



Journey to WEG 2018

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Test Event Dates:

Endurance	CEI2* - October 7, 2017
Vaulting	CVI2* - October 25-29, 2017
Jumping	CSI3* - October 25-29, 2017
Eventing	CIC3* - April 5-8, 2018
Dressage	CDI3* - April 19-22, 2018
Para-Dressage	CPEDI3* - April 19-22, 2018
Driving	CAI - April 19-22, 2018
Reining	CRI3* - May 11-13, 2018

Welcome Note from Will Connell, Director of Sport



Welcome to the very first edition of the Tryon 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG 2018) Newsletter. The goal of this publication is to provide regular updates and communicate the most current information relevant to WEG 2018. This will ensure that the US Equestrian Team is as well prepared and informed as possible. These updates are general “cross” discipline updates and the key information relevant to each discipline and Team

will be communicated by the Team Leaders. Communication will be ongoing prior to and during WEG 2018 but if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please direct them to either us centrally or if discipline specific, to the relevant Team Leader.

A “Home” WEG is a huge opportunity to showcase the very best of equestrian sport (FEI disciplines) here in the U.S. It is also an opportunity not to be missed in order to promote our leading athletes, thank our loyal owners, donors and sponsors and also demonstrate the skill and dedication of our Team support staff. We also hope and aim to use WEG 2018 to grow awareness of all Breeds & Disciplines and all that US Equestrian does and stands for.

Many of you will know Tryon or will visit Tryon over the coming months. Please do not think that the way Tryon operates week in week out, the access, the parking, the accommodation or the storage space will in any way mirror the layout you will see during WEG. Tryon might be a busy and well known venue but WEG has its own rules and restrictions. With 8 disciplines “on venue” at the same time, there are going to be many challenges. We will do all we can to secure the very best options for the U.S. Team but we will also be bound by the WEG regulations.

Ultimately we have one aim; to make sure as many U.S. athletes as possible stand on the Podium during WEG 2018. Good luck to all involved in the WEG campaign!

Venue Updates

The Tryon International Equestrian Center is currently under going major building and construction in preparation of the 2018 WEG.

The venue will provide world class facilities that will offer permanent stabling, on-site housing, restaurants, and VIP hospitality.

The aim of the Organizing Committee is to build four on-site hotels for Athletes, Grooms, Team Veterinarians, Chefs de Mission and Chefs d’Equipe. At this point, it is unlikely that there will be additional on-site accommodations for individuals other than those listed.

Athlete Numbers

These are the confirmed athlete and horse numbers for Tryon 2018. There will be no additional invitations for the US Team.

	Athletes	Horses	Reserve Athletes	Reserve Horses
Jumping	5	5	Within team of 5	Within team of 5
Dressage	4	4	No	No
Para-Dressage	4	4	No	No
Eventing	5	5	No	No
Driving	3	15	No	No
Endurance	4	4	1	1
Reining	5	5	No	No
Vaulting - Squad	6	N/A	2	Max. 1 per category, Overall max. 2 per NF.
Vaulting - Individual Male	3	N/A	1	
Vaulting - Individual Female	3	N/A	1	
Vaulting - Pas-de-Deux	4	N/A	No	

Lungers: 1 per competing category. Plus max. 1 reserve lunger per category.

Schedule of Events

Team Leaders:

Chef de Mission—Will Connell
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Asst. Chef de Mission— TBA

Dressage—Hallye Griffin
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Driving—Danielle Aamodt
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Endurance—Kristen Brett
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Eventing—Joanie Morris
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Jumping—Lizzy Chesson
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Para-Dressage—Laureen Johnson
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Reining—Bryn Wells,
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Vaulting— TBC, For now Laureen
Johnson lkjohnson@usef.org

SEPTEMBER							SCHEDULE OF EVENTS							
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
	Opening Ceremonies	  	 	 	 	 	 	Super Sunday!	 	 	 	 	 	 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Closing Ceremonies							

Discipline Legend: Reining, Endurance, Dressage, Eventing, Vaulting, Jumping, Driving, Para-Dressage, Medal Awarded

• Accommodation

Athletes, Grooms, Chef de Mission, Chefs d’Equipe and Team Veterinarians will be housed on-site at the venue per the Organizing Committee. Team Staff, Horse Owners, personal trainers and support staff will be accommodated off-site and the USEF is securing a range of options. Additional limited accommodations will be available on a discipline specific basis for Owners of Selected horses as well as personal trainers. USEF is working in partnership with the USET Foundation on accommodation, hospitality and transport packages and rooms have been secured on the Biltmore Estate in Asheville. Those that are intending to attend WEG irrespective of Selection are encouraged to book packages with the Foundation.

• Accreditation

Accreditation will be in line as previous WEGs (Lexington and Normandy). Two horse owner accreditations per horse (4 per Driving Team) as well as one athlete partner accreditation (less Vaulting). Team Staff accreditations and additional accreditations for purchase will be prioritized on a performance basis. The U.S. Team will be under the same accreditation restrictions as other Nations.

• Tickets

Tickets will be purchased centrally and allocation will be decided on a discipline specific basis. Some Hospitality packages will also be secured by US Equestrian. Additional information will be forwarded once it becomes available.

• Transportation

The three airports near the Tryon International Equestrian Center are as follows:

- Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) - 30 minutes
- Greenville-Spartanburg Airport (GSP) - 45 minutes
- Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) - 1 1/4 hours

There will be airport transfers provided by the Organizing Committee for athletes. Transportation options will be available for those booking through the Foundation/Federation Partnership and additional information will be forwarded. The Organizing Committee will not be providing transport from the hotels to the venue.

Parking will not be on-site. A park and ride will be available.

