

**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2023 USEF EVENTING YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIP
6.7.2023**

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to an Area Team (“Team”):

1.1.1. Nationality requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States and in compliance with FEI Article 119 at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the 2023 USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships (“the Event”).

1.1.2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

1.1.2.1. Athletes wishing to compete in the USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships CCI1* must have been born on or between [January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2009](#).

1.1.2.2. Athletes wishing to compete in USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships CCI2*-L must have been born on or between [January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2009](#).

1.1.2.3. Athletes wishing to compete in the USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships CCI3*-L must have been born on or between [January 1, 1998 and December 31, 2007](#).

1.1.2.4. Athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in the USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships CCI3*-L, CCI2*-L and CCI1* must have met the minimum eligibility requirements as stated in the USEF Eventing Rules and FEI Eventing Rules.

1.1.2.5. A horse must be a minimum of five (5) years old for the CCI1*, and a horse must be a minimum of six (6) years old for the CCI3*L and CCI2*-L.

1.1.2.6. The athlete and horse must be registered and in good standing with the FEI prior to being named to the FEI Nominated Entries and until the conclusion of the Event.

1.1.2.7. The horse must have a valid FEI or National Passport.

1.1.2.8. The athlete and horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Event.

1.1.2.9. Applicants domiciled outside of the continental United States must meet the Citizenship and Minimum International Federation Standards for Participation outlined in Section 1.1.

1.1.3. Other requirements (if any):

- The athlete and owner of the horse must be members in good standing of the United States Equestrian Federation (“USEF”) and United States Eventing Association (“USEA”) from the time of application through the conclusion of the Event.
- The athlete must be a member in good standing of the and his/her Area Young Rider Program from the time of application through the conclusion of the Event.
- Horses must be recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF General Rule 1102, and registered with USEA, and in good standing with USEF from the time of nominated entry through the conclusion of the Event.
- Athletes wishing to represent an Area at the Event must complete, submit and make a payment for an Area Declaration online at www.usef.org no later than [May 1, 2023 12:00 p.m. eastern daylight time](#). The application fee is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per application. The fee must be paid at the time of

submission of the Area Declaration. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 1, 2023.

- The Athlete must state for which Area they wish to compete for on the application. After the application deadline Areas may not be changed. By the end of the qualifying period, each athlete/horse combination must meet the requirements for each level they compete at.
- The athlete and parent, if applicable, must certify by signing the Event Area Declaration, that they have received, read, and assumes responsibility for meeting the requirements of the Selection Procedures for the Event. In addition, the athlete must certify, by signing the Application, that they have received and read the Selection Procedures for the Area Team, the USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment A), the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification, the U.S. Center for SafeSport's Code; the USEF Safe Sport Policy, and that they understand those documents and agrees to be bound by them.
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the conclusion of the Event will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the [USEF Safe Sport Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#) and [USEF Background Check Policy](#).

1.2. Qualifying Period:

- 1.2.1. The qualifying period for the 2023 USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships Jumping is [January 1, 2022 through September 25, 2023](#). The start date of a competition is used to determine if a qualifying competition falls within the qualifying period. For example, if a competition starts on June 19th, and the qualifying level is on June 20th, the competition will be included in the qualifying period that ends on June 20th.

1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process of how athletes will be selected:

- 1.3.1. USEA will develop and recommend its respective Area Selection Procedures to the USEF Eventing Sport Committee for consideration and recommendation for approval by the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
- 1.3.2. Areas may choose to designate a series of selection trials (Attachment B) which must be published no later than four (4) weeks prior to the first named selection trial. Areas may choose to name these competitions as mandatory for all applicants, provide options for selection trials, or choose not to have selection trials. Athlete/horse combinations must, in addition to the requirements set forth in Section 1.3.4, compete (with every intention of completing) in selection trials as specified by their Area. An athlete/horse combination that is unable to attend a mandatory selection trial because of veterinary, medical, or family emergencies or for logistical reasons may request a waiver for selection by submitting a written request prior to the mandatory selection trial to the Area Selectors who will approve or disapprove the request based on the relevant facts and circumstances.
- 1.3.3. The USEA Area Selectors' ("Selectors") evaluation will be based on the following factors ("Factors"):
 - 1.3.3.1. The overall performance and soundness of the athlete/horse combination in competition with emphasis on dressage scores, current fitness, cross country and show jumping performance: jumping without faults and/or incurring time penalties, boldness,

- rideability, and speed with priority given to selection trials designated by the respective Area.
- 1.3.3.2. The previous experience of the athlete/horse combination, preference may be given to athlete/horse combinations who have demonstrated ability to succeed in multiple eventing competitions.
 - 1.3.3.3. Athlete's fitness.
 - 1.3.3.4. The athlete/horse combination's will to win and the suitability of the combination to win the Event(s) or contribute to a Team placing at the Event.
 - 1.3.3.5. Willingness of the athlete to work within the confines of the Event accreditation allocation and restrictions.
- 1.3.4. If all factors are equal between two athlete/horse combinations, the participation of the athlete in other Area Young Rider programs or activities, i.e., fundraising, securing of Team sponsorship etc., may be considered, the details of which must be included in the Area Selection Procedures (Attachment C) and posted on the Area website prior to the first selection trial.
 - 1.3.5. The names of the Area Selectors and Area Selection Trials, if any, must be sent to USEF (cvaughn@usef.org) and posted to Area websites no later than April 1, 2023. The Selectors will oversee the selection process.
 - 1.3.6. Athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in the Event must have earned the required Certificates of Capability as described below, at USEF or FEI licensed competitions between [January 1, 2022 and September 25, 2025](#).
 - 1.3.6.1. **USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships CCI3*-L:**
 - 1.3.6.1.1. Athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in the USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships CCI3*-L must have earned a Certificate of Capability within the Qualifying Period which began January 1, 2022 and ends **September 25, 2023** by achieving a Minimum Eligibility Requirement at one CCI3*-S competition.
 - 1.3.6.2. **USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships CCI2*-L:**
 - 1.3.6.2.1. Athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in the USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships CCI2*-L must have earned a Certificate of Capability within the Qualifying Period which began January 1, 2022 and ends **September 25, 2023** by achieving a Minimum Eligibility Requirement at one CCI2*-S competition.
 - 1.3.7. **September 29, 2023 Nominated Entries:**
 - 1.3.7.1. By no later than Nominated Entry deadline (September 29, 2023), each Area will submit to USEF a list of up to eighteen (18) applicant athlete/horse combinations.
 - 1.3.7.2. Athlete/horse combinations will be selected for the nominated entry per Section 1.3.1-1.3.6
 - 1.3.8. **October 16, 2023 Definite Entries:**
 - 1.3.8.1. After submission of the Nominated Entries but no later than the closing date for the Definite Entries, each Area will submit to USEF their Definite Entries for the Championships for each Event.
 - 1.3.8.2. Each Area's Definite Entries for each Event will consist of up to four (4) applicant athlete/horse combinations named to the Team plus two Traveling Reserve athlete/horse combinations who will compete as an individuals.
 - 1.3.8.3. Only athletes and horses listed on the nominated entry are eligible for the Definite Entries.
 - 1.3.8.4. If Areas are not able to send a Team, then one or two individual athlete/horses combinations may compete on behalf of an Area.

- 1.3.9. **Combining of Zone to Form Teams** - If an Area is unable to field a Team of at least three (3) athlete/horse combinations, the Area may apply to USEF to combine with another Area, which is also unable to field a Team. Once all Definite Entries have been submitted, USEF in consultation with the USEA CEO will make the final decision to combine athlete/horse combinations no later than the first Chef d'Equipe meeting. Further changes may be made, pending approval of all effected parties.
- 1.3.10. **TBD: Declaration of Starters** – Once at the Event site, and after the horse inspection, each Area's Chef d'Equipe will declare the starting order of the athlete/horse combinations on the Team of three (3) or four (4) athlete/horse combinations for the Events, as well as the Individuals (maximum of two athlete/horse combinations per Area unable to field a complete Team), to the USEF Director, Emerging and Development Programs in writing, before 6:00pm, on the day preceding the first Competition.

2. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 2.1. Prior to and after the Definite Entries Deadline, USEF has jurisdiction over athlete/horse combinations who might participate at the Event. An athlete/horse combination whose name is included on an Area's Nominated Entries and/or the Definite Entries may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USEF and in accordance with these procedures:
 - 2.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USEF (Christina Vaughn, Director of Eventing Emerging and Development Programs – cvaughn@usef.org)
 - 2.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USEF. If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USEF, their injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
 - 2.1.3. Failure to comply with an Area's Selection Criteria in Section 1.3.
 - 2.1.4. Violation of the [USEF Code of Conduct](#).
 - 2.1.5. Violation of the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code or USEF Safe Sport Policy.
 - 2.1.6. Injury or illness of the Horse as determined by the Area Veterinarian and/or a vet approved by the Area. If an athlete and/or horse owner refuses to have the Horse examined by the Area Veterinarian and/or a vet approved by the Area the injury or illness will be assumed to be disabling and the horse may be removed.
 - 2.1.7. Detection of a Prohibited Substance in the Horse (see below).
 - 2.1.8. Failure to adhere to all World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), FEI, USEF, and/or U.S. Anti-Doping Agency ("USADA") anti-doping protocols, policies or procedures regarding athletes and horses, including participation in required Out-of-Competition testing.
 - 2.1.9. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.

In these procedures, the removal of an athlete is closely related to the process by which they will be substituted. Therefore, the reasons for which an athlete may be removed are thoroughly addressed in Section 3. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES & HORSES.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USEF's Bylaws, Part VII, and the USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

- 2.2. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of WADA, IF, USEF, USADA, and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and

procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and USEF Safe Sport Policy, as applicable.

3. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES & HORSES

- 3.1. Following is the process by which the substitute pool of athlete/horse combinations will be identified: Each Area's Nominated Entries will comprise the pool of substitute athlete/horse combinations for that Area.
- 3.2. Substitute athlete/horse combinations will be selected, should a vacancy occur, according to the following method:
 - 3.2.1. **Prior to the Definite Entries:** Prior to Definite Entries, USEF has the discretion to substitute athlete/horse combinations for the reasons set forth in Section 2.
 - 3.2.1.1. Openings, if they occur, whether by voluntary withdrawal or removal, will be filled according to the Area's list of athlete/horse combinations on the Nominated Entries.
 - 3.2.1.2. Any substitution for reasons set forth in Section 2, except by voluntary withdrawal, will be at the recommendation of the USEA or its designees, the Area Coach, Area Young Rider Coordinator and Chef d'équipe. .
 - 3.2.2. **After the Definite Entries and until one (1) hour before the Horse Inspection:** After the Definite Entries and until one (1) hour before the Horse Inspection, USEF has the discretion to substitute athlete/horse combinations on the Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section 2. During this time period, Team members may only be replaced by the Traveling Reserve and the Traveling Reserve may only be replaced with a Substitute athlete/horse combination in order of their Area's Nominated Entries. Voluntary withdrawals must be substantiated by a certificate from an official recognized doctor and/or veterinarian. Any substitutions other than voluntary withdrawal are subject to the recommendation of the USEA or its designees, Area Coach, Area Young Rider Coordinator and Chef d'équipe physically present at the Venue.
 - 3.2.3. **After the Horse Inspection and prior to the Declaration of Starters:** After the Horse Inspection and prior to the Declaration of Starters, USEF has the discretion to substitute athlete/horse combinations on the Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section 2. During this time period, Team members may only be substituted with the Traveling Reserve. Substitutions may only be made for veterinary or medical reasons, subject to the recommendation of the USEA or its designees, Area Coach, Area Young Rider Coordinator and Chef d'équipe physically present at the Venue.
 - 3.2.3.1. Any substitution for veterinary reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must also have the approval of Competition Veterinarian.
 - 3.2.3.2. Any substitution for medical reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must also be documented by a Physician.
 - 3.2.4. **After the Declaration of Starters:** After the Declaration of Starters, USEF has the ability to substitute athlete/horse combinations on the Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section 2. During this time period, Team members may only be substituted with the Traveling Reserve. Substitutions may only be made in accordance with Article 530.2 of the FEI Eventing Rules [26th Edition, Effective 1st January 2023] for veterinary or medical reasons, subject to the recommendation of the USEA or its designees, Area Coach, Area Young Rider Coordinator and Chef d'équipe physically present at the Venue.
 - 3.2.4.1. The substitution must be made at least two hours before the first Athlete is scheduled to perform their Dressage test on the day on which the athlete in question has been drawn to take part.
 - 3.2.4.2. Any substitution for veterinary reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must also be documented by an officially recognized Veterinarian and/or have the approval of the Veterinary Commission.

3.2.4.3. Any substitution for medical reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must also be documented by a Physician.

3.2.4.4. The Technical Delegate, in consultation with the Ground Jury, must approve the substitution.

3.2.5. Group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete/horse combination substitution determinations:

3.2.5.1. Group or committee that determines the substitution list: The Area Selectors in consultation with the Chef d'Equipe, Team Coach, a veterinarian/physician approved by the Area, and/or USEF Eventing Sport Committee.

3.2.5.2. Group or committee that determines a substitution prior to and after the Definite Entries: The Area Selectors in consultation with the Chef d'Equipe, Team Coach, a veterinarian/physician approved by the Area, and/or USEF Eventing Sport Committee.

4. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USEF will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the final day of the Event.

5. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be properly executed by applicants as a condition of nomination to the Event:

- [Application](#)
- [USEF Code of Conduct](#)
- [USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver, and Indemnification Agreement](#)
- [USEF Safe Sport Policy](#)

In addition, all persons participating in any decision made pursuant to the Selection Procedures, including but not limited to the USEA, USEA Area Selectors, USEA Area Veterinarians, members of the USEF Pathway Working Group, USEF Eventing Sport Committee, USEF Board of Directors, and USEF Executive Committee, will be required to abide by the USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy and USEF Safe Sport Policy.

6. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USEF approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USEF in the following public location(s):

- 6.1. USEF Web site: 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 USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
- 6.2. USEA Web site: www.useventing.org - These procedures will be posted as soon as possible but not more than 5 business days following notice of approval by the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
- 6.3. Other: These procedures will also be available by mail or email upon request.

7. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

- A. Human Anti-Doping: Athletes must adhere to all WADA, FEI, USADA, and USEF anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the WADA, FEI, USADA and USEF rules, as applicable.
- B. Equine Anti-Doping: All Horses are subject to drug testing both in competition and out of competition.
 - 1. In-Competition. All Horses entered to compete in any FEI or USEF Event are subject to drug testing at any time from when the Event begins until the Event ends or beginning when the Horse arrives for the Event until the Event ends, whichever beginning occurs first. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected and tested for substances prohibited or forbidden under the subject Event rules. National Events may invoke GR409 whereby samples will be tested for FEI prohibited substances, including metabolites and markers.
 - a. Positive Finding. At any time during the observation and selection period that the presence of a prohibited or forbidden substance, or a metabolite or marker, is detected in the sample collected in-Event, the results, including the level detected for controlled medications, will be reported to the USEF Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel.
 - b. They will notify the Director of Sport Programs or the Discipline Director for dissemination of information as appropriate. In such instances, the positive finding may result in the elimination of the horse and/or athlete from the Selection Process.
 - c. Before elimination occurs, the owner and athlete will be afforded a hearing by a panel ("Selection Hearing Panel") comprised of at least one disinterested member of the applicable discipline Sport Committee along with at least two disinterested members of the Hearing Committee, one of which must be an Athlete Representative.
 - d. The Chairman of the USEF Veterinary Committee, or his designee, may serve Ex Officio and a member of the Veterinary Panel selected for the Championship may serve Ex Officio.
 - 2. Out-of-Competition. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected out-of-competition at any time throughout the selection period, which is defined as commencing on the start date of the USEF Qualifying Period following notification to the athlete at least 24 hours prior to collection of samples. Samples collected from Horses out-of-competition will be tested for the presence of substances prohibited by the FEI, including metabolites and markers. Failure to make the Horse available for collection of samples may result in the elimination of the horse and/or athlete from the Selection Process. Before elimination occurs, the owner and athlete will be afforded a hearing by the Selection Hearing Panel.
 - a. Positive Finding. At any time during the selection period that the presence of a prohibited or forbidden substance, or a metabolite marker, in the sample, the results, including the level detected for controlled medications, will be reported to the USEF Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel, who will notify the Director of Sport Programs or the Discipline Director for dissemination of information as appropriate.
 - b. In such instances, the positive finding may result in the elimination of the Horse and/or athlete from the Selection Process unless the Veterinary Panel appointed for the Selection of the Event certifies that the substance detected has been approved or is legitimate and appropriate under the circumstances. Before elimination occurs, the Owner and athlete will be afforded a hearing by the Selection Hearing Panel.
 - 3. These provisions do not abrogate the enforcement of applicable Equine anti-doping rules at Federation licensed Events, including Events where GR409 is invoked whereby samples will be tested for FEI prohibited substances, including metabolites and markers.

4. USEF GR409.2 Equine Drugs and Medications, Prohibited Substance Provisions: No Horse and/or pony competing in a Breed or Discipline designated as (or part of) a No Prohibited Substance Group is to be shown in any class at an Event licensed by the Federation if it has been administered in any manner or otherwise contained in its tissues, body fluids or excreta a prohibited substance as defined in the FEI Horse Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations, which can be found at www.fei.org.

8. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/groups were responsible for creating these Selection Procedures: USEA, USEF Eventing Pathway Working Group, USEF Eventing Sport Committee and the USEF Board of Directors.

1.1.1 Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving an individual involved in the selection process:

All individuals involved in the selection of an Area Team must comply with the USEF Conflict of Interest and Gifts & Entertainment Policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by the USEF Legal Department and USEF Audit Committee prior to beginning the selection process.

Any individual involved in the selection of an Area Team who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the USEF Legal Department and USEF Audit Committee prior to the start of the selection process and/or recuse oneself from the review process and/or voting. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business interest of the committee member poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an Athlete or Horse in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in an unbiased manner. If a conflict exists, the USEF Legal Department and Audit Committee shall review the conflict and determine the committee member's level of involvement (e.g., whether that individual must recuse oneself from participating in discussions and/or voting). For example, if it is determined that an individual must recuse oneself from voting, the Audit Committee may still determine that an individual who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a team coach or high performance director, may, if requested by individuals involved in the selection of an Area Team, provide such information to the other individuals involved in the selection process so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and so long as the individual with the conflict of interest does not participate in the deliberation or vote toward the final decision. The individual must not otherwise influence other individuals involved in the selection process.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted Athlete, Owner, or Coach of a potentially impacted Athlete or Horse) with a good faith belief that an individual has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to USEF General Counsel and/or Audit Committee. Reports may be made anonymously. No individual shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the same process used for the initial appointment.

9. USEF BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Athletes wishing to file a grievance challenging a denial or threatened denial to participate in competition, please see the Athlete's Guide to Filing a Grievance Regarding Opportunity to Participate and Grievance Form. For procedural guidance for filing a grievance, please contact Emily Pratt at epratt@usef.org. Please contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman Office. Contact information for the USOPC Athlete Ombuds can be found below.

10. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

USEF does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), sex, gender identify, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. Everyone involved in the development of selection procedures and selection process must abide by the Non-Discrimination Policy.

11. 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.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the FEI.

12. ATHLETE OMBUDS OFFICE

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding Athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between Athletes and USEF.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

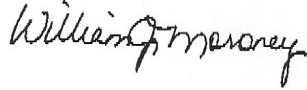

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

13. QUESTIONS

Any questions regarding these Selection Procedures should be addressed to Christina Vaughn, USEF Director of Emerging and Development Programs USEF, 4001 Wing Commander Way, Lexington, KY, 40511, Phone (859)225-6917, Email cvaughn@usef.org.

14. USEF SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by the FEI and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USEF.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USEF CEO	William J. Moroney		3/13/2023
USEA CEO	Rob Burk		3/16/2023

DEFINITIONS

FITNESS – whether the horse competed at a high level more frequently than is consistent with delivering a peak performance at the Event for which selection is being made. Whether the horse demonstrated in training the modicum of preparation necessary for preparedness for the rigors of the Event for which selection is being made.

LOSS OF FORM – deterioration in performance, demonstrated inability to produce results at the level at which the combination was performing at the time at which they were selected.

RIDEABILITY – whether the horse exhibits in all three tests – dressage, cross country, and show jumping – that it responds readily to the aids (directions) of the athlete as a result of his training; whether he moves forward, slows down, turns, and jumps any obstacle with composure, obedience, and confidence in himself and the athlete.

SPEED – evidence that in the international record of the horse/athlete combination, and in the final trials for the Team, that the horse/athlete combination shows the ability to complete the Event distances at the speed demanded.

WILL TO WIN – Athlete's desire and ability to produce a medal achieving result.