

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
ZONE 10
2023 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS
(YOUNG RIDER, JUNIOR, PRE-JUNIOR)
(Zone 10 Children’s NAYC Selection Procedures can be found [here](#))
11.9.2022

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the 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 North American Youth Championships (“the Event”)

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

1.1.2.1. Athletes wishing to compete in the North American Young Rider Championship (“NAYRC”) must have been born on or between [January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2007](#).

1.1.2.2. Athletes wishing to compete in the North American Junior Championship (“NAJC”) must have been born on or between [January 1, 2005 and December 31, 2009](#).

1.1.2.3. Athletes wishing to compete in the North American Pre-Junior Championship (“NAPJC”) must have been born on or between [January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2009](#).

1.1.2.4. A horse must be a minimum of seven (7) years old for the NAYRC and NAJC, and a horse must be a minimum of six (6) years old for the NAPJC.

1.1.2.5. 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.

1.1.2.6. The horse must have a valid FEI Passport.

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

1.1.2.8. 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 Hunter Jumper Association (“USHJA”) from the time of application, FEI Nominated Entries, and through the conclusion of the Event.
- Horses must be recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF General Rule 1102, and registered with USHJA, and in good standing with USEF and USHJA from the time of application, FEI Nominated Entries, and through the conclusion of the Event.
- The Zone of each athlete/horse combination is determined by USEF JP100.5.
- Once an athlete has taken part in a Championship competition for Young Riders in Jumping, the athlete is no longer eligible to compete in a Championship for Juniors in Jumping. Additionally, once an athlete has taken

part in a Championship Competition for Young Riders or Juniors in Jumping, the athlete is no longer eligible to compete in a Championship for Pre-Juniors in Jumping.

- Athletes wishing to represent Zone 10 at the NAYRC, NAJC, or NAPJC, must complete and submit an application online at www.usef.org and pay the application fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) no later than **May 15, 2023 at 5:00PM ET**. If eligible, athletes may apply for more than one event but must complete and submit an application for each one. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 15, 2023 at 5:00PM ET.
- Additional horses may be added to an already submitted application until May 15, 2023 at 11:59PM ET free of charge.
- Zone 10 Selection Trials Application: In addition to the USEF application referenced above, Athletes who choose to qualify through the Selection Trial Method, must also complete and submit a USHJA Zone 10 Selection Trial Application online at www.ushja.org. The Zone 10 Selection Trial application fee for the NAYRC, NAJC, and NAPJC, is two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per Athlete/Horse combination. For points to count, each Athlete/Horse application and fee must be submitted online prior to the athlete's first trial. Points will not be awarded retroactively. It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm that the USHJA Zone 10 Selection Trial Application has been received.
- The athlete and parent, if applicable, must certify by signing the NAYRC, NAJC, NAPJC application, or, if applicable, multiple applications, 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 zone 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.
- **Athlete Declaration: At the conclusion of the final Trial on Sunday, June 18, 2023, and by no later than Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 5:00pm ET, athletes must declare in writing to Erin Keating (ekeating@usef.org), as to which category/team (NAYRC, NAJC, or NAPJC) and horse they intend to compete in at the 2023 North American Youth Championships.**
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USEF Background Check Policy](#).
- 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](#).

1.2. Qualifying Period:

- 1.2.1. The Qualifying period for the USEF NAYRC, NAJC, and NAPJC Standings Method for Zone 10 is **September 1, 2022 through May 15, 2023**. The start date of a competition is used to determine if a qualifying class falls within the qualifying period. For example, if a competition starts on May 15th and the qualifying class is on May 16th, the class will be included in the qualifying period that ends on May 15th.
- 1.2.2. It is the responsibility of the athlete to verify the accuracy of the NAYC Standings posted on the USEF website. USEF is not responsible for inaccurately reported results. If any errors are detected, athletes are encouraged to contact the USEF office immediately. Errors must be reported no less than three (3) business days prior to the NAYC nominated entry deadline.

1.3. Certificates of Capability:

- 1.3.1. Athlete/horse combinations wishing to compete in the 2023 NAYRC, NAJC, or NAPJC must have earned the required Certificates of Capability as described below, at USEF or FEI licensed competitions, between [September 1, 2022 and June 18, 2023](#).
- 1.3.2. **North American Young Rider Championship:**
 - 1.3.2.1. Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course set at 1.45m or higher with a score of four (4) faults or less.
 - 1.3.2.2. Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course at 1.30m or higher with a dug in three (3) meter open water jump with or without a rail. In either case, the jump must be in accordance with USEF JP129.
 - 1.3.2.3. These two requirements may be met either in the same or different courses.
- 1.3.3. **North American Junior Championship:**
 - 1.3.3.1. Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course set at 1.40m or higher with a score of four (4) faults or less.
 - 1.3.3.2. Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course at 1.30m or higher with a dug in three (3) meter open water jump with or without a rail. In either case, the jump must be in accordance with USEF JP129.
 - 1.3.3.3. These two requirements may be met either in the same or different courses.
- 1.3.4. **North American Pre-Junior Championship**
 - 1.3.4.1. Each athlete/horse combination must earn a Certificate of Capability by completing a course set at 1.30m or higher with a score of four (4) faults or less.
- 1.3.5. Athletes must ensure that USEF receives verification of this in writing by submitting a completed USEF Water Certificate of Capability Form to Erin Keating, Director, Jumping Development Programs; ekeating@usef.org by no later than [June 18, 2023 at 5:00PM ET](#).

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

- 1.4.1. Selection for Zone 10 will be a combination of two Methods:
 - USEF NAYRC, NAJC, and NAPJC, Standings for Zone 10; or
 - Zone 10 Selection Trials for Young Rider, Junior, and Pre-Junior.These two Methods are explained in detail below in Section 1.4.2 and 1.4.3.
- 1.4.2. **USEF NAYC Standing Method for Zone 10:** On or about June 22, 2023, the two (2) highest ranked athlete/horse combinations on the applicable USEF NAYC Standings List for Zone 10 (NAYRC, NAJC, and NAPJC) dated June 12, 2023, will be selected to each Team provided that the athlete/horse combination have met the requirements set forth in Section 1.1 above. In addition, the third highest ranked athlete/horse combination on the applicable USEF NAYC Standings List for Zone 10 (NAYRC, NAJC, and NAPJC) dated June 12, 2023, will be selected as the Traveling Reserve for each Team provided that the athlete/horse combination have met the requirements set forth in Section 1.1 above and subject to the following: This Traveling Reserve athlete/horse combination is eligible to earn a position on the Team through the Selection Trial Method. In the event that the Traveling Reserve is selected to the Team through the Selection Trials Method, the vacant Traveling Reserve position will be filled by the next highest ranked athlete/horse combination on the applicable USEF NAYC Standings List that has not already been selected to the Team.
 - 1.4.2.1. **Young Rider Team - Calculation of USEF Standings for the Zone 10:** The USEF NAYRC Standings for Zone 10 will be based on the athlete/horse combination's best five (5) results (highest prize money won in a class) in the following classes held at 1.45m and above at FEI and USEF licensed competitions: Junior Jumper, Young Rider, Amateur Jumper, Open Jumper, U25, as well as Jumper classes offering at least

\$25,000 held at National Standard or above. Classes offering more than \$25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points, thus pointed the same as classes of \$25,000.

1.4.2.1.1. **Ties:** For the two (2) Young Rider team members and the Traveling Reserve, any ties will be decided by determining which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.45m and above, if a tie remains after the 1.45m and above classes are exhausted, it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.40m, if a tie remains after the 1.40m classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.35m and so on until the tie is broken.

1.4.2.2. **Junior Team - Calculation of USEF Standings for the Zone 10:** The USEF NAJC Standings for Zone 10 will be based on the athlete/horse combination's best five (5) results (highest prize money won in a class) in the following classes held at 1.40m and above at FEI and USEF licensed competitions: Junior Jumper, Young Rider, U25, Open Jumper, as well as Jumper classes offering at least \$25,000 held at American Standard or above. Classes offering more than \$25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points, thus pointed the same as classes of \$25,000.

1.4.2.2.1. **Ties:** For the two (2) Junior team members and the Traveling Reserve, any ties will be decided by determining which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.40m and above, if a tie remains after the 1.40m and above classes are exhausted, it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.35m, if a tie remains after the 1.35m classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.30m so on until the tie is broken.

1.4.2.3. **Pre-Junior Team - Calculation of USEF Standings for the Zone 10:** The USEF NAPJC standings will be based on the athlete/horse combination's best five (5) results (highest prize money won in a class) in the following classes held at 1.30m and above at USEF licensed competitions: Junior Jumper, Open Jumper, as well as Jumper classes offering at least \$25,000 prize money held at Regional Standard or above. Classes offering more than \$25,000 will be capped at 25,000 points, thus pointed the same as classes of \$25,000.

1.4.2.3.1. **Ties:** For the two (2) Pre-Junior team members and the Traveling Reserve, any ties will be decided by determining which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.30m and above, if a tie remains after the 1.30m and above classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.25m, if a tie remains after the 1.25m classes are exhausted it will be followed by which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won in a class) as specified above at the height of 1.20m so on until the tie is broken.

1.4.3. **Selection Trials Method:** The two (2) highest placed athlete/horse combinations based on points earned in the Zone 10 Selection Trials will be selected for each team (NAYRC, NAJC, and NAPJC). An athlete/horses' top six (6) Selection Trials class scores will count from the eight (8) Selection

Trials classes offered. Note: There are four (4) Selection Trials with a total of eight (8) Selection Trial classes.

- 1.4.3.1. **Ties:** For the two (2) team members per applicable category, any ties will be decided by determining which athlete/horse combination has the next best result (highest prize money won) from their respective category's selection trial classes.
- 1.4.3.2. Athletes who choose to qualify through the Selection Trial Method must complete two applications as described in Section 1.1.3.
- 1.4.3.3. An athlete/horse combination may compete in the Young Rider, Junior, and/or Pre-Junior Team Selection Trials if they are eligible per the FEI Rules for Jumping 26th Edition, Annex IX, Chapter III, Article 15; however, may only compete in one category at the Championship.
- 1.4.3.4. The Selection Trials will be held according to the following specifications:

Young Rider Trials:

- Minimum of \$7,500 in prize money in each Trial
- Fence heights for Table II.1 classes will be 1.40m
- Fence heights for Table II.2.a classes will be 1.45m with spreads of 1.50m to 1.70m
- Each trial must offer one class scored under Table II Sec. 1 and one class scored under Table II Sec.2(a)
- The 3rd and 4th Trial (Table II.2.a classes) must have two (2) single obstacles (one vertical and one oxer) at 1.50m.
- Courses must include at least one double and one triple combination (or three doubles).
- Speed of 375 meters/minute (350m/m for indoor venues)
- An open water jump is mandatory with a minimum of 12' (3.65m) spread.
- It is mandatory that applicants be provided the opportunity to jump a water jump with or without a rail. The water must have a minimum of 12' spread in a class at the show on the day proceeding the first day of the Trial. The class must be held in the same ring as the Trial. Exception: Indoor trials are not required to have an open water.

Junior Trials:

- Minimum of \$5,000 in prize money in each Trial
- Fence heights for Table II.1 classes will be 1.35m
- Fence heights for Table II.2.a classes will be 1.40m with spreads of 1.40m to 1.60m
- Each trial must offer one class scored under Table II.1 and one class scored under Table II Sec.2(a)
- Courses must include at least one double and one triple (or three doubles).
- Speed of 375 meters/minute (350m/m for indoor venues)
- An open water is mandatory with a minimum of 12' (3.65m) spread.
- It is mandatory that applicants be provided the opportunity to jump an open water or a water with rail. The water must have a minimum spread of 12' in a class at the show on the day proceeding the first day of the Trial. The class must be held in the same ring as the Trial. Exception: Indoor trials are not required to have an open water.

Pre-Junior Trials:

- Minimum of \$2,500 in prize money in each Trial
- Fence heights for Table II.1 classes will be 1.25m

- Fence heights for Table II.2.a classes will be 1.30m with spreads of 1.30m to 1.50m
- Each trial must offer one class scored under Table II.1 and one class scored under Table II Sec.2(a)
- Courses must include at least one double and one triple (or three doubles).
- Speed of 350 meters/minute (350m/m for indoor venues)

1.4.3.5. **2023 Selection Trial Locations:** The following competitions will offer a Young Rider, Junior, and Pre-Junior Selection Trial:

- Desert Circuit VIII: Thermal, CA– March 8-12
- Temecula Valley National Premier: Temecula, CA – April 26-30
- SHP Spring Classic II: Petaluma, CA – May 17-21 ~~10-14~~
- Blenheim June I: San Juan Capistrano, CA – June 14-18

1.4.4. **Zone 10 Selection Trial Method Points for Young Riders, Juniors, and Pre-Juniors:** Zone 10 will have four (4) Selection Trials (a total of eight (8) Selection Trial classes). None of the Selection Trials are mandatory. An athlete/horse combinations best six (6) scores out of a possible eight (8) total classes will count for an athlete/horse combinations points in the Selection Trials. The Table II.1 Selection Trial classes will be pointed as a \$10,000 class, the Table II.2.a Selection Trial classes will be pointed as a \$25,000 class.

1.4.4.1. **\$10,000 Table II.1 Class Points:** 3,000; 2,200; 1,300; 800; 600; 500; 400; 300; 300; 200; 200; 200

1.4.4.2. **\$25,000 Table II.2.a Class Points:** 7,500; 5,500; 3,250; 1,600; 1,500; 1,250; 1,000; 750; 750; 500; 500; 500

1.4.5. **Technical Delegate:** There must be a technical delegate (TD) present at each of the trials. The TD will be responsible for interfacing with the Horse Show Management, Officials, and exhibitors. The TD is responsible for ensuring that the Zone 10 Selection Trials are conducted under the specifications and standards as described above. The TD will be appointed by the Zone 10 Committee. The Zone 10 Committee will be responsible for covering the expenses of the TD.

1.4.6. **Passports Presentation and Training Jog**

- There will be a passport inspection and mandatory training jog at each Selection Trial.
- Horses intending to compete in the Zone 10 Selection Trials must be presented at the training jog.
- The intent of the Training Jog is to prepare athletes and horses for future FEI Horse Inspections.
- The time and location will be determined by each Selection Trial host
- The training jog will be carried out by the Official Horse Show Veterinarian or the approved Zone 10 Trials Veterinarian, Steward, and Zone 10 Chef d'Equipe.
- Horses not accepted at the training jog may be re-presented at a time agreed upon by the Veterinarian, Steward, and Zone 10 Chef d'Equipe.
- Horses who are deemed unsound to compete following the re-inspection are prohibited from competing in any classes at the competition.
- Athlete/horse combinations will not be eliminated from the Selection Trial if their passport contains a deficiency or correction or if the athlete does not have one in their possession.
- All athletes must be neatly dressed and are strongly encouraged to wear a helmet.
- For extraordinary circumstances only, permission for a horse and/or athlete to be excused from the jog may be granted by the Zone Chairman and Technical Delegate.

- 1.4.7. **Schooling:** The same schooling rules will apply for a given Selection Trial as the class specifications for that Trial class determine (FEI or USEF).
- 1.4.8. **TBD FEI Nominated Entries:** After the Athlete Declaration Wednesday, June 21, 2023 and by no later than FEI Nominated Entries, Zone 10 will submit a list of up to ten (10) applicant athlete/horse combinations for each Event (i.e. 10 for NAYRC, 10 for NAJC, and 10 for NAPJC,) (“FEI Nominated Entries”) to USEF. This list will be comprised of the four (4) athlete/horse combinations selected for the Team (the two (2) highest ranked athlete/horse combinations from the applicable Standings Lists and the two (2) highest placed athlete/horse combinations from the applicable Selection Trials), the Traveling Reserve athlete/horse combination (the third highest ranked athlete/horse combination from the applicable Standings List), the next three (3) highest placed athlete/horse combinations from the applicable Selection Trials who have not already been selected on the Selection Trials and the next two (2) highest ranked athlete/horse combinations from the applicable USEF NAYC Standings who have not already been selected. See Section 1.4
- 1.4.9. **TBD FEI Definite Entries:** After submission of the FEI Nominated Entries but no later than the closing date for the FEI Definite Entries, Zone 10 will submit their FEI Definite Entries for the NAYRC, NAJC, and the NAPJC, to USEF for each Event.
Zone 10’s FEI Definite Entries for the NAYRC, NAJC, and the NAPJC, will consist of up to four (4) applicant athlete/horse combinations named to the “Team”(the two (2) highest ranked athlete/horse combinations from the applicable Standings Lists and the two (2) highest placed athlete/horse combinations from the applicable Selection Trials) plus one Traveling Reserve athlete/horse combination (the third highest ranked athlete/horse combination from the applicable Standings List) who will compete as an individual.
- 1.4.10. **Combining of Zone to Form Teams** - If Zone 10 is unable to field a team of at least three (3) athlete/horse combinations, it may apply to USEF to combine with another Zone, which is also unable to field a team. Once all FEI Definite Entries have been submitted, USEF will make the final decision to combine athlete/horse combinations no later than the first Chef d’Equipe meeting.
- 1.4.11. **TBD: Declaration of Starters** – Once at the Event site, and after the horse inspection, each Zone’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 NAYRC, NAJC, and the NAPJC, as well as the Individuals as listed on the definite entry (maximum of two athlete/horse combinations per Zone unable to field a complete team), to the OC in writing, before 6:00pm, on the day preceding the first Competition.
- 1.4.12. **Other Considerations:**
- 1.4.12.1. **Prize Money Won in Foreign Competitions for Athletes Choosing to Qualify Through the USEF Standings for Zone 10 Method** - The following policies will be in place for athlete/horse combinations winning prize money in foreign competitions:
- 1.4.12.1.1. Foreign FEI Competitions – Prize money won from FEI foreign competitions will automatically be included in the athlete/horse combination’s money won if the class/s meet or exceed the qualifying criteria and is held within the qualifying period.
- 1.4.12.1.2. Equine Canada National Classes – Prize money from national Equine Canada classes may be included towards the athlete/horse combination’s money won if the class/s meet or exceed the Zone’s qualifying criteria and are held within the Zone’s qualifying period. However, for this money to be included in an athlete/horse combination’s record, a copy of the prize list (indicating which class is to be counted and the fence height) and the official results from the horse show/event office must be submitted to USEF, Attention Erin Keating, within ten business days following the last date of the competition for the money to count towards the combination’s respective standings.

- 1.4.12.1.3. Money won in foreign FEI and/or national Equine Canada classes and, if applicable, submitted as specified above, will be converted into US dollars at the exchange rate of the last date of the event and noted for that athlete/horse in their Zone's standings.
- 1.4.13. **Horse Substitution Request** - Horse Substitution requests from a Zone will only be considered if submitted between [June 18, 2023](#) and the FEI Nominated Entries Deadline (TBD) and only when the Zone has exhausted the list of eligible athlete/horse combinations on the Zone's Final Ranking. If an athlete's first ranked horse is not available, the athlete may request to be considered for selection on another horse. Horses submitted for consideration must have earned a Certificate of Capability for the appropriate level (Young Rider, Junior, Pre-Junior, or Children), though not necessarily as a combination with the athlete.
 - 1.4.13.1. The request must be in writing to Erin Keating, Director Jumping Development Programs; ekeating@usef.org with copies sent to the athlete's Zone Jumper Committee, Zone Young Rider/Junior/Pre-Junior/Children Coordinator, and Chef d'Equipe.
 - 1.4.13.2. The request will be reviewed by the nonconflicted members of the athlete's Zone Jumper Committee or their designees, in consultation with the Zone's Young Rider/Junior/Pre-Junior/Children Coordinator and Chef d'Equipe, if nonconflicted.
 - 1.4.13.3. At the recommendation of the USHJA Executive Committee or its designees, the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees, and final approval by the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors will review the recommendation and make a final decision. In making their recommendation, the USHJA Executive Committee or its designees, the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees shall evaluate the past performance of the athlete and horse, including the ability to jump the size and difficulty of obstacles, the complexity of the course(s) and the required speed to avoid time penalties.
- 1.4.14. **Extraordinary Requests** – Extraordinary requests from a Zone will only be considered if submitted between [June 18, 2023](#) and the FEI Nominated Entries Deadline (TBD) and only when the Zone has exhausted the list of eligible athlete/horse combinations on the Zone's Final Ranking.
 - 1.4.14.1. The request must be in writing to Erin Keating, Director Jumping Development Programs; ekeating@usef.org with copies sent to the athlete's Zone Jumper Committee, Zone Young Rider/Junior/Pre-Junior/Children Coordinator, and Chef d'Equipe.
 - 1.4.14.2. Athlete/horse combinations must meet the requirements outline in Section 1.1 with exception to Application deadlines and Certificate of Capability requirements.
 - 1.4.14.3. The request will be reviewed by the nonconflicted members of the athlete's Zone Jumper Committee or their designees, in consultation with the Zone's Young Rider/Junior/Pre-Junior/Children Coordinator and Chef d'Equipe, if nonconflicted.
 - 1.4.14.4. At the recommendation of the USHJA Executive Committee or its designees, the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees, the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors will review the recommendation and make a final decision. In making their recommendation, the USHJA Executive Committee or its designees, the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees shall evaluate the past performance of the athlete and horse, including the ability to jump the size and difficulty of obstacles, the complexity of the course(s) and the required speed to avoid time penalties.

2. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 2.1. Prior to and after the FEI 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 a Zone's Final Ranking and/or submitted on the FEI Nominated Entries and/or the

FEI 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 (Erin Keating, Director of Jumping Development Programs – ekeating@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 participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
- 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 Team Veterinarian and/or Veterinary Panel. If an athlete and/or horse owner refuses to have the Horse examined by the Team Veterinarian and/or Veterinary Panel, 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 WADA, IF, USADA and/or USEF 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 Zone’s Final Ranking and/or ranked list of athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Nominated Entries will comprise the pool of substitute athlete/horse combinations for that Zone.
- 3.2. Substitute athlete/horse combinations will be selected, should a vacancy occur, according to the following method:
 - 3.2.1. **Prior to FEI Nominated Entries:** After the Athlete Declaration deadline on [Wednesday June 21, 2023](#) the four (4) Team athlete/horse combinations and Traveling Reserve athlete/horse combination will be named according to the Methods listed in 1.4 above. The Traveling Reserve athlete/horse combination will move into a team position if one of the four (4) Team athlete/horse combinations is removed or voluntarily withdrawals. After this and until the FEI Nominated Entries, the Traveling Reserve vacancy will be filled by the same Method in which the vacating athlete/horse combination earned a position on the team. In the event that the

Selection Trial Method List is exhausted, the USEF NAYC Standings List will be used to fill the vacancy. In the event that the USEF NAYC Standings List is exhausted, the Selection Trial Method List will be used to fill the vacancy.

- 3.2.2. **Prior to the FEI Definite Entries:** Prior to FEI Definite Entries, USEF has the discretion to substitute athlete/horse combinations for the reasons set forth in Section 2.1
 - 3.2.2.1. Openings, if they occur, whether by voluntary withdrawal or removal, will be filled according to the list of athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Nominated Entries according to the following method:
 - 3.2.2.1.1. The Traveling Reserve athlete/horse combination will move into a team position if one of the four (4) Team athlete/horse combinations is removed or voluntarily withdraws. After this, the Traveling Reserve vacancy will be filled by the same Method in which the vacating athlete/horse combination earned a position on the team. In the event the same Method in which the vacating athlete/horse combination is exhausted, the Traveling Reserve Vacancy will be filled by the other Method.
 - 3.2.2.2. Any substitution for reasons set forth in Section II.A except by voluntary withdrawal, will be at the recommendation of the USHJA Executive Committee or its designees, the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and with final approval by the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
- 3.2.3. **After the FEI Definite Entries and until one (1) hour before the Horse Inspection:** After the FEI Definite Entries and until one (1) hour before the Horse Inspection, USEF has the discretion to substitute athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section 2.1. 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 Zone's Final Ranking on the FEI Nominated Entries. In the event the same Method in which the vacating athlete/horse combination is exhausted, the Traveling Reserve Vacancy will be filled by the other Method. Voluntary withdrawals must be substantiated by a certificate from an official recognized doctor and/or veterinarian. Any substitutions other than voluntary withdraw are subject to the recommendation of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and the approval of the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors physically present at the Venue.
- 3.2.4. **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 FEI Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section II.A. During this time period, Team members may only be substituted with the Traveling Reserve and the Traveling Reserve may only be replaced by the same Method in which the vacating athlete/horse combination earned a position on the team from the FEI Nominated Entries. In the event the same Method in which the vacating athlete/horse combination is exhausted, the Traveling Reserve Vacancy will be filled by the other Method. Substitutions may only be made for veterinary or medical reasons, subject to the recommendation of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and the approval of the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors physically present at the Venue.
 - 3.2.4.1. Any substitution for veterinary reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must also have the approval of Competition Veterinarian.
 - 3.2.4.2. Any substitution for medical reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must also be documented by a Physician.

- 3.2.5. **After the Declaration of Starters:** After the Declaration of Starters, USEF has the ability to substitute athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section II.A. During this time period, Team members may only be substituted with the Traveling Reserve. Substitutions may only be made in accordance with Article 14.2 in Annex IX of the FEI Jumping Rules [27th Edition, Effective 1st January 2022] for veterinary or medical reasons, subject to the recommendation of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and the approval of the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors physically present at the Venue.
- 3.2.5.1. 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.
- 3.2.5.2. Any substitution for medical reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must also be documented by a Physician.
- 3.2.6. **Group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete/horse combination substitution determinations:**
- 3.2.6.1. Group or committee that determines the substitution list: The USEF Jumping Sport Committee or its designees and the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
- 3.2.6.2. Group or committee that determines a substitution prior to and after the FEI Definite Entries: The USEF Jumping Sport Committee and the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors

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:

- [USEF Application](#)
- [USHJA Selection Trial 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 USHJA Executive Committee, members of the USEF Jumping 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. USHJA Web site: www.ushja.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: USHJA Jumper Working Group, USHJA Executive Committee, USEF Jumping Sport Committee, and the USEF Board of Directors.

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. 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		
USHJA President or ED	Mary Knowlton		