



## 2026 U.S. Eventing Team Opportunities Application and Selection Timelines

In order to be considered for a U.S. Eventing Team, an Athlete must submit an application through their [Athlete Dashboard](#) on the USEF website. Application dates for 2026 Team opportunities are below.

U.S. FEI Registered Eventing Athletes will be notified via the emailed USEF FEI newsletters when applications open, and application directions are available on the [USEF website](#). Deadlines are enforced without exception.

### Targeted U.S. Eventing Team Opportunities:

#### European Development Tour:

Selection for the Tour is governed by the [2026 Eventing European Development Tour Selection Procedures](#). Athletes must be current or past participants in the [USEF Eventing Development 25 or Development Programs](#). Past participants in the USEF Eventing Development 25 or Development Programs are eligible for the Tour, provided they have participated in either Program within the 3 years preceding application (2025, 2024 or 2023).

The Tour will consist of up to four (4) Athletes and will target the following FEI Nations Cup:

- Bicton (GBR) CCIO4\*-NC-S – May 27-31, 2026

#### Application and Selection Timeline:

- Applications Open: January 1, 2026
- Application Close: March 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EST
- Selection: TBD based on applicants' competition plans.

As a Targeted Team Opportunity, Tour Athletes will receive the following support from U.S. Equestrian:

- Appointed Chef d'Equipe
- USEF Staff Member as Team Leader
- Event entries and stabling fees covered by U.S. Equestrian
- Accommodations for Athletes covered by U.S. Equestrian
- Shared accommodations for Grooms covered by U.S. Equestrian
- USA Ariat Team Kit
- A travel stipend to be utilized towards Horse, Athlete, and Groom transportation. An additional grant from the USET Karen Stives Endowment Grant is to be confirmed.

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#### FEI World Championships (Seniors): August 13-16, 2026

Selection for the Defender U.S. Eventing FEI World Championship Team is governed by the [2026 Eventing FEI World Championship Selection Procedures](#). The Defender U.S. Eventing World Championship Squad will consist of four (4) Team members and one (1) individual.

#### Application and Selection Timeline:

- Applications Open: January 1, 2026
- Applications Close: April 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EST
- Team Selection: no later than July 5, 2026

- FEI Nominated Entry: July 6, 2026
- FEI Definite Entry: July 27, 2026

As a Senior Championship, Team Athletes will receive the following support from U.S. Equestrian:

- Appointed Chef d'Equipe
- USEF Staff Member as Team Leader
- Team Veterinarian
- Team Farrier
- Team Equine Physiotherapist
- Team Human Physiotherapist
- Event entries, stabling, and bedding fees covered by U.S. Equestrian
- Accommodations for Athletes covered by U.S. Equestrian
- Accommodations for Grooms covered by U.S. Equestrian
- USA Ariat Team Kit
- Travel stipend to be utilized towards Horse, Athlete, and Groom transportation

**FEI U25 World Championships:** Millstreet (IRL) CCIU254\*-S - July 22-26, 2026

*More information forthcoming from the FEI.*

As a Targeted Team Opportunity, Team Athletes will receive the following support from U.S. Equestrian:

- Appointed Chef d'Equipe
- USEF Staff Member as Team Leader
- Team Veterinarian
- Event entries, stabling, and bedding fees are covered by U.S. Equestrian
- Accommodations for Athletes covered by U.S. Equestrian
- Accommodations for Grooms covered by U.S. Equestrian
- USA Ariat Team Kit
- Travel stipend to be utilized towards Horse, Athlete, and Groom transportation

**Boekelo (NED) CCIO4\*-NC-L:** October 1-4, 2026

Determination of Boekelo as a Targeted Team competition will happen in June 2026. Selection for the Nations Cup is governed by the . The Boekelo Defender U.S. Eventing Team will consist of 3-4 Team members.

Application and Selection Timeline:

- Applications Open: June 2026, at 9:00 a.m. EST
- Application Close: August 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EST
- Team Selection: Approximately August 12, 2026

## **Untargeted FEI Eventing Nations Cups:**

**Gestüt Marbach (GER) CCIO4\*-NC-S:** May 14-17, 2026

Selection for the Nations Cup is governed by the [2026 Untargeted Eventing Nations Cups Selection Procedures](#).

The Gestüt Marbach Defender U.S. Eventing Team will consist of 3-4 Team members.

Application and Selection Timeline:

- Applications Open: January 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. EST
  - Application Close: May 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EST
  - Team Selection: Event entries and applications will be monitored to determine if there is enough interest to field a U.S. Team. **If you are interested in being considered for the Team, please get in touch with Christina Vaughn, Director, Eventing Elite Program, at [cvaughn@usef.org](mailto:cvaughn@usef.org) or +1 (859) 225-6917 for the next steps.**
  - *Please note as an Untargeted FEI Eventing Nations Cup, funding, apparel, and Team Staff will not be available for the event. USEF will assist with the appointment of the Chef d'Equipe and will cover the Event entry fees for the Team.*
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**Strzegom (POL) CCIO4\*-NC-S: June 25-28, 2026**

Selection for the Nations Cup is governed by the [2026 Untargeted Eventing Nations Cups Selection Procedures](#). The Strzegom Defender U.S. Eventing Team will consist of 3-4 Team members.

Application and Selection Timeline:

- Applications Open: January 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. EST
  - Application Close: June 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EST
  - Team Selection: Event entries and applications will be monitored to determine if there is enough interest to field a U.S. Team. **If you are interested in being considered for the Team, please get in touch with Christina Vaughn, Director, Eventing Elite Program, at [cvaughn@usef.org](mailto:cvaughn@usef.org) or +1 (859) 225-6917 for the next steps.**
  - *Please note as an Untargeted FEI Eventing Nations Cup, funding, apparel, and Team Staff will not be available for the event. USEF will assist with the appointment of the Chef d'Equipe and will cover the Event entry fees for the Team.*
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**Avenches (SUI) CCIO4\*-NC-S: July 16-19, 2026**

Selection for the Nations Cup is governed by the [2026 Untargeted Eventing Nations Cups Selection Procedures](#). The Avenches Defender U.S. Eventing Team will consist of 3-4 Team members.

Application and Selection Timeline:

- Applications Open: January 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. EST
  - Application Close: July 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EST
  - Team Selection: Event entries and applications will be monitored to determine if there is enough interest to field a U.S. Team. **If you are interested in being considered for the Team, please get in touch with Christina Vaughn, Director, Eventing Elite Program, at [cvaughn@usef.org](mailto:cvaughn@usef.org) or +1 (859) 225-6917 for the next steps.**
  - *Please note as an Untargeted FEI Eventing Nations Cup, funding, apparel, and Team Staff will not be available for the event. USEF will assist with the appointment of the Chef d'Equipe and will cover the Event entry fees for the Team.*
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**Lignières (FRA) CCIO4\*-NC-S: September 23-27, 2026**

Selection for the Nations Cup is governed by the [2026 Untargeted Eventing Nations Cups Selection Procedures](#). The Lignières Defender U.S. Eventing Team will consist of 4 Team members.

#### Application and Selection Timeline:

- Applications Open: January 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. EST
  - Application Close: September 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EST
  - Team Selection: Event entries and applications will be monitored to determine if there is enough interest to field a U.S. Team. **If you are interested in being considered for the Team, please get in touch with Christina Vaughn, Director, Eventing Elite Program, at [cvaughn@usef.org](mailto:cvaughn@usef.org) or +1 (859) 225-6917 for the next steps.**
  - *Please note as an Untargeted FEI Eventing Nations Cup, funding, apparel, and Team Staff will not be available for the event. USEF will assist with the appointment of the Chef d'Equipe and will cover the Event entry fees for the Team.*
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### **Definition of Team Staff Roles:**

Chef d'Equipe - the Chef d'Equipe is appointed by the USEF to oversee the management of the Athletes and Horses concerning Team and Individual performance.

Team Leader – the Team Leader is a member of the USEF Eventing Staff that supports the Chef d'Equipe and oversees the management of the Team logistics, including transportation, accommodations, and credentials.

Team Veterinarian – The Team Veterinarian is responsible for the observance of the FEI Veterinary Regulations and the execution of each Horse's care protocols. Personal veterinarians may attend the Event but must be under the supervision of the Team Veterinarian.