



## Memorandum

### 2025/2026 Longines FEI World Cup™ North American League

Dear U.S. Jumping Athletes –

The 2025/2026 FEI World Cup season is around the corner and it should be an exciting season with the Finals being held on home soil in Fort Worth, Texas at the incredible Dickie's Arena!

Below are important details regarding qualification as well as some preliminary logistics for the Finals to help with your planning.

#### 2025/2026 Season

NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE
CSI5*-W Williamsburg, MI - Traverse City   Sept. 10-14, 2025
CSI5*-W Upper Marlboro, MD   Oct. 22-25, 2025
CSI5*-W Toronto (CAN)   Nov. 11-15, 2025
CSI5*-W Arcadia, CA   Nov. 19-23, 2025
CSI5*-W Thermal, CA   Jan. 27-31, 2026
CSI4*-W Puebla (MEX)   Feb. 3-8, 2026
CSI5*-W WEC Ocala, FL   Feb. 11-15, 2026
2026 World Cup Finals – Fort Worth, TX (USA)   Apr. 8-12, 2026

An athlete's best four (4) results will count for qualification. The number of U.S. athletes to qualify is seven (7) East Coast athletes and three (3) West Coast athletes.

#### Declaring a League or Domicile

- North American athletes earn points in the League in which they are domiciled. An athlete's League can be viewed on the FEI website (search for and select athlete in the [Person Search](#), click "View Athlete Details" in the upper right corner, scroll down to "League").
- Athletes wishing to change their League or domicile must notify [Lizzy Chesson](#) in writing, **prior to the first competition in which the athlete participates**. Requests to change Leagues or domicile require FEI approval and may require additional supporting information.

#### Earning Points

- An athlete's **best 50% of possible results** will count for qualification for the Final. Full points may be earned in all North American League Events.
- Crossover points are allowed between the North American League and the Western European League and vice versa; however, **to qualify for the FEI World Cup Final, an Athlete must have competed in and earned at least one point at an Event in his or her own declared League (ie North American League)**.
- Athletes may only ride one horse in each North American League FEI World Cup competition.



## Qualifying for the Final

- The following athletes will qualify from the North American League:
  - Top Seven U.S. athletes from the East Coast
  - Top Three U.S. athletes from the West Coast
  - Two Canadian athletes (athletes with the most points)
  - Two Mexican athletes (athletes with the most points)
- Extra Athletes: An Athlete who is a citizen of a nation not part of a League or domiciled in a country of the League in which he/she is participating, must obtain at least as many points as the last qualified Athlete (prior to substitution) in the League in which he or she is participating to qualify as an Extra Athlete.

## Substitution

Please note the change is in the Substitution language, where there is now a limit to the substitution. Substitution will continue down the list to get up to 14 North American Athletes. Substitutions of qualified athletes will be made in descending order of the final North American League standings, Extra Athletes excluded, up to the 12<sup>th</sup> placed East USA Athlete and up to the 5<sup>th</sup> place West USA Athlete.

## Finals Logistics

The following is being provided to help with some initial planning. Further details and confirmed plans will be communicated as we get closer to the Finals.

- **Horse Transportation:** It is anticipated that for horses on the East Coast there will be a charter from FL to Fort Worth. For West Coast horses, we will work with each athlete to determine the best options for horse transportation. For the return trips, as we know where each horse would like to return, we will determine the best plan whether it is to fly or truck the horses home.
- **Housing:** The OC will provide housing for the Athletes at the Omni Fort Worth Hotel. USEF has reserved some additional rooms for owners/trainers/parents (a minimum of one additional room per athlete). If you believe you will have a large group of people attending, please be sure to plan and secure additional rooms. There are several hotel options in Fort Worth.  
  
For the Grooms (1 per athlete) the OC has secured rooms near the venue and will house the Grooms one person per room.
- **Accreditation, Tickets and VIP:** As with any Final or Championship, accreditation is limited. Each athlete will receive accreditation for themselves, a groom, a partner and 2 owners per horse. Accreditation will provide access to a seat in the rider seating. At this stage, USEF has not secured tickets or VIP. Please keep this in mind as you are planning. There are tickets and limited VIP table are still available and can be purchased [HERE](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Lizzy Chesson [(908) 997-3007, [lchesson@usef.org](mailto:lchesson@usef.org)] with any questions.