



## **National Breeds & Non-FEI Discipline Committee Appointments Population Criteria for USEF Recognized Affiliates**

### **American Connemara Pony Society (ACPS)**

The American Connemara Pony Society is a recognized Affiliate organization of the USEF. Each Affiliate is represented by a committee. The USEF Connemara Committee meets throughout the year to review current rules, discuss rule changes, and exchange ideas of mutual benefit to the organizations. The USEF Connemara Horse of the Year Awards and the USEF recognition of Connemara shows and Connemara divisions within USEF recognized shows are overseen by this Committee. As part of our efforts to repopulate the USEF Connemara Committee for the two-year period of 3/01/2021 to 2/28/2023, the following steps will be taken:

The ACPS is required to appoint 60% of the members of the USEF Connemara Committee, two of whom are required to be Active Athletes. Appointees, once confirmed by the USEF Board of Directors, serve a two-year term beginning in March 2021. Appointees must be current members of the ACPS and the USEF. The appointments will be made by the ACPS President in consultation with the ACPS Secretary and the current Chair of the USEF Connemara Committee.

To be eligible to be designated as an Active Athlete appointed by the ACPS to serve on the USEF Connemara Committee an individual must be:

- A current ACPS and USEF member
- Either amateur or professional
- Have placed in the top 10, within the last 10 years, at a top level USEF recognized competition with a Connemara or Connemara crossbred.

To be eligible for re-appointment the committee members currently serving must not have missed more than two conference call or in-person meetings without an excused absence. Names of committee members to be appointed by the ACPS will be submitted to the USEF by October 9, 2020. If you are not a member of the committee and would like to be considered, please email your name, address, email, phone, and qualifications to [americanconnemara@gmail.com](mailto:americanconnemara@gmail.com) by Monday, Sept. 29, 2020.

### **American Hackney Horse Society (AHHS)**

<http://hackneysociety.com/the-ahhs.html#boardanchor>

Five (5) members of the USEF Hackney Committee are Appointed Athletes. To be considered for a position on the Committee as an Appointed Athlete, the member must have exhibited a Hackney at either the Kentucky State Fair World's Championship Horse Show or the UPHA American Royal National Championship at least one time in the prior 10 years.

## **American Morgan Horse Association (AMHA)**

<https://www.morganhorse.com/media-events/competitions/usef/>

### US Equestrian Morgan Committee Selection Criteria

As the US Equestrian recognized affiliate for the Morgan Breed, AMHA is obligated to appoint 60% of the USEF Morgan Committee members to serve for a period of two years. Two of these appointments must be specifically designated as Affiliate Athletes. (An AMHA Athlete is defined as an exhibitor who has finished in the top ten at the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show® within the preceding ten years.) The remaining 40% of the USEF Morgan Committee is appointed by the USEF President of which 3 must be specifically designated as Affiliate Athletes. Selection is based on a diverse structure to optimize the best possible combination to represent the entire Morgan horse industry.

Recommendations are made via joint review and proposal by the current US Equestrian Morgan Committee Chair, the AMHA President and the AMHA Executive Director. Those recommendations are ratified by the AMHA Board of Directors before formal submission to the USEF office on or before the October 9, 2020 deadline for the March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2023 term. Additional information is located in the USEF Bylaws at: <https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/wncx9gluP4/bylaws>

Current US Equestrian Morgan Committee (serving through February 28, 2023) can viewed at <https://www.usef.org/about-us/councils-committees/36>.

### Affiliate Athlete Appointees

An AMHA Athlete is defined as an exhibitor who has finished in the top ten at the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show® within the preceding ten years.

### Remainder of Committee Appointments

The remaining 40% of the USEF Morgan Committee is appointed by the USEF President of which 3 must be specifically designated as Affiliate Athletes.

For more information regarding the USEF Committee Appointment Process, see the USEF Bylaws at <https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/wncx9gluP4/bylaws>.

For a list of the current USEF Morgan Committee members, visit <https://www.morganhorse.com/about/who-we-are/amha-committees/>.

## **American Road Horse and Pony Association (ARHPA)**

<http://www.americanroadhorsepony.com/usef-roadster-committee>

ARHPA's Appointment Guidelines and Criteria for population of the USEF Roadster Committee  
The USEF Roadster Committee will be comprised of 15 members, nine (60%) of which will be appointed by the ARHPA; of those nine, at least two must be athlete appointees. The current president of the ARHPA and the current USEF Roadster Committee Chairperson will select members on behalf of the

ARHPA. The remaining six (40%) will be appointed by the current USEF president; of those six, at least three must be athlete appointees.

The criteria for affiliate appointees are as follows:

- The appointee must be a member of and in good standing with the USEF;
- The appointee must be a member of and in good standing with the ARHPA.

Criteria for affiliate athlete appointees:

- The appointee must be a member of and in good standing with the USEF;
- The appointee must be a member of and in good standing with the ARHPA.

### **American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA)**

<https://asha.net/media/681034/procedures-for-recognized-affiliate-appointees-to-usef-breed-committees.pdf>

#### Criteria for Recognized Affiliate Appointees to USEF Breed Committees

ASHA may elect to appoint 60% of Committee members to USEF Saddlebred Committee under the following criteria:

1. Leadership (President and/or Executive Director) in collaboration with the USEF Saddlebred Committee Chair will decide appointments to USEF Saddlebred Committee.
2. Athlete seat eligibility will be determined by finishing in the top ten of either the Lexington Junior League Horse Show, World's Championship Horse Show or American Royal Horse Show within the preceding ten years.

### **American Shetland Pony Club (ASPC)**

Process language: As the Affiliate for the Shetland breed within USEF, ASPC plays an important role in the population of the USEF Shetland Rules Committee. ASPC is responsible for appointing 60% of the committee, of which 33.3% must be athletes. This process occurs through the following steps. The ASPC President appoints a chairperson (or co-chair) to the internal ASPC USEF committee, and the chair is then responsible for the Affiliate appointees required for the USEF Shetland Rules Committee.

Athlete language: 33.3% of the ASPC appointees for the USEF Shetland Rules Committee are required to be athletes. An athlete is defined as someone who has competed in a top level ASPC show within the last 5 years.

### **Arabian Horse Association (AHA)**

<https://www.arabianhorses.org/discover/about-aha/>

AHA is responsible for appointing 60% of the USEF Arabian Rules Committee. The appointees will be decided on by the AHA President, with consult of the current Chair of the USEF Arabian Rules

Committee, the Executive Director of the Arabian Horse Association will choose the members of USEF Arabian Rules Committee. The proposed membership will require approval of the Executive Committee of the Arabian Horse Association prior to submission to USEF.

A portion of the AHA appointees for the USEF Arabian Rules Committee are required to be athletes. An athlete is defined as a competitor who has competed within the last 10 years at any AHA National Championship (exception: Canadian Nationals) and has placed in the top 10.

### **International Andalusian and Lusitano Horse Association (IALHA)**

<https://ialha.org/usef/>

USEF and the IALHA work together for the enhancement of our sport and breeds. The USEF Breed and Non-FEI Discipline Committees work to assist the USEF Board in preparing, recommending, submitting standards for the conduct of competitions and rules for the conduct of all classes within their respective Breed/Discipline with specific attention called to any rule change(s) being proposed that were not endorsed by the respective National Affiliate, and any other issues that may arise.

The Breed/Discipline Division Committees may be called upon by the USEF President for advice and counsel as to technical questions regarding the conduct of the classes in the Breed/Disciplines. As an affiliate, the IALHA is responsible for appointing 60% of the USEF Andalusian/Lusitano Rules Committee. The IALHA Affiliate President and the USEF Committee Chair nominate for appointment individuals selected with the following criteria: Appointees should be thoroughly experienced in the work of the applicable breed or non-FEI discipline as an athlete, owner, trainer, coach, breeder, licensed official, or competition organizer within the applicable breed or discipline.

A portion of the IALHA appointees for the USEF Andalusian/Lusitano Rules Committee is required to be athletes. An athlete is defined as a competitor who has competed within the last 10 years at the IALHA National Show and has placed in the top 10. The IALHA currently has a committee of 11 members, 60% appointed by the affiliate and the remainder by USEF.

The IALHA fully supports the Safe Sport initiatives aimed at providing a competition environment free from sexual abuse, harassment, and bullying. We believe that the IALHA members agree these goals are in the best interest of the sport, our youth, and the entire equine industry.

As a recognized affiliate organization of US Equestrian, IALHA is subject to comply with the laws, rules, and regulations that fall under US Equestrian's jurisdiction. This is also reflected in our By-laws. As such, IALHA is currently complying with Safe Sport measures including but not limited to reporting requirements, training requirements, and suspension reciprocity.

The leadership of IALHA has been in close communication with US Equestrian (via regular teleconferences, and in-person meetings held with the affiliates) as well as other organizations that have recently established committees to better understand the actual requirements per the Federal Law and their impact. As with any significant change, there has been much discussion as this Safe Sport policy is refined. Policy development naturally goes through a series of changes and amendments and a well-established, evolved system takes time.

We will continue to follow the progress of discussions in order to have the latest information. The IALHA's standard policy is not to communicate or respond to Social Media discussions. If you have specific questions or concerns, please relay them to the [IALHA office](#) or your [regional director](#).

### **International Friesian Horse Show Association (IFSHA)**

#### Letter to be on IFSHA Website/Facebook by 9/24/20

Dear Fellow IFSHA Members,

IFSHA is the affiliate of USEF for representation of the purebred and part-Bred Friesian horse. As USEF is preparing to re-populate the USEF Committees for 2021-2023, IFSHA has been given the opportunity to work with the current chair of the Friesian Committee to choose 60% of the Friesian Committee and suggest the balance of members for the Friesian Committee to USEF. At the suggestion of the committee chair, the IFSHA Executive Committee will meet to designate 60% of the Friesian Committee and suggest a list of additional representatives to be given to USEF. The 60% will consist of 5 members to represent the Friesian Horse and 2 athletes.

As President of IFSHA, I believe that it is important that our members understand how committees for our affiliate, USEF are formed.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Griffin, IFSHA President

### **National Show Horse Registry (NSHR)**

The National Show Horse Registry (NSHR) a United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) affiliate breed committee repopulation information.

Our USEF committee will consist of seven (7) members to serve for two (2) years starting 3/1/2021. The NSHR will appoint 4 members (60%) of our committee.

One member of our committee must be considered an athlete. The criteria for being considered an athlete is that you must have won a Top Ten award at NSH Finals within the last ten years.

USEF will appoint 3 members (40%) of our committee.  
USEF is likely to follow our recommendations regarding these appointments.

USEF has encouraged the NSHR to recommend younger members for committee participation. Meetings take place by conference call approximately four times (4) per year. A minimum of fifty percent (50%) attendance required.

If you are a USEF and NSHR member and interested in serving please contact:  
Executive Director of the NSHR Cindy Clinton ([cindy@cindyclinton.com](mailto:cindy@cindyclinton.com)/937-962-4336)  
Chairman of the BOD David Mikosz ([mikoszshowhorses@gmail.com](mailto:mikoszshowhorses@gmail.com)/843-368-2115)  
Current USEF/NSHR committee Chairman Duane Esser ([duane@esservalleyarabians.com/513-941-2737](mailto:duane@esservalleyarabians.com/513-941-2737))

## **Paso Fino Horse Association (PFHA)**

<https://www.pfha.org/index.php/pfha-affiliates/>

### USEF Paso Fino Committee – PFHA selection criteria

PFHA has been asked for members to populate the USEF National Breeds and Non-FEI Disciplines Paso Fino Committee for the next two-year term.

PFHA has chosen to appoint these members via by Affiliate Leadership, including President, Executive Director and Vice President

1. **Criteria for Recognized Affiliate Appointees.** PFHA is asked to appoint their 60% of Committee members. Members must have been a member in good standing for at least 3 years and have an active knowledge of the association and USEF and are engaged in current activities.
  2. **Criteria for the recommendation to the USEF President for the 40% USEF appointed members.** The USEF appoints 40% of the committee but asks for recommendations from the affiliate. In this case, 2 athletes and one general member will be recommended.
  3. **Criteria for Recognized Affiliate Athlete Appointees.** One Third of the committee must be athletes in the organization. PFHA uses the following criteria: Member must be in good standing and have competed or been involved in leadership in the Grand National Show at least once in the past 3 years. The member must be actively involved in USEF/PFHA shows and have the experience to contribute to the committee.
- *Note: preference in the selection of at least one member will be given to potential future leaders of the organization in order to provide leadership experience.*

## **United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA)**

<https://www.ushja.org/about-us-and-news/policy-manual>

### Article 1602 – USHJA Recommendations for USEF National Discipline Committees

1. USEF Jumping Sport Committee. A USEF Jumping Sport Committee shall be appointed for a four (4) year term to represent the member constituency participating in the Jumper division of USEF in accordance with USEF Bylaws.
  - a. The duties of the USEF Jumping Sport Committee will be in accordance with USEF Bylaws.
  - b. An individual who serves as a Jumper Working Group member shall be recommended by the USHJA President for appointment to the USEF Jumping Sport Committee in accordance with USEF Bylaws. In selecting this individual, consideration shall be given to the recommendations of the Jumper Working Group and the individual must have extensive national and/or international experience in the Jumper discipline as an owner, rider, trainer, licensed official or competition manager.

2. USEF National Hunter Committee. A USEF National Hunter Committee shall be appointed for a four (4) year term to represent the member constituency participating in the Hunter Division of USEF in accordance with USEF Bylaws.

a. Duties of the USEF National Hunter Committee will be in accordance with USEF Bylaws.

b. Individuals who serve as Hunter Working Group members shall be recommended by the USHJA President for appointment to the USEF National Hunter Committee in accordance with USEF Bylaws. In selecting these individuals, consideration shall be given to the recommendations of the Hunter Working Group and the individuals must have extensive experience in the hunter, equitation, or breeding divisions as an owner, rider, trainer, licensed official, or competition manager.

### **Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA)**

As the Western Dressage Affiliate for USEF, WDAA is responsible for appointing 60% of the USEF Western Dressage Rules Committee. The appointees will be decided by the WDAA President and the WDAA Executive Director. 33.3% of the WDAA appointees for the USEF Western Dressage Rules Committee are required to be athletes. An athlete is defined by WDAA as a competitor who has competed within the last 5 years in a USEF licensed Western Dressage show and received a score of 65% or higher.

#### Criteria for Affiliate Appointees:

Selection is based on a diverse structure to optimize the best possible combination to represent the entire Western Dressage discipline.

Criteria considered for appointment includes:

- 1) Experience in Western Dressage,
- 2) Specific roles within the sport including owners, breeders, exhibitors, professionals, amateurs, licensed officials, competition organizers, etc.,
- 3) Regionally and generationally diverse,
- 4) Ability to attend and participate in Committee work, and
- 5) If applicable, attendance record from previous term appointed.

#### Remainder of Committee Appointments

The remaining 40% of the USEF Western Dressage Committee is appointed by the USEF President of which 3 must be specifically designated as Affiliate Athletes.

### **Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America (WPCSA)**

<https://wpcsa.org/resources/affiliated-clubs/>

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America is a recognized Affiliate organization of the USEF and is represented by a committee of WPCSA members. The USEF Welsh Committee meets throughout the year to review current rules, discuss rule changes, and exchange ideas of mutual benefit to the organizations. As part of our efforts to repopulate the USEF Welsh Committee for the two-year period of 3/01/2021 to 2/28/2023, the following steps will be taken:

The WPCSA is required to appoint 60% of the members of the USEF Welsh Committee, four of whom are required to be Active Athletes. Appointees, once confirmed by the USEF Board of Directors, serve a

two-year term beginning in March 2021. Appointees must be current members of the WPCSA and the USEF. As with all WPCSA Committees, the appointments will be made by the WPCSA President who will consult with the current Chair of the USEF Welsh Committee.

To be eligible to be designated as an Active Athlete appointed by the WPCSA to serve on the USEF Welsh Committee an individual must be:

A current WPCSA and USEF member (either amateur or professional status with the USEF)

Have exhibited within the last 10 years at a USEF recognized competition with a Welsh Pony or Cob (purebred, Half-Welsh or Part-Bred Welsh).

To be eligible for re-appointment the committee members currently serving must not have missed more than two conference call or in-person meetings without an excused absence. Names of committee members to be appointed by the WPCSA will be submitted to the USEF by October 9, 2020. If you are not a member of the committee and would like to be considered, please email your name, address, email, phone, and qualifications to [secretary@welshpony.org](mailto:secretary@welshpony.org) by Monday, Sept. 29, 2020.