



## **FEI Discipline Sport Committee Appointments Population Criteria for USEF Recognized Affiliates**

Building on the USOPC Bylaw amendment reform, the NGBs have been tasked with updating the “Protected Competitions” definition to clarify athlete’s rights and include a “10-Year or” “10-Year+” Athlete Representative. These updates would go into effect by the USOPC in 2022.

As such, it is the recommendation of the USEF Athletes’ Advisory Committee (AAC) and International Disciplines Council (IDC) to repopulate the Dressage, Eventing, Jumping, and Para Dressage Sport Committees based upon these new USOPC updates. This creates an easier transition during this repopulation phase and allows for the Sport Committees to remain intact in 2022. It is likely that the non-Olympic Sport Committees will need to meet the new requirements by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

Additionally, these updates will require amendments to the FEI Olympic and Paralympic Sport Committees Charter as well as the FEI Non-Olympic Sport Committees Charter but the basic guide for the Committee structure is 33.3% Affiliate Nomination / USEF President Appointee / Athlete.

USOPC Bylaws require

- 33.3% of the Sport Committees must be athletes
- A minimum of 50% of the 33.3% must be 10-Year Athletes and the remainder can be 10-Year + athletes

The USEF AAC has proposed to the USOPC that “Elite Protected Competitions” referred to in 8.5.1 of the USOPC Bylaws (i.e. what qualifies a 10 Year / 10 Year + athlete) include participation in the following events:

- FEI World Equestrian Games;
- FEI World Championships;
- FEI World Cup Finals;
- FEI Nations Cup (for Jumping, 4\* and 5\* only, team and alternate athletes);
- USEF Driving National Championships (Advanced level); and
- FEI CPEDI rated 3\* and higher (Para Equestrian Dressage).

The USOPC have approved the above less 5.