



UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION
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To: Potential Applicants for the 2016 Olympic Games
From: Joanie Morris
Date: November 16, 2015
RE: 2016 Olympic Games Selection Procedures and Application

MEMORANDUM

The Selection Procedures for the 2016 Olympic Games Eventing Team are now available. Please visit: <https://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alleventing/hpeventing.aspx> to view the Procedures, application and required documents. The application, required documents and payment may ONLY be submitted online by signing into the USEF Website (through your 'My USEF, My Way' account). If you have any questions regarding any of the selection materials, please contact me at jmorris@usef.org or 859-225-2052 but please be advised that you will still need to apply online.

Please also note that you will NOT be able to apply until you have renewed your 2016 FEI registration for you and your horse, and your owners have renewed their 2016 USEF active membership. There is a lot of information in this process so I ask that you please read all of the documents carefully, especially the Selection Procedures and Application. Of course, feel free to contact the USEF office if you have any questions.

The following are included in the application process:

There are two parts to complete:

1. **USEF Olympic Games Application**
2. **USOC Online Registration** (there are several steps to this registration)

Olympic Games APPLICATION & FEES –Please take the time to read the application paragraph in the Selection Procedure (Page 1, Point I.A.4.) thoroughly, and note that deadlines will be enforced **without exception**. There is no late application deadline.

February 19, 2016

Application Deadline and Fee: \$70

February 19, 2016 is the last date an application can be accepted.

The following attachments are required with the application: Attachment B – USEF Horse Loan Agreement (required at Nominated Entry); Attachment C- USEF Code of Conduct; and Attachment D- USEF Risk and Waiver; USOC Code of Conduct.

Upon receipt of your application, our office will send an email to the email address listed on your application confirming the date your application was received. **Therefore, please ensure that the email listed on the application is current and that it is one you check regularly.** If you do not receive acknowledgment of your

application, **IT IS YOUR OBLIGATION** to contact the USEF to determine if it has been received. All horses on which you wish to be considered must be listed on your application.

REQUIRED USOC ONLINE REGISTRATION AND GAMES FORMS- USOC requires that all applicants and potential accredited individuals (Accreditation: 1 groom and 2 horse owners) must register online. Registering with the USOC in NO WAY GUARANTEES ACCREDITATION; however without registration NO ACCREDITATION WILL BE ALLOCATED: NO EXCEPTIONS.

CERTIFICATE OF CAPABILITY - Applicant athlete/horse combinations must have earned their FEI Certificate of Capability between January 1, 2015 and nominated entry date by having achieved one qualifying result at a Concours Complet d'Equitation CCI3* and CIC3* or a CCI4* to be eligible to compete in the Event. The rules can be found on: <http://www.fei.org/fei/games/olympic/rio-2016>.

SELECTION TRIALS – The list of Selection Trials is included as Attachment F. Please also see the memorandum circulated on February 24, 2015 on www.usef.org.

OWNERSHIP OF HORSES – For the Olympic Games, one owner of the horse DOES have to be of the same nationality as the rider by no later than January 15, 2016. The OC may require that one accredited owner is listed on the passport.

MANDATORY TRAINING/PREPARATION EVENT – There will be Preparation Event(s) (formerly referred to as Mandatory Outing(s)). By no later than May 15, 2016, all details regarding the Preparation Event(s) will be posted on the USEF website, www.usef.org. At present, it is anticipated that the Preparation Event(s) will be an advanced horse trial(s), modified advanced horse trials, or advanced combined test to be held sometime after June 1, 2016 and before the definite entries. Relevant details will be posted on the USEF website no later than 30 days prior to the Preparation Event. There will then be a maximum of two weeks of Mandatory Team Training immediately prior to departure for the Olympic Games. Details will be communicated directly to the athletes.

TRAVELING RESERVE – The Eventing Team for the 2016 Olympic Games will consist of four athlete/horse combinations. However, the US plans to bring at least one reserve combination to travel to a designated venue; however, the reserve will not be eligible to compete unless substituted as the reserve combination. There is no guarantee of accreditation for the reserve athlete. Please see Section IV Substitution/Replacement of Athlete/Horse Combinations of the Selection Procedures for further details

ATHLETE DRUG TESTING - Athletes must adhere to all IOC, USOC, WADA, FEI, and USADA anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, and may be drug tested. Please contact Christy Baxter at cbaxter@usef.org or (908) 326-1152.

Please call or email if you have any questions.
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