



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Potential 2021 FEI World Endurance Championship for Young Riders & Juniors Applicants

**Date:** March 11, 2020

**From:** Kristen E. Brett, Director of Endurance

**Copy:** Will Connell

**Re:** Anticipated Planned Selection Methods

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*This preliminary information is provided to assist you with your competition planning and subject to change. Please remember that this information is based upon the recommendations of the USEF Endurance Sport Committee and is subject to approval by the USEF Board of Directors or an Ad Hoc Selection Group approved by the USEF Board of Directors and therefore subject to change.*

The 2021 FEI World Endurance Championship for Young Riders & Juniors (Championship) is scheduled to take place in Ermelo, Netherlands on September 6-11, 2021.

Please be advised that the proposed qualifying period for the 2021 U.S. Endurance Team selection process will begin on April 20, 2020 and anticipated to end on June 14, 2021.

It is anticipated that qualifying competitions will include all CEIYJ2\* and CEIYJ3\* competitions between April 20, 2020 and June 14, 2021 both within and outside of the U.S. A list of these of competitions can be found on the FEI website [here](#). Please check the status of the CEIs regularly as a number have already been cancelled, especially in Italy.

It is anticipated for a ranking list to be established by taking into account all the results of an athlete/horse combination from a CEIYJ2\* and CEIYJ3\* competition held within and out of the U.S. during the qualifying period. It is anticipated that athlete/horse combinations must successfully complete a minimum of two CEIYJ2\* or CEIYJ3\* competitions during the qualifying period.

The athlete, horse owner, and horse must comply with FEI Rules for the Championship including but not limited to the [FEI Qualifying Requirements](#).

**2021 U.S. Endurance Team Composition:** The 2021 U.S. Endurance Team may consist of three to five athlete/horse combinations or one to two athlete/horse combinations (**subject to confirmation of the Championship Rules by the FEI**).

**USEF Safe Sport Policy:** It is the responsibility of the owners and athletes of horses to ensure that they know and understand the USEF Rules, FEI Rules, FEI Qualifying Requirements, USEF Code of Conduct, and [USEF Safe Sport Policy](#). USEF members 18-years-old and older, with a Competing Membership, are required to follow the USEF Safe Sport Policy, which includes the [USEF Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies](#).





**USEF Background Check Policy Requirements:** As of January 1, 2020, if you are 18 years of age or older and selected by the USEF to compete on the 2021 U.S. Endurance Team or as an individual, you are required to comply with the updated USEF Background Check Policy. Athletes are strongly encouraged to review the [Background Check Policy Requirements](#) for more information.

**Equine Anti-Doping:** Please be reminded that all horses registered with the FEI or USEF shall be subject to in-competition testing. FEI's philosophy is that horses must be "clean" at the time of competition. If seeking advice from a veterinarian ensure he/she is a registered FEI veterinarian and is fully conversant with the [FEI Veterinary Rules](#) and the [Prohibited Substance List](#).

**Human Anti-Doping:** Please be reminded that when you are competing under FEI rules, you (the human athlete) are subject to random, in-competition and out of competition drug testing. It is your responsibility to know if you are taking any medications on the FEI Prohibited Substance List. It is strongly recommended that you regularly visit the [United States Anti-Doping Agency's \(USADA\) website](#), which contains a range of information on testing, regulations, and athlete rights. You should also regularly check the USADA web page that covers all changes to the [anti-doping rules](#).

**Funding:** The availability of funding is subject to confirmation of the 2021 budget.

**Questions:** If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the USEF Endurance Department at [kbrett@usef.org](mailto:kbrett@usef.org).

