combinations have achieved a minimum average score of 63%.

The Selection Trials will be held over two weekends. At present the Selection Trials are anticipated to be held June 21-22 and June 28-29, 2008 in San Juan Capistrano, CA. However, these dates and location may be subject to change but will be confirmed not later than March 31, 2008 and posted on the USEF website, <www.usef.org>. All horse/rider combinations invited to the Selection Trials must be on the competition grounds of the Selection Trials one hour prior to the veterinary evaluation.

Please note that an invitation to the Selection Trials is not a guarantee that a rider/horse combination will be named to the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team or the Dressage Team for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Selection Trials

There will be two final Selection Trials. Horse/rider combinations will participate in both Selection Trials except as explained below. Horse/rider combinations will be required to complete the FEI Grand Prix test and the FEI Grand Prix Special test at the first Selection Trial and the FEI Grand Prix test and the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle test at the second Selection Trial. The horse/rider combinations will be ranked based on the scores earned at both Selection Trials which will be weighted as follows:

- The combined scores from both FEI Grand Prix tests at the Selection Trials shall comprise 70% of the total score (35% each)
- The score from the FEI Grand Prix Special test at the first Selection Trial shall comprise 20% of the total score
- The score from the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle at the second Selection Trial shall comprise 10% of the total score.

If there is a tie in the final placing of the Selection Trials, the tie will be broken based upon the combined average of the scores earned by horse/rider combinations in the FEI Grand Prix tests of the first and second Selection Trials. If a tie remains thereafter it will be broken based upon the test scores earned by horse/rider combinations in the FEI Grand Prix Special test of the first Selection Trial. If a tie still remains thereafter it will be broken based upon the combined average of the FEI Grand Prix test scores awarded by the president of the Ground Jury to horse/rider combinations in the first and second Selection Trials. If a tie still remains thereafter it will be broken based on the majority vote of the Selectors.

A horse/rider combination which is not able to participate in one of the two final Selection Trials due to a non-chronic illness or injury to the horse or rider, documented by a veterinarian or physician recommended by the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, and approved by the USEF High Performance Working Group and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof, may be included in the final rankings from the final Selection Trials with the approval of the Selectors, the USEF High Performance Working Group and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof. The overall average percentage score earned at the USEF 2008 Olympic Games Qualifying Competitions and one of the two final Selection Trials shall be weighed as follows for the purpose of ranking:

- The combined average of all scores from the FEI Grand Prix test earned at the USEF 2008 Olympic Games Qualifying Competitions, adjusted for scores earned at a drop show, if applicable, and the final Selection Trial that was completed shall comprise 70% of the total score.
- If the horse/rider combination did not complete the FEI Grand Prix Special test at the final Selection Trials, the combined average of all scores from the FEI Grand Prix Special test earned at the USEF 2008 Olympic Games Qualifying Competitions, adjusted for scores earned at a drop show, if applicable, shall comprise 20% of the total score. If the horse/rider combination did complete the FEI Grand Prix Special test at the final Selection Trials that score alone shall comprise 20% of the total score.
- If the horse/rider combination did not complete the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle test at the final Selection Trials, the combined average of all scores from the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle test earned at the USEF 2008 Olympic Games Qualifying Competitions, adjusted for scores earned at a drop show, if applicable, shall comprise 10% of the total score. If the horse/rider combination did complete the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle test at the final Selection Trials that score alone shall comprise 10% of the total score.

Horse/rider combinations that only compete in one of the two final Selection Trials due to a non-chronic injury or illness to the rider or the horse must have completed both segments (i.e. FEI Grand Prix and FEI

Grand Prix Special or FEI Grand Prix and FEI Grand Prix Freestyle) at one of the Selection Trials for eligibility to continue with the Selection Process.

In the event the overall average percentage score earned at the USEF 2008 Olympic Games Qualifying Competitions and one of the two final Selection Trials weighted as above for the purpose of ranking should result in a tie with a horse/rider combination that participated in both of the two final Selection Trials, the tie shall be broken based on the higher FEI Grand Prix score earned at the Selection Trials, where the two scores earned by the horse/rider combination that participated in both of the two final Selection Trials shall be averaged.

Selection Trial Ground Jury:

The Ground Jury will consist of a total of five FEI judges with a rating of "O" (Official), retired "O" and/or "I" (International) who will officiate over the dressage classes of the Selection Trials. The Ground Jury will consist of four U.S. FEI judges and one foreign FEI judge. Three FEI judges will sit along the short side of the dressage arena at H, C and M, one FEI judge will sit at B, and one FEI judge will sit at E.

1. **June 30, 2008, Horse/Rider Combinations Named to the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team** – No later than June 30, 2008, the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof, acting upon the Selectors' certification that the Selection Procedures have been followed and their recommendation to the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, will name at least four horse/rider combinations and up to the maximum number of horses and riders able to be nominated under FEI rules for the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team. The USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof, acting upon the Selectors' confirmation of the ranked results from the Selection Trials and their recommendation to the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, will also name combinations, up to the maximum number of riders and horses permitted under FEI rules for the 2008 Olympic Games and based on the rankings from the Selection Trials, as substitutes.

The Short List-Nominated Entry/Team of four horse/rider combinations plus one or more substitute horse/rider combinations will be named as follows:

Positions One and Two - The first and second positions on the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team will be filled by the first and second ranked horse/rider combinations from the final Selection Trials (June 21-22 and June 28-29, 2008 in San Juan Capistrano, CA). If a rider competes in the Selection Trials on more than one horse and ranks in the first two placings of the Selection Trials with both horses, the rider will be named to the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team in one position on both horses. The determination as to which horse the rider will be named to the USOC Final Entry on, will be made based on the recommendation of the Chef d'Equipe considering all qualifying scores and the scores earned at the final Selection Trials and the recommendation will be considered for approval by the Selectors, the USEF High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof. Horse/rider combinations being placed in the first and second positions on the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team may not be replaced, except for medical or veterinary reasons, or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct, or for failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment B), but only with the approval of the Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe and with the majority vote of the Selectors. Any substitutions for medical or veterinary reasons must also be documented by a physician(s) or veterinarian(s) approved by the USEF High Performance Working Group and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof.

Position Three - The third position on the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team will be filled either by the third ranked horse/rider combination from the final Selection Trials or the USEF Dressage Selectors ("Selectors" - see Definitions on page 17) will have the option to consider naming a horse/rider

combination to the third position that has not competed at the final Selection Trials but has contributed to a team medal or an individual medal at a World Championship or Olympic Games within the past four years (this excludes horse/rider combinations which were drop scores or alternates at a team competition) where that horse/rider combination has qualified for an invitation to the final Selection Trials by completing a minimum of two designated qualifying competitions (Attachment E - USEF 2008 Olympic Games Selection Trials Qualifying Competitions) in the U.S. and/or Europe, both of which must be a CDI3*/CDI-W/CDIO (hereafter "CDI") and where one of the CDI competitions takes place after January 1, 2008. Horse/rider combinations that request to be given special consideration under this clause must submit to a veterinary inspection by a member of the Veterinary Panel (see Attachment I) who will be accompanied by at least one of the Selectors. This veterinary inspection must be completed no later than four weeks prior to the start of the final Selection Trials and horse/rider combinations that are to be considered under this clause must make themselves available for the veterinary inspection according to the schedule of the veterinarian and selector(s). Additionally, horse/rider combinations that request to be given special consideration under this clause must have had blood and/or urine samples ("samples") collected at a CDI competition that takes place after January 1, 2008 and these samples must be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden and/or controlled by the FEI. In the event a prohibited substance is detected, its presence will be reported to Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs and the Selectors. In the event a substance is detected for which the FEI has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of the substance will be quantified and reported to Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs and the Selectors. Any horse whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than the applicable FEI limits for any FEI prohibited and/or quantified substance may result in the elimination of that horse/rider combination from the selection process by the Selectors upon the recommendation of the Veterinary Panel (see Attachment I) and with the approval of the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, the USEF High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or a Subcommittee thereof. This provision does not abrogate the enforcement of applicable doping rules at FEI and/or USEF competitions. The determination for the third position will be made based on the advice of the Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe and with the majority vote of the Selectors who shall evaluate the horse/rider combination's continued fitness, soundness and ability to compete based upon the veterinary inspection and a review of the horse/rider combination's performance at CDI competitions during the qualifying period.

Fourth Position - The fourth position on the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team will be filled by the third or fourth ranked horse/rider combination from the Selection Trials, depending on whether the third position was filled by the third ranked horse/rider combination from the Selection Trials, and will be named as the "traveling reserve" horse/rider combination unless that combination includes a rider in the top three rankings, in which case that fourth ranked rider will have already been named on both horses and the next placed combination moves up the ranking list to fill the fourth position as traveling reserve horse/rider combination. The traveling reserve rider/horse combination will travel as a member of the Dressage Team to the Olympic venue and participate in the veterinary inspection on August 11, 2008. The traveling reserve rider/horse combination **will not compete in the 2008 Olympic Games** unless replacing either the first, second or third position rider/horse combination due to medical or veterinary reasons, or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment C), or for failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment B), but only with the approval of the Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe and with the majority vote of the Selectors. Any substitutions for medical or veterinary reasons must also be documented by a physician(s) or veterinarian(s) approved by the USEF High Performance Working Group and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof.

Substitutes (See Definitions on page 17) - The remaining ranked horse/rider combinations from the Selection Trials, up to the maximum number of riders and horses permitted under FEI rules for the 2008 Olympic Games, will be named as "substitute" horse/rider combinations for the Short List-Nominated

Entry/Team for the 2008 Olympic Games. Once the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team for the 2008 Olympic Games has been announced and prior to the deadline for the submission of the USOC Final Entry, Short List-Nominated Entry/Team horse/rider combinations may be substituted with the substitute horse/rider combinations for medical or veterinary reasons, or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment C), or for failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment B), but only with the approval of the Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe and with the majority vote of the Selectors. Any substitutions for medical or veterinary reasons must also be documented by a physician(s) or veterinarian(s) approved by the USEF High Performance Working Group and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof.

2. **June 30, 2008 - Nomination of the Olympic Games Team to the United States Olympic Committee** – No later than the Nominated Entry Deadline; June 30, 2008, the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof, acting upon the Selectors' certification that the Selection Procedures have been followed and their recommendations to the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, will nominate the maximum number of horse/rider combinations permitted according to the FEI rules, three of which shall compete in the 2008 Olympic Games, based upon the procedures as set forth herewith. The USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof, acting upon the Selectors' certification that the Selection Procedures have been followed and their recommendation to the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, will also nominate the remaining horse/rider combinations as substitute athletes in order of their ranking from the Selection Trials.
3. July 15, 2008: USOC Final Entries - No later than the USOC Final Entry Deadline; July 15, 2008, USEF will submit up to the maximum number of riders and horses permitted according to FEI Rules (four riders/four horses) for the 2008 Olympic Games according to the Procedures set forth herewith.

E. Provided below are the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members. The USEF Dressage Selectors (see Definitions on page 17) and USEF Dressage High Performance Committee will oversee the selection process, which process shall be reviewed and approved by the USEF High Performance Working Group, USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof, and U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) (see Attachment H for list of USEF committees, their roles, and list of members).

F. Other Considerations:

1. **Equine Drug Testing** – All applicant horses (including horses qualifying outside the U.S.) will be subject to drug testing. Blood and/or urine samples ("samples") may be collected at any time throughout the selection period, which is defined as commencing 45 days prior to the horses traveling to the Olympic venue (approximately June 15 - July 30, 2008) and specifically, samples will be collected from horses placed in the first six positions at the conclusion of the first Selection Trial and samples will be collected from horses placed in the first six positions at the conclusion of the second Selection Trial and these samples will be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden and/or controlled by the FEI. In the event a prohibited substance is detected, its presence will be reported to Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs and the Selectors. In the event a substance is detected for which the FEI has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of the substance will be quantified and reported to Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs and the Selectors. Any horse whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than the applicable FEI limits for any FEI prohibited and/or quantified substance may result in the elimination of that horse/rider combination from the selection process by the Selectors upon the recommendation of the Veterinary Panel (see Attachment I) and with the approval of the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, the USEF High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or a Subcommittee thereof. This provision does not abrogate the enforcement of applicable doping rules at FEI and/or USEF competitions.

2. Soundness

Selection Trials:

All horses will be examined for soundness at the start of the first and second final Selection Trials by a panel of three veterinarians recommended by the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, and approved by the USEF High Performance Working Group and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof. Horses found to be unsound by a majority of the Veterinary Panel at either the first or second final Selection Trials may result in the elimination of the horse/rider combination from the selection process by the Selectors. Horses will either “pass” or “fail” these examinations upon majority vote of the Veterinary Panel. In the case of a “failing vote,” riders will have the option of re-presentation, if a horse’s soundness is questioned, a decision to eliminate such a horse from the Selection Trials will only be taken following a majority vote of the Veterinary Panel.

Short List-Nominated Entry/Team:

After June 30, 2008 and up until the date of the USOC Final Entry, horses named to the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team or as substitutes for the 2008 Olympic Games may be examined for soundness by a USEF-approved veterinarian(s) at any time during this time period. Horses found to be unsound by a majority of the Veterinary Panel as a result of such examinations may result in the elimination of the horse/rider combination from the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team for the Games by the Selectors, but only with the approval of the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, the USEF High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof.

Dressage Team:

After the deadline for the USOC Final Entry, horses named to the Dressage Team or as Replacements may be examined for soundness by a USEF approved veterinarian(s) at any time during this period. Dressage Team horses will be evaluated for soundness by a USEF approved veterinarian(s) prior to the horses’ departure for the Games. Horses found to be unsound by a majority of the Veterinary Panel as a result of such examinations may result in the elimination of the horse/rider combination from the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team by the Selectors, but only with the approval of the Technical Advisor/Chef d’Equipe, the USEF High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof.

3. **Team Veterinarian Request** - Applicants, *at their own expense*, will make available, upon the request of the Team Veterinarian, the veterinary records of horses being considered for selection. In addition, applicants, *at their own expense*, will be responsible for supplying any follow-up diagnostic information requested by the Team Veterinarian for horses being considered for selection. Applicants will also be responsible for completing any treatment prescribed by the Team Veterinarian for horses being considered for selection. Failure to comply with any request of the Team Veterinarian may result in the removal of the horse/rider combination from the selection process by the Selectors upon the recommendation of the Team Veterinarian and with the approval of the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee and USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof.
4. **Veterinary Treatment** - Once the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team is announced, no later than June 30, 2008, and prior to the departure of the horses for the Olympic venue for the purpose of competing in the 2008 Olympic Games, riders on the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team will be required to obtain written permission from one of the members of the Veterinary Panel prior to Short Listed horses being treated by any person other than a member of the Veterinary Panel. This permission must be obtained by using an official USEF Dressage Veterinary Treatment Request Form (Attachment J).

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in the removal of the rider/horse combination from the selection process by the Selectors upon the recommendation of a majority of the Veterinary Panel and

with the approval of the USEF High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof. Failure to adhere to the directives of the Veterinary Panel as detailed on the USEF Dressage Veterinary Treatment Request Form may result in the removal of the rider/horse combination from the selection process by the Selectors upon the recommendation of a majority of the Veterinary Panel and with the approval of the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, the USEF High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof.

5. **Medical Request** - In the event of illness or injury, applicants may be required to submit to a medical examination by a physician(s) approved by the USEF Executive Committee at any time during the selection process for the purposes of determining the applicant's ability to compete at the event which is the subject of the selection. Failure to submit to such examination may result in the removal of the applicant from the selection process by the Selectors upon the recommendation of the USEF approved physician(s) and with the approval of the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof. Following the examination, should the USEF approved physician(s) find the applicant to be unfit to compete the applicant will be removed from the selection process with the approval of the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, USEF High Performance Working Group and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof.

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

A. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): The option of discretionary selection is used to field the best team possible in the 2008 Olympic Games.

B. Discretionary criteria and how it will be used: The third position on the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team will be filled either by the third ranked horse/rider combination from the final Selection Trials or the USEF Dressage Selectors ("Selectors" - see Definitions on page 17) will have the option to consider naming a horse/rider combination to the third position that has not competed at the final Selection Trials but has contributed to a team medal or an individual medal at a World Championship or Olympic Games within the past four years (this excludes horse/rider combinations which were drop scores or alternates at a team competition) where that horse/rider combination has qualified for an invitation to the final Selection Trials by completing a minimum of two designated qualifying competitions (Attachment E - USEF 2008 Olympic Games Selection Trials Qualifying Competitions) in the U.S. and/or Europe, both of which must be a CDI3*/CDI-W/CDIO (hereafter "CDI") and where one of the CDI competitions takes place after January 1, 2008. Horse/rider combinations that request to be given special consideration under this clause must submit to a veterinary inspection by a member of the Veterinary Panel (see Attachment I) who will be accompanied by at least one of the Selectors. This veterinary inspection must be completed no later than four weeks prior to the start of the final Selection Trials and horse/rider combinations that are to be considered under this clause must make themselves available for the veterinary inspection according to the schedule of the veterinarian and selector(s). Additionally, horse/rider combinations that request to be given special consideration under this clause must have had blood and/or urine samples ("samples") collected at a CDI competition that takes place after January 1, 2008 and these samples must be tested for the presence of all substances forbidden and/or controlled by the FEI. In the event a prohibited substance is detected, its presence will be reported to Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs and the Selectors. In the event a substance is detected for which the FEI has established quantitative restrictions, the amount of the substance will be quantified and reported to Gil Merrick, USEF Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs and the Selectors. Any horse whose sample contains a prohibited substance or a restricted substance in a concentration greater than the applicable FEI limits for any FEI prohibited and/or quantified substance may result in the elimination of that horse/rider combination from the selection process by the Selectors upon the recommendation of the Veterinary Panel (see Attachment I) and with the approval of the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, the USEF High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or a Subcommittee thereof. This provision does not abrogate the enforcement of applicable doping rules at FEI and/or USEF competitions. The determination for the third

position will be made based on the advice of the Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe and with the majority vote of the Selectors who shall evaluate the horse/rider combination's continued fitness, soundness and ability to compete based upon the veterinary inspection and a review of the horse/rider combination's performance at CDI competitions during the qualifying period.

C. Discretionary Selection Committee

1. Provide the name of the committee(s) that will be responsible for discretionary selection.

USEF High Performance Dressage Selectors (see Definitions on page 17)
USEF Dressage High Performance Committee
USEF Dressage High Performance Eligible Athletes Committee
USEF High Performance Working Group
USEF Executive Committee

2. Provide a complete list of the members of the committee(s), their titles and their NGB role that qualifies them to serve in this capacity.

See Attachment F for list of USEF committees, their roles, and list of members. The USEF HP Dressage Selectors ("Selectors") will consist of the un-conflicted members of the USEF HP Dressage Committee (Attachment H) who are subject to the USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment C) and the USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy (Attachment L). There will be a minimum of 20 % Dressage Eligible Athlete representation on the panel of Selectors. A Dressage Eligible Athlete Representative may not be an applicant for the 2008 Olympic Games Dressage Team.

The USEF HP Dressage Eligible Athlete Committee (Attachment H) will recommend to the USEF HP Dressage Committee, and the USEF HP Working Group, with approval from the USEF Executive Committee or subcommittee thereof, up to five "Replacement Selectors" who are members of the dressage community, knowledgeable and experienced in dressage at the international level and are Senior Active Members in good standing with USEF. Replacement Selectors will be used if there are fewer than three un-conflicted members of the USEF HP Dressage Committee to serve as Selectors. At least three of the individuals recommended by the USEF HP Dressage Eligible Athlete Committee to serve as Selectors will be Dressage Eligible Athletes as defined by the USOC.

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

A. Prior to acceptance of nomination by the USOC, USEF has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USEF may be removed from the Nominations for any of the following reasons, as determined by USEF.

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USEF CEO/Executive Director.
- Injury or illness as certified by a USEF approved physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a USEF approved physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
- Violation of the USEF's Code of Conduct (Attachment C).
- Failure to sign the Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment B).
- Injury or illness of the horse as determined by the Team Veterinarian. If an athlete and/or horse owner refuses to have the horse examined by the Team Veterinarian, the injury or illness will be assumed to be disabling and the horse may be removed.

- Exceptional circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the 2008 Olympic Games, but only with the approval of the Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe and with the unanimous approval of the Selectors.
- Detection of a prohibited substance in the horse.
- Failure to adhere to all IOC, WADA, FEI, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures including participation in out of competition testing as required by IOC, WADA, FEI, USADA and USOC Rules.
- Failure to comply with any request of any member of the Veterinary Panel.
- Failure to obtain written permission from one of the members of the Veterinary Panel prior to the horse receiving veterinary treatment by any veterinarian not on the Veterinary Panel.

In these procedures the removal of an athlete is closely related to the process by which they will be replaced. Therefore, the reasons for which an athlete may be removed are thoroughly addressed in Section IV.
REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES.

An athlete who may be removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USEF's Bylaws, Article 703 and USEF General Rules, Chapter 6, GR 605 or USOC Bylaws, Article 9.

B. After acceptance of nomination by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures (see Attachment K). This occurs no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games (unless expressly waived by the USOC).

A USOC approved team member is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

C. An athlete may be removed from Nomination or from the Team at any time for violation of WADA, FEI, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

Following is the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified: June 30, 2008 – One or more substitute horse/rider combinations will be named to the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team in order of their ranking from the Selection Trials.

A. Replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur, according to the following method:

1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

The USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof, acting upon the Selectors' evaluations and their recommendation to the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, will identify replacement horse/rider combinations from the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team in the order of their ranking from the Selection Trials.

2. After acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

See IV. A. 1. above.

B. Group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

- 1. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:** USEF Dressage Selectors, USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, USEF High Performance Working Group, USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof

2. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the team:

a. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

USEF Dressage Selectors, USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, USEF High Performance Working Group, USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof

b. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

See IV. B. 2. a. above.

c. during the Games:

Members of the groups and committees listed in IV. B. 2. a. above who are physically present.

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS – USEF will retain all supporting documents, including evaluation forms and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS – The following documents are required to be properly executed as a condition of nomination in the 2008 Olympic Games and are included as attachments:

- Application (Attachment A)
- Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment B)
- USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment C)
- USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification (Attachment D)
- USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures (Attachment K)

Applicants and horse owners will be required to certify that they have received and read a copy of the USEF Code of Conduct and that they understand the document. Once the nominated horse/rider combinations have been approved by the USOC, riders are under the jurisdiction of the USOC Code and Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

In addition, all persons participating in any decision made pursuant to the Selection Procedures including but not limited to Selectors, members of the Veterinary Panel, Physicians, members of the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, USEF High Performance Working Group, and the USEF Executive Committee or Subcommittee thereof will be required to abide by the USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies.

Reference is made to the attached USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies for a full and accurate statement of the requirements of that policy. In particular, however, no individual may participate in a particular phase of the selection process if, after full disclosure, the individual is found by the applicable committee to have a disqualifying conflict of interest in the particular phase of the selection process in question per the attached USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy.

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES – The USOC approved Selection Procedures (compete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USEF in the following locations and will include the USOC approval date:

A. USEF Website - www.usef.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

B. USEF Official Publication – “Equestrian” magazine

C. Other – The Procedures and Application Packet will also be available on the USEF's website www.usef.org and distributed by mail to Dressage athletes.

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION – The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements will be submitted to the USOC no later than July 15, 2008.

X. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

Immediately following the conclusion of the Selection Trials and up until the date of departure for the Dressage Team from the U.S. to the Olympic venue, all horse/rider combinations named to the USOC Final Entry will be required to remain at a designated training facility which will be named prior to May 1, 2008. Horse/rider combinations named to the USOC Final Entry will be required to demonstrate their continued preparation, soundness, and ability by participating in mandatory training sessions at the designated training facility. These mandatory training sessions will be in addition to any other training sessions a horse/rider combination has organized with trainers other than the USEF Dressage Developing Coach and/or the Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe.

Once the Dressage Team and replacements for the Games have been nominated, those horse/rider combinations will come under the control of the Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe. Once named to the Short List-Nominated Entry/Team a rider must have the written approval of the Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe to work with a coach or trainer other than the Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe.

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS – Riders must adhere to all IOC, WADA, FEI, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures. This includes participation in out of competition testing as required by IOC, WADA, FEI, USADA and USOC Rules.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES – The following committees/groups were responsible for creating these Selection Procedures: USEF Dressage Eligible Athletes Committee, USEF Dressage High Performance Committee, USEF High Performance Working Group, USEF Executive Committee. See Attachment H for list of USEF committees, their roles, and list of members.

XII. USEF BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES – The USEF Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found on the USEF's website www.usef.org.

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER – These procedures are based on IOC and/or FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or 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 selection procedures are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

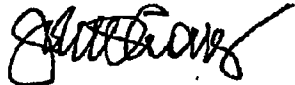


XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN – Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USEF may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: John W. Ruger by:

- Toll free telephone at (888)ATHLETE
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XV. FUNDING DISCLAIMER - Selection to the 2008 Olympic Games Dressage Team does not guarantee that funds will be available to send a team.

XVI. DISCLAIMER - Please see Attachment D - USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification.

XVI. NGB SIGNATURES - I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by the United States Equestrian Federation.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USEF President or Executive Director	John Long		9/25/07
Chef d'Equipe	<i>Blaine Parkmahl</i>		09/26/07
USOC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	KAREN O'CONNOR		Sept 25-07

Any questions regarding these Selection Procedures should be addressed to Gil Merrick, Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs, United States Equestrian Federation, PO Box 83, Gladstone, NJ 07934, Phone (859) 225-6913.

DEFINITIONS

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DRESSAGE ELIGIBLE ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE – An athlete will be considered a Dressage Eligible Athlete Representative if they meet the following criteria as defined by the USEF in Part IV-Athletes, Bylaw 401 of its Bylaws and the USOC in Article XVII.17.7, B.3 of its Bylaws as eligible for membership on a “designated committee”:

- i) within the past ten (10) years, represented the United States in the Olympic or Pan American Games, or an Operation Gold event, or a World Championship recognized by the FEI for which a competitive selection process was administered the USEF/USET
- and/or
- ii) within the past twenty-four (24) months, demonstrated that they are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition by finishing in the top half of the NGB’s national championship or a team selection competition for the events specified in paragraph (i) above.

REPLACEMENT - The definition of “replacement” is the replacement of a horse/rider combination after the USOC Final Entries have been submitted.

SUBSTITUTION - The definition of “substitution” is the substitution of a horse/rider combination before the USOC Final Entries have been submitted.

Approved by the USEF Dressage High Performance Committee on September 4, 2007

Approved by the USEF Executive Committee on September 17, 2007

Approval by the U.S. Olympic Committee on September 28, 2007