



MEMORANDUM

To: Potential 2028 FEI World Endurance Championship Applicants

Date: September 18, 2026

From: Nicole Zerbee, Director of Endurance

Copy: Steven Morrissey, Managing Director of Sport Logistics & Non-Olympic Disciplines; Hallye Griffin, Director of FEI Sport

Re: Anticipated Selection Methods for the 2028 FEI World Endurance Championship

This preliminary information is provided to assist you with your competition planning and is subject to change. Please remember that this information is based upon the recommendations of the USEF Endurance Sport Committee and is subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors or USEF Executive Committee and therefore subject to change upon the approval of the final Selection Procedures by the USEF Board of Directors or USEF Executive Committee.

The 2028 FEI World Endurance Championship (Championship) is scheduled to take place in Castiglione del Lago, ITA on September 23, 2028.

Selection Events and Qualification Period: Please be advised that the scheduled USEF Qualification Period for the 2028 U.S. Endurance Team selection process begun on September 1, 2026. Please note that Selection Events are defined as any single day FEI CEI3* 160km.

It is anticipated that to be eligible as a potential Athlete/Horse combination named to the U.S. Endurance Team for the Championship, at least two (2) Selection Events must be completed within the USEF Qualification Period, one (1) of which must be completed after December 1, 2027. Selection Events do not need to be declared ahead of the competition. All competitions used as Selection Events must be completed as athlete/horse combinations, no proxy riders will be permitted.

It is anticipated that for 3 Bronze or higher FEI Elite Status Athletes, in the case of extraordinary circumstances, a waiver may be granted to excuse the combination for one required Selection Event ("Elite Waiver"). The Selector may grant an Elite Waiver based on the following factors, in no particular order:

- Previous CEI experience of Athlete and Horse, both as individuals as well as in 2 combination;
- Athlete's out of competition experience with the Horse which must be explained in writing on the waiver request;
- Previous FEI Championship experience of the Athlete;
- The circumstances and facts surrounding the request, and in the case of illness or injury to a Horse or Athlete, documentation of the illness or injury; and/or
- Unforeseen circumstances which have created a logistical emergency for the Athlete or Horse.

NOTE: For purposes of this selection memo, the definition of complete is to receive a ranking and final time after passing the final veterinary inspection at the competition.



JR/YR Division will not count as Selection Events for purposes of qualifying for a Team competing in the Senior Division of a Championship.

FEI Qualifying: The Athlete, Horse owner, and Horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Championship, including but not limited to the FEI Qualifying Requirements, which can be found on the FEI Website prior to the Nominated Entry deadline of the Championship.

Funding: The availability of funding is subject to confirmation of the 2028 budget.

Questions and Feedback: If you have any questions or feedback on the full Selection Procedures prior to their approval of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact Nicole Zerbee, Director of Endurance, at nzerbee@usef.org.