



2026 U.S. Eventing Calendar CCI3*-S, CCI2*-L, CCI2*-S, CCI1* Levels Policies and Procedures

Overview

The aim of these Policies and Procedures is to produce a U.S. FEI Eventing Calendar for the CCI3*-S, CCI2*-L, CCI2*-S, and CCI1* levels. It is important to note at the outset that these Policies and Procedures do not replace the competition licensing rules located in Chapter 3 of the United States Equestrian Federation's ("USEF") Rulebook.

To avoid confusion, it should be noted that USEF may submit dates on the FEI calendar for competitions that are not yet approved. In some cases, such dates are submitted for competitions that are only conditionally approved. A competition date is not final until a USEF Competition License Agreement is fully executed between USEF and the Competition Organizer ("Organizer(s)"). Organizers must understand that a competition appearing on the FEI Calendar may simply be a placeholder, and an Organizer cannot reasonably rely on the calendar as demonstrative of final approval.

This document addresses the CCI3-S, CCI2*-L, CCI2*-S, and CCI1* levels only. Refer to the 2023-2027 U.S. Eventing Calendar CCI4*-L, CCI4*-S, CCI3*-L, and Advanced Policies and Procedures for competitions hosting those levels. Applications for CCI5*-L and CCIO competitions will follow the FEI review process applicable at the time.*

Applications

All national and FEI levels taking place at competitions hosting the CCI4-L, CCI4*-S, CCI3*-L, and/or Advanced levels will be reviewed in accordance with the 2023-2027 U.S. Eventing Calendar CCI4*-L, CCI4*-S, CCI3*-L, and Advanced Policies and Procedures.*

Competitions must include all levels they intend to offer, including national levels in their application. National levels will be approved if hosted with a CCI3*-S, CCI2*-L, CCI2*-S, and/or CCI1* level(s) provided they are submitted in accordance with the deadlines below.

Applications Open: April 22

Applications Deadline: May 20

Applications for competitions wishing to be submitted to the FEI by October 1, 2025 for the 2026 calendar year must be submitted to USEF by May 20, 2025. Any application received after the deadline has NO guarantee of being submitted to the FEI for the applicable October 1, 2025 deadline.

Review & Approval

April 22 – May 20	Application Period
May 21 – June 2	Internal Review Period
June 3-17	Open Review Period
June 18 – August 1	USEF Eventing Committee Review
August 18 & September 15	IDC Review & BOD Approval
October 1	Submission to FEI

The dates for FEI competitions will also be subject to FEI Rules. See FEI General Regulations Article 112.

Application Fees

This is a FEI Calendar fee and is subject to the FEI fees published annually by the FEI.

FEI Calendar Fee for CCI3*-S, CCI2*-L, CCI2*-S and CCI1*: \$360

Late Applications & Modifications

It is understood that at times there are circumstances where an Organizer is not able to meet the applicable USEF application deadlines and/or must modify their application. Modification requests include changes to the comparable date, level(s), or location of an application submitted on time and made after the Open Review period. In these instances, the following deadlines have been established:

- Late applications or modifications received after May 20, 2025 have NO guarantee of being submitted to the FEI for the applicable October 1 deadline due to the review procedure.

Note:

- Adding or dropping a day is not considered a date modification under these Policies and Procedures. However, the request to add or drop a day from an existing competition must be made no later than 10 days before the start of the competition. These requests are subject to all applicable license modification fees and the issuance of a revised Competition License Agreement.
- Adding or dropping a national level below Advanced is not considered a modification under these Policies and Procedures. However, the request must be made at least 90 days prior to the start of the competition. These requests are subject to all applicable license modification fees and the issuance of a revised Competition License Agreement.
- Changes to competition managers are not considered modifications under these Policies and Procedures. However, changes to managers must be submitted to USEF for review at least 30 days prior to the start of the competition and the manager must comply with all USEF requirements.

Review Procedure for Late Applications & Modifications

Modification requests must be submitted at least 90 days before the start of competition.

USEF will notify the FEI Organizers that have a competition on the date of the late application or modification two weeks prior to and two weeks following the competition's date as listed on the application. The Organizers contacted will have 14 days to provide detailed comments regarding the proposed late application/modification to the calendar. Any comments must be sent directly to Amber Braun at abraun@usef.org. Comments received outside of the feedback period may not be considered in the review.

- USEF Staff and the Administrative Working Group ("AWG") will review the Organizer's comments received. The AWG will utilize the criteria outlined in Annex A and make a recommendation to the ESC.
- The ESC will review the recommendation of the AWG and will make a recommendation to the USEF CEO for final approval.

USEF may submit the late FEI application/modification request to the FEI at any time prior to any final recommendations and/or approvals. USEF reserves the right to hold the submission to the FEI until final approval is obtained from the USEF CEO.

Late applications or modifications will also be subject to FEI Rules. See FEI General Regulations Article 112.

Late Applications & Modifications Fees

Late application fee: \$1,000

Applications for the CCI3*-S, CCI2*-L, CCI2*-S and CCI1* levels received after the May 20 deadline and include the addition of a level.

Modification requests fee: \$100 plus any applicable FEI and USEF license modification fees

Cancellation of any FEI competition outside of the Review period must provide specific reasoning, which will be included in the file for future applications. Competition cancellations are subject to USEF cancellation fees outlined in Chapter 3.

If a competition does not receive approval from the FEI, fails to receive a USEF License, or in other exceptional circumstances approved by the USEF CEO, a portion of the fee may be waived at the discretion of the USEF CEO or their designee.

Annex A

Primary criteria:

- Technical aspects (arena footing, cross country footing, turf management, stabling, schedule, prize money, officials, etc.)
- High Performance Sport impact, including impact on the multi-discipline key competitions
- How the competition fits with the plans for U.S. Eventing Teams
- Growing equestrian sport in the U.S.

Additional criteria that may be considered:

- Previous experience and expertise of the Organizing Committee
- Developing volunteer opportunities and volunteer numbers
- Opportunities for benefits for Development athlete programs and competitions
- Generating participation in equestrian sport
- Benefit to and interaction with the local community
- Media facilities, impact, TV, and live stream opportunities
- Opportunities to attract new sponsors or link existing USEF sponsors

Opportunities for the USEF to interact with existing and potential donors

Any other factors that may impact the best interest of the sport that is not specifically included above.