



Dear Applicants:

Thank you for your interest in representing United States on the 2019 US Saddle Seat Young Riders Team!

The purpose of this program is to develop future riders for the US Saddle Seat World Cup Team. Athletes on the Young Riders Team (ages 12-21 as of January 1, 2019) will be eligible to represent the US in international competition during the off years the International Saddle Seat World Cup competition. Our goal is that these riders will gain experience and knowledge to better prepare them for the future.

We will field a team of twelve (six athletes for both three- and five-gaited sections) to compete at an Invitational Test Event in New Orleans in May of 2019. It is possible a second team will be selected to compete at an Invitational Test Event on the west coast in July or October of 2019.

Please read thoroughly through the Selection Procedures document prior to commencing the application process as there are several requirements and commitments that must be met in order for an Athlete to remain on the team once chosen.

Following you will find the application information for consideration to be selected for the 2019 US Saddle Seat Team. Please use the online application which you will find by accessing your MY USEF account through the following link:

1. Go to <https://www.usef.org/AUAIFrames/Login/Default.aspx> and log in using the ID and password you use to renew your membership
2. Scroll down and click on the icon "Athlete Dashboard"
3. Click on the icon for Online Applications
4. Choose "Saddle Seat" in the drop down box
5. Update the year to 2019 and click search
6. Select either the Three- or Five-Gaited application
7. Answer all application questions, upload your video, and read and sign the required documents.

Please remember when submitting your online application you must provide:

1. Application (Attachment A)
2. Video submitted as a YouTube link
3. USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment B)
4. USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification (Attachment C)
5. Saddle Seat Team and Supporter Policies (Attachments D and E)
6. Application fee of \$100

Applications must be completed on or before **November 30, 2018 at midnight Eastern Standard Time**. We cannot make any exceptions to this deadline as each application packet must be available to the Selectors for review shortly after the deadline.



You should receive notice from USEF as to whether you have been selected to the Team no later than January 15, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Erin DesNoyers at edesnoyers@usef.org or 859-225-6957.

Sincerely,

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