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TENTATIVE TARGETED NATIONS CUP: MILITARY BOEKELO

US EQUESTRIAN TEAM PLAYBOOK

INTRODUCTION

The aim of the Playbook is to give all that are part of the U.S. Eventing Team for the Military Boekelo Enschede CCIO4*-NC-S an understanding of the logistical plan that is being put in place by the USEF. As a tentative Targeted Team Opportunity, the Team may receive funding, apparel, and Team Staff Support. More information will be communicated further into 2026.

As with any team competition, emphasis must be on ensuring our athletes and horses, supported by the grooms and Team Staff, can perform to their very best. We must maintain a performance environment throughout our time at Boekelo and always keep in mind that you are representing the USA at these European competitions.

The competition venue is approximately 99 mi (110 minutes) east of Amsterdam. This is a stand-alone Nations Cup and additional levels and divisions will not be running. We are continuously receiving updates and new information so this playbook can never cover all the details. The primary point of contact is Team Leader, Christina Vaughn.

This playbook contains helpful information for attending this event. Please also familiarize yourself with the FEI Schedule and remember to check in at the show office upon arrival for the most up-to-date information.

PLEASE READ THIS PLAYBOOK AS IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TRAVEL PLANNING, CLIMATE AND ACCOMMODATIONS.

Please contact Christina if you have any questions, observations, or suggestions as to how we can optimize the support of the athletes, grooms, and horses.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the USEF, our sponsors, the USOPC and the USET Foundation and their very generous donors; without their financial support it would not be possible to put a plan in place. I would also like to thank the horse owners, without whom we would not have a team – their support, dedication and enthusiasm is very much appreciated.

Good luck to all!

Christina Vaughn

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APPLICATIONS

ENTRIES

In the online Athlete Dashboard, athletes have access to two options: Online Applications and FEI Entry.

Online Applications are required for selection to a Team. The Online Application section allows athletes to apply for selection to a CCIO at which the U.S. will field a Team. This process is managed by USEF Eventing. The USEF Eventing Department will complete FEI entries for selected athletes so those only interested in Team selection should not complete the FEI entry.

An FEI Entry are required to compete as an Individual. Athletes must submit the FEI Entry in order to be entered into the FEI Entry System to compete as an individual at any FEI competition, whether in the U.S. or abroad. The FEI Entry process is managed by US Equestrian Athlete Services.

Entries must be paid as outlined in Section VII of the FEI Definite Schedule.

SELECTION TIMELINE

Applications Open: January 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. EST

Applications Close: August 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. EST

Team Selection: Approximately August 24, 2026

Team Departure: TBD once a Team is selected

SELECTION PROCEDURES

As a Targeted Team Opportunity, the Boekelo Nations Cup team follows the 2026 Targeted Team Opportunities Selection Procedures.

FUNDING

As a tentative Targeted Team Opportunity, Athletes named to the Boekelo Nations Cup U.S. Eventing Team may receive funding. In addition, USEF will cover the National Federation fee and FEI Entry fee for the Team. An Athlete Funding Agreement for Boekelo will be individually distributed to the athlete by Team Leader, Christina Vaughn once the team is named.

PRE-TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISAS

U.S. citizens and non-E.U. nationals will need to complete the Entry/Exit System (EES) for all short-term stays in European countries. Registration and biometric data collection will be completed at a border control kiosk at the arrival airport. More information about EES can be found here. It is the traveling individual's responsibility to check any visa requirements.

VACCINATIONS

In accordance with the CDC and USOPC recommendations, we advise that all Athletes, grooms, and traveling USEF support staff consider getting the new COVID vaccine now available against new strains as well as the seasonal flu vaccine. These vaccines can be administered at the same time. This is NOT a USOPC or USEF requirement, but it is highly recommended to protect our athletes, grooms, and all Team members. Please note it takes approximately two (2) weeks to maximize immunity.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Equine transportation will be arranged by Team Leader, Christina Vaughn. It is the Athlete's responsibility to organize their personal travel to the Event.

EQUINE TRANSPORTATION

USA to NED: Dutta Horse Transport Inc. is the preferred USEF vendor for horse flights within the continental United States and to Europe.

- Website
- Phone: +1 (914) 276 3880
- Email: info@timdutta.com

Ground Transportation: Gelissen's Horse Transport is the preferred USEF vendor for ground transportation within continental Europe.

- Website
- Phone: +31 (0)46 43 73 574
- Email: info@horse-transport.nl

NED to USA: Guido Klatte GmbH & Co.KG is the preferred USEF vendor for horse flights departing continental Europe.

- Website

- Phone: +49 (0) 44 72 / 94 00 70
- Email: guido@gklatte.de

Hay/Bedding: Please refer to the FEI Schedule for hay/bedding that is available at the venue.

HUMAN TRANSPORTATION

All athletes, grooms, and owners are responsible for booking their own travel itinerary. Below is a list of recommended airports to Boekelo.

Münster Osnabrück International Airport (FMO) has one terminal that operates both international and domestic flights. It is approximately 52 miles (60 minutes) from the competition venue.

ATHLETE ACCOMMODATION

USEF has tentatively arranged rooms for athletes, grooms, and Team Staff at the Resort Bad Boekelo. This hotel is located 1.8 miles from the competition venue (6-minute drive).

Address: Oude Deldenerweg 203, 7548 PM Enschede, Netherlands

All communication with the hotel should be done through USEF Staff. If you have any questions regarding the hotel please contact Team Leader, Christina Vaughn (cvaughn@usef.org).

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION

Owners and other supporters will be asked to arrange their own accommodation arrangements for the duration of the competition.

There are many local accommodation options. Below is a non-extensive list of nearby hotels.

Hotel	Website	Distance
Bed and Breakfast De Lariks	Click here	1.1 mi
De Hagmolenbeek Boekelo	Click here	2.6 mi
Van der Valk Hotel Enschede	Click here	4.2 mi
City Stay Juliette	Click here	4.2 mi
The Residence	Click here	4.4 mi
Urban Hotel Moloko Enschede	Click here	5.3 mi
IntercityHotel Enschede	Click here	5.7 mi

CAR SERVICE INFORMATION

Public Transport: There is public transport in Boekelo which utilizes both buses and trains. There is a bus stop, "Boekelo, Landsteinerlaan," that is a 0.2-mile walk (6 minutes) from the competition venue.

Taxi: Taxis use meters calculated by distance and time.

Rental Vehicles: For automatic vehicles, it is recommended to book a rental car with a large rental agency.

USA EVENTING GUIDE TO TRAVELING OVERSEAS

To view the USA Eventing Guide to Traveling Overseas click here.

ACCREDITATION

Please review the FEI Schedule for the most up-to-date information on available accreditations.

APPAREL

As a tentative Targeted Team Opportunity, Athletes and Grooms may be given a USA Ariat Team Kit clothing if they have not previously received one. The U.S. Equestrian Horse & Human Apparel Policies for eventing can be found here.

TICKETS

All spectators must purchase tickets. More information about tickets including how to purchase can be found here.

PARKING

Information about parking can be found here. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday parking will be available for all spectators at the venue. Saturday and Sunday off-site parking is available, and a shuttle bus is provided.

VENUE

The venue is located in the central Eastern region of the Netherlands. The main arena is surrounded by a market that is open during the event and hosts a Fall Festival on Thursday night. The food and beverage vendors operate on a token system. There are multiple kiosk locations in the venue where these tokens can be purchased. In addition to the market, there are additional food and beverage vendors out on the cross-country course. For the VIP drink experience an additional ticket is necessary.

The venue address is **Boekelosestraat 213 7548 AS Enschede - Boekelo Netherlands**

Enschede is the closest city to the venue, and offers a variety of hotel, restaurant and entertainment options. Shuttles are typically available on XC day from Enschede to the entrance of the venue.

STABLES

Stalls: 3m x 3m.

TACK ROOMS

Tack rooms must be requested when completing your entry. Please note that stabling is usually assigned by Nation, so you are not guaranteed a private tack stall. The Team Leader will assist with stall assignments.

COMPETITION SCHEDULES

The full schedule for Military Boekelo-Enschede can be found here.

TEAM STAFF

As a tentative Targeted Team Opportunity, Eventing Team Staff may be available on-site for the duration of the competition. More information will be communicated further into 2026.

CONTACT DETAILS

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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Name	Role	Primary Responsibilities
Christina Vaughn	Team Leader	• Coordinate travel to/from Point of Departure (Equine) • Confirmation of Definite Entries • Athlete management and athlete transport • Keeping copies of TUEs • Attend Chef d 'Equipe meetings • Training time and facilities liaison

		• Departure process for horses, grooms, athletes, and discipline staff • Ensure stable areas are packed away and clean prior to departure • Ensure all athletes/grooms/staff have paid their room bills prior to departure • Groom Welfare and shopping needs • SafeSport regulations
Leslie Law	Chef d 'Equipe	• Competition strategy and management • Daily training and competition schedules • Attend Chef d 'Equipe meetings • Primary spokesperson for discipline • Athlete management
Karyn Shuter	High Performance Advisor	• Provide recommendations to the HP Manager on performance strategies and tactics • Advise on the overall strategic and operational plans
Dr. Susan Johns	Team Veterinarian	• Pre-travel health papers • Equine health management • Liaison with Vet Panel, and Vets • Manage vet trunks and supplies • Complete medication re-export paperwork and stock control • Clear Sport regulations • Attend equine dope tests • Attend veterinarian meetings
Beck Ratte	Team Farrier	• Stable security, logistics, and cleanliness • Assist grooms with feed and bedding orders and collection
Linda Vegher	Team Equine Physio	• Support to Team horses • Supporting Veterinarians with attending drug testing as required
Jennifer Mitchell	Human Physiotherapist	• Human Physiotherapist support: ○ Priority 1: Physiotherapy for athletes ○ Priority 2: Physiotherapy for grooms and Staff if injury prevents them from carrying out their roles • Priority 3: Sports massage for athletes
All of the Above	n/a	• Creating a safe environment for all • Security and cleanliness of USA stable area • Groom welfare • Assistance with arrival and departure logistics (unloading and loading)

SAFE SPORT, CODE OF CONDUCT, & CLEAN SPORT

Similar to any USEF licensed Event, SafeSport, the USEF Code of Conduct and Clean Sport must be abided by at all times.

Click here for SafeSport Information
Click here for USEF Code of Conduct
Click here for Clean Sport Information

HORSE

Once a horse is named to a Team all communication regarding treatments and medications is to be directed to the team veterinarian. No medications can be transported with the horses.

ATHLETE

Once an athlete is named to a Team it is important that any Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) are up to date and with the Athlete at all times. If there are any questions regarding medications please reach out to Steven Morrissey (smorrissey@usef.org) or Dr. Mark Hart (markvhart@gmail.com).

PRESS & MEDIA

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media can be a great advantage for athletes, but it can also be detrimental to the environment. Please familiarize yourself with the policies below:

The FEI Social Media policy can be found here.
The USEF Social Media policy can be found here.

If you have any questions about the utilization of social media during the Event, please contact Sr. Director Social Media & Sport Communications, Carly Weilminster (cweilminster@usef.org).

HOSPITALS & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Name	Address	Phone
MST	Koningstraat 1, 7512 KZ Enschede, Netherlands	+31 53 487 2000
Medical Spectrum Twente	Prins Bernhardstraat 17, 7573 AM Oldenzaal, Netherlands	+31 54 157 4000
St. Antonius Hospital Gronau GmbH	48599 Gronau, Germany	+49 2562 9150

Gezondheidscentrum Oosterpoort	Oosterstraat 2, 7514 DZ Enschede, Netherlands	+31 53 433 3892

Dutch Emergency Services – 112

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

In general, Enschede, NED is a safe area for its residents and visitors. However, security perception changes greatly by district. If you have any doubts or need to report an incident, you can rely on the Police who are constantly patrolling the streets.

Responsible care should be exercised when traveling throughout the Netherlands. There is a normal level of crime, but it varies by district. In the higher-income areas frequented by tourists, petty theft is the most common concern. Travelers should keep valuables out of sight and be aware of their surroundings. Avoid isolated areas when on foot, especially after dark. It is recommended to only use a trusted taxi or an app-based taxi service. Do not hail a taxi on the street.

Assailants usually target victims for their smartphones, wallets, or purses. If confronted by someone with a weapon, it is best not to resist.

It is best to use ATMs inside banks instead of ATMs that are more accessible to passers-by and all banks advise customers to cover ATM keypads with their hands when entering codes. When making credit card transactions, travelers should expect the vendor to use a credit card reader in their presence.

Security is the responsibly of everybody. However, security concerns must not be allowed to prevent Athletes from concentrating on preparing and competing their horses. Good security is the application of common sense.

The key to good security is vigilance. Be aware of what is happening around you and always pay attention to anything that appears unusual or out of place. This includes people who appear nervous about their surroundings.

- Make a copy of your passport or real ID and travel documents and leave the original in a safe place.
- Always travel in groups.
- Do not overtly wear expensive jewelry.
- Keep your phone hidden.
- Do not carry excessive amounts of cash or credit cards if you do not need them.
- If you are in a vehicle in standstill traffic with the windows rolled down, keep phones and other possessions low and away from windows and be mindful of people walking through the traffic.
- Do not approach unattended bags, cases or packages – report them.

- Do not accept packages from anyone, the contents of which are unclear.
- Do not advertise where you are staying.
- If you are out in the evening and you become aware of increased police activity, leave the area immediately.
- If you see an incident involving the police, do not get involved. Do not play the good samaritan.

TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE DUTCH POLICE – 112

U.S. CONSULATE & EMBASSY

For any emergency services surrounding passports, applicable visas, or other related issues, the nearest U.S. Embassy is located at John Adams Park 1, 2244 BZ Wassenaar also known as The Hague. This office can also be contacted by phone +31 70 310 2209. There is also a U.S. Consulate General located at Museumplein 19, 1071 DJ Amsterdam. This office can also be contacted by phone at +31 20 575 5309.

ABOUT ENSCHEDE



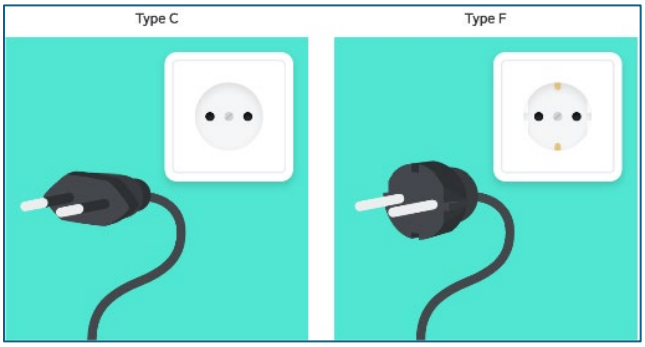
Located in the central eastern province of Overijssel, Netherlands, Enschede is less than 10 miles from the boarder of Germany. It is the largest city in Overijssel with a population of 161,738 people and is known for its innovation. The people within Enchede and the Netherlands are incredible accommodating and polite. More information about Enschede can be found here.

LANGUAGE

The Netherlands official language is Dutch which 97.7% of the population speak. English is the second most widely spoken language and is the primary language used for business. Between 90% and 95% of the population speak English fluently.

ELECTRICAL

Power in the Netherlands operates on a 230-volt current and a 50 hertz frequency. Electricity will be supplied through a Type C (rounded two-prong) or Type F (rounded two-prong with two earth clips).



TELEPHONES, WI-FI, AND INTERNET ACCESS

Cellphone reception is typically good. Most of the country is covered with 5G systems. Contact your phone provider for more information on Sim Cards and International Data Plans.

WEATHER

Average weather for October

- High Temperature: 57°F
- Low Temperature 46°F
- Rainfall: 3.1”
- Humidity: 88%

Suggested Clothing: Autumn is a damp and muddy time of year for the Netherlands. It is highly recommended to bring plenty of warm, waterproof clothing.

FOOD AND LOCAL RESTAURANTS

While tap water is considered safe to drink in the Netherlands, it is best practice to utilize bottled water instead. Stay away from raw foods and un-bottled drinks, unless in a reputable restaurant as a precaution.

Dutch cuisine is influenced by its geographical location with easy access to the ocean and flat grassland. Dutch cuisine also contains many dairy products including butter and cheese.

Some popular dishes include:

- Bitterballen
- Poffertjes
- Erwtensoep

- Stamppot
- Stroopwafel
- Kibbeling
- Herring

Restaurant	Phone Number	Address
Grillroom Pizzeria Boekelo	+31 53 851 1831	Beckumerstraat 3c, 7548 BD Enschede, Netherlands
't Verborgen Theater	+31 53 428 1202	Beckumerstraat 2, 7548 BG Enschede, Netherlands
Ribhouse Texas Boekelo	+31 53 428 2624	Dirk Papestraat 30, 7548 AR Enschede, Netherlands
Breurs Boekelo	+31 53 428 1902	Beckumerstraat 20, 7548 BG Enschede, Netherlands

LOCAL BUSINESS HOURS

Office hours are Monday through Friday from approximately between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.

Banks are typically open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Thursdays and Saturdays, some banks may have extended hours.

Shopping centers are open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with some stores closing early on Monday mornings.

GETTING AROUND THE CITY

There are apps that can be utilized in the town of Enschede to request a vehicle such as Uber, Felyx, GO Sharing, TCA, and Bolt.

The advised and safest method of travel is by taxi or car arranged by a hotel.

CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE

The Euro (EUR) is the official currency of the Netherlands. The symbol for the Euro is €. There are different currency exchange services in Enschede such Geldwisselkantoor.

Currency slang includes but is not limited to:

- Money – “Floes,” “mula,” “saaf”
- €10.00 – “Donnie”
- €100.00 – “Barkie”
- €1,000.00 – “Doezoe”

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are **NOT** widely accepted. Smaller chains and/or restaurants only accept cash of the Dutch credit card. There is usually an ATM in or close to those stores that you can pull out cash if you have a different kind of card like a Visa or Mastercard (especially if you don't have a card with the chip that taps). **It is highly encouraged to carry cash or call ahead to see what is accepted**. Money can be exchanged at the airport, exchange houses or banks.

TIPPING

Restaurants: Tipping is not mandatory however it is considered a kind gesture. Rounding up to the nearest euro or leaving 5% to 10% of the total bill is generally appreciated.

Transport: Tipping taxi drivers is not mandatory however it is considered a kind gesture. Rounding up to the nearest euro for short trips and 10% or rounding to the nearest 10 euros is generally appreciated.

Hotels: Tipping hotel staff is not required but it is customary to leave a small tip for housekeeping.

TRAVELERS CHECKS

Very few places will accept travelers checks in the Netherlands. It is best to use an ATM card at the many ATM locations available in Namur in the absence of cash.