

2019 FEI Reining World Championships for Junior and Young Riders Selection Procedures

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2019 FEI REINING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS for JUNIOR and YOUNG RIDERS
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I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

- 1. Citizenship:** The athlete must be a U.S. citizen and in compliance with FEI General Regulations, 23rd Edition, Article 119 (see www.fei.org) at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the 2019 FEI Reining World Championships for Junior and Young Riders Competition (“the Event”).

- 2. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:**
 - a.** All athletes and horses wishing to compete on the 2019 FEI Reining World Championships for Junior and Young Riders on the Squad (the “Squad”) must earn a FEI Certificate of Capability between January 1, 2019 and TBD (see the FEI Rules for Reining Events [5th Edition, updates effective 1 January 2019] Article 303.2). The rules can be found at https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202019_final_clean_14012019.pdf
 - b. Juniors:** To be eligible to compete as either a member of a team or as in Individual an Athlete must be qualified as a FEI 3* Athlete (see the FEI Rules for Reining Events [5th Edition, updated effective 1 January 2019] Article 304) and achieve a minimum average score of **67** at one CRIJ3* Juniors event (Championships not included) during the qualification period.
 - c. Young Riders:** To be eligible to compete as either a member of a team or as in Individual an Athlete must be qualified as a FEI 3* Athlete (see the FEI Rules for Reining Events [5th Edition, updated effective 1 January 2019] Article 304) and achieve a minimum average score of **67** at one CRIYR3* Young Riders event (Championships not included) during the qualification period.
 - d.** Athletes wishing to compete in the FEI Reining World Championships for Young Riders must have been born on or between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 2003 (see the FEI Rules for Reining Events [5th Edition, updates effective 1 January 2019] Article 302.3). The rules can be found at https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202019_final_clean_14012019.pdf
 - e.** Athletes wishing to compete in the FEI Reining World Championships for Juniors must have been born on or between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2005 (see the FEI Rules for Reining Events [5th Edition, updates effective 1 January 2019] Article 302.2). The rules can be found at https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202019_final_clean_14012019.pdf
 - f.** A horse must be a minimum of seven (7) years of age (the age is counted from January 1 of the year of birth) (see the FEI Rules for Reining Events [5th Edition, updates effective 1 January 2019], Article 314). https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/Reining%20Rules%20-%202019_final_clean_14012019.pdf
 - f.** The athlete and horse must be registered and in good standing with the FEI at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
 - g.** The athlete and horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Event.

- 3. Other Requirements:**
 - a.** The athlete and owner of horse must be a USEF member in good standing at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.

- b. The horse must be recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF GR1103 and in good standing under USEF rules at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
- c. The athlete and owner of horse must be a USA Reining member in good standing at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
- d. The horse must be recorded with USA Reining at the time of application, selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
- e. Application – Athletes wishing to be considered for the Squad must complete and submit an online Application of Intent (**Attachment A**) at www.usef.org by Monday, June 9, 2019.
NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 9, 2019.
- f. Horse Loan Agreement: Owners of horses named to the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry (**See I.C.3 below**) must sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement (**Attachment B**). A horse owner(s)' failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement may result in the removal of the horse and/or athlete from the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry.
- g. The athlete shall certify by electronically signing the USEF Application that he has received, read, and assumes responsibility for meeting all requirements of the Selection Procedures. The athlete and horse owner(s) must certify, by signing the Application (**Attachment A**), that they have received, read, and understand the below documents, and agree to be bound by them:
Selection Procedures for the Squad
USEF Code of Conduct (**Attachment C**)
USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification (**Attachment D**)
USEF Safe Sport Policy (**Attachment E**) and U.S. Center for SafeSport's Code

B. FEI Reining Competition in the U.S.:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all events to be used as part of the selection process:

- Previous NRHA, AQHA, and FEI Reining competitions.

2. Provide a description of how athletes qualify for consideration to the Squad (if any):

- An applicant athlete must compete at one FEI Reining CRIJ3* or CRIY3* during the qualifying period and achieve a minimum average score of 67 to obtain a FEI Certificate of Capability to be eligible to be named to the Squad in their respective division.

A list of FEI Reining competitions in the U.S. during the qualification period can be found on the USEF website <https://www.usef.org/compete/disciplines/reining/2019-us-fei-reining-calendar> . This list is comprised of designated events that take place between January 1, 2019 and June 14, 2019.

- Winter Slide Ardmore, OK February 2, 2019
- Buckeye Reining Series Spring Bash Springfield, OH April 7, 2019
- NRBC Katy, Texas April 18, 2019
- NRBC Katy, Texas April 19, 2019
- Carolina Classic Tryon, NC May 10, 2019
- Carolina Classic Tryon, NC May 11, 2019
- CNYRHA Syracuse, NY June 8, 2019
- Others TBD

Please note that competing in a FEI Reining competition is not a guarantee that an athlete/horse combination will be named to the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry or the Squad for the Event.

C. Provided below is a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become team nominees.

1. **Athlete achieves a minimum average score of 67 at a CRIJ3* and/or CRIYR3*—** See above in Section I.B.2.
2. **Selection of the Squad** – Following the final FEI Reining competition during the qualifying period and no later than (June 14, 2019), the USEF Reining Sport Committee will recommend the Junior and Young Riders to represent the U.S. from qualified applicants based off the following criteria:
 - Results and consistency of scores at NRHA, AQHA and FEI competitions;
 - Perceived ability to contribute to a medal winning team
 - Soundness of the horse; and
 - The behavior of the athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, owners, coaches, grooms and parents) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment.
3. **TBD: Short List/FEI Nominated Entry** – After the final FEI Reining competition in the qualifying period, but no later than the closing date for Nominated Entries (**TBD**), and based upon the procedures set forth herein, the USEF Reining Sport Committee, in consultation with the Chef d’Equipe and Team Veterinarian approved by the International Discipline Council, will recommend a ranked list of up to six (6) Junior athlete/horse combinations and up to six (6) Young Rider athlete/horse combinations and up to the maximum number of horses and athletes (Substitutes) able to be nominated under FEI Rules for the Event for the “Short List/FEI Nominated Entry” subject to approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection group approved by the Board of Directors. Such list will be submitted to the FEI as the Nominated Entry no later than the closing date for FEI Nominated Entries, **TBD**.

Selection of **Substitutes** for the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry - In addition to recommending the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry and based upon the procedures set forth herein, the USEF Reining Sport Committee, in consultation with the Chef d’Equipe and Team Veterinarian, will recommend that the athlete/horse combinations that complete the qualification requirements that are not named to the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry be named as Substitute athlete/horse combinations subject to the approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection group approved by the Board of Directors.

Once the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry for the Event has been announced and prior to the deadline for the submission of the FEI Nominated Entry, Short List/FEI Nominated Entry athlete/horse combinations may be substituted with the substitute athlete/horse combinations for veterinary or medical reasons, or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct, or for failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement, or for failure to comply with USEF Safe Sport, or other exceptional circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the Event, but only with the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee, USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. Any substitutions for medical or veterinary reasons must also be documented by a physician(s) or veterinarian(s) and approved by the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc group approved by the Board of Directors. Please refer to Section III for further details regarding Substitute/Replacement of athletes.

Once athlete/horse combinations have been named to the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry they will come under the control of the Chef d’Equipe through the Event. They shall not compete without the permission of the Chef d’Equipe.

4. **TBD FEI Definite Entries** – After Submission of the FEI Nominated Entries, **TBD**, but by no later than the

closing date for the FEI Definite Entries for the Event, **TBD**, based upon the procedures set forth herein, the USEF Reining Sport Committee, in consultation with the Chef d'Equipe and Team Veterinarian, will recommend a team of four (4) Junior athlete/horse combinations ("the Squad") and a team of four (4) Young Rider athlete/horse combinations ("the Squad") subject to approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection group approved by the Board of Directors. Such list will be submitted to the FEI as the Definite Entry no later than the closing date for FEI Definite Entries, **TBD**.

In addition, the USEF Reining Sport Committee, in consultation with the Chef d'Equipe and Team Veterinarian, may recommend that athletes and horses remaining on the FEI Nominated Entries serve as Replacement athletes and horses for the Squad at the Event. These recommendations will also be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

5. **After acceptance of the Definite Entries and until one hour before the First Horse Inspection** – Substitutions will be done in accordance with FEI Regulations and in accordance with the criteria outlined in section III.B.3.
6. **July 10, 2019; Declaration of Starters** – The declaration of starters will be done in accordance with FEI General Regulations [23rd Edition, Effective 1 January 2019] Article 121.
7. **After the Declaration of Starters** – Replacements will be done in accordance with FEI General Regulations [23rd edition, Effective 1 January 2019] Article 121 and in accordance with the criteria outlined in section III.B.5.

D. Provided below are the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the name(s) and role(s) of their members. The USEF Reining Sport Committee will oversee the selection process, which process shall be reviewed and approved by the USEF International Discipline Council, USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. (See **Attachment I** for list of USEF Committees, their roles, and list of members).

E. Other Considerations:

1. **Equine Drug Testing:** All applicant horses are subject to drug testing both in competition and out of competition.

In-Competition. All horses entered to compete in any FEI or USEF competition are subject to drug testing at any time from when the competition begins until the competition ends or beginning when the horse arrives for the competition until the competition ends, whichever beginning occurs first. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected and tested for substances prohibited or forbidden under the subject competition rules. National competitions may invoke GR 409 whereby samples will be tested for FEI prohibited substances, including metabolites and markers.

Positive Finding. At any time during the selection period that the presence of a prohibited or forbidden substance, or a metabolite or marker, is detected in the sample collected in-competition, the results, including the level detected for controlled medications, will be reported to the USEF Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel, who will notify the Director of Sport Programs or the Discipline Director for the dissemination of information as appropriate. In such instance, the positive finding may result in the elimination of the horse and/or athlete from the Selection Process. Before elimination occurs, the owner and athlete will be afforded a hearing by a panel ("Selection Hearing Panel") comprised at least one member of the applicable discipline High Performance Committee along with at least two members of

the Hearing Committee, one of which must be an Eligible Athlete. The Chairman of the USEF Veterinarian Committee, or his designee, may serve Ex Officio and a member of the Veterinarian Panel selected for the event may serve Ex Officio.

Out-of-Competition. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected out-of-competition at any time throughout the selection period, which is defined as commencing on January 1, 2019, following notification to the applicant at least 24 hours prior to collection of samples. Samples collected from horses out-of-competition will be tested for the presence of substances prohibited by the FEI, including metabolites and markers. Failure to make the horse available for collection of samples may result in the elimination of the horse and/or athlete from the Selection Process. Before elimination occurs, the owner and athlete will be afforded a hearing by the Selection Hearing Panel.

Positive Finding. At any time during the selection period that the presence of a prohibited or forbidden substance, or a metabolite or marker, in the sample, the results, including the level detected for controlled medications, will be reported to the USEF Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel, who will notify the Director of Sport Programs or Discipline Director for dissemination of information as appropriate. In such instance, the positive finding may result in the elimination of the horse and/or athlete from the Selection Process unless the Veterinary Panel appointed for the selection of the Event certifies that the substance detected has been approved or is legitimate and appropriate under the circumstances. Before elimination occurs, the owner and athlete will be afforded a hearing by the Selection Hearing Panel.

This provision does not abrogate the enforcement of applicable equine anti-doping rules at Federation licensed competitions, including competitions where GR 409 is invoked whereby samples will be tested for FEI prohibited substances, including metabolites and markers.

Also see the section on Veterinarian Treatment, a violation of which may result in elimination under this provision. Before elimination occurs in either instance, the owner and athlete will be afforded a hearing by the Selection Hearing Panel.

USEF GR409.2 Equine Drugs and Medications, Prohibited Substance Provisions

No horse and/or pony competing in a Breed or Discipline designated as (or part of) a No Prohibited Substance Group is to be shown in any class at a competition licensed by the Federation if it has been administered in any manner or otherwise contained in its tissues, body fluids or excreta a prohibited substance as defined in the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations, which can be found at www.fei.org.

2. **Soundness** - Horses that are candidates for selection for the Event may be examined at any time during the selection process (which is defined as commencing on the application deadline, June 9, 2019) for soundness by the Team Veterinarian approved by the USEF International Discipline Council. Horses found to be unsound by the Team Veterinarian may result in the elimination of the athlete/horse combination from the selection process, but only with the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee and the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
3. **Team Veterinarian Request** – Applicants, **at their own expense**, shall make available, upon the request of the Team Veterinarian, the veterinary records of horses being considered for selection. In addition, applicants, **at their own expense**, shall be responsible for supplying any follow-up diagnostic

information requested by the Team Veterinarian for horses being considered for selection. Applicants, **at their own expense**, shall complete any treatment prescribed by the Team Veterinarian, after consultation with the horse's treating veterinarian if such a consultation is requested by the athlete, for horses being considered for selection. Failure to comply with any reasonable request of the Team Veterinarian may result in the removal of the horse and/or athlete from the selection process upon the recommendation of the Team Veterinarian and with the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee, the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection group approved by the Board of Directors.

4. **Veterinary Treatment** - Once the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry/Squad is announced, by no later **TBD** and prior to the departure of the horses for the FEI Reining World Championships for Junior and Young Riders venue for the purpose of competing in the Event, athletes on the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry/Squad will be required to obtain written permission from the Team Veterinarian prior to Short Listed horses being treated by any person other than the Team Veterinarian. This permission must be obtained by using an official USEF Reining Veterinary Treatment Request Form (**Attachment J**).

Failure to adhere to this policy and/or the directives of the Team Veterinarian as outlined on the USEF Reining Veterinary Treatment Request Form may result in the removal of the athlete/horse combination from the selection process upon the recommendation of the Team Veterinarian and with the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee, USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

5. **Medical Request** - In the event of illness or injury, applicants may be required to submit to a medical examination by a physician(s) approved by the USEF International Disciplines Council any time during the selection process for the purposes of determining the applicant's ability to compete at the Event. Failure to submit to such examination may result in the removal of the applicant from the selection process upon the recommendation of the USEF approved physician(s) and with the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee and the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. Following the examination, should the USEF approved physician(s) find the applicant to be unfit to compete, the applicant will be removed from the selection process with the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee, USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

II. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

A. An athlete may be removed from the Short List/ FEI nominated Entries for any of the following reasons, as determined by the USEF and in accordance with the procedures:

- Voluntary withdrawal. An athlete must submit a written letter to the USEF CEO.
- Injury or illness as certified by a USEF approved physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a USEF approved physician (or medical staff), their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
- Violation of the USEF's Code of Conduct (**Attachment C**).
- Failure of an owner to sign the Horse Loan Agreement (**Attachment B**).
- Injury or illness of the horse as determined by the Team Veterinarian and/or Veterinary Panel. If an athlete and/or horse owner refuses to have the horse examined by the Team Veterinarian and /or Veterinary Panel, the injury or illness will be assumed to be disabling and the horse may be removed.
- Exceptional circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the Event, but only with the approval of the Chef d'Equipe and with the unanimous approval USEF Reining Sport Committee.
- Detection of a prohibited substance in the horse.

- Failure to adhere to all WADA, FEI, USEF and USADA anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures including participation in out-of-competition testing as required by the WADA, FEI, USADA Rules.
- Failure to comply with a request of the Team Veterinarian or with the USEF Reining Veterinary Treatment Request Form protocols.
- Failure to submit a written request not to attend the mandatory training session prior to the start of the mandatory training session, if possible, but no later than the conclusion of the mandatory training session to the USEF Reining Sport Committee.
- Failure to adhere to the agreed upon plans and/or directives of the Chef d'Equipe.
- Failure to comply with the USEF Safe Sport Policy ([Attachment E](#)).

In these procedures the removal of an athlete is closely related to the process by which they will be substituted. Therefore, the reasons for which an athlete may be removed are thoroughly addressed in Section III. SUBSTITUTION OF ATHLETE/HORSE COMBINATIONS. An athlete removed from the Short List/Nominating Entry or Squad pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per USEF's Bylaws, Bylaw 703 and USEF General Rules, Chapter 6, GR 605 or USOC Bylaws, Section 9.

B. An athlete may be removed from the FEI Definite Entries, Squad and/or Team at any time for the following reasons, as determined by the USEF in accordance with these procedures:

- Voluntary withdrawal. An athlete must submit a written letter to the USEF CEO.
- Violation of WADA, FEI, USEF, USADA anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.
- Injury or illness as certified by a USEF approved physician (or medical staff)
- Injury or illness of the horse as determined by the Veterinary Panel and/or Team Veterinarian.
- Violation of the USEF Code of Conduct ([Attachment C](#)).
- Failure to comply with the USEF Safe Sport Policy ([Attachment E](#)).

C. An athlete may be removed from the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry, FEI Definite Entries, Squad, or Team at any time for violation of WADA, FEI, USEF, USADA anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures.

III. SUBSTITUTION/REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES/HORSE COMBINATIONS

A. Following is the process by which the substitution/replacement pool of athlete/horse combinations will be identified: One or more substitute athlete/horse combinations will be named to the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry.

B. Substitution/Replacement athletes and horses will be selected, should a vacancy occur, according to the following method:

1. **Prior to acceptance of the FEI Nominated Entries:** Once the Short List/FEI Nominated Entry for the Event has been announced and prior to the submission of the Nominated Entries (**TBD**) Short List/FEI Nominated Entry athlete/horse combinations may be substituted with the substitute athlete/horse combinations as outlined in Section I.C.3 for veterinary or medical reasons, or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct, or for failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement, or for Failure to comply with USEF Safe Sport or other exceptional circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the Event, but only with the approval of the Chef d'Equipe and with the majority vote of the USEF Reining Sport Committee and the approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. Any substitutions for medical or veterinary reasons must also be documented by a physician(s) or veterinarian(s) respectively approved by the International

Disciplines Council.

- 2. Prior to acceptance of the FEI Definite Entries:** Once the Squad and substitutes for the Event have been announced and prior to the closing date for FEI Definite Entries, Squad members may only be substituted with substitute athlete/horse combinations as outlined in Section I.C.3 for veterinary or medical reasons, or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct, or for failure to sign the USEF Horse Loan Agreement, or for failure to comply with the USEF Safe Sport Policy or other exceptional circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the event, upon the recommendation of the Chef d'Equipe and with the majority vote of the USEF Reining Sport Committee and approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors. Any substitutions for medical or veterinary reasons must also be documented by a physician(s) or veterinarian(s) respectively approved by the International Disciplines Council.
- 3. After acceptance of the FEI Definite Entries and until one (1) hour before the First Horse Inspection:** After acceptance of the FEI Definite Entries and until one (1) hour before the First Horse Inspection, the USEF has the ability to recommend to the FEI to replace athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section II. B. During this time period, Squad members may only be replaced as outlined in Section I.C.3. Replacements may only be made by the FEI in accordance with the FEI rules for Reining Events, [5th Edition, updates effective 1 January 2019] Article 310, for veterinary or medical reasons, or for breach of the USEF Code of Conduct, upon the recommendation of the Chef d'Equipe, and subject to the approval of the USEF Reining Sport Committee members physically present at the competition site and the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
- 4. Declaration of Starters:** Once at the Event venue, and after the first horse inspection, the Chef d'Equipe will declare the Team of four (4) athlete/horse combinations that will compete in the Junior and Young Rider divisions respectively. The Team declared will be the same as those originally announced except that substitutions may be made in accordance with the following criteria. Any substitutions must be approved by the Chef d'Equipe and with the majority vote of the combined membership of the USEF Reining Sport Committee physically present at the competition site. All substitutions must also have the approval, by majority vote, of the designated members of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors physically present at the competition site. Any substitutions for veterinary reasons must also be approved by a majority of the members of the Team Veterinarian physically present at the competition site. Any substitutions for medical reasons must also be documented by a physician(s) approved by the International Disciplines Council.
- 5. After the Declaration of Starters and up to two (2) hours before the First Competition:** After the first horse inspection and up to two (2) hours before the scheduled starting time of the first competition, the USEF has the ability to recommend to the FEI to replace athlete/horse combinations on the FEI Definite Entries for reasons set forth in Section II. B. During this time Team members may only be replaced with an Individual Combination as described in III.B.4. Replacements may only be made by the FEI in accordance with FEI General Regulations 23rd Edition, Article 121, for veterinary or medical reasons, upon the recommendation of the Chef d'Equipe, and subject to the approval USEF Reining Sport Committee and the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors physically present at the venue.

Any replacement for veterinary reasons must also have the approval of the Team Veterinarian approved by the USEF International Disciplines Council.

Any replacement for medical reasons must be documented by a physician(s) approved by the USEF International Disciplines Council.

C. Group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete substitution/replacement determinations:

1. **Group or committee who determine the substitution/replacement pool:** USEF Reining Chef d'Equipe, USEF Reining Team Veterinarian, USEF Reining Sport Committee, and the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors (**Attachment I**).
2. **Group or committee who determine a substitution/replacement to the Short List/ Nominated Entries, Team and/ or individuals:**
 - a. **Prior to acceptance of nominations by the FEI:** USEF Reining Team Veterinarian, USEF Reining Sport Committee, and the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors (**Attachment I**).
 - b. **After acceptance of nominations by the FEI:** USEF Show Reining Team Veterinarian, USEF Reining Sport Committee and the Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors (**Attachment I**).
 - c. **After arrival at the Competition Venue:** Members of the groups and committees listed in I.D. above who are physically present at the Venue. See I.D. above.
 - d. **After the First Horse Inspection:** See I.D. above.

IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS – USEF will retain all approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including evaluation forms and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremonies of the Event.

V. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS – The following documents are required to be properly executed by applicants and horse owners as a condition of nomination for the Event and are included as attachments:

- Application (Attachment A)
- Horse Loan Agreement (Attachment B)
- USEF Code of Conduct (Attachment C)
- USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification (Attachment D)
- The USEF Safe Sport Policy (Attachment E)

Applicants and horse owners will be required to certify that they have received and read a copy of the USEF Code of Conduct and that they understand the document.

In addition, all persons participating in any decision made pursuant to the Selection Procedures including but not limited to the Team Veterinarian, members of the Veterinary Panel, Physicians, members of the USEF Reining Sport Committee, USEF International Discipline Council, USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors will be required to abide by the USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies (Attachment K).

Reference is made to the attached USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies for a full and accurate statement of the requirements of that policy. In particular, however, no individual may participate in a particular phase of the selection process if, after full disclosure, the individual is found by the applicable committee to have a disqualifying conflict of interest in the particular phase of the selection process in question per the attached USEF Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policies.

VI. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS – Applicants will be required to read the USEF Athlete Agreement (**Attachment L**)

and are requested to sign this document.

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES – The USEF approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USEF in the following locations and will include the USEF approval date when known:

- USEF website - www.usef.org - These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than 5 business days following approval by the USEF.
- Other: the Selection Procedures and Application Packet will also be available on the USEF's website www.usef.org and by mail upon request.

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION – The FEI Nominated Entries will be submitted to the FEI no later **TBD**.

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION - Notice of location, schedule and duration of mandatory outing(s) and/or mandatory training will be posted on the USEF website (www.usef.org) no later than 15 days prior to any mandatory outing(s) and/or mandatory training.

A Short Listed athlete/horse combination that is not able to attend the mandatory training sessions because of veterinary, medical, or family emergencies or for logistical reasons may request special consideration for selection by submitting a written request prior to the mandatory training sessions to the USEF Reining Sport Committee who will approve or disapprove the request based on the circumstances, facts, and, in the case of illness or injury to horse or athlete, documentation by a member of the Veterinary Panel or physician(s) approved by the International Disciplines Council.

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS – The athlete agrees to submit to drug testing by the FEI, WADA, and/or USADA or their designees at any time and understands that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules subject him to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension. If it is determined that an athlete may have committed a doping violation, he agrees to submit to the results management authority and processes of the applicable organization, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of the FEI or WADA, if applicable.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES – The following committees/groups were responsible for creating these Selection Procedures: USEF Reining Sport Committee, USEF International Discipline Council, and the USEF Board of Directors. See Attachment I for list of USEF committees, their roles, and list of members.

XII. USEF BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES – The USEF Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found on the USEF's website www.usef.org.

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER – These procedures are based on FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FEI rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USEF. However, the selection procedures are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised.

XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN – Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USEF may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman office:

- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Toll-free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)

- www.athleteombudsman.org

XV. FUNDING DISCLAIMER - Selection to the Team does not guarantee that funds will be available to send a team. If the Federation funds the shipping of the horses to the Event and a horse is sold during the selection process, including but not without limitation, prior to and/or at the Event and does not return to the U.S., the owner of the horse will be required to reimburse the Federation for the cost of shipping.

XVI. DISCLAIMER – Please see **Attachment D** – USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification.

XVII. NGB SIGNATURES: I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding these Selection Procedures represents the method approved by the United States Equestrian Federation.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
USEF Ad Hoc BOD			
USEF Reining Sport Committee Chairman	Mandy McCutcheon		2/25/19

Any questions regarding these Selection Procedures should be addressed to Bryn Wells, USEF Director, Reining High Performance Programs, United States Equestrian Federation, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511, Phone (859) 225-6948, Email: bwells@usef.org.

Approved by the USEF Reining Sport Committee on: 2/25/19

Approved by the USEF International Disciplines Council:

DEFINITIONS

SUBSTITUTE –Substituting an athlete/horse combination prior to the submittal of the FEI Definite Entries.

REPLACEMENT – Replacing an athlete/horse combination after the FEI Definite Entries have been submitted.



2019 FEI REINING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR JUNIOR AND YOUNG RIDERS
REINING APPLICATION
(Attachment A)

RIDER

Name/USEF #:
FEI Number:
Date of Birth:
Division (circle one):
Address:
Home Phone:
Cell Phone:
Email Address:
Is email a reliable way to reach you?

HORSE (A separate application must be received for each horse/rider combination)

Horse Name:
USEF #:
FEI Number:
Horse Owner (1):
Horse Owner USEF #:
Horse Owner (2):
Horse Owner USEF #:
Horse Blanket Size:
Groom Name:

BINDING AGREEMENT (The rider and one owner per horse are required to sign the following Binding Agreement. Use additional forms if needed)

I have read and understand the Selection Procedures along with all of the attached documents. These include the Application; USEF Code of Conduct; USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification; and Horse Loan Agreement. I have completed these documents where required. By providing my handwritten or electronic signature below, I acknowledge the aforementioned and agree to be bound by the Selection Procedures, governing rules and jurisdiction stated in these documents, and I fully understand and accept my responsibilities as a participant in the 2019 FEI Reining World Championships for Junior and Young Riders. I further understand and agree that an electric signature is a legal and binding signature. In addition, I AGREE that if notified by the USEF or the FEI about ANY positive finding under the applicable drug and medications rule, I must notify Bryn Wells, USEF Director of Reining, immediately upon notification.

Rider Signature
Parent or Guardian Signature (if rider is not over 18)
Owner (1) Signature
Owner (2) Signature
Email Address

Return to USEF Attn: Bryn Wells, 4047 Iron World Pkwy, Lexington, KY 40511 Fax: 859 231 6662 Email: pbwells@usef.org
APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN THE USEF OFFICE BY NOON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2019.



**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.
HORSE LOAN AGREEMENT
(Attachment B)**

This agreement sets forth our mutual understandings regarding the loan of the horse(s) _____ to the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) for the 2019 FEI Reining Reining Championships for Juniors and Young Riders ("the Event"). **The loan period shall commence on the Nominated Entry date, June 11, 2019, established by the Organizing Committee for the purpose of competing in the Event until the conclusion of the Event.**

It is understood that the horse owner(s) must certify, by signing the USEF application for the above competition, that they have received and read the Selection Procedures for the above competition, and the USEF Code of Conduct; that they understand these documents; and that they agree to be bound by them.

It is further understood that as required in the FEI General and Veterinary Regulations, the USEF's duly appointed Chef d'Equipe has final responsibility for general management, schooling, declaration and scratching of entries, and the observance of veterinary administration for all Team horses.

The USEF and the horse owner(s) understand that under all normal circumstances the horse(s) will be ridden/driven exclusively by _____. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Chef d'Equipe reserves the right to change the rider/driver/vaulter, if, in his/her opinion, the best interests of the USEF will be served by doing so, providing the change is not in conflict with FEI rules. Before making the change, the Chef d'Equipe will notify both the rider/driver/vaulter and owner(s) of the horse, or the owner(s)' representative.

The USEF does not carry insurance on any horses placed in its custody and cannot be responsible for any accident, lameness, illness, or injury that could happen during stabling, training, transportation or competition. You may, of course, maintain your own insurance coverage.

By signing this agreement the horse owner(s) give their full permission to the USEF and its agents to administer medication to their horse(s) in the interest of the horse(s) welfare and well being during the loan period.

All financial and logistical information for the above competition will be outlined in the Rider/Driver/Vaulter Memorandum which will be circulated to riders/drivers/vaulters and the horse owners prior to the above competition. The USEF assumes no responsibility for salaries or other benefits.

By signing this agreement the horse owner(s) certifies that they have read, understand and agree to the attached prize money policy for the above competition, if applicable.

If the opportunity arises for you to sell your horse(s) during the loan period, you agree that the transfer of ownership will not take place until after the expiration of the loan period, unless both the USEF and the new owner(s) consent in writing to the transfer of ownership during the subject to this loan agreement. Furthermore, horse(s) will not be shown for sale during the competition that is the subject of this loan agreement.

Date

Signature of Owner(s)

Name of Owner(s)

Mailing Address

Horse Owner Social Security or Tax I.D. #



UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.
CODE OF CONDUCT
(Attachment C)

As a United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) competitor and/or horse owner, I acknowledge my obligation to uphold and adhere to the highest standards of horsemanship, sportsmanship, and citizenship whenever I am representing my country either in the United States or abroad, whether as a team member, individual competitor, or horse owner, and whether during actual competition or not.

As a horseman, I will place my horse’s welfare above all other considerations and faithfully observe both the USEF and the FEI Codes of Conduct.

As a sportsman, I will know and comply with all pertinent rules of USEF as my National Governing Body (NGB), the FEI as the International Governing Body, and, when applicable, the U.S. and International Olympic Committees, and honor the principles of fair play inherent in them. I will place the interests of the team above my own, and respect the decisions of its duly appointed/elected officials, made in the team’s best interest.

As a citizen, I will respect the laws of my own country as well as those of foreign countries in which I or my horse(s) may compete. Knowing that as a USEF competitor and/or horse owner I also serve as an Ambassador for my sport, USEF, and my country. I will endeavor at all times to reflect credit on them through my conduct, dress, and behavior.

I clearly acknowledge my responsibility to ensure that my employees who accompany me whenever I am competing and/or representing my country also abide by this Code of Conduct.

I understand and accept that serious or repeated transgressions of these Codes may be grounds for suspension from a squad or team, or other appropriate disciplinary action. In addition, I agree to abide by selection procedures established by USEF wherever applicable.

Finally, I fully understand that entries will not be made until this application form is signed and completed in full and that this application indicates my intent to compete. Failure to participate may result in disciplinary action on USEF by the FEI (FEI Statutes 002.1, GR121.12, 165). I agree to reimburse all fines imposed by the FEI on USEF for failure to participate in the competitions entered and agree to honor all other penalties including possible and further disciplinary action.

I have read and understand the USEF Code of Conduct. By providing my handwritten or electronic signature below, I acknowledge the aforementioned and agree to be bound by the USEF Code of Conduct and I fully understand and accept my responsibilities as a participant in the 2019 FEI Reining World Championships for Junior and Young Riders. I further understand and agree that an electronic signature is a legal and binding signature.

Rider/Driver Electronic Signature – Type Rider Name
If under 18 Parent/Guardian Electronic Signature

Rider Email Address

Owner 1 Electronic Signature – Type Owner 1 Name

Owner 1 Email Address

Owner 2 Electronic Signature – Type Owner 2 Name

Owner 2 Email Address



**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.
RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND INDEMNIFICATION
(Attachment D)**

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I AGREE, in consideration for my participation as a competitor, and therefore a representative of the United States and the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (the National Federation), to the following:

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily with my horse, as a rider, driver, handler, vaulter, longeur, lessee, owner, agent, or as parent or guardian of an exhibitor under 18 years of age. I am fully aware and acknowledge that horse sports involve inherent dangerous risks of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury including broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, or death (“Harm”).

I AGREE to release the Federation from all claims for money damages or otherwise for any Harm to me or my horse and for any Harm caused by me or my horse to others, even if the Harm resulted, directly or indirectly, from the negligence of the Federation.

I AGREE to expressly assume all risks of Harm to me, or my horse, including Harm resulting from the negligence of the Federation.

I AGREE to indemnify (that is, to pay any losses, damages, or costs incurred by) the Federation and to hold it harmless with respect to claims for Harm to me, or my horse, and for claims made by others for any Harm caused by me, or my horse at the Competition.

I AGREE that “the Federation” as used above includes all of its officials, officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers and affiliated organizations.

I FURTHER AGREE THAT ALL DECISIONS REFERENCED IN THE SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR THE 2019 FEI REINING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR JUNIORS AND YOUNG RIDERS SQUAD SHALL BE FINAL AS MADE BY THE REFERENCED INDIVIDUALS. BY SIGNING THE APPLICATION FOR THE 2019 FEI REINING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR JUNIORS AND YOUNG RIDERS SQUAD, APPLICANTS, AND OWNERS, AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL DECISIONS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SELECTION PROCEDURE BY THE CHEF D'EQUIPE, SELECTORS, VETERINARY PANEL, PHYSICIANS, THE USEF REINING HIGH PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE, THE USEF INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINES COUNCIL, THE USEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS THEREOF, AND AGREE TO HOLD THEM HARMLESS IN THIS REGARD. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL LIMIT AN APPLICANT’S RIGHTS UNDER THE TED STEVENS OLYMPIC AND AMATEUR SPORTS ACT.

I represent that I have the requisite training, coaching and abilities to safely compete in this competition. BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE to be bound by all of the above terms, by all applicable Federation Bylaws and General Rules and FEI rules.

I have read and understand the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification. By providing my handwritten or electronic signature below, I acknowledge the aforementioned and agree to be bound by the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification and I fully understand and accept my responsibilities as a participant in the 2019 FEI Reining World Championships for Juniors and Young Riders. I further understand and agree that an electronic signature is a legal and binding signature.

Rider/Driver Electronic Signature – Type Rider Name
If under 18 Parent/Guardian Electronic Signature

Rider Email Address

Owner 1 Electronic Signature – Type Owner 1 Name

Owner 1 Email Address

Owner 2 Electronic Signature – Type Owner 2 Name

Owner 2 Email Address



UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION, INC.
(Attachment F)

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**USEF Reining Veterinary Treatment Request Form
(Request for Drug Administration)
Attachment G**

AUTHORIZATION FROM THE TEAM VETERINARIAN MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE TREATMENT IS GIVEN.

DATE: _____

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: _____

HORSE: _____

TREATMENT REQUESTED: _____

RATIONALE FOR TREATMENT (Reason for request): _____

TREATING VETERINARIAN: _____ DATE: _____

TEAM VET: _____ DATE: _____

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: This document accurately describes therapy given to my horse on _____ (date) at _____ (time of day).

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY HORSE MAY BE DRUG TESTED BY THE USEF AT ANY TIME DURING THE TRAINING SESSION AND /OR VETERINARY EVALUATIONS.

SIGNATURE AND DATE

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT FOR YOUR RECORDS AND PERSONALLY GIVE THE ORIGINAL TO MS. BRYN WELLS OR MAIL WITHIN 24 HOURS TO BRYN WELLS AT THE USEF, 4047 IRONWORKS PARKWAY LEXINGTON, KY 40511.

