



MEMORANDUM

To: USEF Eventing U25 Athletes
From: Amber Braun, Managing Director, Eventing
Subject: 2026 FEI U25 World Championships – Selection Information
Date: April 2, 2026

Overview

This memo provides a comprehensive summary of the eligibility requirements, selection process, discretionary factors, and key timelines for the 2026 FEI U25 Eventing World Championship. Athletes wishing to be considered must carefully review the information below.

Eligible FEI Eventing Athletes will be notified via email and the USEF FEI Athlete Newsletter when the final Selection Procedures are published on the USEF website.

The 2026 FEI U25 Eventing World Championship will be held in Millstreet, Ireland on July 22-26. The Championships will be held at the CCI4*-S level. USEF is able to send a Team of four (4) and up to two (2) Individuals to represent the USA at these Championships.

General information can be found [HERE](#).

1. Athlete & Horse Eligibility Requirements

Athlete Age Requirement

- Athletes must be eligible for the FEI U25 category, meaning they may compete from the beginning of the year they turn 16 until the end of the year they turn 25.
- Athletes must therefore be born between January 1, 2001, and December 31, 2010.

Nationality & Membership Requirements

- Athletes must be U.S. nationals and hold a valid U.S. passport valid for at least six months after the Championship.
 - Athletes must be USEF Competing Members in good standing through the conclusion of the Championship.
 - Athletes aged 18+ through the conclusion of the Championship must complete a background check and meet all SafeSport training requirements.
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2. Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs)

To be eligible for selection, Athlete/Horse combinations must:

- Achieve one MER, as a combination, at a CCI4*-S between January 1, 2025, and June 17, 2026 (the FEI Nominated Entry deadline).

An MER consists of:

- Dressage: no more than 45 penalties.





- Cross-Country: clear jumping (max one frangible or missing flag), no more than 75 seconds over optimum time.
- Show Jumping: no more than 16 jumping penalties.

Athletes and Horses must also meet all FEI requirements under Eventing Rules Articles 503, 517, and 520.

3. Application Requirements

- Athletes must submit an online application via the [USEF Athlete Dashboard](#) by **May 1, 2026**.
- All Horses to be considered must be listed on the application.

4. Selection Process & Key Dates

A. FEI Nominated Entry – June 17, 2026

Selectors may nominate up to the maximum number of Athlete/Horse combinations permitted by FEI.

Evaluations include:

- Athlete and/or combination performance over the past three years
- Dressage quality, jumping performance, cross-country reliability, boldness, rideability, speed
- Fitness, soundness, and upward potential toward CCI5*

B. FEI Definite Entry – July 1, 2026

- Up to six (6) Athlete/Horse combinations will be named to the U.S. Eventing Squad.
 - Four (4) Athlete/Horse combinations will compete on the Team; two (2) Athlete/Horse combinations will compete as Individuals only.
- Alternates will be ranked by Selectors for replacement purposes.

C. Team Declaration – First Horse Inspection

- Final Team will be confirmed by the First Horse Inspection at the Championship.

5. Anti-Doping Requirements

- Human and Equine anti-doping rules apply at all times, including out-of-competition testing.

6. Mandatory Training

Athlete/Horse combinations may be required to participate in Mandatory Training sessions; details will be communicated to Athletes following selection.

Questions?

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