



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 Competition Dates

April 7-8, 2024
Rocky Road
Spearman, Texas

April 19-21, 2024
Ride in the Pines
Cheraw, S.C.

May 18-19, 2024
Apache Kid Trail
Cimarron, N.M.

June 21-23, 2024
USA Northeast Team Challenge Championship
Elkton, Md.

USEF Endurance Awards

Reminder to Submit Your AERC and EDRA Results for the USEF Career Mileage Awards

Athletes and horse owners can request recognition of their or their horse's career mileage from American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) or Equine Distance Riding Association (EDRA) competitions held before December 1, 2023 to count toward the USEF Career Mileage awards. To be eligible, requests must be submitted via email to the USEF Director of Endurance by September 1, 2024. Verification of requests will be conducted through AERC or EDRA competition records.

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Endurance News

Endurance 2024 Rules

- [2024 USEF Endurance Chapter](#)
 - Any changes to the 2024 rules can be seen in red.
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- **2024 FEI Endurance Rules**

- [Clean Version](#)
- [Marked-up Version](#)

Highlights of some of the changes (see full rules for all changes):

- CIM categorization for CEI2* when applicable (803.1)
- The winner of a dead heat must be determined by the tip of the nose of the horse that crosses the finish line first. (809.4)
- Should an athlete wish to retire their horse at the end of a phase, the horse must be presented to the vetting area and pass all required inspections. The maximum time a horse has for retirement after completing a phase is its hold time plus 15 minutes as per Article 807.5. (809.5.4)
- The number of required loops per day for a multiday 2* ride has been reduced from three to two. Three loops/day are required for a multi-day 3*. (814.4.3)
- Under *Heart Rate Assessment*, at the first vet gate and onwards, except for the final inspection, all horses entering with more than 10 minutes recovery time must pass a compulsory re-inspection. (816.6.5)
- Any shank (lever arm) on any bit may not exceed 10 cm. This has been increased from 8 cm. (825.2.5)
- Changes within the CEI Qualifications rules. (833)
- Changes to the Average Speed rules. (837)
- Where a foreign official is required for an event, such foreign official may not be a national or resident of the country where the event is staged, unless that person is resident in a different time zone to the time zone of the event location **or in a different province/state that is at least 500 km/8 hrs by road from the location where the event will take place.** (848.4)
- Changes within the disciplinary rules (Chapter IX)
- The person trotting the horse must lead the horse from the horse's left-hand side on a loose rein beside the horse and not in front or behind the horse (see Annex 8). (Annex 5 9.7.a)
- Changes within the *Officials Required for Events* rules (Annex 6)

Endurance Championship News

FEI Announces Location and Date for the 2026 FEI Endurance World Championship

The FEI has announced the following information for the 2026 FEI Endurance World Championship. More information will be posted on the [USEF Endurance page](#) as received.

Location: Al Ula, KSA

Date: October 17, 2026

Selection Procedures Updated for 2024 FEI Endurance World Championship

The USEF Selection Procedures for athletes interested in competing at the 2024 FEI Endurance World Championship in Monpazier, France, have been updated and are available on the [endurance page of USEF.org](#). The FEI Endurance World Championship will take place in Monpazier, France, on September 7, 2024.

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2025 FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders & Juniors and 2025 FEI Endurance Pan American Championship Selection Memos Available Now

Endurance athletes who are considering applying to compete in the FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders & Juniors or the FEI Endurance Pan American Championship for Seniors and Young Riders & Juniors in 2025 are encouraged to review the selection memos for these events, which are now available on [the endurance page on USEF.org](#).

The 2025 FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders & Juniors is scheduled for September 20, 2025, in Buftea, Romania. The FEI expects to announce the dates and location for the 2025 FEI Endurance Pan American Championship soon.

[Click here to download the selection memo for the 2025 FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders & Juniors.](#)

[Click here to download the selection memo for the 2025 FEI Endurance Pan American Championship.](#)

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 [Nicole Zerbee](#), USEF Director of Endurance.

USEF Reminders

Online Passport Service Application

- USEF has launched a new online passport service application to be used for services that do not require the passport to be mailed into the office including:
 1. New FEI/National Passports
 2. Revalidations
 3. Duplicate (lost) Passports
- Through this online application, you can sign, pay for, and submit completely online through your [USEF Member Dashboard](#). You can also add life recordings, expedited service, and UPS Next Day Air.
- The application can be found on the USEF Member Dashboard at this link: <https://members.usef.org/horses/passport>

Result Requirement Reminders

The email addresses of riders and owners must be included in the competition results that are submitted to the Federation.

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: [The Athlete Reference Guide for athletes seeking to compete in U.S FEI Competitions.](#)

Description: This guide goes through how to submit an entry for a U.S FEI Competition, the requirements needed for both athlete and horse prior to submitting an entry, and the steps for horse change or withdrawals.

Location: The guide is located on the [Athlete Services page](#) under the Compete section of the USEF website.

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

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