

Competing Outside of the USA FAQ

Q: Do I need a National Permission letter if I am not a USEF member?

A: Yes, if you are a US citizen. You will need to get a USEF Competing Membership then request a National Permission Letter for each country you wish to compete in national competitions.

Q: When do I need to apply to enter a foreign FEI Competition?

A: You should apply as soon as you know which foreign FEI competitions you wish to compete at. We start asking for invitations 2 months prior to the start of the competition, so the earlier the better.

Q: Does my new horse need a USEF Horse Recording if she already has a FEI Passport?

A: Yes, horses with US owners should have a USEF Horse Recording. This should be done when you transfer the FEI passport into your name.

Q: Does my passport have to be approved before I enter? Before I compete?

A: Your horse's passport does not have to be approved before you submit an application to compete aboard, but for every discipline except Show Jumping, passports must be approved before the system will allow us to submit your entry. You MUST have an approved passport in order to compete.

Q: If I have a horse passport why do I need an FEI Registration?

A: Though they are the same number, a FEI Registration is a yearly “membership” for both the horse and the athlete in order to compete in FEI competitions for the year. The FEI Horse passport is a record of the horse and their vaccinations.

Q: How do I get a FEI Registration?

A: You can get your FEI registrations by logging onto your online USEF Member Dashboard. There is a blue tile for FEI Rider Registration, and one for the FEI Horse Registration. Horses must have a passport before they can receive a FEI registration. If a horse already has a FEI registration, then you can renew it through your Member Dashboard or by sending in a paper form.

Q: What is the \$750 yearly fee? And can I get it anytime during the year?

A: The \$750 yearly fee is for athletes that are planning on competing in 10 or more FEI competitions outside of the USA. You can only select the \$750 yearly fee on your first application of the year. If you have already submitted an application then you are not able to ask for the yearly fee.

Q: Do I have to pay the Urgency fee if I paid the yearly fee?

A: Yes, any application submitted 14 days or less from the start date of the competition is subject to the Urgency fee.

Q: When is the latest that I can apply for a competition outside the US? And when is the latest before I receive an Urgency fee?

A: We encourage you to apply as soon as you know which competitions you want to compete at, this is so we have the best possibility of getting you an invitation. Because plans change, all disciplines, except for Endurance, you can apply until the day the competition starts. For Endurance you must apply prior to the day of the jog, this is because the system will not all entries to be submitted after the competition starts. If you submit an application to compete abroad 14 days or less from the start date an urgency fee of \$75 will be automatically applied.

Q: How do I add or change horses to my entry?

A: Send an email to feientries@usef.org with any horse changes you have.

Q: When should I withdraw from a competition?

A: As soon as you know that you are withdrawing from a competition send an email to feientries@usef.org. If you have already received an invitation or your entries have been accepted, then you should send an email to the organizer letting them know that you are withdrawing.

Q: Has the competition accepted my entry yet?

A: Athletes are encouraged to get the FEI Sport App to see when their entries

Q: Why was my entry rejected?

A: Your entry is rejected because you have not received an invitation to compete, or the US is not an invited country. If you received a personal invitation from the organizer, forward that information to Athlete Services, feientries@usef.org, so they can contact the organizer.

Q: What is a Second Choice competition?

A: You can add a second choice competition as a back-up in case your first choice does not extend an invitation to you. A second choice competition can be added at any time. You can add a second choice through your USEF Athlete Dashboard, going to your list of applied competitions and then clicking on the “Secondary Competing” button.

Q: What is an FEI Wish?

A: For Show Jumping, a rider on the FEI ranking list utilizes the FEI Invitation System to submit Wishes on competitions that they would like to receive invitations to based on their ranking. FEI ranked jumping riders are encouraged to submitted FEI Wishes for any FEI competitions utilizing the system that they would to compete at.

For additional questions contact Athlete Services, feientries@usef.org.