



### **Vaulting Criteria for Oversubscribed CHIO or CVIO Events**

The following are the United States Equestrian Federation's (USEF) procedures used to select Individual, Pas de Deux, and Squad vaulters for CHIO and CVIO events in the event the competition is over-subscribed. In all instances, the relevant competition's selection procedures supersede these criteria, if applicable.

#### **Invitations for International Competitions:**

All invitations for international competitions are received by USEF. Any vaulter interested in competing abroad in international competitions must submit either a USEF Application for International Competition to USEF/Athlete Services or complete an event specific application through their athlete dashboard. Applications are available on the USEF website [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org), under Disciplines/International/Athlete Services or by contacting Athlete Services at (859) 225-2059.

#### **Applications:**

Applications to compete abroad must be submitted to the USEF/Athlete Services at least 30 days prior to the definite entry date of the relevant competition through the USEF website.

#### **Minimum Eligibility:**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. All vaulters wishing to compete must meet the qualifying standards (see the most recent FEI Vaulting Qualifications Criteria). The rules and a list of qualifying events can be found [here](#).
2. Vaulters, U.S. lungers, and owners must be Competing members in good standing of USEF at the time of application and throughout the duration of the relevant competition, and must have paid the International High Performance (IHP) dues. Foreign lungers and foreign owners must be members in good standing with their relevant National Federation.
3. Vaulters must be U.S. citizens or in compliance with FEI Article 119 (General Regulations) at the time of the application and through the duration of the relevant competition.
4. Vaulters must comply with age qualifications for individual vaulters, pas de deux, and/or squads, as determined by current FEI rules.
5. All individual vaulters must be registered with the FEI prior to the subject competition. Teams must be registered, as a team, with the FEI prior to the subject competition. Vaulters must remain in good standing with the FEI from time of application through the conclusion of the relevant competition.
6. Horses must be registered with the FEI prior to the relevant competition and remain eligible to compete under FEI rules through the conclusion of the relevant competition.
7. Lungers must be registered with the FEI prior to the relevant competition. Lungers must remain in good standing with the FEI from time of application through the conclusion of the relevant competition.
8. Individual and Pas de Deux vaulters, must meet the current FEI qualification criteria for the competition.

**Selection:**

In the event of an oversubscription, the Vaulting Sport Committee ("Committee") will review all applications and make its recommendation for selection based on the criteria described herein. The USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc of the Board of Directors will approve the selection of vaulters to represent the United States in international competition utilizing the criteria below:

- 1. Individuals:** Individual applicants will be selected according to the average of their top three USEF and FEI scores over the previous 18 months at the equivalent level of the competition they have entered as of 30 days before the definite entry date of the relevant competition. Selection will be based on athlete ranked order. In the case of a tied average score, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis, based on the date the application was received by USEF. In the case of more than one athlete with no scores over the previous 18 months, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis. Any application submitted less than 30 days prior to the definite entry date will be placed on a waitlist according to the entry date.

In instances of extraordinary circumstance affecting the average of scores, the Vaulting Sport Committee will utilize the following discretionary criteria:

- Previous international experience of the vaulter, including the demonstrated ability to succeed in FEI competitions within the past 18 months;
- Prior international experience of the competitive unit – vaulter, horse, and lunger;
- Horse (and lunger) experience and prior performance; and
- Prospect of the vaulter to win an individual medal and other attributes, which may include, but are not limited to, scores, health and fitness, and horse availability.

- 2. Pas de Deux:** Pas de Deux applicants will be selected according to the average of the Pas de Deux's top two USEF and FEI scores over the previous 18 months at the equivalent level of the competition they have entered as of 30 days before the definite entry date of the relevant competition. Pas de Deux ranked higher will be considered over lower ranked individuals. In the case of a tied average score, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis, based on the date the application was received by USEF. In the case of more than one Pas de Deux with no scores, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis. Any application submitted less than 30 days prior to the definite entry date will be placed on a waitlist according to the entry date.

In instances of extraordinary circumstance affecting the average of scores, the Vaulting Sport Committee will utilize the following discretionary criteria:

- Previous international experience of the Pas de Deux unit, including the demonstrated ability to succeed in FEI competitions within the past 18 months;
- Prior international experience of the competitive unit – vaulters, horse and lunger;
- Horse (and lunger) experience and prior performance;
- Prospect of the Pas de Deux unit to win an individual medal;
- Prior international experience as members of a Squad or in Individual competition; and
- Other attributes, which may include, but are not limited to, scores, health and fitness, and horse availability.

- 3. Squads:** A Squad will consist of no more than six members plus two alternates. Squad applicants will be selected according to the average of a squad's top two Round I (compulsory and freestyle) USEF and FEI scores over the previous 18 months at the equivalent level of the competition they have entered as of

30 days prior to the definite entry date of the relevant competition. Scores must be achieved by a minimum of the same four (4) vaulters as entered in the competition. Squad applicants will be ranked based on their average score as noted above. In the case of a tied average score, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis, based on the date the application was received by USEF. In the case of more than one squad with no scores, priority will be given on a first come – first served basis. Any application submitted less than 30 days prior to the definite entry date will be placed on a waitlist according to the entry date.

Should the Vaulting Sport Committee feel there is an extraordinary circumstance affecting the average of scores, the following discretionary criteria will be considered:

- Previous international experience of the squad, including the demonstrated ability to succeed in FEI competitions within the past four years;
- Prior international experience of the competitive unit – squad, horse and lunger;
- Horse (and lunger) experience and prior performance;
- Prior international experience as members of a Squad, a Pas de Deux, or in Individual competition;
- Prospect of the team to win a medal; and
- Other attributes, which may include, but are not limited to, scores, health and fitness, and horse availability.