The US Equestrian Eventing Open Series and Final will be conducted in accordance with the FEI Rules concurrently with these specifications.

US Equestrian Eventing Open Series

Level of Competition: CCI4*-S
Prize Money: $50,000
Prize Money Breakdown:
1st Place - $25,000
2nd Place - $15,000
3rd Place - $10,000

Number of Participating Series Hosts: The number of events in the qualifying period of the Series will be reflective of the number of U.S. CCI4*-S and the organizers who elect to participate. The full list of the annual Qualifying Calendar can be found on the usef.org website.
Eligibility: Open to all FEI Athletes who otherwise meet the qualifying criteria and who meet their national and FEI minimum eligibility requirements to compete at the CCI4*-S level. Opt-in is not required.
Qualification Period: Refer to the usef.org website for the relevant years Series Qualifiers

Points:

- Points may only be accumulated at participating Series Hosts (see Qualifying Calendar).
- Points are accumulated at U.S. CCI4*-S competitions:
  1) during the qualifying period;
  2) when an MER is obtained, and;
  3) based on the finishing results - point distribution determined by the number of starters.

The athlete with the most points from their top six results will win the Series.

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Bracket 1	Events with 26 or more starters	Win: 50 points	Point Accrual: Through Top 10 (starting with total points to be earned, less 5 points for each placing)
Bracket 2	Events with 25 or less starters	Win: 40 points	Point Accrual: Through top 8 (starting with total points to be earned, less 5 points for each placing)

Bracket 1 Breakdown	Bracket 2 Breakdown
1st Place – 50 pts	1st Place – 40 pts
2nd Place – 45 pts	2nd Place – 35 pts
3rd Place – 40 pts	3rd Place – 30 pts
4th Place – 35 pts	4th Place – 25 pts
5th Place – 30 pts	5th Place – 20 pts
6th Place – 25 pts	6th Place – 15 pts
7th Place – 20 pts	7th Place – 10 pts
8th Place – 15 pts	8th Place – 5 pts
9th Place – 10 pts	
10th Place – 5 pts	

Breaking Ties: If there is a tie for the Series leader, the winner would be the athlete with the lowest overall score. If that does not resolve the tie, the winner would be the athlete whose cross-country time was closest to Optimum Time at the competition where they achieved their lowest overall score. Ties for subsequent placings will stand.

US Equestrian Eventing Open Final

Level of Competition: CCI4*-L

Prize Money: $200,000

Prize Money Breakdown: To be distributed per FEI General Regulations Articles 127 & 128.

Host: Morven Park International & Fall Horse Trials, Leesburg, VA

Eligibility: Open to all FEI Eventing Athletes who:

- Meet their national and FEI minimum eligibility requirements to compete at the CCI4*-L level
- Have obtained an MER at a Series qualifier**.
    - All horses entered in the Final must have completed a Series qualifier with the Athlete, unless they are entering via the buy-in option.

Opt-in is not required if eligibility is met.

Final Buy-In: The Series Final may be entered without the pre-requisite CCI4*-S Series qualifier for an entry fee (in addition to the competition entry/fees) of $5,000. The entry must be declared by the FEI Definite Entry Date and be paid in full prior to the start of competition.

Limiting Entries: An athlete may not compete more than three qualified horses in the Final. It is at the athlete's discretion which horses to select for the Final.

A waiting list will be created after 80 entries. Priority will be given to those who have qualified via the Series, and then those entering via the buy-in option. In the case of oversubscription, entries will be accepted based on the points accumulated during the Series. If points are equal, time of entry submission will be taken into consideration, followed by buy-in entries.

Format Specifications:
Dressage will be run in reverse order of the leaders from the CCI4*-S Series.

- For athletes with more than one horse in the Final, the horse with the most points in the Series will be classified in the reverse order placing for Dressage. The athlete's other horses will be placed in the schedule at the organizer's discretion.
- Combinations that have not participated in the Series will be placed in the schedule in the first third of the draw for Dressage at the organizer's discretion.

Cross-Country will be run in reverse order of Dressage leaders.
Show Jumping will be run in reverse order of the cumulative score of both Dressage and Cross-Country.

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