



MEMORANDUM

To: Potential 2027 FEI Vaulting World Championship for Junior and Young Vaulters Applicants

Date: December 27, 2025

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

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Re: Anticipated Selection Method for the 2027 FEI Vaulting World Championship for Juniors & Young Vaulters

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 November 1, 2026.

The 2027 FEI Vaulting World Championship for Junior and Young Vaulters ("Championship") is scheduled to take place from July 26-August 10, 2027 in Verolanuova, Italy.

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, 2027.

Selection Methodology: The anticipated Selection Period for the Championship ("Team") will begin on January 1, 2026, and end on or around June 1, 2027 ("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, 2026 – approximately mid-March, 2027 (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:

- **Junior Individual:** scores must be earned in the Individual class at any CVICh2*, CVIJ2*, CVIY2*, CVI2*, CVI3*, USEF 3*, USEF 2* Silver, USEF 2* Young Vaulters/Gold, Aachen CVIO, FEI World Championships or FEI World Cup Finals. The score must include one round each of compulsories and freestyle, unless achieved at a World Cup Final.

- **Young Vaulters Individual:** scores must be earned in the Individual class at any CVIY2*, CVI2*, CVI3*, USEF 3*, USEF 2* Silver, USEF 2* Young Vaulters/Gold, Aachen CVIO, FEI World Championships or FEI World Cup Finals. The score must include one round each of compulsories, technical test, and freestyle, unless achieved at a World Cup Final. A maximum of two scores may be earned in the Individual class at any CVICh2*, CVIJ2* or USEF 2* Silver. For CVICh2*, CVIJ2* or USEF 2* Silver, scores will include one round of compulsories and first round of freestyle.
- **Junior Pas de Deux:** scores must be earned in the Pas de Deux class at any CVIJ2*, CVI3*, USEF 2* Pas de Deux, USEF 3* Open Pas de Deux class, Aachen CVIO, FEI World Championship or FEI World Cup Finals.
- **Junior Squad:** scores must be earned in the Squad class at any CVIJ2*, CVI3*, USEF 2* B, USEF 3* A, Aachen CVIO or FEI World Championship. Only the first-round compulsory score and the first-round freestyle scores will be considered.

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: It is anticipated that athletes named to the Short List will be required to participate in Observation Event(s). The dates and location of the Observation Events will be published on <https://www.usef.org/compete/disciplines/vaulting>.

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.