



TO: Potential 2020 Olympic Games Jumping Applicants
FROM: Lizzy Chesson, Managing Director Jumping
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RE: Planned Selection Methods, Eligibility Requirements and FEI Certificates of Capability

Dear U.S. Jumping Athletes and Owners –

Please see the below details outlining the anticipated selection methods for the Jumping Team for 2020 Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo, Japan August 4-8, 2020.

Short List Selection: It is proposed that ten (10) athletes (riders) will be selected for the 2020 Olympic Games U.S. Show Jumping Short List in April 2020 according to the following methods:

Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List:

1. Rolex/USEF Show Jumping “Average Ranking List” – this is a ranking list of the athlete’s average Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking List points (includes the points previously earned) from the lists dated May 31, 2019 list through December 20, 2019.

It is proposed that the four (4) highest ranked athletes from the “Average Ranking List” will be named to the Short List in December 2019.

This list will be published monthly on www.usequestrian.org/jumping.

2. Rolex/USEF Show Jumping Ranking “Horse List” – this is the ranking list of the horse/athlete combinations’ points.

It is planned that the “Horse List” dated April 3, 2020 will be used to select at least three (3) athletes who are ranked highest on the April 3, 2020 Horse List and who have not already been named to the Short List. The Horse List is published weekly and can be found [HERE](#).

2020 World Cup Final: It is proposed that the highest placed U.S. athlete (1) in the Final Overall Standings for the 2020 World Cup Final in Las Vegas, USA (April 15-19, 2020) who has not already been selected to the Short List will be named to the Short List provided that he finished in the top 10 of the Final Overall Standings from the 2020 World Cup Final.

If the highest placed U.S. athlete in the Final Overall Standings of the 2020 World Cup Final, who has not already been selected to the Short List, is not within the top 10 of the Final Overall Standings, the selection for this Short List position will revert to Discretionary Selection.

Discretionary Selection: It is proposed that the Chef d'Equipe in consultation with the Advisors will have the discretion to recommend to name up to two (2) athletes to the Short List (possibly up to three (3) if the World Cup Finals spot is not filled as described above). The Chef d'Equipe may utilize his discretionary selection positions at any time but by no later than April 20, 2020.

The Chef d'Equipe in consultation with the Advisors will evaluate the athletes and their horses and take into account the following criteria:

- A. Current ability of the athlete and horse to meet the standards of the Event.
- B. Overall performance of the athlete and horse with emphasis on:
 - a) 2019/2020 Nations Cup and Grand Prix Show Jumping competitions;
 - b) The ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at the highest level of course difficulty, as well as a record of having done so on a consistent basis;
 - c) Previous international experience, including the demonstrated ability of the horse and/or athlete to succeed in either FEI or High Performance Level Grand Prix Show Jumping competitions within the past 2-3 years;
 - d) The ability to contribute to a medal winning team medal; and/or win an individual medal at the Event;
 - e) A record of successfully jumping over a variety of types of international level courses, and in particular over courses that included a water jump and tested for carefulness, scope and rideability;
 - f) The ability to jump international level courses within the Time Allowed; and
 - g) The ability to maintain peak form throughout multiple round events.
- C. The fitness and soundness of the horse.
- D. The fitness of the athlete to maximize the performance of the horse.

The Short List will not be named in ranked order but in alphabetical order by athlete's last name.

Team Selection: It is proposed that the Short Listed athletes and horses compete in CSI05*/CSI5* events from May 1, 2020 – June 23, 2020 and that the Chef d'Equipe in consultation with the Advisors will recommend the Team of **three athletes and three horses and one P Alternate Athlete and/or Reserve horse** based on similar criteria outlined in the Discretionary Selection above.

There are significant changes to the substitution rules from the previous Olympics and we are analyzing how these changes impact the Substitution section of the Selection Procedures and these will be fully outlined in the Selection Procedures.

Eligibility:

Athletes: Athletes must be 18 years of age or older in the year of the Olympic Games.

Horses: Horse must be 9 years of age or older in the year of the Olympic Games.

Ownership: Horses must be registered with the FEI as property of owners of the same nationality as the Athlete by January 15, 2020.

FEI Certificates of Capability: Athletes and horses wishing to compete at the 2020 Olympic Games must earn an FEI Certificate of Capability by June 1, 2020 in accordance with the [FEI's Qualification Procedures](#). The list of qualifying events can be found on the [FEI's website](#). Please note that the list of events is continually updated.

Complete details of the selection method will be published as part of the USEF approved Selection Procedure for Jumping for the 2020 Olympic Games which are expected to be published no later than October 2019.

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