

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
U.S. SHOW JUMPING YOUTH TEAMS
CSIOY/J/Ch Teams and Individuals
&
Youth Nations Cup Final

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the Team:

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1.2.1. **Nationality/Passport requirements:**

The Athlete must be a U.S. citizen, or in compliance FEI General Regulations, Article 119, no later than the time of selection for the relevant CSIOY/J/Ch or Youth Nations Cup Final (the “Event”). Athletes must hold a valid passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Event.

1.2.2. **Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:**

- The athlete must meet the minimum age requirements for the event outlined in the FEI Jumping Rules.
 - **Young Rider (Y):** An athlete is eligible to compete as Young Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21.
 - **Junior Rider (J):** An athlete is eligible to compete as a Junior Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18.
 - **Child Rider (Ch):** An athlete is eligible to compete at a Child Rider from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 12 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 14.
- The horse must meet the minimum age requirements for the Event, as outlined in the FEI Jumping Rules.
- The Athlete must be registered and in good standing with the FEI at the time of selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
- The Horse must be registered and in good standing with the FEI at the time of selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
- The Athlete and Horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Event.
- Horse Owners must be in good standing with the FEI at the time of selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.

1.2.3. **Other requirements:**

- The Athletes must be an Active Member of the United States Equestrian Federation (“USEF”) in good standing at the time of selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
- If the horse is U.S. owned, the horse must be recorded with USEF pursuant to USEF GR1102, and in good standing under USEF rules at the

time of selection, and until the conclusion of the Event. Internationally borrowed horses must be in good standing with their country's National Federation at the time of selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.

- Owners of U.S. Horses must be Active Members, and in good standing pursuant to USEF Rules at the time of selection, and until the conclusion of the Event.
- Application – Athletes wishing to be considered for the Event must complete and submit an online Application (Attachment A) with the appropriate application fee. Applications must be submitted online on or before the stated deadline for the relevant Event. Applications and fees received after the published deadline will not be accepted. Details and information regarding applications deadlines and fees will be posted on the US Equestrian Jumping website (see www.usef.org/jumping). Each athlete, or their parent or legal guardian if the athlete is a minor, must certify, by signing the Application (Attachment A), that they have received, read, understand, and agree to be bound by these Selection Procedures for the Event, [the USEF Code of Conduct](#), [the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification](#), the [U.S. Center for SafeSport Code](#), [the USEF Safe Sport Policy](#), including the [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies](#), [the USEF Non-Discrimination Policy](#), and the [USEF Whistleblower & Anti-Retaliation Policy](#).
- Horse Participation Consent Agreement: Individual owners of U.S. horses selected for participation in the Event must sign the USEF Horse Participation Consent Agreement (Attachment B) prior to the FEI Definite Entry deadline. If an owner is under 18 years of age, then a parent or legal guardian must sign too. The failure of a U.S. horse owner, or parent/legal guardian if applicable, to timely sign the USEF Horse Participation Consent Agreement may result in the removal of the horse and/or Athlete from the FEI Definite Entry. The Owner(s) must certify, by signing the Horse Participation Consent Agreement, that they have received, read, understand, and agree to be bound by these Selection Procedures for the Event, [the USEF Code of Conduct](#), [the USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification](#), the [U.S. Center for SafeSport Code](#), [the USEF Safe Sport Policy](#), including the [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies](#), [the USEF Non-Discrimination Policy](#), and the [USEF Whistleblower & Anti-Retaliation Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USEF Background Check Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the [USEF Safe Sport Policy](#).

2. Selection Events:

2.1. **Event names, dates, and locations of all competitions to be used as part of the selection process:** Athlete/horse combinations wishing to be considered for selection to the Event, must successfully complete the following events within the six months preceding the close of applications for the relevant Event:

- 2.1.1. **Young Rider (Y):** Athlete/horse combinations must have completed a 1.45m jumper class or higher with less than four (4) faults.
- 2.1.2. **Junior Rider (J):** Athlete/horse combinations must have completed a

1.40m jumper class or higher with less than four (4) faults.

- 2.1.3. **Child Rider (Ch):** Athlete/horse combinations must have completed a 1.20m jumper class or higher with four (4) faults or less.

- 2.2. **Selection:** Prior to the closing date for the FEI Definite Entry, pursuant to the procedures set forth herein, the USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe ("Chef d'Equipe") will recommend to the USEF Jumping Sport Committee, or its designee, who will recommend to the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors, a list of athlete/horse combinations and substitute athlete/horse combinations ("Substitutes"), up to the maximum number able to be selected in accordance with the invitation to participate in the relevant Event.

- 2.2.1. **CSIO Selection:** In making their recommendation, the Chef d'Equipe will consider the following factors in no particular order:

- **Young Rider:**

- Current ability to meet the standards of CSIOY competition.
- Overall performance, soundness, and fitness in 1.45m or higher Show Jumping competitions with greater emphasis on FEI results;
- Competition record over the two years preceding selection:
 - The ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at 1.45m or higher, as well as a record of having done so on a consistent basis;
 - Previous international and national experience, including the demonstrated ability of the horse and athlete to succeed in either FEI or USEF International or National Standard Grand Prix and Nations Cup Show Jumping competitions;
 - A record of successfully jumping over a variety of types of courses and in particular over courses that included a water jump and tested for carefulness, scope, and rideability;
 - The ability to jump 1.45m or higher courses within the Time Allowed measured at 400 meters/minute;
- The ability to contribute to a winning performance in a CSIOY Nations Cup competition;
- The fitness and soundness of the horse (see [FEI Rules](#));
- The athlete's health and fitness level, including the athlete's ability to perform under pressure to his/her highest ability (see [FEI Rules](#)); and
- Behavior of athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, owners, coaches and grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment.

- **Junior Rider:**

- Current ability to meet the standards of CSIOJ competition.
- Competition record over the two years preceding selection:

- The ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at 1.40m or higher, as well as a record of having done so on a consistent basis;
 - Previous international and national experience, including the demonstrated ability of the horse and athlete to succeed in either FEI or National Show Jumping competitions;
 - A record of successfully jumping over a variety of types of courses and in particular over courses that included a water jump and tested for carefulness, scope, and rideability;
 - The ability to jump 1.40m or higher courses within the Time Allowed measured at 375 meters/minute;
- The ability to contribute to a winning performance in a CSIO Nations Cup competition;
- The fitness and soundness of the horse (see [FEI Rules](#));
- The athlete's health and fitness level, including the athlete's ability to perform under pressure to his/her highest ability (see [FEI Rules](#)); and
- Behavior of athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, owners, coaches and grooms) that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment.
- Child Rider:
 - Current ability to meet the standards of CSIOCh competition.
 - Competition record over the two years preceding selection:
 - The ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at 1.20m or higher, as well as a record of having done so on a consistent basis;
 - Previous international and national experience, including the demonstrated ability of the horse and athlete to succeed in either FEI or National Show Jumping competitions;
 - A record of successfully jumping over a variety of types of courses and in particular over courses that included a water jump with a vertical over the water and tested for carefulness, scope and rideability;
 - The ability to jump 1.20m or higher courses within the Time Allowed measured at 350 meters/minute;
 - The ability to contribute to a winning performance in CSIOCh Nations Cup competition;
 - The fitness and soundness of the horse (see [FEI Rules](#));
 - The athlete's health and fitness level, including the athlete's ability to perform under pressure to his/her highest ability (see [FEI Rules](#)); and
 - Behavior of athlete and people associated with the athlete (including, without limitation, owners, coaches and grooms)

that may have an impact on creating a positive team environment.

2.2.2. **Youth Nations Cup Final Selection¹:**

- **FEI North American Youth Championships (NAYC):** Up to the best three placing U.S. athlete/horse combinations, provided they finish in the first three places (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in the Final Overall Individual Standings of the applicable age category of the current year of the NAYC, will be selected to the Youth Nations Cup Final Team. In order to be selected, athlete/horse combinations must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Section I. If one or more of the best three placing U.S. athlete/horse combinations are not in the top three overall placings at the NAYC, the selection of the additional combination will revert to the Chef d'Equipe's discretionary selection, as detailed below.
- **Discretionary Selection:** In addition, the Chef d'Equipe will recommend at least two athlete/horse combinations for selection to the Youth Nations Cup Final Team **and as Substitutes, up to the maximum number able to be selected in accordance with the invitation to participate**. In making their recommendation, the Chef d'Equipe will consider the following factors in no particular order:
 - Criteria outlined in the applicable age category in Section 2.2.1, above; and
 - Participation at NAYC is not a requirement to be considered for a discretionary selection; however, the performance of athletes and horse(s) at NAYC will be strongly considered for these positions with emphasis on clear round performances.
- **Substitute Horses:** In principle, athletes will be selected on the horse on which they qualified; however, if an athlete would like to be considered on a substitute horse, an athlete may request in writing to the USEF Show Jumping Development Director to be considered for selection on this substitute horse (See Discretionary Selection above for factors to be considered for this request).

2.2.3. **USEF Junior Jumper National Championships (Prix des States):** The top three (3) athlete/horse combinations (individual medalists) in the Overall Individual Standings at the USEF Junior Jumper National Championships will be selected for the Junior U.S. Nations Cup Team taking place the following spring, provided the athlete/horse combination meet the minimum eligibility requirements for the Event at the time of FEI Definite Entries.

If any of the top three (3) athlete/horse combinations (individual medalists) decline to participate or do not meet the minimum eligibility requirement for the Event at the time of FEI Definite Entries, selection will revert to the methods outlined in the Selection Procedures for U.S. Show Jumping Youth Teams (See Section 2.2.1).

¹ The U.S. must qualify each year in order to earn an invitation to participate in the Youth Nations Cup Final.

- 2.2.4. **Competitions on Borrowed Horses:** In making their recommendation, the Chef d'Equipe will consider the following factors in no particular order:
- **Competition Results:** The athlete's historical results in USEF and FEI sanctioned jumper competitions held within the previous year with an emphasis on results at competitions held at the applicable height, the competitiveness of the class, the variety of different horses with which the athlete has achieved the results and the ability of the athlete to maximize the potential of a borrowed horse. In addition, the athlete's ability to meet the standards of the event and ability to compete without incurring jumping and/or time penalties at the highest level of course difficulty, as well as the athlete's record of having done so on a consistent basis, will be taken into account.
 - **Athlete Health and Fitness:** The athlete's health and fitness level, including the athlete's ability to perform under pressure to their highest ability.
 - **Team Representation:** The athlete's ability to contribute to a positive Team atmosphere and to serve as an ambassador for the United States and equestrian sport at the event.
- 2.2.5 **Exceptional Circumstances** - In exceptional circumstances, the approved USEF Show Jumping Chef d'Equipe may request that a waiver be granted for all or part of the requirements set forth in Section 2.1 if it is perceived to be in the best interests of the results of the Team. This request will be subject to the approval of the Director of Sport and Managing Director of Show Jumping. In the event the Director of Sport and Managing Director of Show Jumping have a conflict of interest, this request will be subject to the approval of the Legal Department and the CEO.
- 2.2.6. **FEI Nominated Entries** – By no later than the closing date of the FEI Nominated Entries, if applicable, the list of athletes and horses approved for the Team and as Substitutes along with their horses will be submitted as the FEI Nominated Entries.
- 2.2.7. **FEI Definite Entries** - The list of athletes and horses originally approved for the Team along with the horses agreed upon by the Chef d'Equipe will be submitted as the FEI Definite Entries unless a Substitution is made (see Section 5).
- 2.2.8. **Declaration of Starters** – The Chef d'Equipe has the discretion to declare the four (4) athletes who will represent the United States in the Nation's Cup. Prior to his declaration of athletes for the Nations Cup, the Chef d'Equipe will give consideration to the following criteria: past international performance of the horse and athlete (including in classes prior to the Nation's Cup), soundness of horse and health of athlete, and ability of a combination to contribute to a winning performance in the Nations Cup.
- 2.2.9. The Chef d'Equipe not only has the discretion to designate which athletes will represent the United States in the Nations Cup, but also on which of

their horses these athletes will compete.

3. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

3.1 Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection: The option of discretionary selection is used to field the best Team possible in the Event.

3.2 Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any): For discretionary selection used please see the following sections:

- 2.2 – Selection

3.3 Other Discretionary Criteria:

- Horses that are candidates for selection for the Event may be examined at any time following the application deadline and through the conclusion of the Event for soundness by the Team Veterinarian. Horses found to be unsound by the Team Veterinarian may result in the removal of the athlete and/or horse from the selection process, at the recommendation of the Team Veterinarian, and the approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.
- Team Veterinarian Request** – Horse owners, at their own expense, must make available, upon the request of the Team Veterinarian, 24 months' worth of complete veterinary records of horses being considered for selection. In addition, horse owners, at their own expense, will be responsible for supplying any follow-up diagnostic information requested by the Team Veterinarian for horses being considered for selection. Horse owners, at their own expense, must 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 approval by the majority of the Selectors, the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection group approved by the Board of Directors.
- Medical Request** - In the event of illness or injury, athletes may be required to submit to a medical examination by a USEF-approved physician(s) any time during the selection process for the purposes of determining the athlete's ability to compete at the Event. Failure to submit to such examination may result in the removal of the athlete from the selection process upon the recommendation of the USEF-approved physician(s) and with the approval of 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 athlete to be unfit to compete, the athlete will be removed from the selection process with the approval of the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the Board of Directors.

3.4 Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee(s) listed above:

All Athletes involved in the selection of the Team must comply with the USEF [Conflict of Interest and Gifts & Entertainment Policy](#).

Any person involved in the selection of the Team who has an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it to the USEF Legal Department prior to the relevant

application deadline. Additionally, they may be required to recuse oneself from the review process and/or voting.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete, owner, or trainer of a potentially impacted athlete or horse) with a good faith belief that an Athlete has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to the USEF General Counsel and/or Audit Committee. Reports may be made anonymously. No Athlete shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

4. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

At any time during the selection process through the conclusion of the Event, USEF has jurisdiction over athletes. An athlete and/or horse may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USEF:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must communicate notice of voluntary withdrawal in writing to the USEF CEO.
- Injury or illness as certified by a USEF-approved physician(s) or USEF-health care provider. If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by a USEF-approved physician(s)/health care provider, their injury will be assumed to be disabling and they may be removed.
- Violation of the [USEF Code of Conduct](#).
- Violation of the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code or USEF Safe Sport Policy.
- Failure of the U.S based horse owner, or parent/guardian if applicable, to timely sign the Horse Participation Consent Agreement (Attachment B).
- Injury or illness of the horse listed for the athlete on the Nominated or Definite Entry as determined by the Team Veterinarian. If a horse owner refuses to have the horse examined by the Team Veterinarian, the injury or illness will be assumed to be disabling and the horse may be removed.
- Detection of any substance in the horse prohibited by the FEI or USEF.
- Failure to adhere to the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), FEI, USEF, and/or U.S. Anti-Doping Agency ("USADA") anti-doping rules, regulations, protocols, policies or procedures regarding athletes and horses, including participation in required Out-of-Competition testing.
- Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in these Selection Procedures.
- Exceptional circumstances having a direct bearing upon obtaining the best qualified team for the Event, upon the recommendation of the Chef d'Equipe, subject to the approval of the USEF Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors.
- Failure to adhere to agreed upon plans of the Chef d'Equipe.
- Failure to comply with a request of the Team Veterinarian.
- Any other reason expressly written herein.

An athlete who is removed or threatened to be removed from the selection process has the right to a hearing pursuant to USEF Bylaws, Part VII.

5. SUBSTITUTION OF ATHLETES & HORSES

5.2. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement

athlete(s) & horse(s) should a vacancy occur:

After the Team and Substitutes have been named, to fill openings if they occur, the Chef d'Equipe will evaluate the athletes and horses named as Substitutes and will have the discretion to make a substitution in accordance with the FEI Rules. The Chef d'Equipe when evaluating the Substitute athletes and horses, will base their evaluations on the factors outlined in Section 2.2. and will also take into consideration the overall composition of the Team.

Any substitution for veterinary reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must have the approval of a USEF-approved veterinarian. Any substitution for medical reasons other than voluntary withdrawal must be documented by a USEF-approved physician(s).

If a selected athlete and/or horse withdraws and all the named Substitutes have been polled and declined the vacant position on the Team, an additional athlete, who did not submit an application in accordance with the deadlines for the Event, may be selected by the Chef d'Equipe to take the vacant position on the Team. The method used to select this athlete/horse combination will be at the discretion of the Chef d'Equipe, with the approval of the Director of Sport and Managing Director of Show Jumping. In the event the Director of Sport and Managing Director of Show Jumping have a conflict of interest, this request will be subject to the approval of the Legal Department and the CEO.

6. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USEF will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the conclusion of the Event.

7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an Athlete and Horse owner, or the parent/guardian if applicable, as a condition of nomination to the Event (include as attachments or provide links):

- Application (Attachment A)
- Horse Participation Consent Agreement (U.S. owned horses) (Attachment B)
- [USEF Code of Conduct](#)
- [USEF Release, Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Indemnification](#)

8. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USEF approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the USEF on the USEF Web site: www.usef.org These Selection Procedures will also be available by mail or email upon request.

9. DATE OF NOMINATION

The FEI Nominated Entries will be submitted to the FEI no later than **Date TBD**.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

10.1 Human Anti-Doping: Athletes must adhere to all WADA, FEI, and USADA anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the WADA, FEI, and USADA rules, as applicable.

10.2 Equine Anti-Doping: All Horses are subject to drug testing both in competition and out of competition.

10.2.1 In-Competition. All horses entered to compete in any FEI or USEF Event are subject to drug testing at any time from when the Event begins until the Event ends or beginning when the Horse arrives for the Event until the Event ends, whichever beginning occurs first. Blood and/or urine samples may be collected and tested for substances prohibited or forbidden under the subject Event rules. National Events may invoke GR409 whereby samples will be tested for FEI prohibited substances, including metabolites and markers.

- a. Positive Finding. At any time during the observation and selection period that the presence of a prohibited or forbidden substance, or a metabolite or marker, is detected in the sample collected in-Event, the results, including the level detected for controlled medications, will be reported to the USEF Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel. They will notify the Director of Sport Programs or the Discipline Director for dissemination of information as appropriate. In such instances, the positive finding may result in the elimination of the horse and/or athlete from the Selection Process.
- b. Before elimination occurs, the owner and athlete will be afforded a hearing by a panel ("Selection Hearing Panel") comprised of at least one disinterested member of the applicable discipline Sport Committee along with at least two disinterested members of the Hearing Committee, one of which must be an Athlete Representative.
- c. The Chairman of the USEF Veterinary Committee, or his designee, may serve Ex Officio and a member of the Veterinary Panel selected for the Event may serve Ex Officio.

10.2.2 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 the start date of the USEF Qualifying Period following notification to the athlete 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.

- a. Positive Finding. At any time during the selection period that the presence of a prohibited or forbidden substance, or a metabolite 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 the Discipline Director for dissemination of information as appropriate.
- b. In such instances, 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.

10.2.3 These provisions do not abrogate the enforcement of applicable Equine anti-doping rules at Federation licensed Events, including Events where GR409 is invoked whereby samples will be tested for FEI prohibited substances, including metabolites and markers.

10.2.4 USEF GR 409.2 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 an Event 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.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures: USEF Jumping Sport Committee and the USEF Board of Directors. See Attachment H for list of USEF committee, their roles, and list of members.

12. USEF BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USEF Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found in USEF Bylaws Part VII and in the Supplemental Procedures for Complaints and Grievances. See www.usef.org.

13. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

USEF does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), sex, gender identify, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. Everyone involved in the development of selection procedures and selection process must abide by the Non-Discrimination Policy.

14. FUNDING DISCLAIMER

Selection to the Team does not guarantee that funds will be available for the expenses related to the Event.

15. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

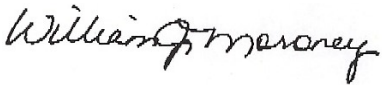

These procedures are based on FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the Selection Procedures caused by a change in FEI rules or regulations will be distributed to the affected Athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USEF. However, the selections 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 may require revisions.

16. USEF SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by the FEI and incorporated those standards/criteria into these Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USEF.

Any questions regarding these Selection Procedures should be addressed to Erin Keating, USEF Director, Jumping Development Programs, United States Equestrian Federation, 4001 Wing Commander Way, Phone (859)225-2036, Email: ekeating@usef.org.

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USEF Managing Director	Lizzy Chesson		4/22/2025

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DEFINITIONS

Consistently – The ability of the horse and athlete to produce a high percentage of low-scoring rounds in a variety of conditions and venues.

Carefulness – The ability of the horse and athlete to consistently avoid jumping penalties over a wide variety of obstacles, in particular those constructed to fall down easily.

Scope – The ability of the horse and athlete to successfully negotiate high and wide oxers from both long and short distances.

Rideability – The ability of the horse and athlete to negotiate a variety of complicated distance problems on course, as would typically be encountered at the Young Rider/Junior/Child level.

International and National Experience – A competitive record over the past 2 years indicating that the horse and/or athlete have successfully met the challenges applicable to their age group, demonstrating an ability to perform under pressure on a consistent basis