

# **NEWS**



The US Equestrian Endurance newsletter will include regular updates from the Endurance Sport Committee and the USEF Endurance programs. Visit the USEF Endurance website <a href="here">here</a>.

## **Upcoming 2025 Events**

November 7-8, 2025

**Broxton Bridge: Fall Rides** 

Ehrhardt, S.C.

November 28-30, 2025

**LTH Turkey Chaser FEI** 

Mojave, Calif.

December 28-29, 2025

**Goethe Gallivant** 

Dunnellon, Fla.

## **Endurance Championship News**



The USA Endurance Team returned from the 2025 FEI Endurance World Championship for Juniors/Young Riders with its first team completion in 4 years! The team completed 7th and was only one of two teams to complete with more than three combinations left on the team. Congratulations to the whole team!

#### Results

Keep updated on the 2026 FEI Endurance Championships via the links below and on the <u>USA Endruance Facebook page</u>.

#### **2026 FEI Endurance World Championship**

Updated Championship date: November 28, 2026
Applications of Intent are due by December 1, 2025 and can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

Applications are open for the 2026 Chef d'Equipe Position. Please see <u>here</u> for the application.

Applications are due by December 1, 2025 to the <u>Director of Endurance</u>

The 2027 FEI Championship Selection Procedure Memos have been posted. Please provide any feedback to the Director of Endurance, <u>Nicole Zerbee</u>.

- <u>2027 FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders and Juniors Selection</u> <u>Procedure Memo</u>

-Date: TBA

-Location: TBA

- 2027 FEI Pan American Endurance Championship Selection Procedure Memo

-Date: October 22, 2027

-Location: Punta del Este, Uruguay

#### 2025 Year End Award Winners

Interested in participating in the 2025 USEF Endurance Year-End Awards? <u>Click here for more information and for the current ranking lists</u>.

### **FEI Updates**

#### FEI has launched the Beat the Heat campaign

The FEI has launched a Beat the Heat campaign to help the National Federations, FEI Officials and Event Organizers as well as the wider equestrian community protect horse and athlete welfare when organizing, competing and officiating at FEI Events in hot and humid conditions.

- -Beat the Heat Guide
- -Beat the Heat Animated Video Series

#### **FEI Noseband Tightness Rules and Measuring Device**

As of May 1, 2025, the new FEI Noseband Tightness Rules and Measuring Device will be in effect. For more information:

-General and Discipline Specific Protocols for Assessing the Tightness of Nosebands

-Noseband Tightness Control - FEI Measuring Device

## **USEF Updates**

#### **SafeSport Training for Parents and Junior Competitors**

Every athlete deserves to be safe and supported. US Equestrian is committed to ensuring that every athlete gets the opportunity to enjoy equestrian sports free from abuse.

US Equestrian encourages all parents/guardians and our minor athletes to take the free training courses that are offered by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. These courses are tailored for each group. The Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sport is a 30-minute training video that educates parents on recognizing, responding to, and preventing abuse and misconduct in your child's sport setting. You will come away equipped with information and tactics to minimize risks of harm, You will also learn what helps create a safe sport environment for your children and what resources are available for reporting.

In addition to the training module for parents/guardians, we encourage viewing The Center's webpage for Parents and Guardians. This webpage includes important topics and resources, including the Parent and Guardian's Handbook for Safer Sport. This handbook provides information and resources to help parents understand the different types of abuse and misconduct, as well as provides tools and tips for talking to their child about sexual and emotional abuse.

The U.S. Center for SafeSport also provides training modules for minor athletes.

See **here** for more information.

#### Discounted Lifetime Recording for a foal born in 2025

Do you have a foal that was born in 2025? If so, please consider recording it now with USEF for a discounted rate of \$35 for a lifetime recording. To qualify for the foal discount one of the following documents must be provided: Signed statement from the veterinarian, breed registration papers, certificate of pedigree, or a passport issued by a breed or sport horse registry approved by the Federation.

Click <u>here</u> to obtain a Lifetime Recording.

US Equestrian Offers Resources for Mental Health and Reporting Misconduct US Equestrian is committed to the safety and wellness of our participants – horse and human. Part of this commitment is having resources in place to support mental wellness for a wide variety of issues, in addition to abuse prevention and reporting. We want to take this opportunity to remind you of the resources you can access.

#### **Mental Health Resources**

As part of our commitment to members and to their wellbeing, US Equestrian has partnered with the McLaughlin Young Group to offer members free confidential counseling services for mental health first aid.

US Equestrian members can access professional counseling services for personal, work-related, and family concerns for up to three visits or sessions through a third-party licensed provider.

All providers are state licensed with a graduate degree and five years of post-graduate clinical experience. These experienced professional clinicians are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year.

Members can reach a counselor by calling 1-800-633-3353.

See <u>here</u> for more information.

## US Equestrian Publishes Welfare Guidelines to Support Horses' Physical and Mental Well-Being

When US Equestrian implemented the expanded Unethical Treatment of Horses rule (GR838) last year, it empowered the organization and its licensed officials to take action in cases of unethical treatment of horses, on show grounds and off. We quickly realized we needed to provide more examples and context for horse welfare best practices in training and competition. Earlier this fall, we released a <u>series of</u>

Horse Welfare Guidelines that we hope will serve as a basis for improved physical and mental well-being of the equine partners we all love and respect.

See <u>here</u> for more information.

## US Equestrian to Expand Member Health and Wellness Availability for Members

US Equestrian is pleased to announce the addition of several new health and wellness plans now available for members, families and businesses to include options such as:

- 5 CIGNA PPO Comprehensive Major Medical Plans
- ACA Marketplace Support
- \$0 deductible Co-Op Health Plans
- Health Share and Virtual Care/Rx
- Medicare and Medicare Supplements
- Supplemental and Ancillary Benefits Such as: Dental/Vison, Accidental Injury, Critical Illness, and More

See <u>here</u> for more information.

#### **Upcoming USEF Member Fee Changes**

See <u>here</u> for an article explaining the upcoming USEF Member Fee Changes.

#### **FEI Novice Qualifications Reminder**

For an athlete and horse seeking to compete at their first FEI CEI1\*, you are highly encouraged to submit your FEI Novice Qualification information to Nicole Zerbee, Director of Endurance, prior to submitting your entry. For questions regarding the FEI Novice Qualification process, please contact Nicole Zerbee.

Click here for a FEI Endurance Novice Qualification Quick Guide.

## **Special Request**

We are looking to increase our <u>USA Endurance Facebook page</u> with more content on FEI Rides. To do so, we are asking that anyone interested please send in pictures you or your crew/family/friends take while at a FEI Endurance event. This can be from U.S.-based or international rides. We are hoping to put up a gallery of each U.S. ride and hopefully some of the international rides.

Our hope is we can highlight the excitement of endurance, the camaraderie of an event's environment, and the opportunities it lends to ride all around the world. Most cell phone pictures will work since standard smart phones have good cameras included, but if anyone has pictures from photographers you have the rights to and would like to share, please send those along too. All we need is a written allowance to use the picture from whoever took the photo and photo credit information.

To make this work, we need your help! Send in scenery, send in friendship, send in teamwork, send in celebration, send in the joy of Endurance and we will utilize the

USA Endurance platform to share the love of this sport with the world.

If you are interested in sending in pictures, please contact the Director of Endurance.

#### **Did You Know?**

USEF has numerous quick guides and resources to aid members, exhibitors, competition managers, licensed officials, and more. Every newsletter will feature one resource.

This month's feature: Why Become an FEI Endurance Official FAQ

- Description: This FAQ explores common questions for individuals who may be interested in becoming a FEI Endurance Official.
- Location: The guide is located on the <u>Endurance</u> page of the USEF website under Additional Resources.

Questions? Contact Nicole Zerbee, Director of Endurance.

### **Stay Connected**

Keep up to date with US Equestrian news and events. Follow USA Endurance on <u>Facebook</u> and US Equestrian on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, <u>TikTok</u>, <u>X</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>. Use #USAEndurance.













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