



# NEWS



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*The US Equestrian Endurance newsletter will include regular updates from the Endurance Sport Committee and the USEF Endurance programs. Visit the USEF Endurance website [here](#).*

## Upcoming 2026 Events

### **January 30-31, 2026**

Broxton Bridge Ride in the Low Country  
Ehrhardt, SC

### **February 15, 2026**

Woodland  
Woodland, CA

### **March 5-7, 2026**

Fun in the Sun (FITS)  
Williston, FL

### **April 3-5, 2026**

Nevada Derby  
Silver Springs, NV

### **April 30-May 3, 2026**

Biltmore Challenge  
Asheville, NC

### **November 6-7, 2026**

Broxton Bridge: Fall Rides  
Ehrhardt, SC

### **December 27-28, 2026**

Goethe Gallivant  
Dunnellon, FL

## Endurance Championship News

Stay up-to-date on the **2026 FEI Endurance Championships** via the links below and on the [USA Endurance Facebook page](#).

### **2026 FEI Endurance World Championship**

Updated Championship date: November 28, 2026

The **2027 FEI World Championships** Selection Procedure Memos have been posted. Please provide any feedback to the Director of Endurance, [Nicole Zerbee](#).

### **2027 FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders and Juniors Selection Procedure Memo**

**Date:** September 25, 2027

**Location:** Samorin, Slovakia

### **2027 FEI Pan American Endurance Championship Selection Procedure Memo**

**Date:** October 22, 2027

**Location:** Punta del Este, Uruguay

## 2026 Year End Award Winners

Interested in participating in the 2026 USEF Endurance Year-End Awards? [Click here for more information and for the current ranking lists.](#)

## FEI Updates

### 2026 Rule Changes

- See [here](#) to review the changes in the Endurance FEI Rules.
- See [here](#) to review the changes in the Veterinary FEI Regulations.
- See [here](#) to review the changes in the General FEI Regulations.
- See [here](#) for all FEI Rules and Regulations, the different divisions can be viewed as clean documents or marked documents for your convenience.

### FEI Vaccination Requirements – FEI HorseApp

As of January 2026, the digital registration of vaccination details will be enforced.

If an FEI Horse is presented at an FEI Event in 2026 without valid equine influenza vaccination details correctly\* registered in the FEI HorseApp, the Person Responsible will be sanctioned in accordance with Art. 1002 of the [FEI Veterinary Regulations](#).

*\*Reminder that all new vaccination details must be registered in the FEI HorseApp by a veterinarian on the day of vaccination and in presence of the horse.*

#### **Between January and 30 June 2026:**

- The system will check whether the vaccination details are correctly registered in the FEI HorseApp.
- If not, the Athlete will receive an email notification explaining that the requirements were not fulfilled to highlight non-compliance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations.
- No fines will be issued during this period.

#### **As of 1 July 2026:**

- From 1 July 2026, if a horse is presented at an FEI Event without its equine influenza vaccination details correctly registered in the FEI HorseApp, the Person Responsible (the Athlete) will be notified of their sanction and receive a fine in accordance with the [FEI Veterinary Regulations](#).
- Fines will be issued to the National Federation of the Person Responsible.

Information about the FEI vaccination module remains available [here](#).

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#### **FEI Out of Competition Anti-Doping Testing – Horses**

The FEI will be implementing the Equine Out-of-Competition Anti-Doping Testing in Endurance for the 2026 competition year—an important development that underscores our shared commitment to fairness, horse welfare, and excellence both in and out of the competition.

While the legal framework for Equine Out-of-Competition Anti-Doping Testing applies to all disciplines, Endurance will be the first discipline to implement it.

In 2026 a number of Endurance horses will be selected to be part of a Testing Pool. These horses will take part in targeted anti-doping testing.

A newly developed feature in the [FEI HorseApp](#) will facilitate the process.

Please see the [FAQ document](#) that explains the Equine Out-of-Competition Anti-Doping Testing, related Whereabouts requirements and consequences of non-compliance.

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#### **New FEI Digital Passport**

In 2026 the FEI will be launching Equipass, a new digital passport. Equipass will provide a secure, digital counterpart to the physical document, using enriched data to enhance traceability, health record integrity, and safety measures worldwide. Equipass will complement the horse's national identification document and/or FEI document – it will not replace the physical document. All FEI Horses have the possibility to have an Equipass and overtime this solution will provide additional functionalities to strengthen global equine biosecurity.

A valid Equipass is included in the FEI's annual registration fee for Horses.

See [here](#) for more information.

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#### **USEF Updates**

## 2026 USEF Rules

See [here](#) for the 2026 USEF Rules. Within each chapter you will see new language indicated by red lettering.

### US Representative for the FEI Steward General

Dr. Mike Tomlinson will continue to serve as the US Representative for the FEI Endurance Steward General for 2026. USEF thanks Dr. Tomlinson for this continued service!

### US Equestrian Launches Updated Version of the US Equestrian App

Check out the new USEF App [here](#)! Keeping track of your US Equestrian membership and horse ID cards has never been easier. The US Equestrian App allows you to access your membership details, save and flag horse ID cards and much more. Plus, with USEF MemberPerks and discounts at your fingertips, you can save with preferred retailers and brands.

### US Equestrian Announces First in a Series of Equine Research Project Grants

As part of an ongoing commitment to supporting horse welfare, US Equestrian is proud to announce the funding of the first two equine research projects through the newly created Chromatic Fund.

1. Effects of vitamin E supplementation on vitamin K status in healthy horses
2. Safety of single high vs. repeated low-dose steroid use

See [here](#) for more information.

### US Equestrian Offers Resources for Mental Health and Reporting Misconduct

US Equestrian is committed to the safety and wellness of our participants – horse and human. Part of this commitment is having resources in place to support mental wellness for a wide variety of issues, in addition to abuse prevention and reporting. We want to take this opportunity to remind you of the resources you can access.

#### Mental Health Resources

As part of our commitment to members and to their wellbeing, US Equestrian has partnered with the McLaughlin Young Group to offer members free confidential counseling services for mental health first aid.

US Equestrian members can access professional counseling services for personal, work-related, and family concerns for up to three visits or sessions through a third-party licensed provider.

All providers are state licensed with a graduate degree and five years of post-graduate clinical experience. These experienced professional clinicians are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year.

Members can reach a counselor by calling 1-800-633-3353.

See [here](#) for more information.

## US Equestrian Publishes Welfare Guidelines to Support Horses' Physical and Mental Well-Being

When US Equestrian implemented the expanded Unethical Treatment of Horses rule (GR838) last year, it empowered the organization and its licensed officials to take action in cases of unethical treatment of horses, on show grounds and off. We quickly realized we needed to provide more examples and context for horse welfare best practices in training and competition. Earlier this fall, we released a [series of Horse Welfare Guidelines](#) that we hope will serve as a basis for improved physical and mental well-being of the equine partners we all love and respect.

See [here](#) for more information.

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## US Equestrian to Expand Member Health and Wellness Availability for Members

US Equestrian is pleased to announce the addition of several new health and wellness plans now available for members, families and businesses to include options such as:

- 5 CIGNA PPO Comprehensive Major Medical Plans
- ACA Marketplace Support
- \$0 deductible Co-Op Health Plans
- Health Share and Virtual Care/Rx
- Medicare and Medicare Supplements
- Supplemental and Ancillary Benefits Such as: Dental/Vision, Accidental Injury, Critical Illness, and More

See [here](#) for more information.

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## FEI Novice Qualifications Reminder

For an athlete and horse seeking to compete at their first FEI CEI1\*, you are highly encouraged to submit your FEI Novice Qualification information to [Nicole Zerbee](#), Director of Endurance, prior to submitting your entry. For questions regarding the FEI Novice Qualification process, please contact Nicole Zerbee.

Click [here](#) for a FEI Endurance Novice Qualification Quick Guide.

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## Did You Know?

USEF has numerous quick guides and resources to aid members, exhibitors, competition managers, licensed officials, and more. Every newsletter will feature one resource.

This month's feature: [How to Get Started with FEI Endurance](#)

- Description: This help document aids new athletes and horse owners in the steps they need to complete in order to become part of the US FEI Endurance Community.
- Location: The guide is located on the [Endurance Athlete Services](#) page of the

[USEF website.](#)

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Questions? Contact [Nicole Zerbee](#), Director of Endurance.

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