



## **NORTH AMERICAN ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT**

*Approved by the USEF Board of Directors Ad Hoc Selection Group on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020.*

This 2021 North American Endurance Championships (NAEC) Format is effective on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020 unless stated otherwise.

The North American Endurance Championships is a USEF team competition, similar to the FEI Nations Cup format, open to teams from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico as well as potentially other National Federations from FEI Group IV. The FEI will recognize the overall order of finish. All entries must be qualified to compete in a CEI1\*/CEIYJ1\* and CEI2\*/CEIYJ2\* according to the [FEI Endurance Rules effective January 1, 2021](#).

### **ENTRIES**

Athletes and horses must be eligible to compete at their respective level under the [FEI Endurance Rules effective July 1, 2020](#) no later than the closing date for the FEI Definite Entry of the event.

### **TEAMS**

**USEF ZONE TEAMS:** U.S. athletes are strongly encouraged to review the USEF Qualifying Requirements ([found here](#)) for competing in the NAEC.

**CANADA EAST, CANADA WEST, and MEXICO TEAMS:** Invitations will be sent to the National Federations, inviting the Federations to send up to three (3) teams of three (3) to five (5) members each. These Federations may also send individual competitors.

**ENTRIES FROM OTHER NATIONAL FEDERATIONS FROM FEI GROUP IV:** Federations may enter individuals and/or teams to compete.

Foreign Federations may determine their own selection process for the NAEC and are encouraged to send a Chef d' Equipe and Team Veterinarian.

The declaration for all Teams competing at the NAEC will be made by the Chefs d' Equipe within 2 hours following the First Inspection, in accordance with the [FEI Endurance Rules](#).

### **COMPETITION INFORMATION**

The date and location of the Championships will be announced on the USEF website no later than 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Horses will be examined for soundness during the First Horse Inspection. Please refer to the [FEI Veterinary Regulations](#) on Horse Inspection Procedures.

After the acceptance of the Definite Entries and up to one (1) hour before the First Horse Inspection: Replacements / Substitutions for the NAEC will be made according to the [FEI Endurance Rules](#).

The Declaration of Starters for the NAEC will be done in accordance with the [FEI Endurance Rules](#).

After the Declaration of Starters for the NAEC and up to two (2) hours before the scheduled start of the competition: Replacements / Substitutions for the NAEC will be made according to the [FEI Endurance Rules](#).

All [FEI rules](#) must be followed when competing in the North American Endurance Championships.

### **AWARDS**

**TEAM:** Awards will be given to the top three teams in the overall order of finish in the CEI1\*, CEI2\*, CEIYJ1\*, and CEIYJ2\*.

If a Team starts three or more combinations, all results are available to establish their Team result. Only the highest placed three (3) members shall count for the Team placing. However, other combinations from that same Team who successfully complete the NAEC will also receive a team award. Should any combination whose result was available to count towards Team placing, subsequently fail an FEI sampling procedure which results in the loss of that individual's result(s) within the NAEC, the placing of that entire team will become invalid. Such loss of Team placing will not affect the individual placing of the other members of that team.

**INDIVIDUAL:** Placings will be awarded to the top 12 combinations in the overall order of finish in the CEI1\*, CEI2\*, CEIYJ1\*, and CEIYJ2\*. Athlete/horse combinations who successfully complete the Team competition are also eligible for individual awards.

*These Requirements are based on the USEF and FEI rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the Requirements caused by a change in USEF or FEI rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The Requirements are based on the latest information available to USEF. However, the Requirements are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.*