



TO: Potential FEI Junior World Vaulting Championship Applicants
FROM: Laureen Johnson, Director of Vaulting
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RE: Athlete Selection Methods, Eligibility Requirements and FEI Certificates of Capability for the 2021 FEI World Vaulting Championships for Juniors.

Please see details below for the anticipated athlete selection methods for the 2021 FEI World Vaulting Championship for Juniors to be held in Le Mans, France, July/August, 2021. Date to be confirmed.

If you have any questions regarding the following information, or the development of the Athlete Selection Criteria for the 2021 FEI Vaulting World Championships for Juniors, please do not hesitate to contact me at [\(859\) 225-7693](tel:8592257693) or lkjohnson@usef.org.

This preliminary information is being provided to assist you with your competition planning. Please remember that this information is based on the recommendations of the USEF Vaulting Sport Committee and requires approval by the USEF International Disciplines Council and USEF Board of Directors, or an Ad Hoc Committee approved by the USEF Board of Directors, and is therefore subject to change.

Application Deadline:

US vaulters interested in being selected for the 2021 FEI World Vaulting Championships for Juniors must complete an application by January 15, 2021. Application information, fees and instructions will be posted at <https://www.usef.org/compete/disciplines/vaulting> on or before December 15, 2020.

Applications are due no later than January 15, 2021.

Selection Method:

Subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors, it is anticipated that the following method for selection will be approved as the athlete selection criteria for the 2021 FEI World Vaulting Championship for Juniors. It is intended that this will be posted no later than September 2020 at <https://www.usef.org/compete/disciplines/vaulting>.

- 1. Qualification Period – January 1, 2020 – approximately April 15, 2021. Dates to be confirmed by December 31, 2020.**

Vaulters wishing to be considered for selection for the 2021 Junior World Vaulting Championships must earn a minimum of three (3) Qualifying Scores during the Qualifying Period, which is anticipated to run from January 1, 2020 to April 15, 2021.

Scores may be obtained at any of the following competitions that conclude prior to the end of the Qualifying Period (in the applicable Junior event - Individuals, Pas De Deux, or Squad):

- Any USEF recognized Vaulting competition – Junior Event
- Any CVIJ 2*
- Any Pathways event judged by 4* judges following FEI Judging Guidelines

Vaulters who complete an application by January 15, 2021 will be asked to submit their three (3) qualification scores to the USEF in early April 2021 through an online form. In addition, vaulters must submit a narrative application detailing their prior experiences and preparation.

The scores and experience will be reviewed by a panel of five Selectors 

2. **Short List - Published approximately April 21, 2021. Date to be confirmed by December 31, 2020.**

By April 21, 2021, the Selectors, in consultation with the USEF Vaulting Director of Performance, will review the vaulters scores and experience and create a “Short List”. The Short List will include up to:

- 4 Squads
- 6 Pas de Deux
- 8 individual Women
- 8 individual Men

3. **Mandatory Observation Events**

Vaulters on the Short List will be required to participate in two mandatory Observation Events, TBD. These events will be held **concurrently** with USEF or domestic FEI competitions. (This means that Observation will be done during regularly scheduled competitions. Athletes will enter these competitions and compete as they would at a regular USEF competition or domestic CVI.) The dates and location of the Observation Events will be published on www.usef.org no later than January 31, 2021.

4. **Selection - Date TBD (minimum 7 days before Nominated Entries)**

After TBD 2021 the Selectors, in consultation with the USEF Vaulting Director of Performance and Chef D’Equipe, will make a recommendation for which vaulters from the Short List will be named to the Nominated entry for the US at the 2021 World Championships.

It is anticipated that the Selectors will base their evaluations on the following criteria (to be confirmed in the Procedures):

- Scores earned during the Qualifying and Selection Period
 - Additional consideration to consistency of scores and trend in scores
- Previous international experience of vaulter and/or horse
 - Additional consideration to recent, major competitions in Europe
- Previous experience of vaulter on horse to be used at the Championships
- Fitness of horse and vaulter

- “State of Preparedness” of vaulter and/or horse
- Behavior of athlete, lunger and people associated with the athlete (including, but not limited to, owners, coaches and grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment.

Age Eligibility and Certificate of Capability:

Please be advised that in order to qualify for the 2021 FEI Vaulting World Championships, Individual and Pas de Deux athletes must meet the USEF requirements, as well as the FEI age requirements for Junior competition and must earn an FEI Certificate of Capability. Eligibility requirements for each FEI Championship shall be published on the FEI website at

<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/vaulting/rules>

