



To: Candidates for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games

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2018 Selection Procedures are still under consideration, pending final approval of the USEF Driving Sport Committee, the USEF International Disciplines Council and the USEF Board of Directors or Ad Hoc approved by the Board of Directors.

*This information is **subject to change** prior to publishing the approved 2018 Selection Procedures on the USEF website.*

MEMORANDUM

Re: 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games for Driving Horses four-in-hand

Please be advised that the proposed qualifying period for the 2018 FEI World Equestrian Games for Driving Horses four-in-hand ("the Event") began **September 15, 2017** and will end on the FEI Nominated Entry date (TBD by the FEI) for the Event. Athlete/Horse combinations who wish to apply for the FEI Nominated Entry must complete at least **three (3) Selection Trials** - with at least *two (2) of those being within the same calendar year of the Event*. Applicants must also meet all USEF criteria stated in the Selection Procedures and in the USEF Rulebook, as well as meet the FEI qualifying criteria for the Event. The FEI criteria for the Event can be found at: <http://inside.fei.org/fei/fei-weg/2018>.

The proposed 2017/2018 Selection Trials include:

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| • CAN Garden State CDE | Allentown, NJ | September 15-17, 2017 |
| • CAI 2* Kentucky Classic CDE | Lexington, KY | October 5-8, 2017 |
| • CAI 2* Katydid CDE | Windsor, SC | November 2-5, 2017 |
| • CAI 2* Palm Tree CDE | Dade City, FL | January 25-28, 2018 |
| • CAI 2* Live Oak International | Ocala, FL | March 15-18, 2018 |
| • CAI 2* Southern Pines CDE | Raeford, NC | April 13-15, 2018 |
| • CAI 2* FEI WEG Tryon Int'l CDE Test | Tryon, NC | April 19-22, 2018 |
| • CAI 2* Bromont CDE | Bromont, Canada | June 28-Jul 1, 2018 |
| • CAI 2* Hermitage Classic CDE | Goshen, KY | August 2-5, 2018 |
| • All European CAI 2* and above that take place prior to the FEI Nominated Entry dates | | |

Athletes intending to compete at any European CAIs shall notify the USEF Director of Driving of their activities in writing no later than three (3) weeks prior to the start of the competition(s) in question. Additionally, please be reminded that if an athlete plans to compete in any European CAI competitions, he/she must adhere to the USEF Criteria to compete in Foreign Competitions.

To Apply:

Applications will be accepted online, via the "My USEF" portal, with a **\$70 application fee** until the **deadline of February 1, 2018**. After the deadline, applications will still be accepted with a **late-application fee of \$300** until **2 weeks before** the FEI Nominated Entries (TBD). Please refer to the approved 2018 Selection Procedures for complete details and required paperwork. *Applicants should expect to be included in ranking lists published by the 2018 USEF Selection Committee. **Note:** Rankings will NOT guarantee selection on the team.*

Mandatory Outing: The decision whether to have a Mandatory Outing will be announced by **May 1, 2018**. If held, all Athletes on the FEI Nominated Entry will be expected to attend a Mandatory Outing, which is a training session held sometime between the FEI Nominated Entry date and before the Event. The dates and location, anticipated to be in close proximity to the Event, will be announced at least 30 days before the Event.

The complete 2018 Selection procedures will be posted on www.usef.org (combined driving page), once approved. We invite you to direct any questions to the Director of Driving.