

# UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION BREED AND NON-FEI DISCIPLINE COMMITTEES CHARTER

## I. INTRODUCTION

This Breed and Non-FEI Discipline Committees Charter was adopted by the United States Equestrian Federation's (the "Federation") Board of Directors, a not-for-profit corporation established under the laws of New York, through a Resolution of the Board dated January 15, 2015 and Amended on June 8, 2020 by the Federation Officers in accordance with the Resolution.

## II. PURPOSE

- 1. There shall be appointed separate committees for each Breed/Discipline listed in the Federation Rules as a Division. The Breed and Non-FEI Discipline Committees shall assist the Board in preparing, recommending, submitting standards for conduct of competitions and rules for the conduct of all classes within their respective Breed/Discipline with specific attention called to any rule change(s) being proposed that were not endorsed by the respective National Affiliate, and any other issues that may arise.
- 2. The Breed/Discipline Division Committees may be called upon by the President for advice and counsel as to technical questions regarding the conduct of the classes in the Breed/Disciplines.

## III. COMPOSITION AND SELECTION

The Breed and Non-FEI Discipline Committees shall consist of:

- 1. Seven (7) to fifteen (15) Senior Active Members of the Federation.
- 2. 60% of such committee shall be appointed by the Recognized Affiliate Association.
- 3. 40% shall be appointed by the President, ½ of which must be made up of athletes who have competed at the top of their breed or discipline.
- 4. The President shall appoint a Chairman every two years when the committee is reseated. For Breed and Non-FEI Discipline Committees not represented by a Recognized Affiliate Association, all members of the committee shall be appointed by the Federation President. All Committee appointments are subject to approval by the Federation Board of Directors.

- 5. Recognized Affiliates must submit to the Federation their criteria for determining how they determine whether someone has competed at the top of their breed or discipline, e.g. those who finished in the top half of a national championship. In making appointments to these committees, emphasis shall be placed upon the selection in each Breed/Discipline of men or women thoroughly experienced in the work of the Breed/Discipline either through competing, managing, or officiating at competitions for the particular Breed/Discipline.
- 6. The National Breeds & Disciplines Council Chair shall also be ex officio member of all National Affiliate Breed/Discipline Division Committees, in addition to the appointed Committee members.

## **IV. QUORUM**

The lesser of six or one-third of the committee members shall constitute a quorum.

## V. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

Committee members who attend less than 50% of the meetings in any calendar year may be removed from the committee and replaced by a Senior Active Member subject to the appointment or the election procedures that were used in the initial seating of the position, as required in Bylaw 501, Section 4.

## VI. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEETINGS

The Breed and Non-FEI Discipline Committees will meet as necessary to adequately fulfill all the obligations and duties outlined in this charter. All committee members are expected to attend each meeting, in person or telephonically.

Meeting agendas will be prepared for every meeting and provided to Committee members in advance of the scheduled meeting, along with the appropriate materials needed to make informed decisions.

## VII. MINUTES

Minutes for all meetings will be drafted by the staff liaison, reviewed by the committee chair, and approved by the committee members at the following meeting.

#### VIII. TERM LENGTH

The existing committee members shall serve an initial one-year term until March 1, 2017, at which time the committee will be repopulated for two-year terms thereafter.