



NEWS



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The US Equestrian Endurance newsletter will include regular updates from the Endurance Sport Committee and the USEF Endurance programs. Visit the USEF Endurance website [here](#).

Upcoming 2026 Events

November 13-14, 2026

Broxton Bridge: Fall Rides
Ehrhardt, SC

December 27-28, 2026

Goethe Gallivant
Dunnellon, FL

Interested in hosting a 2027 US FEI Endurance event? Please contact the [Director of Endurance](#) for more information.

FEI Endurance Championship News

The FEI reopens the bid process for the 2026 FEI Endurance World Championship following withdrawal of Al Ula, KSA as host. Please contact the [Director of Endurance](#) with any questions.

The **2027 FEI World Championships** Selection Procedures are in the process of being finalized. See below for the current Championship Selection Procedure Memos.

[2027 FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders and Juniors Selection Procedure Memo](#)

Date: September 25, 2027

Location: Samorin, Slovakia

[2027 FEI Pan American Endurance Championship Selection Procedure Memo](#)

Date: October 22, 2027

Location: Punta del Este, Uruguay

2026 Year End Award Winners

Interested in participating in the 2026 USEF Endurance Year-End Awards? [Click here for more information and for the current ranking lists.](#)

FEI Updates

FEI Vaccination Requirements – FEI HorseApp

As of January 2026, the digital registration of vaccination details will be enforced.

If an FEI Horse is presented at an FEI Event in 2026 without valid equine influenza vaccination details correctly* registered in the FEI HorseApp, the Person Responsible will be sanctioned in accordance with Art. 1002 of the [FEI Veterinary Regulations](#).

**Reminder that all new vaccination details must be registered in the FEI HorseApp by a veterinarian on the day of vaccination and in presence of the horse.*

As of 1 July 2026:

- From 1 July 2026, if a horse is presented at an FEI Event without its equine influenza vaccination details correctly registered in the FEI HorseApp, the Person Responsible (the Athlete) will be notified of their sanction and **receive a fine** in accordance with the [FEI Veterinary Regulations](#).
- Fines will be issued to the National Federation of the Person Responsible.

Information about the FEI vaccination module remains available [here](#).

FEI Out of Competition Anti-Doping Testing – Horses

The FEI will be implementing the Equine Out-of-Competition Anti-Doping Testing in Endurance for the 2026 competition year—an important development that underscores our shared commitment to fairness, horse welfare, and excellence both in and out of the competition.

While the legal framework for Equine Out-of-Competition Anti-Doping Testing applies to all disciplines, Endurance will be the first discipline to implement it.

In 2026 a number of Endurance horses will be selected to be part of a Testing Pool. These horses will take part in targeted anti-doping testing.

A newly developed feature in the [FEI HorseApp](#) will facilitate the process.

Please see the [FAQ document](#) that explains the Equine Out-of-Competition Anti-Doping Testing, related Whereabouts requirements and consequences of non-compliance.

New FEI Digital Passport

Earlier this year the FEI launched Equipass, a new digital passport. Equipass provides a secure, digital counterpart to the physical document, using enriched data to enhance traceability, health record integrity, and safety measures worldwide. Equipass complements the horse's national identification document and/or FEI document – it will not replace the physical document. All FEI Horses have the possibility to have an Equipass and overtime this solution will provide additional functionalities to strengthen global equine biosecurity.

A valid Equipass is included in the FEI's annual registration fee for Horses.

See [here](#) for more information.

USEF Updates



New World Screwworm: What Horse Owners Need to Know

On June 3, 2026, the USDA confirmed that New World Screwworm (NWS), a foreign parasitic pest, had entered the United States with a confirmed case in Texas. New World Screwworm (NWS) has the potential to cause serious damage to equine health and the agricultural economy. See [here](#) to learn more about New World Screwworm and how you can help prevent additional spreading.

USEF Rules Approved at USEF Mid-Year Board Meeting

See [here](#) for an overview of the USEF rules approved at the USEF Mid-Year Board Meeting which occurred in June 2026.

US Equestrian Offers Resources for Mental Health and Reporting Misconduct

US Equestrian is committed to the safety and wellness of our participants – horse and human. Part of this commitment is having resources in place to support mental wellness for a wide variety of issues, in addition to abuse prevention and reporting. We want to take this opportunity to remind you of the resources you can access.

Mental Health Resources

As part of our commitment to members and to their wellbeing, US Equestrian has

partnered with the McLaughlin Young Group to offer members free confidential counseling services for mental health first aid.

US Equestrian members can access professional counseling services for personal, work-related, and family concerns for up to three visits or sessions through a third-party licensed provider.

All providers are state licensed with a graduate degree and five years of post-graduate clinical experience. These experienced professional clinicians are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year.

Members can reach a counselor by calling 1-800-633-3353.

See [here](#) for more information.

US Equestrian Publishes Welfare Guidelines to Support Horses' Physical and Mental Well-Being

When US Equestrian implemented the expanded Unethical Treatment of Horses rule (GR838) last year, it empowered the organization and its licensed officials to take action in cases of unethical treatment of horses, on show grounds and off. We quickly realized we needed to provide more examples and context for horse welfare best practices in training and competition. Earlier this fall, we released a [series of Horse Welfare Guidelines](#) that we hope will serve as a basis for improved physical and mental well-being of the equine partners we all love and respect.

See [here](#) for more information.

US Equestrian to Expand Member Health and Wellness Availability for Members

US Equestrian is pleased to announce the addition of several new health and wellness plans now available for members, families and businesses to include options such as:

- 5 CIGNA PPO Comprehensive Major Medical Plans
- ACA Marketplace Support
- \$0 deductible Co-Op Health Plans
- Health Share and Virtual Care/Rx
- Medicare and Medicare Supplements
- Supplemental and Ancillary Benefits Such as: Dental/Vision, Accidental Injury, Critical Illness, and More

See [here](#) for more information.

FEI Novice Qualifications Reminder

For an athlete and horse seeking to compete at their first FEI CEI1*, you are highly encouraged to submit your FEI Novice Qualification information to [Nicole Zerbee](#), Director of Endurance, prior to submitting your entry. For questions regarding the FEI Novice Qualification process, please contact Nicole Zerbee.

Click [here](#) for a FEI Endurance Novice Qualification Quick Guide.

Did You Know?



USEF has numerous quick guides and resources to aid members, exhibitors, competition managers, licensed officials, and more. Every newsletter will feature one resource.

This month's feature: [How to Host a U.S. Based FEI Endurance Competition – Annex A Officials Logistics](#)

- Description: This document aids endurance event organizers in preparing for what is needed leading up to and at a U.S. based FEI Endurance event from the perspective of an Official.
- Location: The guide is located on the [Endurance Athlete](#) page of the USEF website.

Questions? Contact [Nicole Zerbee](#), Director of Endurance.

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