



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Potential 2027 FEI Driving World Championship for Ponies Applicants

**Date:** October 7, 2025

**From:** Steven Morrissey, Managing Director of Sport Logistics & Non-Olympic Disciplines

**Copy:** Hallye Griffin, Director of FEI Sport

**Re:** Anticipated Selection Methods for the 2027 FEI Driving World Championship for Ponies

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This preliminary information is provided to assist you with your competition planning and is subject to change. Please remember that this information is based upon the recommendations of the USEF Driving Sport Committee and is subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors or USEF Executive Committee. Therefore, it is subject to change upon the approval of the final Selection Procedures by the USEF Board of Directors or USEF Executive Committee.

**Championship Date and Location:** The 2027 FEI Driving World Championship for Ponies (Championship) are scheduled to be held on August 24-29, 2027, in Morkov, Denmark.

**Selection Methodology:** Please be advised that the proposed Selection Period for the 2027 U.S. Driving Team will begin on January 1st, 2026, with the ending dates noted below ("Selection Period").

The athlete, horse owner, and horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Championship, including, but not limited to, the FEI Qualifying Requirements found on the FEI Website.

**Singles:** Athlete/pony combinations wishing to be considered for selection to the Championship must have completed (without elimination, disqualification, or retirement) at least three (3) Selection Events in the applicable FEI sanctioned class by June 30, 2027. Selection Events include any CAI3\*-P1 or above level events. Athlete/pony combinations must achieve a minimum score as listed in the FEI Criteria or better in the Dressage test in at least three (3) Selection Events. One of the qualifying results, as defined above, must be achieved after January 1, 2027.

**Pairs:** Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to the Championship must have completed (without elimination, disqualification, or retirement) at least three (3) Selection Events in the applicable FEI sanctioned class by three (3) days prior to the Nominated Entry deadline. Selection Events include any CAI3\*-P2 or above level events. Athletes must achieve a minimum score as listed in the FEI Criteria or better in the Dressage test in at least three (3) Selection Events. One of the qualifying results, as defined above, must be achieved after January 1, 2027, with at least two of the ponies listed on the Athlete's application.

**Four in Hands:** Athletes wishing to be considered for selection to the Championship must have completed (without elimination, disqualification, or retirement) at least three (3) Selection Events in the applicable FEI sanctioned class by three (3) days prior to the Nominated Entry deadline. Selection Events are defined as including any CAI3\*-P4 or above level events. Athletes must achieve a minimum score as listed in the FEI Criteria or better in the Dressage test in all Selection Events. One of the qualifying results, as defined above, must be achieved at Selection Events taking place after January 1, 2027. All ponies named on the Nominated Entries must have competed in at least one FEI recognized CAI3\* or above in the five years prior to the start of the Championship.

**2027 U.S. Driving Team Composition:** Per the FEI Rules Article 922, the 2027 U.S. Driving Team will consist of no more than two athlete/horse combinations from each section.

**Funding:** The availability of funding is subject to confirmation of the 2027 USEF Driving budget.

**Questions and Feedback:** If you have any questions or feedback on the full Selection Procedures prior to their approval of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact Steven Morrissey, at [smorrissey@usef.org](mailto:smorrissey@usef.org).