



2027 USEF Endurance National Championships Bid Application

COMPETITION

FEI Endurance Rule 803

Name of Competition: _____

Dates: _____

Dates to be approved by USEF

Dates of each division: CEI3* _____ CEIYJ3* _____ CEI2* _____ CEIYJ2* _____ CEI1* _____ CEIYJ1* _____

Venue & Address: _____

Will an AERC competition run concurrently: _____

ORGANIZERS

Competition Organizer Names & Contact Information:

Secretary Information: _____

VENUE REQUIREMENTS & DETAILS

USEF GR 1216 & FEI Endurance Rules 813 - 819 for Course Requirements (Describe facilities available & attach diagram if possible)

Horse Inspection Area: Length _____ Surface _____

Number of Loops per division: _____

Loop lengths: _____

Loop terrain: _____

Loop Change of altitude: _____

Number of water stops per loop: _____

Number of Crew Points per loop: _____

Cooling Area Description: _____



Hold Area Description: _____

Finish Line Description: _____

Additional Comments:

Transportation for officials to inspect course: _____

Horse Ambulance available in case of injury: _____

Qualified Medical Personnel required, as described in USEF Rulebook GR 1211.5: _____

Veterinary Emergency resources during Event: _____

Remote Communication (*i.e. radios*): _____

To include: Ground Jury, Organizers, Veterinary staff, Technical Delegate, Safety Coordinator, & Timers.

STABLING/ENCLOSURES & GROUNDS

FEI Veterinary Rules Art. 1008

Describe Stable/Enclosure Security:

Stabling/Enclosure Type: _____ Number of Stalls/Enclosures Available: _____

Will Stabling/Enclosures be provided by the Organizer: _____

Describe water access for Stabling/Enclosure & Cooling/Hold Areas: _____

Describe access to electricity for Stabling/Enclosure Area: _____

Describe wash area for horses: _____

Describe restroom facilities available: _____

Resources for Feed/Hay/Stall Bedding nearby: _____

Access to Farrier & Veterinary Services: _____

Food services available on grounds: _____

HOSPITALITY

Nearest Airport: _____

Distance to Hotels/Accommodations: _____

Hospitality/Transport for Officials: _____

Event Office & Competitor briefing areas: _____

Facilities available for Officials to meet: _____

Facilities available for Timing: _____

Vendor area: _____

Describe Seating available: _____

Describe VIP area, if any: _____

Area for Media/Press: _____

OFFICIALS & STAFF

FEI Endurance Rules – Annex 6

If Officials are not named at time of application or change of submission, the Endurance Sport Committee can approve them at a later date.

President Ground Jury: _____ Ground Jury Member: _____

Foreign Judge: _____ Technical Delegate: _____

Chief Steward: _____ Steward: _____

President Veterinary Commission: _____

Foreign Veterinary Delegate: _____

Member of the Veterinary Commission: _____

President of Treating Veterinary Commission: _____

Member of the Treating Veterinary Commission: _____

Veterinary Service Manager (VSM): _____

Time Keeper: _____ Medical Personnel: _____

MARKETING

USEF GR 308

Sponsorship. Host will accept all USEF sponsor(s) ("Sponsors"). Any additional sponsorship activities related to the event require prior written approval from USEF. USEF maintains first option to sell the title and the presenting sponsor.

Media and Exploitation Rights. USEF owns and retains all worldwide copyrights, media rights, broadcast rights, and exploitation rights in and to the Championship across all media platforms, including but not limited to all traditional media (television, film, print, etc.) and digital media (social, internet streaming, mobile streaming, digital recordings, etc.), which may be granted to third parties in the sole discretion of USEF. Host will provide USEF access to exercise these rights.

Upon mutual agreement, Host may stream and make otherwise available, including on-demand, on the USEF Network and social media platforms, any other classes taking place at the competition at which the Championship is being hosted. The Parties agree to discuss no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Championship this opportunity.

Notwithstanding the above, upon written request, USEF may accept a videographer chosen by Host for the sole purpose of clipping rides of the Championship for sales to competitors. The clipped rides sales may not be exclusive to Host's chosen videographer. No further use is permitted without express written permission from USEF. In addition, USEF will accept the photographer chosen by Host so long as Host provides USEF with written permission from such photographer granting worldwide rights to use at no cost to USEF at least five (5) photos per day from the Championship for USEF's promotional efforts, including, but not limited to, press releases, social media accounts, digital/web use, US Equestrian magazine, and ad campaigns. Furthermore, such photographer must grant USEF permission to convey this right to third parties for the purpose of fulfilling USEF's promotional efforts. This required written permission from Host's photographer must be provided to USEF prior to the start of the Championship and such permission must survive the termination of this Agreement. USEF further retains the rights to include photos from the Championship on usef.org and USEF's social media accounts. As an alternative to providing such written release from such photographer, Host may instead procure such rights directly from said photographer and then license the rights to USEF as per the provisions of this paragraph (at no cost to USEF).

Competition Management agrees to only use music from USEF's Warner Chappell library of music at the championship(s). In the event, Competition Management uses music not included in USEF's Warner Chappell library, Competition Management must represent and warrant that it has obtained and will maintain the proper licensure and copyright coverage of said music, which extends to and includes USEF. Upon termination or expiration of said licensure, Competition Management must agree to provide USEF immediate written notice of such termination or expiration. Competition Management is responsible for notifying Championship participants of the music restrictions. Additionally, participants must be notified that the recording, sale and distribution of USEF- Licensed events that feature music is strictly prohibited. Events that do not feature music, or from which the music has been stripped out or replaced with royalty-free music, are exempt from this prohibition.

Competition Management shall:

- ☐ Not use any sponsor (business, individual, or any other entity) to endorse or participate in the Competition without prior written approval from the USEF Marketing Department. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- ☐ If applicable, provide for the production, at no cost to USEF, of the Competition to be live streamed exclusively to USEF through the USEF video platform.
- ☐ Display the official USEF logo on all posters, schedules, programs and official printed materials regarding the Competition.
- ☐ Affix USEF Banners in a prominent and visible location in:
 - Base Camp
- ☐ Place a full-page ad in any event program produced (if applicable)
- ☐ If available, play :30 second – 1 minute USEF video ads on jumbotron/scoreboard
- ☐ Provide for an allotment for PSA announcements during the event
- ☐ If offered, provide for a 10' x 10' booth space
 - ☐ Provide access to at least 5 professional photos per day from the event at no cost to USEF for USEF's non-commercial use for promotional efforts, including, but not limited to, press releases, social media accounts, US Equestrian magazine, digital/web use, and the ad campaigns. Furthermore, such photographers must grant USEF to convey non-commercial use to third parties for the purpose of fulfilling USEF's promotional efforts. This required written permission from Competition Management's photographer must be provided to USEF prior to the start of the championship(s) and such permission must survive the termination of this Agreement. USEF further retains the rights to include photos from the championship(s) on usef.org and USEF's social media accounts. As an alternative to providing such written releases from such photographers, Competition Management may instead procure such rights directly from said photographer and then license the rights to USEF as per the provisions of this paragraph (at no cost to USEF).

Describe the Prize Giving Ceremony:

Describe Post Event Publicity / Press Releases:

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

USEF GR 303.6

Competition Management shall bear all expenses and risk of loss generated by conducting the Event, and is entitled to retain any income generated from entry fees, ticket sales, VIP sales and vendor fees. Summarize your financial plan and/or sponsorship strategy:

Competition Management shall acquire and maintain, at their own expense, a policy of general liability insurance with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, including a \$50,000 limit for equipment and property. The competition management must be the Named Insured, with the USEF listed as an Additional insured. A certificate of insurance with said coverage must be provided to the USEF at least two weeks prior to the first day of the Event.

USEF SAFE SPORT RESPONSIBILITY

USEF prioritizes the safety and welfare of its participants. As the Competition Management of a USEF owned event and national championship, Competition Management and all participants, including vendors, media, volunteers, staff, officials, trainers, owners, coaches, and riders, etc. are subject to and bound by the [U.S. Center for SafeSport Code](#), and [USEF Safe Sport Policy](#), including the [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies \(MAAPP\)](#).

Competition Management agrees to comply with all requirements memorialized in the USEF Safe Sport: Competition Quality Control System document, including the enforcement of suspensions and bans imposed by the U.S. Center for SafeSport and/or USEF by ensuring such individuals are prohibited from participating in any manner, including as a spectator. If any suspended or banned individual appears on the grounds, Host agrees to have the person removed and promptly report the violation to USEF.

As it relates to performance of the services as Competition Management of a championship, Competition Management agrees not to hire or contract or engage as a volunteer any individual who is on a Sex Offender Registry or has a criminal conviction involving child abuse/neglect, animal cruelty, drugs, sexual misconduct, or a violent crime. Any individual who will have a position of authority over athletes or who will have regular contact with athletes must successfully complete and maintain through the conclusion of the championship(s), the background check and SafeSport Training required by the USEF Safe Sport Policy.

Competition Management agrees to post USEF safeguarding signage in conspicuous and high traffic locations throughout the venue including the office, restrooms, stabling area, and concession areas. Further, Competition Management and USEF recognize that safeguarding athletes from abuse in sport is of paramount importance to USEF. Competition Management agrees not to engage in any actions or inactions that would compromise the safety of athletes or USEF's reputation regarding the same.

Competition Management acknowledges that the championship(s) may be selected by the U.S. Center for SafeSport for an audit against safeguarding criteria required for all USEF Licensed Competitions.

Consistent with the standards of a USEF Licensed Competition, Competition Management agrees to be in compliance with the USEF competition standards at all times. Competition Management agrees to fully cooperate with the Center during an audit and provide any and all access necessary for the Center to perform such audit.

CHAMPIONSHIP PROTOCOLS

- Not all National Championship divisions must be held on the same day, but they must be single-day competitions. The 160km divisions may have a cut-off time after midnight of the competition day. If there are multiple days of the same division(s) being hosted by the FEI Competition, the National Championship day for the applicable division must be designated on this application.
- The USEF Endurance Sport Committee (ESC) will review all Championship bid applications then submit their recommendation to U.S. Equestrian's CEO for approval. Any member(s) of the ESC who have financial or personal interest in the bidding competitions must recuse themselves from the selection process.
- Competitions selected to host the USEF National Championships will be required to sign a contract with the USEF.
- Once a bid to host a USEF National Championship is approved, the organizers must immediately advise the USEF Endurance Sport Committee of any changes. If such changes fail to meet the necessary standards for the National Championships, the USEF Endurance Sport Committee reserves the right to withdraw the selection and award the USEF National Championships to another applicant, with the approval of the U.S. Equestrian CEO or Board of Directors.
- If no acceptable bid applications have been received by the closing date, USEF reserves the right to extend the deadline and accept more applicants or choose a host at its discretion.
- Event Secretaries must provide the list of qualified National Championship entries, per the published USEF Endurance National Championship Criteria, to the USEF Director of Endurance at least one week prior to the event

Submit Application To:

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