



MEMORANDUM

To: Potential Athletes for the Test Event for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games – Endurance

Date: November 1, 2017

From: Kristen E. Brett, Director of Endurance

Copy: Will Connell

Re: Planned Invitation Criteria for the Test Event

This preliminary information is provided to assist you with your competition planning and is subject to change.

The Test Event for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games - Endurance is scheduled to take place April 27-29, 2018 in Tryon, NC. It is important to note that the Test Event format is being discussed. Rules, format, number of athlete/horse combinations per National Federation (NF) and qualifications are all subject to confirmation of the FEI Definite Schedule.

The Test Event is held as a CEI2* and this is our opportunity to experience the terrain of the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games – Endurance course. It is imperative that all athletes and owners understand that a successful completion rather than individual placing is essential as the U.S. moves towards the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games – Endurance.

FEI Qualifications:

To be eligible to participate, all athletes and horses wishing to compete must have but not necessarily as a combination:

1. Successfully completed at least one (1) CEI1* event or higher.
2. All athletes, including young riders, must meet the minimum riding weight of 75kg, including all riding equipment.

Invitation to the Test Event:

The Chef d'Equipe in consultation with the Selectors will name athletes invited to compete at the Test Event. An invitation to compete at the Test Event does not guarantee funds are available for travel. An invitation may be based on the following:

1. Athletes interested in competing at this event should complete the application form found below and return to the USEF Endurance Department (kbrett@usef.org) by no later than Friday, January 12, 2018.
2. Up to three (3) athlete/horse combinations will be invited to compete at the Test Event with potential for additional combinations.
3. A minimum of one (1) young rider who meets the minimum riding weight of 75kg, including all riding equipment may be invited.
4. Experience of the athlete competing on similar terrain as the Test Event.
5. Willingness and agreement of the athlete and/or owner to earn a successful completion at the Test Event, which may not lead to an individual classification for placing.
6. The overall performance and soundness of the athlete, horse, and/or athlete/horse combination in those competitions considered as Observation Events for the 2018 WEG with emphasis on soundness; current fitness; performance; boldness; and manageability. For the list of Observation Events, please visit the USEF website [here](#).

7. The physical condition in which the Test Event will be held, including travel to the Test Event, and the potential impact of those conditions on the athlete/horse combination's performance.
8. Potential of the athlete to contribute to a team completion at the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games - Endurance.
9. Behavior of athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, owners, parents, coaches, and crew/grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive environment.
10. Willingness and agreement of the athlete to submit a written report to the USEF Endurance Sport Committee concerning his/her experience at the Test Event including but not limited to details of the course, veterinary gate and crewing areas, stabling, etc. This report must be submitted to the USEF Endurance Department no later than ten (10) business days following the conclusion of the Test Event.
11. Willingness of the athlete and/or owner to work within the confines of the Test Event's accreditation allocation and restrictions.

Athletes wishing to be invited to compete at the Test Event are encouraged not to submit an application with the horse they wish to be selected on for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games – Endurance. Athletes and owners are encouraged to discuss their competition plans with Mark Dial, U.S. Endurance Chef d'Equipe.

International Federation (IF) Eligibility of Athletes, Owners, and Horses:

- ✓ The athlete must be a U.S. Citizen and born before January 1, 2005.
- ✓ Horses must be a minimum of six (6) years of age. Horses are deemed to have their birthday on January 1.
- ✓ The athlete and horse must be registered and in good standing with the FEI through the conclusion of the Test Event.
- ✓ The horse must have a valid National or FEI Passport no later than the date of the FEI Definite Entry Deadline.
- ✓ The athlete must be an Active Member and in good standing with the USEF through the conclusion of the Test Event.
- ✓ The owner must be an active member in good standing with USEF or his/her National Federation at the time of selection and through the conclusion of the Event and have proof, in English of membership in good standing of his/her National Federation.
- ✓ The athlete, owner, and horse must comply with all USEF and FEI Rules for the Event.

Removal of an Athlete:

An athlete's invitation may be rescinded as determined by USEF for any of the following reasons but not limited to:

- Voluntary withdrawal by the athlete or owner.
- Level of cooperation between the athlete and owner, Chef d'Equipe, and/or the Selectors.
- Injury or illness of the horse as determined by the Veterinary Advisory Group and/or FEI Veterinary Commission.
- Injury or illness of the athlete as certified by a USEF approved physician or medical staff.
- Violation of the USEF Code of Conduct.
- Violation of the USEF Safe Sport Policy.
- The presence of a prohibited or forbidden substance, or a metabolite or marker found in the horse during drug testing.
- Behavior of the athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, accredited owners, parents, coaches, or crew/grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment that will affect (either positively or negatively) the ability to earn a completion.
- Failure to adhere to all FEI, USADA, and/or WADA anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures.

Substitution/replacement of an athlete and/or horse, should a vacancy occur, is to be made according to the FEI Rules for Endurance.

Human Anti-Doping: Please be reminded that athletes are subject to in-competition drug testing while competing under FEI rules. In addition, athletes in the out-of-competition testing pool are subject to out of competition testing. The Prohibited Substance List can be found [HERE](#). It is your responsibility to know if you are taking any medications on the Prohibited Substance List.

Equine Anti-Doping: Please be reminded that all horses that are registered with the FEI or USEF shall be subject to in-competition testing. Additionally, the FEI has authority to conduct intelligence based out-of-competition testing (See Equine Anti-Doping Rules, Article 5.1). The FEI Prohibited Substance database can be accessed [HERE](#).

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the USEF Endurance Department at 859.225.6919 / kbrett@usef.org.



Application – 2018 Test Event for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games – Endurance April 27-29, 2018; Tryon, NC

Please refer the USEF website for additional information on the invitation process [here](#). Athletes wishing to be considered for an invitation must submit an application by **Friday, January 12, 2018** and are encouraged not to do so with the horse(s) they wish to be selected on for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games – Endurance. The application deadline will be strictly adhered to; No late applications will be accepted!

First Name:		Last Name:	
USEF ID:		FEI ID:	
Email:		Phone:	
Horse: First Choice		FEI ID:	
Horse: Second Choice		FEI ID:	

Training and Competition Plans:

Please submit the following detailed information for your training and competition plans in preparation for the Test Event. Your plan should include, but not be limited to the following questions. You may include additional information if desired concerning your training and competition plans on page 4.

1. Name and location of where you plan to train:
Name of veterinarian, including contact information:

2. Proposed training timeline in preparation for the Test Event:

3. Proposed competition timeline, all competitions tentatively planned for 2017 & 2018:

4. Why do you think you and your horse(s) are suitable to compete at the Test Event? (150 words or less):

5. What is your philosophy on an individual completion rather than an individual placing for the 2018 Test Event for the FEI World Equestrian Games - Endurance? (150 words or less):

6. Additional information you feel it is important for the for the Chef d'Equipe and Selectors to know about you and your horse(s):

Agreement & Signature:

By submitting this application, the athlete and owner(s) affirm that the information above is correct and that they have read and understand the Memo regarding the 2018 Test Event for the FEI World Equestrian Games - Endurance; USEF Code of Conduct; and the [USEF Safe Sport Policy](#) and that they agree to bound by them.

Athlete Electronic Signature – Type Rider Name

Athlete Email Address

If under 18 Parent/Guardian Electronic Signature

Owner 1 Electronic Signature – Type Owner 1 Name

Owner 1 Email Address

If under 18 Parent/Guardian Electronic Signature

Owner 2 Electronic Signature – Type Owner 2 Name

Owner 2 Email Address

If under 18 Parent/Guardian Electronic Signature

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY EMAIL
Kristen Brett, Endurance, Director
NO LATER THAN 5PM ET ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018
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