



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Potential 2025 FEI World Endurance Young Rider Championship Applicants

**Date:** July 7, 2023

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

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

**Re:** Anticipated Selection Methods for the 2025 FEI World Endurance Young Rider Championship

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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 Endurance Sport Committee and is subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors or USEF Executive Committee and therefore subject to change upon the approval of the final Selection Procedures by the USEF Board of Directors or USEF Executive Committee.

The 2025 FEI World Endurance Young Rider Championship (Championship) are expected to be held in Buftea, ROU from September 5-6, 2025.

**Selection Methodology:** Please be advised that the proposed Selection Period for the 2025 U.S. Endurance Young Rider World Championship Team selection process will begin on September 1, 2023 and is anticipated to end June 2, 2025 (subject to confirmation of the Championship dates). Please note that Selection Events are defined as any single day Endurance Event held at 120km or longer that is FEI sanctioned and/or USEF Licensed and has been designated by the Athlete in advance in accordance with the details below. A competition is not considered a Selection Event until USEF confirms that the designation has been received before the deadline and it meets the requirements for a Selection Event for the Athlete/Horse Combination.

It is anticipated that the Athlete/Horse combinations named to the U.S. Endurance Team for the Championship will be based on the Ranking Formula described in detail within Attachment A. In order to be included on the Ranking List, Athlete/Horse Combinations must designate in writing to the USEF Director of Endurance at least one (1) and no more than three (3) Selection Events during the Selection Period at least fourteen (14) days prior to the published start of the competition.

Of these designated Selection Events, the Athlete/Horse Combination must successfully complete at least one designated Selection Event at least 300 radial miles from the Athlete's residence. The Athlete's residence will be recorded per their USEF membership information on September 1, 2023. Changes to an Athlete's residence during the Selection Period must be received and approved via email by the USEF Director of Endurance prior to making the change. The Athlete/Horse Combination's two (2) top results from Designated Selection Events, will be used to determine the points utilized for the Ranking List.

**NOTE:** Failure to successfully complete one designated Selection Event of at least three hundred miles from the Athlete's residence will result in the Athlete/Horse Combination neither being ranked nor considered for selection.



NOTE: If an Athlete designates a Selection Event and crosses the start line but does not complete the competition, the Selection Event will still count as one of the maximum three permitted Selection Events. If an Athlete designates a Selection Event but does not cross the start line at the competition, the Selection Event will not count as one of the maximum three permitted Selection Events.

NOTE: For purposes of this selection memo, the definition of complete is to finish all phases of the competition and pass the final veterinary inspection at the competition without receiving a failure to qualify (includes elimination), disqualification, retirement, rider option following the combination crossing the start line (does not include withdrawal at or prior to the first pre-ride inspection). Finished Not Ranked (FNR) is considered a completion.

Additional selection criteria may be added in the full Selection Procedures.

**Veterinary Examination:** The 2025 U.S. Endurance Team horses will be required to pass at least one (1) USEF designated Team veterinary examination. Details to be confirmed in 2025.

**FEI Qualifying:** The Athlete, Horse owner, and Horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Championship, including but not limited to the FEI Qualifying Requirements, which can be found on the FEI Website prior to the start of the Championship.

**Funding:** The availability of funding is subject to confirmation of the 2025 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, Managing Director of Sport Logistics & Non-Olympic Disciplines, at [smorrissey@usef.org](mailto:smorrissey@usef.org).

## Attachment A

Athlete/Horse Combinations will be ranked based on the following formula. The Championship Selection Ranking will be updated as results are available and published on the USEF website:

[www.usef.org/endurance](http://www.usef.org/endurance).

### **2025 SELECTION RANKING FORMULA:**

**Format:** D + E + P + T = Event Ranking Score Formula:

1. Distance = "D"
2. Event Type = "E"
3. Placement = "P"
4. Time = "T"

**DISTANCE POINTS ("D"):** Based upon successful completion at FEI or USEF Licensed Competition distances:

1. 160km = 160 Points
2. 140km = 140 Points
3. 120km = 120 Points

*Note: Results at events with 4 or fewer overall Starters\* will receive 50% of Distance ("D") points only.*

**COMPETITION RATING ("E"):** These bonus multipliers may be combined:

1. USEF Endurance National Championship or Test Event: +0.50\*D
2. CEI: +0.25\*D
3. Best Condition in CEI or USEF Licensed Event(s): +0.25\*D
4. USEF National Licensed Ride (NOT a CEI Event): +0.25\*D
5. USEF Zone Championship: +0.25\*D

*Note: FNR results receiving successful completion, Distance ("D") points ONLY. No Event Rating multiplier will apply.*

**PLACEMENT ("P"):** Points will be awarded to the Athlete/Horse Combinations who complete\*\* as stated below, relative to the total number of overall starters\* at that distance, whether at FEI or USEF Licensed Competitions: Placement Points will be determined based upon the Athlete/Horse Combination's overall 'Order of Finish' in the relevant Distance at the Competition, at the same distance and on the same day.

1. Award of Placement Points:

- a. Applicable to Top 5 overall Finishers regardless of type of entry (Young Rider, Senior Rider, USEF or FEI) at the relevant Distance. Ranking Score will be based upon the largest field;
- b. Minimum of 5 overall Starters\* or no Placement Points will be awarded;
- c. Top 5 must successfully complete/finish\*\* within 60 minutes of Winner
- d. Placement Point Calculation Formula:

(1) (Number of overall starters divided by overall placing) x 10 = "P"

(2) Examples:

(a) (12 starters/2nd Place Overall) x 10 = 60

(b) (5 Starters/1st Place Overall) x 10 = 50

**TIME ("T"):** Time will be calculated to the nearest whole minute, ie: if 2 finish times are recorded as 8:49:09, and 8:49:49, they will be both be accounted for as 8:49.

1. 160 km Event: 60 Points for Finishing at Winning time, then loss of 1 point/minute for later finishers, who must finish within 60 minutes of Winning time. "0" points for finishing beyond 60 minutes; or,

2. 140 km Event: 45 Points for Finishing at Winning time, then loss of 1 point/minute for later finishers, who must finish within 45 minutes of Winning time. "0" points for finishing beyond 45 minutes; or,
3. 120 km Event: 30 Points for Finishing at Winning time, then loss of 1 point/minute for later finishers, who must finish within 40 minutes of Winning time. "0" points for finishing beyond 30 minutes.

**TIES:**

1. Ties will be broken based upon the best single Competition Ranking Score at least 300 radial miles from the Athlete's legal residence for each Athlete/Horse Combination. If no successful Competition Ranking Score at least 300 radial miles from the Athlete's legal residence is available, the Athlete/Horse Combination will not be ranked.
2. If a tie persists, any tie will be broken based upon the best single FEI competition Ranking Score for each Athlete/Horse Combination within the FEI qualification period.
3. If a tie persists, any tie will be decided by discretionary selection between the tied Athlete/Horse Combinations by the Endurance Chef d'Equipe for the Championship.

**CHANGES:** If, in the course of the selection process, USEF discovers or determines an ambiguity or gap exists in this document, its CEO may alter or amend this document to address such issues.

\*Overall Starters for the purposes of this Ranking List will be defined as number of combinations to cross the start line in the same distance division at the same competition.

\*\*Complete for the purposes of this Ranking List will be defined as finishing all phases of the competition and passing the final veterinary inspection at the competition without receiving a failure to qualify (includes elimination), disqualification, retirement, rider option following the combination crossing the start line (does not include withdrawal at or prior to the first pre-ride inspection). Finished Not Ranked (FNR) is considered a completion.