MEMORANDUM

To: Potential 2028 FEI Vaulting World Championship Applicants

Date: October 13, 2026

From: Steven Morrissey, Managing Director of Non-Olympic Disciplines

Copy: Hallye Griffin, Director of FEI Sport

Re: Anticipated Selection Method for the 2028 FEI Vaulting World Championship

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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 Vaulting Sport Committee and is subject to final approval by the USEF Board of Directors or USEF Executive Committee. It is anticipated the final Selection Procedures will be published prior to December 1, 2027.

The 2028 FEI Vaulting World Championship ("Championship") location and date are TBC by the FEI.

Application Deadline: U.S. athletes wishing to be considered for the Championship must complete an application of intent by the deadline set forth in the approved selection procedures, which is expected to be no later than January 15, 2028.

Selection Methodology: The anticipated Selection Period for the Championship will begin on January 1, 2027, and end prior to the FEI Nominated Entry deadline TBC, 2028 ("Selection Period").

The Athlete, Horse owner, and Horse must be in compliance with FEI Rules for the Championship, including but not limited to, the FEI Qualifying Requirements and Age Eligibility found on the FEI Website.

Qualification Period – January 1, 2027 – approximately mid-March, 2028 (to be confirmed).
Athletes wishing to be considered for selection for the Championship must earn a minimum of the following Qualification Scores:

- **Individuals and Pas de Deux**: three (3) Qualifying Scores during the Qualification Period.
- **Squad:** two (2) Qualifying Scores during the Qualification Period.

Qualifying Scores must be earned in the following events:

- **Individual**: scores must be earned in the Individual class at any CVIY2*, USEF 2* Young/Gold or more advanced FEI/USEF division. Only one score can be attained at the 2* level. The score must include one round each of compulsory, technical (or modified technical test) and freestyle, unless achieved at a World Cup Final.

- **Pas de Deux:** scores must be earned in the Pas de Deux class at any CVIJ2*, CVI2*, USEF 2* or more advanced FEI/USEF division. Only one score can be attained at the 2* level. Qualifying scores must include two rounds of freestyle. Qualifying scores must be achieved by the same two (2) vaulters. Any change in the vaulters of a Pas de Deux constitutes an entirely independent Pas de Deux.
- **Squad**: scores must be earned in the Squad class at any CVIJ2*, CVI2*, USEF 2* or more advanced FEI/USEF division. Only one score can be attained at the 2* level. Qualifying scores must include first round compulsory and first round freestyle. Other rounds will not be considered, unless achieved at a USEF2*, CVI2* or CVIJ2*. Qualifying scores must be achieved by a minimum of the same four (4) vaulters. Any change in more than two (2) members of a Squad represents an entirely independent Squad.

All Qualifying Scores must have been achieved at a competition with no less than three (3) judges.

Waiver: In extraordinary circumstances, the Selectors may grant a waiver for Qualifying Score requirements if it is in the perceived best interests of the Team. Details of the criteria used to decide upon a waiver will be outlined in the selection procedures.

Observation Event Period – approximately mid-March, 2028 through end of the selection period (to be confirmed): The requirements for athletes named to the Short List will be outlined in the selection procedures.

USEF Safe Sport Policy: It is the responsibility of the Athletes and owners of Horses to ensure that they read and understand the USEF Rules, FEI Rules, FEI Qualifying Requirements, USEF Code of Conduct, U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, and USEF Safe Sport Policy.

USEF Background Check Policy Requirements: Athletes 18 years of age or older selected by USEF to compete at the Championship are required to comply with the current 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 shall 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 Christy Hawkins at CBHawkins@usef.org for information and assistance in submitting a TUE application.

Funding: The availability and details of funding will be confirmed prior to the Championship.

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 Steven Morrissey at smorrissey@usef.org.