



TO: Potential 2026 FEI U25 Eventing World Championship Applicants
FROM: Gemma Stobbs, Director, Eventing Development Programs
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RE: 2026 FEI U25 Eventing World Championships

Dear USA FEI U25 Eventing Athletes:

We are excited to inform you that the FEI has announced opening the bid for a U25 Eventing World Championship as part of their full revision of the Eventing Rules. Currently, bids to host the Championships are open and we expect to know the date and location of the 2026 & 2027 Championships following the FEI's General Assembly in November this year.

Championship Information:

The FEI U25 Eventing Championship would help bridge the gap between the Young Rider and Senior levels. It is anticipated that the Championship will be:

- An annual Championship that is open to all Nations.
- Held at the CCI4*-S Level, running the order of the tests as Dressage, Cross-Country, and Show Jumping.
- Open to U25 FEI Registered Athletes:
 - o An Athlete may compete in the U25 category from the beginning of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of sixteen (16) until the end of the calendar year in which the Athlete reaches the age of twenty-five (25).

USEF anticipates targeting this Championship in 2026. More information will be published on the USEF website [HERE](#) as we receive details from the FEI.

FEI Qualifying Requirements:

The FEI Qualifying Requirements are pending the FEI Rule Revision process and subject to change.

For FEI Championships and Games, all Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs) must be achieved as a combination and must be clear on the obstacles of the of the Cross-Country Test. The 1st activation of a frangible /deformable device (11 penalties) or having 1 missed flag (15 penalties) will still allow an MER.

- Combinations must achieve an MER at a CCI4*-S within the qualifying period (TBA) to satisfy the FEI Qualifying Requirements.



An Athlete who competes in the FEI U25 Eventing World Championship would not be allowed to compete in an FEI Senior, Young Riders or Junior Championship within the same year.

USEF Qualifying Requirements and Selection Procedures:

Additional USEF Qualifying Requirements and the process for selection will be memorialized within the USEF Selection Procedures. These procedures will be published on the USEF website [HERE](#) – an announcement will go out to all eligible USA FEI Eventing Athletes when the procedures are available.

Please reach out to Gemma Stobbs, Director, Eventing Development Programs at +1 (859) 225-6929 or gstobbs@usef.org if you have any questions.