



MEMORANDUM

To: Potential 2024 FEI Para Driving World Championship for Singles Applicants

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From: Anna Brooks Thomas, Director of Driving

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Re: Anticipated Selection Methods for the 2024 FEI Para Driving World Championship for Singles

This preliminary information is provided to assist you with your competition planning and is subject to change. Please remember that this information is based upon the recommendations of the USEF Driving Sport Committee and is subject to final approval by the USEF Board of Directors or USEF Executive Committee. **Therefore, the contents of this memo are subject to change upon the approval of the final Selection Procedures by the USEF Board of Directors or USEF Executive Committee.**

The 2024 FEI Para Driving World Championship for Singles (Championship) is scheduled to take place in 2024. The location and exact dates of the Championship are to be determined.

Selection Methodology: Please be advised that the proposed Selection Period for the 2024 U.S. Para Driving Team (Team) selection process will begin on August 1st, 2023, and is anticipated to end June 30, 2024 (Selection Period).

The Athlete, Horse owner, and Horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Championship, including but not limited to, the FEI Qualifying Requirements found on the [FEI Website](#).

It is anticipated that USEF will select Athletes and their horses for the Team based on Selection Events taking place during the Selection Period that are defined as any USEF Intermediate or above Class or any FEI recognized CPEAI 2* or above. Competitions licensed by foreign National Federations held at the equivalent level of USEF Intermediate class or higher will be accepted as a Selection Event. Athletes must designate foreign competitions in advance of the start of the competition by applying to



compete through their Athlete Dashboard. No USEF Beginner, Training, or Preliminary CDE, Combined Tests, or Short Format competitions will be accepted as Selection Events.

Athletes and Horses, not necessarily in combination, must successfully complete one Selection Event to achieve qualifying results (i.e. complete all phases of competition without elimination, disqualification, or retirement, etc.). Combinations may compete and receive a qualifying score prior to submitting an application for the Championship.

Veterinary Examination: The Team Horses will be required to pass at least one (1) USEF designated Team Veterinary examination. Details will be confirmed in 2024.

2024 U.S. Para Driving Team Composition: Per the FEI Rules Article 925, the Team will consist of between two and three athletes with one athlete from each grade and no more than two athletes from any one grade.

USEF Safe Sport Policy: It is the responsibility of the Athletes and owners of Horses to ensure that they understand and agree to be bound by the USEF Rules, FEI Rules, FEI Qualifying Requirements, USEF Code of Conduct, and USEF Safe Sport Policy. USEF members 18-years-old and older are required to comply with the USEF Safe Sport Policy, which includes the USEF Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies.

USEF Background Check Policy Requirements: As of January 1, 2020, athletes 18 years of age or older selected by USEF to compete on a Team, or as an individual, are required to comply with the updated USEF Background Check Policy. Athletes are strongly encouraged to review the Background Check Policy Requirements for more information.

Equine Anti-Doping: Please note that all Horses registered with the FEI or USEF will be subject to in-competition testing. The FEI's philosophy is that horses must be "clean" at the time of competition. If seeking advice from a veterinarian, ensure they are a registered FEI veterinarian, and is fully conversant with the FEI Veterinary Rules and the Prohibited Substance List.

Human Anti-Doping: Please be aware that when you are competing under FEI rules, you (the human athlete) are subject to random, in-competition and out of competition drug testing. It is your responsibility to know if you are taking any medications on the FEI Prohibited Substance List. It is strongly recommended that you regularly visit the United States Anti-Doping Agency's (USADA) website, which contains a range of information on testing, regulations, and athlete rights. You should also regularly check the FEI web page that covers all changes to the anti-doping rules. Those taking a prohibited substance for therapeutic reasons have the ability to apply for a therapeutic use exemption (TUE). These athletes can contact Steven Morrissey at smorrissey@usef.org for information and assistance in submitting a TUE application.

Funding: The availability of funding is subject to confirmation of the 2024 Driving budget.

Questions and Feedback: If you have any questions or feedback on the full Selection Procedures prior to their approval of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact Anna Brooks Thomas, at abthomas@usef.org.